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Nhi Phan performing at the Cultural Night on April 18.

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Global Harmony shown at WSA Cultural Night

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The World Student Association held the 26th annual Cultural Night in the Yellow-jacket Union. The event had a theme of global harmony centered around the cultures present at UW-Superior. The event consisted of a meal with eight different cultural dishes, student performances, flag and fashion show, along with a performance by Titambe Drum and Dance Ensemble.

Umi Omoto is the current WSA president and a student from Japan who participated in the 2025 fashion show. "It was a really nice experience in my life. I could feel that. You could feel the love in the room," said Omoto.

"If we ever want to talk with American people about our culture because of lack of language, yeah it's really hard to explain our culture," said Omoto. "The cultural night helps...them to present our, present their culture and their country."

Cultural Night had three student performances that featured songs in native languages, and traditional dance from Ethiopia. "Where international students were staying from a different country. So of course we are going to miss our culture, and this is an opportunity for us to expressing it. And also spread people like about our culture, because we are absolute proud of our culture," said Nhi Phan, a student performer from Vietnam and WSA member who sang Ai Đưa Em Về by Tia Hai Chau and Lê Thiện Hiếu.



Emiliano Santos performing at the Cultural Night Flag Show on April 18.

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Sarah Lane, the WSA advisor and the international student services coordinator, stated the importance of Cultural Night for the UWS community. "We don't want to just like acclimate them [international students] to here, but we want to show the university that they can acclimate to the students," she said.

Lane continued to add the importance of the UWS and Superior community coming together for Cultural Night, "UW-Superior is really unique and that we have a lot of different countries represented...we get to see that kind of physically represented during the flag show," said Lane. "They [international students] need to be given the opportunity to like show their culture with America and UWS in the campus and feel safe having the opportunity to do that."

Powwow comes back to Superior



UW-Superior alum Dylan Krisik dancing at the Geteoodenaang Powwow on May 2 at Superior Middle School

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UW-Superior and the Superior School District hosted the Geteoodenaang Ziigwan Powwow at Superior Middle School on May 2. The event consisted of music, dance, stories, and vendors across multiple generations to celebrate the arrival of Spring.

Geteoodenaang Ziigwan Powwow is a spring gathering for Anishinaabe people. "Ziigwan" means spring, and 'Geteoodenaang' refers to the Old Town area, a place with deep historical and cultural significance, which is the Superior area," wrote Cali Quaderer, the indigenous program coordinator at UWS.

The event was held in partnership with Superior School District, specifically the Indian Education Committee. Jennifer Willoughby is the Indian Ed Coordinator through Superior School District and co-planned the event with Quaderer.

"I work closely with the parent committee, and

we had some really strong voices on the committee that wanted to see a powwow come, so we reached out to Cali at UWS and collaborated with her," said Willoughby.

Both Willoughby and Quaderer stated how much work it is to plan a powwow. But, the collaboration between UWS and the School District helped bring the powwow back to Superior, along with showing the importance of community.

"What makes this special is seeing our people come together; especially the youth. Watching young dancers step into the circle, hearing the drums, and seeing elders present reminds me that our culture is still alive and strong. It's also meaningful to see community members come to learn and support," said Quaderer.



Dancers reaching for each other during a partner dance at the Geteoodenaang Ziigwan Powwow at Superior Middle School May 2.

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Rediet Yibabe and Kidest Seabhatleabe Mitiku dancing at Cultural Night on April 18.

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Titambe Drum and Dance Ensemble performing at Cultural Night on April 18.

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Spread the Word: Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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On April 2 UWS hosted Coffee and Consent to allow students the opportunity to connect with one another and learn various strategies to support each other in support of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Held at Swenson Hall, students were accompanied by Brittany Hansen, UWS's campus Title IX Coordinator, who answered any questions and provided important information in relation to Title IX and services offered on campus.

Hansen said, "The intent of Coffee and Consent is to provide a low-stakes environment for our campus community to come together, create that sense of belonging, and work together to create the stepping stones of what we expect from ourselves and each other."

Through productive policy and pure intentions, it is clear that UWS prioritizes student

safety and social development at the intersection of diversity and inclusivity. Coffee and Consent was merely one resourceful event organized for students on Campus. UWS offers a wide range of outlets, support systems and resources readily available to students who have fallen victim to sexual assault or any individual in search of a safe space on campus.

Hansen goes on to express, "Resources and supportive measures can look different for everyone, but we work together to support the student, regardless of their decision to move forward in the Title IX process. Some examples of resources or supportive measures may include: talking with a confidential resource; connecting with an advocate at CASDA..."

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Red flags lining the sidewalk leading up to the Yellowjacket Union for Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

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