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UWO student Jada Helms surveys her options online. With certificates being offered at the undergraduate and graduate level, there are options for many students. The UWO certificate opportunities can be found under the academics tab of the campus's homepage.

UWO adds on certificates

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Certificate programs at UW Oshkosh are rapidly expanding and have added new disciplines to their already extensive list of possible choices.

Liz Cannon, director of the LGBTQ+ Resource Center, said that a certificate allows students to learn and enhance their knowledge in different areas with less credits than what a minor would need.

"It increases their general knowledge and also makes them more marketable as they have this wider range of understanding that they can bring to a job," Cannon said.

UWO offers a large variety of nearly 50 undergraduate certificates that can be found on the website. Some of the certificates that students can receive are in LGBTQ+ studies, Indigenous Studies, and new certificates that the journalism department added are in social media, multimedia journalism, public relations and advertising.

Certificates can be earned at an undergraduate level, graduate level and even non-credit options. UWO also offers 22 certificates at the graduate level and 13 as non-credit options.

Some of the certificate programs have existed for several years. Cannon said that the LGBTQ+ studies certificate started in 2013

and it was started because of how the student responded to the classes they were taking through that department.

"We began the program in 2013 in response to the need for more curriculum to reflect the rich culture, history and lives of LGBTQIA+ people," she said. "A few such programs existed across the System, at UW Madison and UW Milwaukee specifically, and I knew there was a need for such a program here."

Other departments are looking at adding new certificate programs. For instance, at the College of Letters and Science Curriculum Committee meeting in late October, two new certificate options were on the agenda under new business: behavioral science and surface water certificates.

Sara Steffes Hansen, the chair for the department of journalism for UWO, said the department received approval for the four certificates last spring and launched them this fall. The new journalism certificates will provide knowledge and skills in social media and marketing that are in high demand in the job field, she said.

"We see our majors and minors able to leverage their degrees in this way to work in the field," she said. "But sometimes, even a minor may be difficult for a student to fit in because they discover our programs at a late point in their college career, so that was one reason for adding certificates."

She said that another reason was to help other UWO students who aren't journalism majors gain skills in media strategy and content creation.

Some of the benefits that come from earning a certificate are an advancement of skills and a deeper understanding into the different areas of learning.

Adrian Hanrahan, an English major who is also getting a certificate in LGBTQ+ studies, said that he wants to get his Ph.D in English literature and hopes to use his certificate to help him connect with his students when he is a professor.

"I guarantee that I will be working with many LGBTQ+ students when I am a professor, especially as the number of our LGBTQ+ people rises," he said. "I hope to provide these students with the support they need while also making them aware of our community's rich history and culture."

He also said that he chose to get a certificate because he wants to focus his studies on queer literature and queer theory and that the program's classes help him do just that.

"I've done a lot of reading about these topics on my own, but there's something about the classroom setting and the support of a professor that makes me much more interested, involved, and competent in the complexities of queerness," he said. "These courses also offer me unique opportuni-

ties to learn about the experiences of LGBTQ+ people whose identities differ from my own, such as queer women, queer people of color, and nonbinary people."

Cannon said that she thinks having a certificate in LGBTQ+ studies helps to deepen the knowledge of other identities and is beneficial because it's a topic that is not always covered in the different disciplines.

"Yet, there is no doubt that people interact with LGBTQIA+ people in their lives and especially in the workplace, and an understanding of LGBTQIA+ culture enhances a person's ability to work effectively with LGBTQIA+ people," she said. "This knowledge is especially important for anyone going into a field where they work with clients -- education, social work, human services, and human resources."

If students are looking into getting a certificate in a specific area of study, they should contact their adviser or talk to anyone in that department. On the university's website there is a link to the different certificates available and how one can apply to earn a certificate.

"I think that many of us in higher education are asking how we may be innovative to meet the needs of students," Steffes Hansen said. "Certificates came up in our faculty discussions as a way to increase access to our course content to students across our university."

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Bird-window collisions grow

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Bird-window collisions on campus buildings continue to be a problem at UW Oshkosh after the installation of window decals was delayed.

Student and faculty researchers recently concluded a bird-strike survey for the annual fall migration. Their findings indicate that two campus buildings are contributing to an uptick in collisions.

The increase in bird carcass sightings resulting from window collisions as well as the increase in research of bird-window collisions on university campuses across the nation has motivated this research team comprised of professors, students and local volunteers to investigate whether certain UWO buildings are contributing to anthropogenic mortality.

“Bird strikes on campus buildings are a problem here at UWO,” said Megan Rockow, a student volunteer on the research team. “We are seeing many migratory songbirds, along with other types of birds, dying from window collisions that could be prevented with the window film that the Wildlife Conservation Club obtained through Green Fund.”

