Making A Difference
by Jasmine Ayers

St. Louis County Health and Human Services Conference

Three of our Office of Multicultural Affairs’ staff members had presented at the St. Louis County Health and Human Services Conference. Their topics and names are included in the following:

- Theater for Understanding Racism: Simona Simkins
- Jumping Borders: The Power of Language: Gabriela Theis
- The Perfect Hmong Daughter-in-Law: Kang Her


RECRUITMENT

The Office of Multicultural Affairs hosted seven Latino high school students from Superior Senior High School and Denfeld High School for their annual Latino College Student For A Day program on Oct. 9th. The program allows high school students an opportunity to experience college life hands on, gain important information, and make important connections within the UW-Superior community.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs staff member Ivy Vainio and student employee Kang Her met with American Indian high school students on Oct. 17 at Superior Senior High School regarding the American Indian College Student For A Day program which is set for November 20th. Education is key!
STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

Elizabeth “Lizzi” Koza
Hometown: Washburn, WI
Year: Junior Transfer Student
Major/Minor: Art Therapy
What is one “Fun Fact” about you: I am a very friendly and outgoing person.

Ernesto Soto
Hometown: Rockford, IL
Year: Freshman
Major/Minor: Chemistry
One “Fun Fact” about you: I am one of few males that can do the splits. Ha ha.

NEW & UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

- Nov. 20: American Indian College Student for A Day Program.
- Dec. 3: American Indians in the Military Presentation

RETENTION

On October 11 a UW-Superior alumni, Kalee Hermanson, Training & Operations Support Communications Coordinator, from United Way came in to the Office of Multicultural Affairs to talk with the mentees and mentors about the leadership and volunteer opportunities that United Way has to offer. United Way is allocates resources to programs providing direct services in literacy, homelessness, and at-risk youth. Many of the students asked questions and became interested and very informed about what United Way is and what it does. Kalee had spoken to the students about how she began her career at United Way and what her goals were for the future. She assured everyone that if they work hard they can reach their future goals.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

October 23rd staff member Ivy Vainio was a guest lecturer in Professor Pope Wright’s Visual Arts class. She presented on her journey of becoming a photographer and how this art form informs us and also influences us. She shared slides of her powwow and nature photography with the classroom.

RECRUITMENT CONT...

The Office of Multicultural Affairs, First Nations Center, and the Admissions Office hosted a campus visit from the Indian Education Program from Ashland High School on Oct. 24. A group of about 10 -18 American Indian students and their Indian Education Director Joseph Corbine received a campus tour, a presentation by our offices, sat in on Chip Beal’s First Year Seminar class which focuses on American Indian contributions to the world, and then ended with a student panel with current American Indian students. It was great to have them on campus. Education is key!

Staff member Ivy Vainio and Educational Leadership Department’s Recruiter/Advisor Olivia Seifert traveled to the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Community College in Hayward, Wisconsin and set up an information table for UW-Superior and talked to prospective students for their College Fair on October 31.

On October 29th, the OMA, Admissions Office, and Dept. of Educational Leadership presented “The How-To on College Admissions” at the Gimajii Building in Duluth. The next session is November 13 at the Peter Rich Community Center at 1201 N. 8th St. in Superior, WI. These college information sessions are for anyone who is interested in learning about college admission requirements, academic programs, and campus/student life program.
## American Historic Heritage

**Halloween vs. Día de los Muertos**

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<td>Origins: The old Irish, Gaelic Samhain (meaning summer’s end), a time to store food supplies for the cold months ahead.</td>
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<td>Celebrates the end of summer and the coming of winter.</td>
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<td>Harmful spirits warded off by frightening costumes and masks.</td>
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