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UWS Campus Celebrates One Hundredth Black History Month

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February is Black History Month in the United States and University of Wisconsin-Superior students from all background are joining together to learn more about the history of Black Americans. Manuella Mvondo de Fouda, Black Student Union (BSU) president and international

student, encourages everyone to visit the club. "The Black Student Union is an amazing club... as a black student here, I want us to know that we have a club for us. I want us to know that we can be represented. We make the bonding easier," Mvondo de Fouda said. The BSU spearheaded two big events this February: Afro Bingo plus Waffles alongside the Office of Multicultural Affairs, and the annual Soul Food Dinner.

"These events are designed to be welcoming spaces for learning, celebration, and appreciation of Black culture," BSU vice president Esther Ipaye

said. "Recognizing Black History fosters inclusion, and a stronger sense of community on campus." Taking place at Superior Waffles, bingo was a hit on Feb. 27. To close out the month, students and community joined together on Feb. 28 to celebrate "Then & Now" while eating classic soul food dishes. Queer Black History tabling was also featured by the Gender Equity and Resource Center (GERC) for educational purposes, with GERC staff and student Sam Gilbert answering questions in the Yellowjacket Union. Books were scattered across a Black History Month display in the Jim Dan Hill library for the month of February, in addition to an informative pop-up in Swenson. Black History Month has been

observed for celebrating African American history and culture since February 1926.



Daichi Ogawa, Maëlle Rihouey, and Natalia Orihuela hold up their awards for winning bingo during Afro Bingo on Feb. 27.

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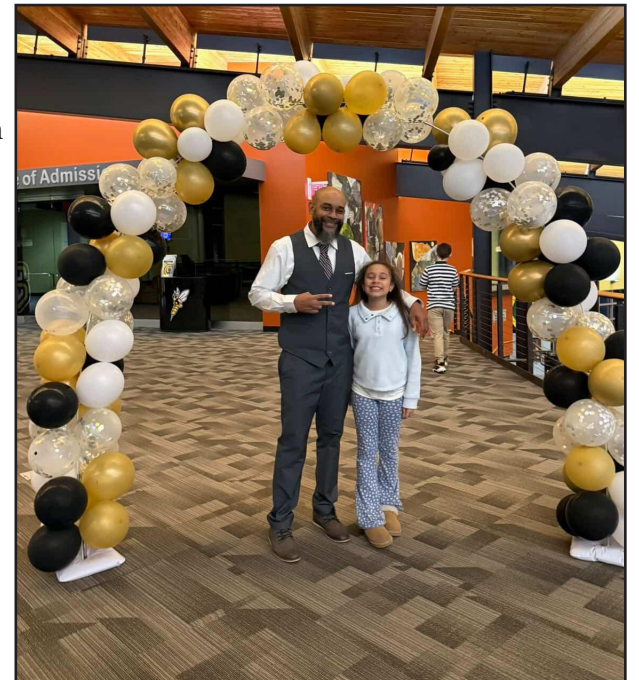


Photo of host Emen Essien, during the BSU Soul Food Dinner. He is with his daughter, Zion, in the YU Atrium.

Photo contributed by Emen Essien



Group photo after Soul Food Dinner of BSU members and attendees on Feb. 28.

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Chiagozie "Gift" Uchegbu, Kidest Mitiku, and Manuella De Fouda dancing together during Soul Food Dinner on Feb. 28.

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View of Superior & Sage Hotel from Hammond Street Kwik Trip on Feb. 24.

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Superior & Sage Hotel's front door with Paul Davis Restoration van parked outside on Feb. 24.

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Hotel burns down on Hammond

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The Superior & Sage Hotel caught fire on Feb. 23. The Superior Fire Department (SFD) responded at 11 p.m. and they officially put out the fire at 4:06 a.m. Tuesday morning. According to a press release by the SFD, a large exterior fire was spreading into the roof structure and created an estimated \$1 million in damages.

Over the last few months, the hotel changed its name from Superior Inn to Superior & Sage

Hotel along with undergoing renovations. The hotel is located on Hammond Avenue near the base of Blatnik Bridge next to Kwik Trip.

All occupants were assisted out of the fire, and a total of 16 Superior firefighters and three Duluth firefighters were on scene. SFD states that even with a partial collapse, no fire fighters were injured. One occupant got medical attention from the Mayo ambulance.

SFD asks the public to avoid the area at this time.



Paul Davis Restoration team boarding up the windows of Superior & Sage Hotel on Feb. 24

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If you're interested in joining the Promethean, members meet every Tuesday & Thursday at noon in YU 159.

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