Last year, the Wildlife Conservation Club applied to the Green Fund through UWO’s Sustainability Institute for Regional Transformations. The club received money to install window decals that aid in preventing bird-window collisions on Sage Hall’s main entrance windows.

The window decals were originally planned to be installed over the summer, but due to the amount of construction projects that were behind because of issues resulting



Lexi Wojcik-Kretchmer / Advance-Titan

Frequent bird strikes are happening on campus, especially since bird migration is very high in the fall. The most common bird strikes happen at Reeve Union and the entrance windows of Sage Hall.

from COVID-19, the project was pushed back and is expected to be completed before spring migration.

For the last three years, the bird-window collision survey has taken place every spring, but this year, for the first time, the survey has taken place in the fall because the research team wanted to investigate the effects of UWO buildings specifically during fall migration.

“This year was the first data collection of fall migration bird strikes, and the number of bird strikes discovered was shocking,” Rockow said. “In only three weeks’ time, 14 bird strikes were found, while the spring 2021 survey lasted six weeks and 18 birds were found.”

Suspected reasons for the dramatic increase in bird-window

collisions include the number of birds that migrate during the fall compared to the spring and weather, “which plays a big role in how concentrated a migration is; however, we’ll need several more years of data to begin to tease that apart,” said Misty McPhee, a faculty member on the research team and UWO Environmental Studies professor.

According to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, around 4 billion birds from Canada and 4.7 billion from the U.S. migrate south each year during the fall, while 2.6 billion return to Canada and 3.5 billion return to the U.S. in the spring from the south. Specifically, spring migration includes only adults, while fall migration includes both adult birds and juveniles that were born over the summer.

On the UWO campus, two main locations resulted in an uptick in bird-window collisions this fall: the east-facing, large set of windows at Reeve Union and the main entrance windows at Sage Hall.

Frequent bird strikes are discovered at these locations due to the high surface area of windows reflecting the surrounding habitat, indicating to birds that there is more sky or trees to fly to.

“As the university strives to be more sustainable, we should remember that sustainability includes the non-human communities that share our campus,” McPhee explained. “This project will affect current and future students by increasing the abundance and diversity of bird species visiting campus.”

Agriculture linked to 17,900 deaths annually

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Reduced air quality from agricultural emissions result in 17,900 deaths per year in the United States, according to a recent study published by the National Academy of Sciences.

The study found that animal agriculture is responsible for 80% of the deaths linked to pollution from food production, with the remaining 20% attributed to plant-based foods.

The effect of agriculture can be seen on a local and global scale as agricultural emissions include odors, chemical discharges, particulates and greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide and methane.

Animal agriculture is responsible for 14.5% of all anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions, according to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations website.

However, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has limited control over the regulations at concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs), according to a National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) report.

CAFOs are animal feeding operations (AFOs) — facilities that raise animals in confinement — distinguished by their large size or their designation as significant pol-

luters of surface water.

“Today the pork, broiler chicken and beef sectors are all ‘highly concentrated’ in the hands of three or four companies that exercise enormous market power and control the practices used across these facilities,” according to the NRDC report. “This power extends to the regulatory sphere as well.”

The EPA’s air quality regulations are also limited for AFOs compared to other industrial sectors.

“Odors are considered an air pollutant by our federal government, by the EPA,” UW Oshkosh senior lecturer for biology and environmental studies Shannon Davis-Foust said. “However, agriculture is considered exempt from that law.”

Davis-Foust said that she is personally affected by the odors from animal agriculture.

“I live in Omro and especially the large farms are notorious for making all of Omro just reek,” she said. “I often say, ‘I gotta come to Oshkosh for fresh air,’ even though I live in the country.”

Odor complaints have become more common as liquid manure storage and spreading replaced dry manure on many different sized farms, according to a Clean Water Action Council report published in 2020.

“On factory size farms the odor was amplified because rather than having 500 animals, factory farms



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could contain 5,000 animals,” the report said. “Liquid manure odor is often referred to as a stench since the smell is more like what is found near some industrial sites and can be harmful to breathe.”

Liquid manure smells much different than solid manure, and the gases that cause the smell, such as hydrogen sulfide, carbon monoxide, methane and ammonia, are toxic and can cause health problems, according to the report.

One of the most alarming concerns mentioned in the report is the threat from manure spraying.

“Using a traveling gun, which resembles a giant sprinkler on wheels, a CAFO can spray its manure waste onto fields and over crops,” the report said. “This raised a concern about the airborne drift of this sprayed waste and the vast distance pathogens could travel;

thereby, contaminating other human food crops and surfaces such as children’s play equipment.”

