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3 Colleges and 6 schools  
Estimated \$1.75 million annually

College of Business,  
Media &  
Communication

College of Culture,  
Society & Education

College of Nursing,  
Health Professions &  
STEM

Business

Culture &  
Society

STEM

Media,  
Communication  
& Arts

Education

Nursing & Health  
Professions

## Model B

3 Colleges and 8 schools  
Estimated \$1.5 million annually

College of Business,  
Science & Technology

College of Culture,  
Society & Education

College of Nursing &  
Health Professions

Business

Culture &  
Society

Health Professions

STEM

Education  
Public  
Administration &  
Sustainability

Nursing

Media,  
Communication  
& Arts

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Faculty voted to move forward with restructuring UWO under Model A, which will split the university into three colleges and six schools while saving \$1.75 million.

# UWO faculty votes for Model A

Faculty supports academic restructuring under 3 college, 6 school model

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The UW Oshkosh faculty voted in support of Model A of the academic restructuring plan, which aims to better allocate university resources and disciplines, Provost Edwin Martini announced in an April 19 email.

In February, Martini announced the university's plan to restructure the current academic model by January 2025 with one of two options.

The two options, called Model A and Model B, are expected to save UWO \$1.75 and \$1.5 million a year, respectively.

Additionally, the university's four colleges — the College of

Business, the College of Education and Human Services, the College of Letters and Science and the College of Nursing — would be reduced to three.

Model A includes the College of Business, Media and Communication; the College of Culture, Society and Education and the College of Nursing, Health Professions and STEM.

The six schools included in the plan are Business; Culture and Society; STEM; Media, Communication and Arts; Education and Nursing and Health Professions.

The colleges included in Model B are the College of Business, Science and Technology; the College of Culture, Society and Education and the College of

Nursing and Health Professions.

The eight schools in this model are Business; Culture and Society; Public Administration and Sustainability; STEM; Education; Media, Communication and Arts; Health Professions and Nursing.

Martini said in his announcement that Model A aims to "build an academy around student-centered career pathways and nationally recognized career clusters aligning UWO with career planning processes used in K-12 systems."

Martini also highlighted some of the model's benefits.

"The model was also designed to preserve disciplinary integrity within an interdisciplinary

framework," he said. "And the model contributes significantly to eliminating our structural deficit by significantly reducing administrative and instructional costs."

These cost reductions will help the university eliminate its \$18 million deficit potentially by next fiscal year, Martini said.

Faculty Senate President Pascale Manning said in an email that of the 251 votes cast in the referendum, Model A received 123 votes, Model B received 62 votes and "Neither" received 66 votes. This eliminated Model B.

Model A then won in the second round with 164 votes.

This shift in academic structure comes after UWO laid off more than 200 staff in October

and gutted university programs in an effort to curb its \$18 million deficit. But Martini said restructuring is still necessary.

"More work still needs to be done to close our structural deficit and to highlight distinctive features of our programs and university," he said. "Continuing with restructuring, stabilizing our enrollment and improving retention will allow us to eliminate our structural deficit by the end of fiscal year 2025 and put us in an excellent position for targeted growth and strategic investment."

The university plans on hosting open forums before the final model is voted on next month and implemented next year.

# Police investigate men entering off-campus homes

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The Oshkosh Police Department is investigating two incidents of males entering women's bedrooms in two separate off-campus residences. No one was injured and nothing was taken in both cases.

"We take incidents like these seriously and want to remind citizens to be aware of their surroundings for their personal safety," an OPD press release said of

the incidents. "Based off the differences in the suspect descriptions, it is unknown if these two incidents are related."

The first incident occurred April 1, when a male suspect entered a home in the 800 block of Vine Avenue. At around 7:28 a.m., police say a female called to report that the suspect was standing in the doorway to her bedroom and fled the scene after she yelled at him. The suspect, who was reported to be wearing a slim fitting black jacket, dark pants

and a white mask, was described as being around 6 feet, 2 inches tall with a skinny build.

