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Why all the Construction?

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The University of Wisconsin-Superior is made up of 17 buildings. All with plumbing, HVAC, side-walks, elevators, landscaping, snow removal, and gutters. The Facilities Maintenance department takes care of it all, along with larger scale projects like the new Superior Choice

Credit Union Stadium. “You only notice if it’s broke most of the time,” said Dustin “Dusty” Johnson the Facilities Manager at UWS, “Which is normal and we kind of like being behind the scenes in that way.”

Everyone is influenced by facilities management even if it goes unnoticed. At the start of campus facilities had a larger impact with many projects needing to be extended into the fall semester.



Restoration of Old Main stairs on Sept. 15, 2025.

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Construction has been seen outside of Holden Fine Arts and Applied Arts with new bridges, side-walks, and outdoor steps being installed. Along with new flooring made of recycled tires by the Manion Theater and Webb Recital

Hall.

Erlanson and Old Main need contractors that specifically deal in historic buildings.

Erlanson got all new tuck-pointing, front sidewalk, and a new three directional staircase. Old Main will also be getting a new staircase. “It’s a pretty

iconic staircase on campus so we want it done right,” said Johnson, “The front staircase was just getting dangerous...that actually had another staircase below it.” Both sets of stairs had to be removed along with replacing some limestone. He said, “I’m trying to make it somewhat historical looking. But be new and structurally sound, and all that.”

Many changes have or are coming



Construction workers building a fence in front of Holden Fine Arts on Sept. 15, 2025.

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to UWS over the next few years. Over the summer alone seven buildings got upgrades to heating and ventilations systems, a new solar array, and new roofing on Old Main and the Marcovich Wellness Center. With the facilities management department dealing with it all. “They said [department survey] How many students or staff does your department influence,” Johnson said, “And I put everyone.”



Students visiting tables at Jacketfest in YU Great Room on Sept. 18 2025.

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Students talking with World Student Association (WSA) on Sept. 18 2025.

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UWS Jacketfest 2025

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The University of Wisconsin-Superior kicked off the fall semester with their annual Jacketfest event on Sept. 18, 2025. Jacketfest hosted both student organizations and outside companies. Dozens of representatives filled the Yellowjacket Union, eager to show students what they were about.

Allison Garver, the UWS Student Affairs Director is thrilled with the opportunities Jacketfest provides students. “Just based on research that’s been done, getting

involved on campus really helps students to persist, stay here on campus, lead them to graduation, and really have the most impact on their time during college,” said Garver. The University is home to dozens of student led organizations so students can stay involved in what matters to them.

Many outside organizations also set up booths with the hopes of recruiting students for internships or possible job opportunities. The Link Center’s Outreach Program Manager, Thora Papineau helps students prepare for graduation. “Whenever

you’re on campus, any of those anchor events to attend like Jacketfest, that would mean like the career fair, so you can start building your network and exploring what’s a good fit for you after school.” Papineau conveyed how important it is for students to begin networking with outside organizations early so they can use those connections post UWS. Several academic support services were also present to bring awareness to students of the resources available to them on campus.

Students had the opportunity to grab free items and infor-

mation relating to the organizations. “For student organizations Jacketfest is, I would say, the best opportunity for them to recruit new membership and really share what they are all about and let students know how to get involved with them,” said Garver.

If any students missed the event about would like to connect with an organization, they can contact career services for more information.



Hannah Hutton, Gus Schupp at the Promethean Table during Jacketfest Sept. 18, 2025.

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