AFOs are also not required to report air emissions from animal waste due to legislative changes in the 2018 Fair Agricultural Reporting Method Act, according to the EPA website.

This lack of regulation may be cause for concern since, according to the EPA website, when livestock and manure emissions are combined, the agriculture sector is the largest source of methane emissions in the U.S.

“One thing to keep in mind is that air moves,” UW Oshkosh associate professor of environmental studies and biology Misty McPhee said. “If a farmer in California emits something, that’s going to affect somebody in Colorado, so it’s not like the air quality is the same kind of local issue.”

McPhee said dramatic changes need to happen in order to reduce the consequences of agriculture.

“My big pie in the sky answer is that we completely redo our industrial agricultural system, but that’s not a very short term or realistic answer,” McPhee said. “That’s what I think — the whole industrial system needs to be redone because there’s nothing efficient about it.”

Read the full story online

Sports

Calendar



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Friday, Oct. 29

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TBA

Friday, Nov. 5
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Women’s Cross Country
at Rippon 5 p.m.
Women’s Basketball
at Finlandia 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 6
Football
UW-Stevens Point 1 p.m.
Men’s Basketball
Augustana 7 p.m.
Women’s Soccer
TBA
Men’s Swim and Dive
UW-Whitewater 1 p.m.
Women’s Swim and Dive
UW-Whitewater 1 p.m.
Wrestling
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Monday, Nov. 8
Men’s Basketball
at Concordia 7 p.m.
Women’s Basketball
Lakeland 7 p.m

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Beating the devil out of them



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

Quarterback Kobe Berghammer is protected by Caleb Noenig and Josh Keskinen as he sets up for a pass.

By Jacob Link
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The UW Oshkosh football team defeated UW-Stout 43-36 at Williams Stadium in Menomonie on Oct. 30.

The Blue Devils opened the scoring with a 33-yard pass from quarterback Sean Borgerding to wide receiver Levy Hammer to take the lead 7-0. UWO would even the score after sophomore quarterback Kobe Berghammer found running back Peter MacCudden for a 21-yard catch and run touchdown. The Titans would take the lead on their next possession as Berghammer threw for another touchdown, this time to tight end Justin Kasuboski, to put Oshkosh up 14-7. Stout would respond when they got the ball back, scoring on a three-yard rush from running back Matt Pomietlo to tie the game at 14.

The Blue Devils would take the lead after halftime after a 17-yard passing touchdown from Borgerding to Hammer. With 2:34 to go in the third quarter, Oshkosh would tie the game with a third Berghammer passing touchdown, this time to wide receiver Trae Tetzlaff. UWO would take the lead in the fourth after running back Mitch Gerhartz found the endzone.

Freshman kicker Sam Kiesner’s extra point was no good, putting the Titans up 27-21. This miss proved to be important, as Stout would take the lead 28-27 when Borgerding found Will Knutson in the back of the endzone.

On the next UWO possession, Berghammer rushed for a 28-yard touchdown, and found Kasuboski in the endzone for the two-point conversion. This put the Titans on top 35-28. The Blue Devils would jump in front again, after a 60-yard drive ended in a Borgerding touchdown pass to Arthur Cox and found Cox again for the two-point conversion, putting Stout on top 36-35. The Titans would get the ball back with just 1:12 to go in the game. On a fourth and three on their own 32-yard line with 0:14 left, Berghammer found a wide-open Tony Steger who accelerated past the Stout defense en route to a 68-yard touchdown.

When head coach Pat Cerroni was asked after the game about the play call that led to the touchdown, he said, “It was 4th and 3 [and UWO had no timeouts]. Coach Venne called a play, but they called a timeout. That let us call that play we wanted to run. If they didn’t call that timeout, we wouldn’t have been able to call that play. For whatever reason the

[Stout] defensive back followed a shallow route, which left Tony wide open. Great call, great play by Tony and Kobe.”

Berghammer would find Tetzlaff for the two-point conversion, putting the Titans up 43-36. Oshkosh’s Brandon Kolgen would end the game as he sacked Borgerding as time expired.

Cerroni said several things went right for his team to win. “I’ve been around 21 years, and the league is really good,” he said. “So many of these teams could beat the teams going to the [NCAA DIII Football] playoffs. I’m really proud we played until the end, and we finally played a complete four-quarter game.” Cerroni also added that the key to the game was “wanting it more than them.”

When Cerroni talked about the play of his defense in the game, he said, “The offense we played has been around together for 3 years. There ain’t much you can do if you get beat down the field in coverage [defensively], but I’m not disappointed with the effort.”