The second incident occurred April 14, when another female reported to police that a male had entered her house in the 1200 block of Wisconsin Avenue at around 4 a.m. The female told police that she woke up and saw the second male suspect standing over her while she was sleeping in her bed. Similar to the first incident, the female screamed at the suspect, and he fled the scene.

Catherine Clark, one of the women who lives at the residence on Wisconsin Street, said she never once felt unsafe and didn't think a break-in would ever happen where she lives.

"We used to not lock the doors if someone was home, but now after anyone leaves or enters the house, the door is locked," Clark said. "It doesn't matter if someone is home. Our doors will stay locked."

Clark said she had a friend sleep over at her house when the

intruder entered the home.

"My friend heard my roommate scream when the guy was standing over her while she slept and asked me if I heard a scream," Clark said. "My fan was loud, and I was so deep in sleep that I told her she was dreaming when she heard the scream. I wish I would have reacted, but I really didn't think much of it. It's hard to accept that I didn't react in the situation, but I can't change the past."

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# Evers signs Act 266 into law

## Bill allows for Hmong, Asian American history to be taught in K-12

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Governor Tony Evers signed Act 266 into law April 4 which states that Hmong and Asian American history shall be part of the Wisconsin K-12 curriculum.

"The Hmong and Asian American communities are a critical part of our state's history, culture, economy and our future," Governor Evers said in an April 4 press release. "It's important that we celebrate our shared histories and honor the people who help make Wisconsin the state it is today."

"I think this is kind of a long time coming," Chong Moua, assistant professor of Hmong Studies at UW Oshkosh said.

Moua said it was crucial to finally have the policy in formal writing so that educators could advocate for more resources and college students could come to class with a prior understanding of Hmong and Asian American studies.

"The possibilities are just so much more," Moua said. "I think we've been waiting for not having to start at the beginning all the time, in terms of these courses and in terms of having people think about, 'why is it important to learn Hmong history?'"

She also emphasized Hmong students seeing themselves reflected in the curriculum and classmates who understand their backgrounds.

By comparison, the teaching of African American, Hispanic and Indigenous American studies was already required in Wisconsin, with Indigenous history required since 1991.

At least 11 bills akin to Act 266 were introduced between 2005 and 2021, but all failed to move forward. Choua Xiong, assistant professor of Hmong Studies at UW Oshkosh, said there were likely a range of reasons it took so long to add Hmong and Asian American



Courtesy of jpellen / Flickr

Gov. Tony Evers signed Act 266 April 4, which adds Hmong and Asian American history to the Wisconsin K-12 curriculum.

history to the existing law. One reason was who was at the table when speaking about the proposal.

"What happened this time around is that after all these long years of conversations of the bill, people were intentional about building bipartisan relationships and spreading awareness, and this really drove the conversations in those rooms," Xiong said. "But also, there is an increase of Hmong organizers and organizations that happen more, you know, active in talking with different folks about this."

Moua also felt that the anti-Asian hate that arose during COVID-19 played a role in gaining more support for the addition of Hmong and Asian American history. "One of the solutions that is always proposed is more awareness, more education," Moua said. "And I think that that's also what happened this time, is that that really did galvanize people to get their act together and say, 'hey,

maybe we really need to just do this as one part of the solution.'"

As for what they hope the curriculum will include, Xiong said she wants students to come to college with an understanding of the construction of race.

"The place that I often meet people at is that they learn to appreciate culture," Xiong said. "But then they don't actually know the depth of race, because this is not just about appreciating, but it's about understanding, you know why these categories even exist."

Moua said she hopes students will learn about how Hmong people got to the United States and, more specifically, how the concept of war impacts the classification of immigrants or refugees. She hopes students can apply this knowledge to contemporary conversations regarding border crossings.

"I think there's a lot of negative connotations that are associated

with these two categories, especially now. Especially when we're talking about border crossings," said Moua. "Why is one body crossing a certain border more dangerous or more suspicious than other bodies crossing other borders?"

