

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY



University of Wisconsin-Superior's Buzz and Duluth Huskies Baseball Harley D. Huskiehugging and preparing to celebrate participants as they cross the finish line.

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Kid runners taking off at the starting line in race at the Marcovich Wellness Center on Jan. 31.

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Kids lined up for informal bike races at the beginning of the day of racing Jan. 31 in the Marcovich Wellness Center.

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Young Athletes Foundation: Day at the Races

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Families in the Twin Ports gathered at the University of Wisconsin-Superior (UWS) for a 'Saturday Morning at the Races' last Saturday, Jan. 31. The Young Athletes Foundation hosted events such as one-eighth, quarter, and half mile running races for children 14 and under.

UWS mascot, Buzz and Duluth Huskies Baseball mascot, Harley D. Huskie made appearances and cheered on the kids! In addition to the foot races, Ski Hut hosted informal bike races for kids as well. Every registered child got a UWS shirt and stickers for their participation and effort.

After all races were finished, families were invited to stick around and enjoy face paint, coloring stations and good company!

Shane Bauer, the executive director of Grandma's Marathon, spoke to the purpose of the day, and that "the Young Athletes Foundation is an internal charity of Grandma's Marathon." Most of the year beyond marathon weekend is spent working different events through the Young Athletes Foundation, and Bauer shared why he finds this work so important, "It's really just giving kids a start, right? I think that's a big thing, you know, running... and being healthy. But even your day to day, just that thing you don't want to do, if you just start it, right? And you're on your way. And it's

like, oh! I did it, what can I do next? So, I think it's a very empowering mission that we have," Bauer said.

Young Athletes Foundation has more races planned throughout the year. To name a few, Saint Fennessy 4K, Fingers 5K, Park Point 5-Miler, Minnesota Mile, and Superior's Nightmare 5K will give the chance for new and veteran runners to get out and enjoy the scenery and community the Twin Ports have to offer!

Even more exciting for families, Bauer said, "This year ages 18 and under, are all free, so you can bring the whole family."

Grandma's Marathon continues to work towards getting people active in their local community.

Sports and recreation management major

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With athletics at the University of Wisconsin-Superior (UW-Superior) continuing to grow and invest new athletic facilities, it is also expanding opportunities off the field with the announcement of a sport and recreation management major!

In recent years, statistics were shown that 25% of students entering college are showing interest in sports and recreation-related education. UW-Superior realized the benefits of bringing a sports and recreation major would have on students attending college in Superior. There are many activities people can do in all seasons in the Twin Ports

area. "I think Superior has a lot of potential to offer and a wide variety of experiential learning opportunities," Kim Lebard-Rankila, chair of the Health & Human Performance Department said.

Sports and recreation management is already a minor on Superiors campus, but the Health & Human Performance Department saw a promising future in this expansion.

"Administration shared... that our sports management minor popped up as one that they felt would be a good recruitment tool as a major," Lebard-Rankila said.

"This major is designed to focus on leadership, business, and community engagement. Students will develop skills such as

communication, real-world problem solving, and a strong foundation of leadership."

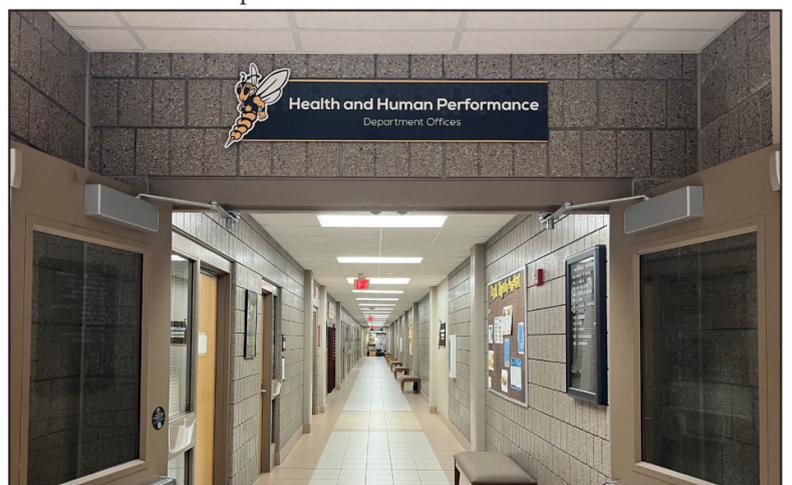
The curriculum emphasizes applied learning so students can get real-world experiences at the University of Wisconsin-Superior, and Superiors campus recreation is a great start for students to practice and grow into these skills.

"Being the lead for the recreational center has made me constantly think about how to grow programs and how to con-

tinue getting more people to join or have interest in the events," senior Garrett Kroells said. "The more you are doing as a lead, the more it will pay off for your events in the future."

The sports and recreation

degree will be 38 credits and available for on-campus and online students. If you have any questions, contact Kim Lebard-Rankila with her email: KLebard@uwsuper.edu



Health and Human Performance hallway at the Marcovich Wellness Center.

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only 1600 are considered active investigations. This is largely due to lots of cultural and jurisdictional issues.

A large cause for victimization for all kinds of human trafficking victims, and especially MMIR victims is those who have already been victims of trauma.

"Indigenous women are ten times more likely to have experienced trauma in their life. Once you experience trauma, it's easier to accept trauma to start to keep happening in this particular manner," Todd said. This repeat cycle of victimization can not only cause people to allow things they might know is wrong, but it also exposes them to being in bad environments that make vic-

timization easier. Speaking to Todd's own personal experiences and relationships, Indigenous women "are far more likely to experience violence. But this is that 80% sexual assault number. I have never been in a room full of native women, where every hand hasn't gone up if you ask that question," Todd said.

Wainman said that the event is "about making sure that folks know the impacts and issues of human trafficking and also MMIR." They also shared that the GERC has lots of resources and help for students and that "they can always stop by the Gender Equity Resource Center."

"We'd be happy to help answer any questions we might have answers to or

get them connected to folks from Brightwater Health or CASDA as well, just for those resources, and for that continued support and advocacy as well."



Desiree Todd presenting about MMIR on Jan. 29

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YAC spring '26 season!

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Yellowjackets Activity Crew (YAC) plans social and recreational events for students through University of Wisconsin-Superior (UWS) student involvement. These events range from bingo, trivia, casino night and campus trips.

"It could help strengthen bonds you have with people already know. It can help you build new connections with people," YAC Programming Coordinator Charlie Olsen said.

According to 'Jackets Connect, YAC has twelve events for the incoming semester with themed bingos, a campus trip to a Minne-



sota Wild Game, karaoke, and events with the dean of students.

When asked what his favorite activities were Olsen said, "I really like the ones where we are all involved, like kind of game type things."

If you are interested in attending YAC events, check out their 'Jackets Connect page, campus calendar or check out their Instagram page @yacatuws.