Kicker Jaydon Haag was benched from field goal and extra point duties after he missed another field goal in the game. Haag, who is now 0-5 in field goals this year, was replaced by freshman Sam Kiesner. After the game

Kiesner said, “It was awesome to be able to score my first points as a Titan, but credit goes to the team for the win.”

Cerroni was asked about why the change in kicking duties occurred. “It’s all about performance. We haven’t made a field goal all year. A change had to be made,” he said.

The Titans improved to 5-2 (3-2 in Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference play) and moved up to No. 20 in the d3football.com top 25 poll. UWO won its 11th straight against Stout and has not lost against the Blue Devils since 2010. Oshkosh had to come from behind four times in the game after having not trailed against UW-Stout since 2012. Stout had its first home loss of the season as they fell to 5-3 (2-3 WIAC). The Titans rushed for 381 yards, which is the most for the program since 2016.

The Titans will host UW-Stevens Point (2-6) (0-5 WIAC) on Saturday at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium.

“They look good. It’s another huge challenge for us. We’re ready to go to work and start over,” said Cerroni about UWSP. Saturday’s 1 p.m. game will be Hall of Fame Day, as well as Kids Day at the stadium.

When in doubt, listen to Dory

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The UW Oshkosh men’s and women’s swim and dive teams both secured victories against Carroll University on Saturday, with the men’s team outscoring Carroll 121-69 and the women’s team earning a hard fought win 119-109.

“Overall I’m pleased with the performance,” Said UWO swimming and diving head coach Christopher Culp. “We focused on the idea of making sure to be competitive. Everybody counts in the team competitions.”

The men’s team was led by Conner Clark and Alex Jernberg, who both took first in two individual events. Clark won the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:04.99 and the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:11.86. Jernberg took first place in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:22.41) and the 1,000 yard freestyle (10:54.29).

“You can always count on Alex to be the best racer in the pool. Nobody is not within striking distance for him,” said Culp.

Both Clark and Jernberg were also part of team relays. Clark contributed to a win in the 400-yard medley team consisting of Drew Davis, Hayden Freeman and Cade Millam and Jernberg was in the first place 400-yard freestyle team with Andrew Copeland, Cody Else, and Cade Millam. Additionally, Davis was the winner of the 50 yard freestyle (23.42) and Cade Milliam was victorious in the 200-yard freestyle (52.58). In all, the Titans had 22 top four finishers and won eight of the 11 events in an outstanding performance in the pool.

The women’s team battled their way to a win with the help of several standout performances led by Brianna Smith and Ella Thibert, who both secured two wins in individual events. Smith was named first in the 500 and 1,000-yard freestyle with times of 5:56.05

and 12:11.92.

“I thought the whole team did really well. Seeing all the hard work in practice and seeing it reflect in the pool was a great experience,” said Smith. “We came in knowing that we wanted to do the best that we could.”

Thibert, a diver, won with a score of 184.27 points from the one-meter board and 192.60 from the three-meter plank.

Other first place finishers for the Titans included Candace Showalter in the 200-yard freestyle (2:06.68), Morgan Beckett in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:42.30) and the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Emma Hall, Francesca Schiro, Brianna Smith and Candace Showalter. Overall, the team won seven of 13 events and had 23 top-four finishes.

“We know early on in the season that mistakes will be made, so for now we’re focused on staying with the game plan and improving for the conference tournament,” said Culp.

Smith is excited to keep improving in the pool, but also to continue competing with her teammates.

Jernberg and Thibert were both named Kwik Trip Athletes of the Week for their performances on Saturday.

The UWO swim and dive teams are back in action this Saturday, Nov. 6 against UW-Whitewater. The meet begins at 1 p.m.



Courtesy of UWO Athletics
Both the men’s and women’s teams hold a 1-1 record in 2021.

Sports

Titans say “WIAC for me”

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The UW Oshkosh Women’s soccer team beat UW-River Falls 1-0 in overtime at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium On Oct. 30th. The win sealed the top spot in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) for the Titans, who went undefeated in play.

Neither team was able to score in the first half, even though the Titans out-shot River Falls 11-0 and forced six saves out of Falcons goalie Kaylie Krueger. The second half has the same story as the first, as the Titans just could not put the ball in the back of the net. After regulation, Oshkosh out shot UWRF 28-2 and forced 16 saves out of Krueger.

UWO goalie Erin Toomey only faced one shot on goal all game, finishing with one save. Oshkosh failed to score on three separate occasions in the second half. Forward Mallory Knight had a penalty kick saved in the 47th minute and hit the woodwork in the 61st minute. Alexia Poulos also had a shot hit the post in the 71st minute.