Moua also hopes Wisconsin schools include Hmong and Asian Americans in the conversation when creating the curriculum and that they find a way to recognize educators who have been teaching their history for years despite no formal requirement in the law.

"I think there's a lot of opportunity for Wisconsin to be the pioneer and take a lot of big steps and model things for maybe other states to do," said Moua. "Because the community right here, the largest Asian American population, happens to be Hmong. And so, let's be the leader in Hmong studies."

## Trespassing: Men enter two separate homes

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The suspect in the second incident is described as a white male, between 5 feet, 10 inches and 6 feet tall with a muscular build and approximately college age with brown chin-length hair. According to the female at the scene, he was wearing a long-sleeved dark colored t-shirt, dark pants and a black ski mask that covered half of his face.

Clark said the police handled the situation as best as they could have.

"They seemed a bit distressed that a similar thing happened twice, but they did everything they could to help," Clark said "I think it's important to note that the perpetrator may have done more than break in. He took undergarments from my roommate's room and threw them all around our kitchen. It was gross and violating. The police suspected some disgusting acts were done with the undergarments too."

Alissa Weber, a UW Oshkosh student and another woman who lives at the residence on Wisconsin Street, said that the incident has caused her to start double-checking her doors.

"I am more aware of noises and

cautious of sounds in the house," Weber said. "I do get a little spooked when I turn my lights off right before bed and am fearful that it might happen again, but it is slowly getting easier to fall asleep each night."

Clark said she hopes UWO students will take the incidents seriously.

"The fact that not just our house but another house was broken into is so scary," Clark said. "It's so disturbing to think that someone would break into your house and just watch you sleep. Just remember to keep your doors and windows locked when they're not in use or you're not home. I don't want the intruder to do this to anyone else."

In an interview with Fox 11, OPD Public Affairs/Crime Prevention officer Kate Mann said the suspects gained entry into the homes through an unlocked door and window, and that nothing was stolen from the residences.

"We do want to remind citizens to be aware of their surroundings and remember to secure both windows — especially with the warm weather, secure those windows and secure those doors," Mann told

Fox 11. "We don't know the intention of the people that were entering into the homes, but we want to error on the side of caution."

Weber said that she wants students to make sure they lock their doors and windows, especially if they are living off campus.

"Even if you think you are safe, there is always a chance of something happening," Weber said. "I thought the same thing, I never would have imagined this happening to me and when it does happen, you wish you would've been more cautious, and you kick yourself thinking how could I have let this happen and why. I have never been more aware of my surroundings until now and I take safety precautions more seriously."

The investigations are still ongoing and Oshkosh police urge anyone with information regarding the incidents to contact OPD at 920-236-5700 or the Winnebago County Crime Stoppers at 920-231-8477.

Clark said that she now finds herself scanning the area around her house when she leaves to see if anyone is watching her.

"I might sound a bit paranoid but I don't want anything like

### What can the public do?

- Be sure to lock all doors and windows when you leave the house.
- Contact OPD at 920-236-5700 if you see any suspicious activity in your neighborhood.
- Keep keys and other valuables in secure places and out of sight.
- Invest in a doorbell camera for extra protection.
- Never tell people you live alone or will be away from your house for an extended period of time

that happening again," Clark said. "The worst part is that the intruder actually broke in through an unlocked window and not a door. They scaled part of the house to get to that window. They were on a mission to get into our house and it was no joke or harmless prank. You really don't think those things would happen to you until they do."

*Editor's note: the names of residents have been changed to protect their identity.*

# Sports



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

Ray Talbert runs during the Viking Invitational, which took place April 19 and 20. Talbert won the 100-meter dash.



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

Alexa Gordee jumps for second during the Augustana College Meet of Champions.

## Track and field wins 17 events

By Owen Larsen  
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The UW Oshkosh men's and women's track teams combined to win 17 events across three separate meets, the Lawrence University Viking Invitational, Augustana College (Ill.) Meet of Champions and UW-La Crosse Phil Esten Challenge, on April 19 and 20.

