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## UWS Celebrates Black History Month With Annual Soul Food Dinner

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On Saturday, February 8, the University of Wisconsin-Superiors Black Student Union (BSU) hosted its well-known Soul Food Dinner in the Yellowjacket Union to celebrate Black History Month as a com-

“I’ve been thinking a lot about what it means to have this tree as a representation of humanity and the fact that we are one people, one tree, and all the roots are our different cultures, our different backgrounds,

our differences, how we all are contributing as one people to make this tree survive,” said Nikoi. His speech was followed by a few words from the Mayor of Superior, Jim Payne, who talked about what the BSU means to him and the community. “Your voices matter, they’re strong, and our community is better because of the work that you do.”

Co-President Ipaye and President Sofolahan also gave a special shoutout to those in the community and organizations on campus like the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI), the Gender Equity and Resource Center (GERC), and the Veteran and Nontraditional Student Services (VNCS).



A few words from the BSU Advisor, Ephraim Kotey Nikoi

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munity that highlights and recognizes Black History, culture, and delicious food.

The event started with an introduction and a few words from the members of the BSU, as well as a speech from the BSU advisor, Ephraim Kotey Nikoi, and a speech from the BSU President Oreoluwa Sofolahan, and Co-President Esther Ipaye. “You know, every year we look forward to this event because, again, it is a highlight for our students, as well as the campus community and community at large,” said Nikoi. Nikoi also discussed the theme of the event, One People, which was represented by a drawing of a tree created by the BSU students.

our different races, our idiosyncrasies, all those things that really give life to the tree. So, as we



Members of the BSU performing dances for the Soul Food Dinner

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go through the celebration, I want us to see ourselves as part of this root of humanity and think about how we are contributing as human beings no matter our background, no matter

The event also held its iconic Soul Food Dinner, featuring a menu that included fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, collard greens, cornbread, and key lime pie for dessert. Further into the night, President Sofolahan read impactful poems to attendees, which was followed by many dance performances by the members of the BSU and a special guest performance by musician Seyi Oyinloye.

Many local community members and campus members attended the cultural-filled Soul Food Dinner. For more information about the event, visit the UW-Superior website under News and Events.

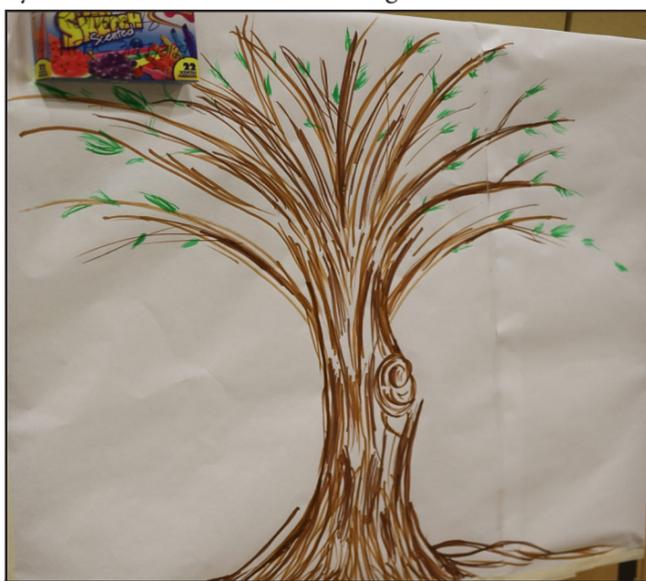


Photo of the tree that represents the theme of One People at the Soul Food Dinner

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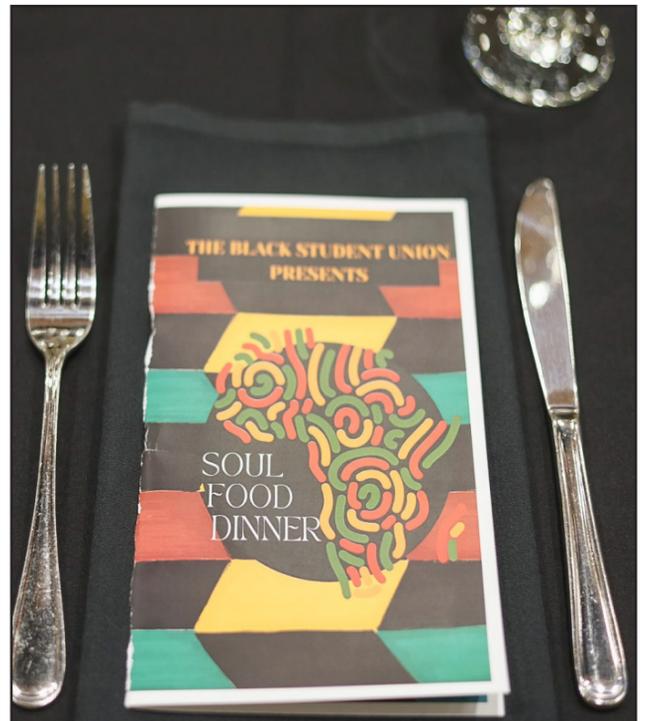


Photo of the Soul Food dinner menu and itinerary hosted by the Black Student Union

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## Yellowjacket Food Pantry and EDI Collaboration

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Looking for a to get involved and make a difference during Black History Month? Throughout the month of February, the University of Wisconsin-Superior will be hosting many events to celebrate and acknowledge Black History Month, including a collaboration with the Yellowjacket Food Pantry to provide culturally relevant items for our Black student population.

The Yellowjacket Food Pantry’s goal is to be a resource for students that discreetly provides supplemental food and other necessary items to students free of charge with a valid student ID. In celebration of Black History Month, the Yellowjacket Food Pantry is collaborating with the department of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion to seek out and provide food products, self-care products, and hygiene products specific to Black students’ needs.

For those who are hoping to donate, the program has created an Amazon Wish List that features items that students have deemed as essential to making the Yellowjacket Pantry more inclusive. Furthermore, the Yellowjacket Pantry will also provide donation boxes on campus within the buildings of Old Main, the Yellowjacket Union, and Swenson Hall for those wishing to purchase similar items locally. Supporting the food pantry during Black History Month will help ensure that our Black student population feels valued and recognized.

The pantry can only accept donated items that are unopened and is open Mondays from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. to 11 a.m., Wednesdays 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursdays 12:00 p.m. to p.m. and Fridays by appointment. For more information about the collaboration and the pantry, visit the Yellowjacket Food Pantry website or stop by for more details. For more information on events celebrating Black History Month, visit the UW-Superior website under the Student News and Events menu.



Yellowjacket Food Pantry donations box located in the Yellowjacket Union

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