Finally, in overtime the Titans broke the deadlock in the 96th minute. Forward Rylie Kaufmann took a corner and found defender Mackenzie Bennett from three yards out, who headed the ball into the back of the net for her third goal of the season.

After the game, forward Piper Green said, “[The win] was huge for our program. Our team does a good job of playing together and not individually. Each and every person on the team contributed to winning the WIAC. We couldn’t have done it without each other!”

With their win over UWRF (6-11-2, 0-6-2 WIAC) the Titans extended their winning streak to seven matches and have won 12 straight at home.

Oshkosh has not lost at J.J. Keller Field at Titan Stadium since Oct. 9, 2019. The Titans have outscored their opponents this year 45-10, including 22-3 during the second half and overtime. UWO also outshoots their opponents 314-131 and leads in shots on goal, 174-54.

“All I can say is that I’m so proud of this team and how hard we’ve all worked to get where

we are now. We’ve put ourselves in a really great position for the postseason and we still have a lot left to accomplish,” said Toomey.

UWO improved to 14-2-1 and is 7-0 in the conference this season. The Titans captured its first ever outright league championship and their second title overall.

The last time the Titans won the WIAC was in 2015, when they shared the title with UW-La Crosse. UW Oshkosh will be the top seed in the WIAC tournament and will play the lowest remaining seed on Nov. 4.

The Titans received a first round bye for winning the conference and will host their semifinal match at J.J. Keller field at Titan Stadium. UWL (13-3-2, 6-1 WIAC) is the second seed in the tournament, with UW-Stevens Point (8-10, 4-3 WIAC) coming in third, UW-Whitewater (12-6, 4-3 WIAC) in fourth, UW-Eau Claire (9-8-2, 3-4 WIAC) in fifth and UW-Stout (11-7-1, 0-6-2 WIAC) in sixth. UW Oshkosh will be seeking its third WIAC Tournament title and the first since 2015.



Courtesy of Sarah Witherspoon
UWO defender Caylee Fry passes the ball downfield towards the goal at J.J. Keller Stadium.

Running running and running running

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The UW Oshkosh cross-country team finished in third place out of eight teams Saturday in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) championship held at Whitetail Golf Course in Colfax, Wisconsin.

UW-La Crosse took first place in the meet. UW-Whitewater took second, featuring David Fassbender the fastest of 95 runners in the championship. He ran eight kilometers in 24:35

UWO’s top runner for the competition was senior Cody Chadwick, who clocked a time of 25:26; his time made him the 10th fastest runner.

Junior runner Ryan Dolnik said he was very pleased with how he did considering the fact that he didn’t feel as though his training went well in the summer. Dolnik, whose best time of the season was 27:03 at the Lawrence University Gene Davis Invitational, also said that he was very proud to be able to compete in the conference competition.

“Personally I’m very happy with my performance,” Dolnik said. “Coming off a rough summer of training I wasn’t having high expectations but I managed to have a good season for myself, even earning a conference spot.”

Dolnik, who finished 62nd overall in the WIAC championship with a time of 27:20, stated that the expectation going into the meet was to finish in the top three as a team. He also said that even though the team achieved that goal, it wasn’t the team’s best performance.

“Placing 3rd at conference was the expectation going into it, [but it] wasn’t the best outing,” he said. “However, if on a bad day we meet expectations, then a good day will certainly exceed them.”

UWO placed first at the LU Gene Davis Invitational on Oct. 9 and at the UWW Open on Oct. 22.

Dolnik stated that being around others who have the same aspirations as him has really helped improve his performance throughout the year.

“Just the team dynamic [is my favorite],” Dolnik said. “Having a bunch of people with the same goal as you is a great motivator, and these guys are an awesome group.”

Dolnik, who is running in his final season as a UWO runner, said that cross-country has helped him balance his priorities and focus on hard work instead of focusing on just getting by with average results. He stated that he has really been able to push his limits this year.

“If on a bad day we meet expectations, then a good day will certainly exceed them.”

- Ryan Dolnik
UWO Cross-Country



Courtesy of UWO Athletics
Runner Cody Witthun gets second place with a time of 27:09, which is a pace under a 4.5 minute mile.

“It’s helped me manage my priorities, especially with this year being my final season,” he said. “It helped me to focus on the goals I had and really fine-tuned the belief that you can’t just coast by.”

UWO will go on to compete in the regional competition at the Ripon College Red Hawk

Open at the Tuscumbia Golf Course in Green Lake.

Dolnik said this team is very strong and that they will be entering the regional competition with high expectations. He has faith in his teammates to show up and perform.

“The team just earned a third place finish in the WIAC and

with regionals next weekend the expectations are high,” Dolnik said. “Our guys know what needs to be done and I have no doubt that they will show up on race day and earn a nationals berth.”