The men's team tallied 10 of the 17 event wins over the weekend.

At the Viking Invitational, junior Zach Nelson won the 3,000-meter run with a time of

10:22.39 while junior Jake Krause won the 1,500-meter run with a time of 4:03.92.

Jelani Lawson took first place in the 400-meter dash with a time of 50.72 seconds. Junior Ray Talbert finished in first place in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.01 seconds.

The 400-meter hurdles saw two UWO competitors take the top two spots with Weston Lerdal taking first with a time of 57.45 seconds and Reid Marquardt taking second with a time of 58.43 seconds.

Freshman Kyle Wisniewski

took first place in the high jump with a height of 2.05 meters.

In Augustana, the Titans would win two more events. Dylan Gramley took first place in the 100-meter dash at 10.67, with his teammate Danny Vinson taking second in the event with a time of 10.95 seconds.

Rashaad Henderson took first place in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.64 seconds and UWO's Londyn Little took second place in the same event with a time of 21.77 seconds.

The women's team took home

seven event wins over the weekend.

At the Viking Invitational, Olivia Stenzel took first place in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:01.11. Stenzel also took first place in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:23.62

In the 100-meter dash, two Titans claimed the top two spots with freshman Ella Ahlstrand taking first with a 12.60 second time and junior Andrea Glaz taking first with a time of 12.71 seconds.

Jayda Dobeck took first place in the 400-meter hurdles, with

UWO's Drue Polka taking second, the two recorded times of 1:12.00 and 1:14.55.

Brenna Masloroff won the shot put event with a distance of 12.75 meters. Abi Masloroff won the hammer throw event with a distance of 56.04 meters.

In La Crosse, Amelia Lehman claimed the last first place finish for the Titans with a time of 4:36.53 in the 1,500-meter run.

Both teams will return to action at the Drake University Relays that take place from April 24-27.

## Kyle Jones departs for head Simpson College job

Submitted News

Simpson College Director of Athletics Marty Bell announced on April 22 that Kyle Jones has been named the college's 24th head men's basketball coach. Jones' appointment comes following an extensive nationwide search.

Jones spent the last three years as the top assistant coach at UW Oshkosh. The Titans were 57-26 during that span, winning two regular season conference championships as well as one tournament championship. The program made two NCAA Division III Tournament appearances, advancing as far as the Elite Eight in 2023. Jones helped coach two first team All-Americans, two conference most valuable players, and seven all-conference selections.

"With a deep understanding of our region and proven track record as a coach and player in Division

III, Coach Jones brings a wealth of experience to our program," Bell said. "I would like to thank President Byers, the Search Advisory Team, the Simpson community, and everyone involved in the search process for their support and contributions. We are excited to welcome Coach Jones and his wife, Lori, to the Simpson Athletic Department and the ONESimpson Family."

Originally from East Troy, Wisconsin, Jones earned his bachelor's degree in business management from Carroll University in 2012. He was a four-year starter for the Pioneer men's basketball program, playing in 99 games and accumulating 1,054 career points. The team achieved a 61-38 record during his four seasons and advanced to the second round of the NCAA D-III Championship his senior year.

Jones transitioned into a graduate assistant coaching role at

Carroll in 2013 and achieved a master's degree in business administration two years later. He was promoted to associate head coach ahead of the 2017-18 campaign and spent eight total seasons on the Pioneer sidelines before making his way to UWO. He's excited to get things rolling at Simpson.

"I'm incredibly grateful for the opportunity to serve as the next head men's basketball coach at Simpson College," said Jones. "I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Director of Athletics Marty Bell and President Jay Byers for their trust and support. During the interview process, it was clear that Simpson College is a special place with people who care deeply. I'm eager to get started. Roll Storm!"

Simpson Athletics will host a welcome reception at a date TBD to introduce Coach Jones to the campus and community.



