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Yellowjacket Athletics Hosts Sixth Annual Superior Day of Giving Telethon

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This day is always an exciting time for athletes because they get to find out what their team is raising money for. From locker room enhancements, equipment, video editing software, all the way to team trips, it's like Christmas time for the athletics department.



UWS Strength and Conditioning Coach PJ Piotrowski Talks During Day of Giving Telethon.
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The promotion the athletic department at University of Wisconsin-Superior does to promote this day is like no other.

Hosts of Eye of the Swarm Podcast Jon Garver and "The Big Sound" Matt Johnson were hosts of the sixth annual 2025 UW-Superior Athletics Day of Giving Telethon, and the live stream ended

up being almost five hours long. The telethon consists of Director of Athletics Nick Bursik, Strength and Conditioning Coach PJ Piotrowski, Athletic Trainer Ben Kasper, and all the head coaches from the athletic department.

"Today is really about our student athletes in our programs," said Bursik. "It's always been critical for us to develop the resources we need to support our student-athletes, support our programs," said Bursik.

Each guest on the telethon was able to explain how the program has been developing over the past 12 months, what they are looking forward to, and what they are raising money for.

"Every penny that



UWS Men's Basketball Coach Greg Polkowski Talks With Jon Garver During Day of Giving Telethon

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comes in, especially in athletics, is going to benefit these student athletes," said Garver. "It's about making it the best possible experience it can be, and that's really what the entire day is about. It's not just for athletics, it's for everybody on campus," said Johnson.

The athletics program alone raised just over \$50,000 in another

successful day of giving, which will help all programs in the athletic department, making the time these student-athletes spend in Superior memorable.

For more information on donating to the athletics program, head on over to the UWS athletics homepage at www.uwsyellowjackets.com.

UWS Track and Field Teams Participate In UMAC Outdoor Championships

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The UW-Superior Men's and Women's Track and Field team made the trek to Morris, Minn for the UMAC Outdoor Championships.

Since joining the UMAC the men's team has been dominant winning the event seven of the last eight years. On the women's side they looked to defend their

first outdoor title which was won in 2024.

Through day one of the competition on the men's side the Yellowjackets were atop the leaderboard. They held a 20 point lead over second place Martin Luther and a 40 point lead over third place Crown.

The Men's team was helped on Friday by a big performance in the pole vault from both Garrett Lynch and Rene

Sims who placed first and second respectively.

For Lynch it was his third straight conference championship in the event.

On the women's side on Friday they found themselves in third. They trailed both Crown and Northwestern who took the top two spots.

The Yellowjacket women took one first place victory on Friday coming from Hannah Hutton in the pole vault. Also helping UWS was Sidney Bader who earned a second place finish in the Javelin.

On the second day of the event the Yellowjacket men looked to close out their fourth consecutive title. This effort proved to be challenging for UWS as Martin Luther put

in a strong effort to claim the top spot. The Knights finished the day with 234 points while the Jackets had 212.

Although the team did not win Zach Reese was able to defend his 5000 meter championship. Reese came in with a time of 15:54.16.

On the women's side the team moved up into second place to finish behind Crown. The Yellowjackets claimed the

most points on Saturday with 79 and 135 total.

The Yellowjackets were helped on Saturday by Simone Stephens who set a new school record in the 1500 meter run with a time of 4:45.13.

The Yellowjackets now move onto Eagle Open hosted by UW-La Crosse at Veterans Memorial Sports Complex with events starting at 3 p.m. on May 9.



Sidney Bader Earned A Second Place Finish In Javelin Throw with 36.25 Meters.

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Earl Foster Set A New Personal Best In The Javelin Throw With 60.49 Meters.

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UWS Men's Tennis Falls Short While Women Claim First UMAC Title

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After both men's and women's tennis teams earned the North Division UMAC title they set their sights on earning a tournament title.

Both teams traveled to Minneapolis where for the women's team there was unfinished business. After falling to Principia last season the Yellowjackets hoped to make it to the NCAA

tournament.

Standing in their way was Webster University. UWS rose to the challenge to make quick work of Webster winning 4-0 to advance to the UMAC championship.

Helping the Yellowjackets was a pair of doubles wins courtesy of the team of Kate Jonas and Claudia Curtis

and Elif Oezen and Brooke Wilfong. Anouk Bluemm closed things out for the Yellowjackets with a win in singles action.

The Yellowjacket men wouldn't be as fortunate in the first round. They took on Principia who defeated UWS 4-1. The Yellowjackets only win on the day in doubles came from the pairing of Brandon Chu and Blake Haugen however Principia earned the doubles point winning the other two matches. Vitor Sakakibara earned the Yellowjackets their only point with a singles victory in straight sets.

The women's team found themselves back in action on Saturday against Greenville. The



Kate Jonas Gets Ready For A Serve During Match Against Northwestern.

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Yellowjackets surrendered the doubles point losing two of the three matches but the singles matches were a different story.

Giulia Araujo De Barros earned the Yellowjackets their first point winning her singles match. Kate Jonas was then able to give the Yellowjackets a lead winning her singles match. After that Brooke

Wilfong earned a victory to give the Yellowjackets a larger advantage.

Just like the day before, Anouk Bluemm closed things out for UWS as she won her match securing a 4-1 victory and the Yellowjackets first UMAC Championship in program history as well as their first trip to the NCAA tournament in program history.



Vitor Sakakibara focuses in on the ball during match against Bethany Lutheran.

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