Kelly Hueckman / Advance-Titan

The Fox Cities Student Affair office has a book shelf called Fox Pantry that contains canned food, hygiene products and necessary school supplies for students to buy.

UWO-Fox Cities ‘Pack the Pantry’

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Located in the hallway cover near the Fox Cities Student Affairs office is an old bookshelf stocked with soup cans, soaps and school supplies.

While this bookshelf, also known as the Fox Pantry, may not look like much, its availability has helped numerous students to simply get by in financially difficult times.

The Fox Pantry is available on a take-what-you-need basis, no questions asked. This is an excellent resource for students struggling with where they will get their next meal, batch of hygiene products or necessary school supplies.

The small-scale pantry relies solely on donations, like boxes of cereal, feminine hy-

giene products and grab-and-go snacks.

Currently, the Fox Pantry is running its fall food drive, encouraging community members to donate what they can to “Pack the Pantry.”

“Our shelves kept ending up empty,” said New Student Event Coordinator Jackie Connell.

Connell remembered how in 2019, the supply of donations couldn’t keep up with the demand for products. Now, as many community members are still in recovery from a nation-wide issue of financial insecurity due to the recent pandemic, Connell has set a goal of 500 donated items.

“This has been a tough couple of years now,” said Connell. “We hope to create a backstock

of items to keep our shelves full through winter.”

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the annual fall food drive for the Fox Pantry could not take place.

UW Oshkosh-Fox Cities sophomore Jeremiah Lichtfuss shared his experience with the Fox Pantry.

“I thought it was awesome because it provided me with stuff I wouldn’t normally be able to get,” Lichtfuss said about utilizing the student resource last year.

Lichtfuss says the pantry is particularly useful for students living on their own and paying for their own tuition.

“The cost of college is so expensive already,” he shared. “It’s extremely useful to save on my monthly budget.”

With the cost of tuition rising at a rate much quicker than the average household income, the process of sending students through college is becoming an increasingly costly burden.

According to a study by LendEDU, 68% of college students are at least partially, if not fully, responsible for paying the cost



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of their schooling.

Because of this, the number of students also working jobs has been in a steady incline over the past decade.

“The pantry is great for students who need to alleviate some of their financial stress,” Lichtfuss said. “It’s perfect for students who are too busy to cook their own meals, can’t afford it or don’t have a way to get

to the grocery store.”

The “Pack the Pantry” food drive is currently in its last week of accepting donations counted toward the 500-item goal. So far, over half of the goal has been reached.

The food drive team is doing a final promotional push for donations until Nov. 8, but it will continue to accept donations even after the event ends.



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Greek Life at UW Oshkosh provides opportunities to get involved with serving campus and community through fundraising and volunteering events.

Club spotlight: Greek Life at UWO

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There are many different clubs — 183, in fact, on all three UW Oshkosh campuses according to Presence. One of the major organizations that has different branches throughout campus is Fraternity & Sorority Life (FSL), or Greek Life.

Greek Life here at UW Oshkosh is composed of four sororities (Alpha Xi Delta, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Zeta Tau Alpha and Gamma Phi Beta) and five fraternities (Beta Theta Pi, Omega Delta Phi, Delta Chi, Delta Sigma Phi and Sigma Pi).

All these organizations provide a lot of different opportunities to support the community. Their four main pillars are Leadership, Service, Scholarship and Friendship.

The organizations provide a great place to grow as a leader, serve the community and others, strive for academics, and make life-long friendships.

A lot of people go to these organizations because they are interested in being a part of an organization on campus but are also looking for friendships out of them as well.

Pam Fleming, a fifth-year senior and a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma, said she has been grateful for

what the sorority offered her.

“I’ve really liked how easy it was to use Greek Life to make so many friends and connections, especially with people outside of your own chapter,” Fleming said.

Greek Life has been able to provide Fleming with great opportunities to learn through her leadership roles.

“In Greek Life, I’ve been able to develop myself so much as a person and transfer new skills that I learned into other aspects of my life,” Fleming said.

The same thing also goes for the fraternities on campus, as they have a strong presence of belonging throughout their chapters.

Jack Liddicoat, a junior and member of Delta Sigma Phi, joined because of his friends but found more.

“I joined because most of my friends were joining, but I was also looking for the brotherhood a fraternity provided, and I found that in Delta Sig,” said Liddicoat.

Liddicoat said he also likes being able to collaborate with the other organizations on campus with events throughout the year.

“I really enjoy the winter carnival event we have every year,” said Liddicoat, “You get to engage with the campus community, and it sets



the tone for the second half of the school year.”