### UWO track and field first place finishers

| Men's         |                 |                   | Women's            |                  |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Zach Nelson   | Kyle Wisniewski | Bryce Hale        | Olivia Stenzel x 2 | Brenna Masloroff |
| Jake Krause   | Gavin Fritsch   | Rashaad Henderson | Ella Ahlstrand     | Abi Masloroff    |
| Ray Talbert   | Dylan Gramley   | Jelani Lawson     | Jayda Dobeck       | Amelia Lehman    |
| Weston Lerdal |                 |                   |                    |                  |

# Sports



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

Sydney Rau stands at third base during the doubleheader against UW-River Falls. Rau went 6-for-7 with two RBIs and two stolen bases during the doubleheader.

## Softball's perfect season ends

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The No. 20 UW Oshkosh softball team went 5-1 last week, moving their record to 27-1.

Even though the Titans undefeated streak ended, they still took five of the six games that the team played in last week. Head Coach Scott Beyer was happy with how the team played in the long week.

"Going 5-1 last week, with four games on the road, was tough," Beyer said. "But we played consistently and I was very pleased with our result."

UWO started the week on Tuesday with the rescheduled doubleheader at the Milwaukee School of Engineering from April 2. The Titans won game one 2-0 behind four strong innings from Abby Freismuth, Freismuth allowed only two hits and struck out three.

Despite not being able to take advantage with runners in scoring position in the first and third innings, the Titans were able to break open the scoring in the fourth as Morgan Rau sent her sister Sydney Rau home with an RBI double.

Morgan Miller extended the Titans' lead in the sixth with a homer to make it 2-0 and that's all UWO needed to win game one. The Titans won game two 4-0 behind two home runs from Sophie Wery, along with nine strikeouts on the mound and a four-hit day at the plate from Sydney Nemetz.

In their doubleheader the next day, UWO took on the No. 23 UW-Whitewater Warhawks in a nationally ranked battle. The Titans were able to come out with a split. UWO dominated game one with a 13-2 win in five innings.

It was a complete game for the Titans as not only did Nemetz pitch all five innings, but all nine batters recorded a hit for UWO. The Titans broke open the game with a five-run first inning to get a 5-1 lead.

The next four innings were scoreless until the Titans put together an eight-run fifth inning to extend the lead to 13-1. Whitewater scored on a sacrifice fly in the fifth for their final run before Nemetz got the final out. In game two, the Warhawks jumped out to a 2-1 lead in the second inning. Then UWO responded with a four-run fifth inning thanks to an

RBI double from Hannah Ritter and a two-run homer from Wery to get the lead back to 5-2 for the Titans.

Unfortunately for UWO, the Warhawks didn't go down without a fight. UWW scored two runs in the sixth on an RBI double and a fielder's choice to make it 5-4 UWO. Then in the seventh, Abby Garceau was stranded on second that potential run proved costly for UWO with two outs and runners on first and second.

The Warhawks hit the game winning RBI double to give UWO their first loss of the season. Although the finish to game two was tough, Beyer acknowledged that he was encouraged by how UWO played against UWW.

"We played good enough to win both games. It is tough to know we played well enough to win, but did not," Beyer said. "It is also encouraging to know you could've swept a great team and a big rival of ours. We left there knowing we played well and confident that we can play with anyone."

After a couple days of rest, the Titans returned to action on Saturday with a doubleheader against the UW-River Falls Fal-

cons. UWO was able to recover from the tough loss in game two against UWW, as the Titans swept the Falcons in both games.

The Titans won game one behind the 10th complete game from Nemetz as she struck out 13 while only allowing two hits and a walk in the win. The Titans offense gave her plenty of run support to work with.

UWO opened up the scoring with an RBI single from Morgan Rau in the second, the Titans were able to tally across another run in the second to make it 2-0. In the third, the Titans exploded for five runs and were able to make it 7-0. The big lead allowed Morgan Rau to hit the walkoff single in the sixth and allow the Titans to get a six inning win.

