What is it like to be a minority student at UW-Superior: Current Student Panel and Conversation

On Friday, March 28 UW-Superior minority students participated in a student panel in the Multicultural Center where they discussed their intercultural experiences that they've had on campus as students of diverse backgrounds. This event was a part of the Office of Multicultural Affairs Diversity Dialogue series. Seven minority students from UW-Superior, from freshman to graduate level status, were a part of the panel and they were all informative and gave everyone a chance to learn from their own experiences. There was time during the dialogue for audience members to give their own experiences and ask questions. The Making Excellence Inclusive Initiative at UW-Superior is perfectly aligned with this dialogue as topics dealing with experiences with students of color recruitment, retention, curriculum, future graduation expectations, and more were discussed.
STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

Becky Segbee
Hometown: Duluth, MN
Year: Senior
Major/Minor: Social Work
What is one “Fun Fact” about you: I look forward to a Debt-Free Future!!! I can hardly wait to have wrangles.

Elliot Charette
Hometown: Washburn, Wisconsin
Year: Senior
Major/Minor: Double major in Economics and Political Science-American Concentration
One “Fun Fact” about you: I hope to travel to Argentina someday and learn Spanish!

NEW & UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL
- April 30: BSU’s film showing of “School Daze.” @ 7:15 in YU
- April 30: “Caught Between A Rock & A Holy Place” @ Noon in Old Main 232
- May 16: Office of Multicultural Affairs and First Nations Center Graduates Reception @ 6pm

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Harbor City International School’s (HCIS) African Drum Ensemble performed at UW-Superior Thursday March 13th in the Multicultural Center. They also allowed students and staff a chance to play the instruments. The event was part of Global Awareness Week at UW-Superior and was sponsored by the Global Awareness & Education Committee and the Making Inclusive Excellence’s Building Community Subcommittee. It was a GREAT event. Thanks to HCIS teacher Darin Bergsven and his students for teaching us some African songs!

Augustin Tegaboue teaching a few UW-Superior students (Jasmine Ayers, Sarah Setayeshi, and Dillon Beesley) how to use traditional African drums, using rhythm and beat.

RECRUITMENT

The Office of Multicultural Affairs hosted nine high school students from Duluth and Superior for their annual Asian American College Student For A Day program on March 26. CSFAD program is for multicultural high school students who want to learn more about the University of Wisconsin-Superior’s campus, academic opportunities, and college in general. We hope that they take their experiences from CSFAD and use them for their future goals towards going to college and become successful.
Alumnus Ryan Howes (Class of 2009), Fond du Lac Ojibwe, passed away on March 7, 2014. He had a traditional Ojibwe funeral service on March 11th on the Fond du Lac Ojibwe Reservation.

Ryan Howes became connected to UW-Superior when he was a high school student in the Upward Bound Program. He also was recruited and participated into the American Indian College Student For A Day program operated through the Office of Multicultural Affairs. He became a UW-Superior student shortly after graduating high school. Ryan was a proud and active UW-Superior student, and alumnus. He was involved in First Nations, Multicultural Affairs, Circle of Native Nations, Intramural Sports, Athletics program, McNair Scholars Program, Upward Bound Program, and so much more! He is missed and we, in the Office of Multicultural Affairs, are honored for knowing him and for his dedication and commitment to the education of all students from all backgrounds, and to the American Indian community. He was working for the Center of American Indian & Minority Health at the University of Minnesota-Duluth Medical School and LOVED that job and was so proud to be helping diverse (mostly American Indian) youth, undergraduates, and medical students in furthering their education. He was a support network and connection for countless students. He truly cared.

Cancer took his life. He leaves behind a wife Krystal and a young son, William. The Circle of Native Nations student organization and First Nations Center have set up an educational 529 account in William Howes’s name. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please contact MPPL Financial at 202 N 3rd Ave, Proctor, MN 55810 or (218) 628-3135.
American Historic Heritage

St. Patrick’s Day is celebrated annually on March 17 to recognize the life and death of Ireland’s patron, Saint Patrick. It also commemorates the arrival of Christianity in Ireland. St. Patrick’s Day was made an official holiday in the early seventeenth century by Christians. A shamrock is an important symbol for St. Patrick’s Day due to the fact that St. Patrick used shamrock’s to explain the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Did you know that green wasn’t St. Patrick’s Day’s original color? It was actually blue but as time moved along they associated green with Ireland’s green landscape and the color green for the three leafed shamrock that symbolized the father, son, and holy spirit that was a part of Ireland’s Catholicism.

Sources: history.com & Wikipedia.com

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