Greek Life has multiple events like this throughout the year that provide opportunities to find friendships throughout fraternities and sororities alike while also interacting and giving back to the community.

Sam Sasin, a senior and member of Gamma Phi Beta, joined Greek Life for the aspect of serving something more.

“I was interested in Greek Life because I wanted to have a purpose other than academics and feel more fulfilled,” said Sasin.

At first, Sasin said she wasn’t sure if she wanted to join Greek Life, but she found it to be exactly what she wanted.

“I was involved a lot in high school, and when I got to UWO I had no idea what kind of extracurricular I wanted to do until I learned more about Greek Life,” said Sasin, “I met the women in it and knew it was perfect for me!”

The fraternities and sororities do a lot of fundraising, volunteering and helping out with the community.

They support causes like Breast Cancer Education and Awareness, March of Dimes, the Kindly Hearts Campaign and many others.

The sororities and fraternities have many benefits, from serving the community to making lifelong friendships throughout the process.



This week in UWO history

Nov. 4, 1947 — Seumas MacManus, a well-known Irish poet and storyteller, presents old Irish folk tales at an Oshkosh assembly. He comments on how during the winter months, farmers and their families will gather around the fireplaces in the evenings to hear handed down tales.

Nov. 5, 1941 — Ms. Mary Kinsley, the lone surviving member of the first graduating class of the old Oshkosh Normal School, celebrates her 100th birthday. She is considered a pioneering teacher.

Nov. 6, 1993 — Stacey Kole, Miss Arizona 1998, speaks about eating disorders and their associated symptoms, treatments and causes at the Reeve Memorial Union Ballroom. Kole said about 33% of all college women and 20% of all college students have eating issues.

Nov. 7, 2003 — Baron Wolman, the first chief photographer for Rolling Stone magazine, speaks to a packed Reeve Memorial Union Theater about photographing famous musicians of the 1960s. Wolman shows pictures, of among others, Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin and Frank Zappa while he worked for the publication from 1967-1970. Hendrix was his favorite to photograph. “The guy on stage was a wild man, a creative wild man,” Wolman said. “I got so into this [one particular] concert I felt like I was playing the camera right along with the guitar.”

Nov. 8, 2003 — The Oshkosh Titans men’s soccer team records the first undefeated and untied regular season in the 20-year history of the program by defeating Benedictine University (Illinois) 2-0. Tyler Winn and Nick Shebasta score the goals for the 18-0 Titans, one of only two perfect teams during the season in NCAA Division III (Trinity University [Texas], 19-0). Oshkosh’s victory also marks only the 14th 18-game winning streak in Division III history.

Nov. 9, 1957 — The final day of an Oshkosh-hosted two-day major debate tournament – a school first – concludes with Northwestern defeating Marquette 3-2. About 65 attend the championship match in the school’s library. Oshkosh finishes the tournament with a 10-4 record.

Nov. 10, 1911 — Booker T. Washington visits and speaks at the school. Washington speaks about the education of African Americans and the advancements made at Tuskegee.

Source: UWO Archives

Side hustles for college students

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Just like many of those who will end up reading this, I am a college student who owes the university thousands of dollars per year while dedicating 20-40 hours a week to school-related activities.

Whether it be class, homework, special events or a study group, two things are for certain when it comes to college; it costs a fortune, and it's time consuming.

The time consuming aspect prevents many students from working traditional eight hour shifts, with the exception of a rare weekday without classes or the weekend. Some students even work overnight, exchanging sleep for a paycheck that will go towards paying off debt.

This predicament is a perfect example of why side hustles, ways to make income without working a typical time-restricting shift, are extremely useful. Most side hustles have worker-determined hours, so one can balance their schedule on a week-by-week basis depending on how heavy their college workload is.

Food Delivery Driving

Whether it be with DoorDash, UberEats or another food delivery service, being a delivery driver is a phenomenal way to make some quick cash.

Drivers will typically get paid by the order, meaning the faster one completes the orders, the more money they will make. This does not mean that speeding is encouraged, but efficiently walking from one's car to the houses of others while delivering will help a ton.

Since payment

is by the order, the driver can stop delivering at any time. Moderately urban areas, such as Oshkosh, are great for food delivery drivers because the area is crowded enough to make business but not so condensed that traffic will hinder someone from completing orders in a fast manner.

As a DoorDash driver myself, I am making an average of \$23.70 on 75 total orders. Most of these orders have been completed in Kenosha, Wisconsin, but that city is comparable in size to Oshkosh.

Stock Trading

Stock trading is another potential source of income, but this is considered passive. Passive income is a way to earn money throughout the day without actively putting work in. With stocks, all one must do is put a buy order in and watch the share price of the stock grow.

