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## Student Government Association Election Results

**President:**  
Kidest Mitiku

**At-Large Representatives:**  
Aeneas Tariq, Temuulen Battulga, Oreoluwa Sofolahan,  
Nathan Hoop

**Department of Communicating Arts; Music; Visual Arts;  
English; World Languages, Literatures, and Culture  
Representatives:**  
Susan Dake, Hailey Bault

**Department of Business and Economics; Elementary  
Education Representatives:**  
Abel Bogale, Hung Troung

**Department of Natural Sciences; Math, Computer Sci-  
ence; Human Performance & Health Promotion Repre-  
sentatives:**  
Elroee Sirak, Esther Ipaye

**Department of Justice Studies; Social Inquiry; Human  
Behavior and Diversity Representatives:**  
Maelle Rihouey, Brett Hesselberg

**Graduate Studies Representative:**  
Shannon Higgins

**About the SGA:** Student Government Association, or SGA, is dedicated to supporting and advocating for students. SGA has many roles on campus. SGA creates and implements projects for the betterment of the student body, and they represent UW-Superior students at other UW-System shared governance platforms. SGA also mediates student affairs, allocates funds to student clubs, and manages misconduct within those clubs. SGA seeks to cultivate a welcoming environment on campus, promote student involvement, and train students for leadership.  
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Photo of the flyer for I Heart UWS Week located in the Holden Fine and Applied Arts Building.  
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## UWS 11th Annual Day of Giving

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The University of Wisconsin-Superior celebrated its 11th annual Day of Giving on Tuesday, April 22. The event was a 24-hour celebration of what makes UWS truly superior. Everyone from students, staff, alums, and community members was allowed to attend. This celebration is the biggest fundraiser of the year for UWS.

Shannon Hoffman, annual giving manager with the UWS Alumni & Friends Foundation, was this year's director of the annual fund. Hoffman said, "Our primary goal is to raise money for what's called the Superior Fund, which is unrestricted dollars for the university." There were many different types of events going on

this day, such as the athletics department doing a live feed to raise money, DOG (Day of Giving) bags to faculty members to let them know they are appreciated, and it is also part of I Heart UWS week, which is a way to get the community involved with what is happening at UWS. "Also on Tuesday, as part of the spirit of giving, we had a challenge match. So, one of our donors offered \$10,000 as a match. So if we had people who contributed to this peer fund, any of that was matched dollar for dollar," said Hoffman.

The money raised helps the university in many ways, such as tuition, introducing innovative programs, and providing student scholarships. "The more we can raise for a superior fund

through, you know, generous contributions, the less we have to push on that lever of tuition. So we're trying to help support our faculty and staff and our students, so we're not having to rely so heavily on fees and tuition and things," said Hoffman.

The numbers are not confirmed yet, but Hoffman suggested the school received 230 gifts that day, which could amount to up to 80,000 dollars in funding for UWS. This alone supported 30 different funds and many different scholarships.

For more information about the annual day of giving, email shoffm12@uwsuper.edu or give2uws@uwsuper.edu. You can also receive information through the UWS website under Alumni and Friends Foundation.

## UWS Promethean Wins 7 Awards in WNAF Better Newspaper Contest

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The University of Wisconsin-Superior campus newspaper The Promethean won seven awards in the Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation's 2024 Collegiate Better Newspaper Contest. The campus newspaper won awards in the Division B category; two being in 1st, three in 2nd, and two honorable mentions. The contest recognizes student excellence in journalism across the state of Wisconsin.

The Promethean won two 1st place awards in the Health Coverage and Public Affairs Reporting Category. The stories recognized for Health Coverage included, "Waiting for Beds" covered by Drew Kerner, "2024 Election Woes Weigh on Students" covered by Emmett Appleby, "Mindful Mondays and Pruitt Center

Looks to Unplug Students from Technology" and "De-stress Days at UWS: A Practice of Selfcare with the ICRC and GERC" covered by Sami Tough. In the judges' comments, they specifically recognized the story "Waiting for Beds" and described it as a "excellent blend of art and honesty about mental health needs and expressions." Other staff members that contributed to Health Coverage were Hannah Hutton, Maddie Schaffer, Yvette Klauer, Norah Schmitz, and Isaiah Wiita.

The stories submitted for the Public Affairs category award were Drew Kerner's, "Biden Announces More than \$1 Billion Towards Twin Ports Infrastructure" and "Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers Visits UWS, Part of Back-To-School Tour." Emmett Appleby's "2024

Election Woes Weigh on Students" and "Bridging the Divide: UWS Students Discuss Immigration in Third Civil Discourse Event," Patrick Douglas's commentary on "Covering High-Security Events as a First-Time Reporter." Evan Ludwig's story on "Minnesota Governor & VP Candidate Tim Walz Held Rally at UW-Superior, Targeting Swing States," as well as the February and September editions of the Promethean Podcast, covered by Norah Schmitz, Lily Hanson, and Isaiah Wiita.

The second-place awards were for the categories "Use of Multimedia", "News Photography", and "Arts and Entertainment" coverage. The judge for the multimedia award expressed that the "podcast is a good way to meet your readers where they are. Not everyone will



Photo of WNA Foundation Awards won by the Promethean  
Photo by Maddie Schaffer | The Promethean

pick up a paper or go to a news website. Very good production."

In News Photography, the Promethean won second place with a photo of Governor Tim Walz taken by Jon Pearson for the story, "Minnesota Governor & VP Candidate Tim Walz Held Rally at UW-Superior, Targeting Swing States" covered by Evan Ludwig. Other staff members that contributed to the News Photography category were Patrick Douglas, Norah Schmitz, and Issaiah Wiita. The Promethean also won 2nd place in the Arts and Entertainment category with Emmet Appleby's "Drag Show Dazzles UW-Superior" who the judge described as a "Brave topic, the joy of the participants in the show shines through."

Lastly, The Promethean

had two honorable mentions, one for the stories on the Superior Choice Credit Union Stadium opening on campus in the 2024 academic year, and the other for Drew Kerner's story, "KUWS Northern Regional Manager Paul Damberg Retires." Staff members Drew Kerner, Isaiah Wiita, Evan Ludwig, Andrew Mathews, Norah Schmitz, Sky (Sama) Abdullayeva, and Issac Becket covered stories and contributed photos concerning the SCCU Stadium from funding, construction, grand opening, and the stadium being used.

For more information on the WNAF contest or to see the stories submitted for the contest, visit the WNA Foundation Collegiate Better Newspaper Contest at wnanews.com/wna-foundation/college/.



If you're interested in joining the Promethean, members meet every Tuesday & Thursday at noon.  
For other inquiry, email promethean@uwsuper.edu

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