I would personally recommend that one put their money into a stock that replicates the S&P 500, a measurement of the top 500 companies in the stock market.

According to Yahoo Finance, the S&P 500 has grown an aver-

age of greater than 10% a year since 1970.

Simply put, by putting money into stocks that replicate the S&P 500 (I use the Vanguard S&P 500 exchange-traded fund) and relying on the stocks' past performance, one can expect a profit gain of roughly 10%.

Remember that compound interest applies here, so a 10% gain in year five will be larger than a 10% gain in year one.

Investing in stocks with dividends is also a way to assure profit. A dividend is a percentage of money that a stock will give back to its shareholder incrementally. Most stocks pay dividends over the course of a year.

For example, if someone buys five shares of a stock that pays back \$2 per share, that company will pay the person \$10 over the course of a year. That \$10 can then be re-invested into the stock to guarantee a slightly larger dividend payment in the next year.

When it comes to collecting stock profits as a source of income, remember that these profits are taxed.

Online children's books

Selling an online book for profit may sound like a complicated process, but it doesn't have to be. Companies like Kindle Direct Publishing (KDP) work with Amazon to create and distribute books while allowing the creator to enjoy a portion of the profits.

All that the creator has to do is write and create the art for the children's book before publishing a

PDF copy of the correct dimensions online.

Once the content is reviewed for copyright infringement and passes other requirements, the creator's book can be sent onto Amazon within one to two weeks.

The book is then able to be bought among the thousands of other children's books out there, but the more buys a certain book gets, the higher the book rises in search relevancy. Promoting the book online to family, friends and even the public in general will allow your profit numbers to rise.

Additionally, the more books one creates, the more they are able to saturate the market and increase the chances that someone stumbles upon, and buys, what they've created.

Podcasting

How does it sound to get paid to talk about any topic that you want while having others listen to that conversation?

With the popularity of podcasting seeming higher than ever following the pandemic, this form of content distribution, if promoted correctly, is a huge money maker.

I personally use the platform Anchor to distribute my podcast, called "All Sports Now". Anchor, which is owned by Spotify, allows podcasters to read a script promoting the platform for sponsorship money.

Anchor has a \$15 cost per thousand sponsorship rate, meaning that for every thousand listens a podcast gets, a podcaster will make \$15.

I started my podcast a year ago, made an instagram account (@all.sportsnow), a twitter account (@allsportsnowpod) and a YouTube account ("All Sports Now") for it, and I have seen steady but promising growth.

Podcasts take patience and an initial investment in equipment such as microphones and



possibly a webcam if one plans to exercise the visual aspect of the platform, but the room for growth is astronomical.

YouTube

While YouTubers with millions of subscribers who are able to buy their own houses with their channel revenue may make the feat of making money off of the platform seem like an impossible one, the requirements aren't too far fetched.

In order to qualify for monetization, a YouTuber must have 1,000 subscribers and 4,000 hours of watch time over the course of the last year.

YouTube's cost per thousand rate depends on engagement, location and many other factors, but once a creator reaches that initial threshold, they can begin to make money for content creation.

If a creator can garner a large enough audience, brands may reach out by offering money for a promotion of their product on the channel with a certain number of subscribers.

One thing to note with all of these side hustles, except for stock trading, is that one will typically have to file taxes for each source of income that brings in over \$600 in a year. With stock trading, capital gains (profits from selling a stock) are taxed as ordinary income if sold in the same year.

These are just a few side hustles that I find helpful when it comes to racking in extra income as a busy college student, but countless other money-making options are just a Google search away.



Letter to the Editor

Did we learn nothing from 'The Music Man'?

By Baron Perlman
Retired UWO faculty member

Apparently River City's going to have a boys' band! Let us rephrase that: UWO is going to copy "The Music Man" and institute its own walloping marching band. Right now the search is on for a new Professor Harold Hill (you will remember he was a con man, his ultimate con being the purchase of instruments and uniforms, though no music instruction was provided).

Chancellor Leavitt is cheering it on. I hope the band plays Give Them the Old Razzle Dazzle. It would be appropriate.

Had it not been for Marian the Librarian, Hill's ploy would have gone a'glimmerin and he would have left that little Iowa town sad, wise, and suspicious of anyone coming up with a newfangled notion.

"The Music Man" taught us three lessons. First, that damned boys' band was gonna be expensive (\$750,000 just to warm up).

Second, the plain folks out there (dare we mention students?) are not that readily made enthusiastic just because they hear the noise and see the glitter. And third, failed promises sometime distract us from what is really important – the quality of education the University provides – quality, a newfangled idea!

Maybe a fourth: can we find a Marian the Librarian to save us from this folly?

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