In game two, the Falcons opened up the scoring with an RBI single in the second. Fortunately, that would be the only lead UWRF would have in the game as UWO responded in the bottom half of the inning after Morgan Rau tied it with a solo home run to left field and Cali Divito hit the go ahead RBI groundout to make it 2-1. Two innings later the Titans were able to blow it open as Sydney

Rau hit an RBI triple to score Garceau and Miller. Then Sydney Rau was able to cross home after an RBI single from Ritter to make it 5-1.

UWO was able to close it out with a 5-1 win after Brianna Bougie pitched the final three innings allowing only one hit as she earned her seventh save of the season. Beyer loved how the team responded in the River Falls doubleheader after the tough loss to UWW.

"They didn't lose any confidence from that loss, and they responded the way a good team should: by staying consistent and showing up for each other on Saturday," Beyer said.

The Titans continued the homestand this week with a doubleheader against UW-Stevens Point on April 24. Visit the UWO athletics website for results.

UWO will host a doubleheader against UW-Stout on April 27. The two games will start at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

### UWO home run leaders

1. Sophie Wery (Jr.) - C - 6 HRs
2. Haylie Wittman (So.) - IF - 5 HRs
3. Morgan Rau (Sr.) - IF - 2 HRs
4. Sarah Hammerton (Fr.) - UT - 1 HR
5. Morgan Miller (So.) - P/UT - 1 HR

### UWO ERA leaders

1. Morgan Miller (So.) - RHP - 0.00 ERA
2. Brianna Bougie (Fr.) - RHP - 0.67 ERA
3. Sydney Nemetz (Jr.) - RHP - 0.91 ERA
4. Abby Freismuth (Sr.) - RHP - 1.05 ERA
5. Mia Crotty (Fr.) - LHP - 2.93 ERA

# Sports



## Scoreboard

### Thursday, April 18

**Baseball**  
 Game 1  
 UWO - 8  
 UW-Stevens Point - 3  
 Game 2  
 UWO - 7  
 UW-Stevens Point - 4

### Saturday, April 20

**Baseball**  
 UWO - 16  
 Lakeland University - 3  
**Softball**  
 Game 1  
 UWO - 8  
 UW-River Falls - 0  
 Game 2  
 UWO - 5  
 UW-River Falls - 1  
**Tennis**  
 UWO - 2  
 North Park University (Illinois) - 7  
**Golf**  
 UW-Whitewater Spring Invite  
 UWO - 11th place

### Sunday, April 21

**Golf**  
 Marian University Spring Invitational  
 UWO - 2nd place

### Wednesday, April 24

**Baseball**  
 at Carthage College (see results on UWO athletics website)  
**Softball**  
 Doubleheader vs. UW-Stevens Point (see results on UWO athletics website)  
**Track and Field**  
 Drake University Relays - Day 1 (see results on UWO athletics website)

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, April 25

**Softball**  
 at Carroll University at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.  
**Track and Field**  
 Drake University Relays - Day 2 at 11:30 a.m.  
 UW-Whitewater Drake Alternative Meet at 1 p.m.

### Friday, April 26

**Track and Field**  
 Drake University Relays - Day 3 at 8:30 a.m.

### Saturday, April 27

**Track and Field**  
 Drake University Relays - Day 4 at 8:10 a.m.  
 UW-Eau Claire Dick and Mary Johnson Invitational at 1 p.m.

**Baseball**  
 vs. UW-Stout at 12 p.m. and 4 p.m.  
**Softball**  
 vs UW-Stout at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

### Sunday, April 28

**Baseball**  
 at UW-Stout at 12 p.m. and 4 p.m.

# Baseball wins three straight

By Owen Larsen  
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The UW Oshkosh baseball team won three straight games with two wins over UW-Stevens Point on April 18 and a victory over Lakeland University on April 20.

Both UWO and UWSP headed into their doubleheader coming off tough weeks as the Titans had lost three of their past four contests and the Pointers lost both games of their doubleheader against UW-Stout on April 14.

LJ Waco took the mound for the Titans in the first game of the doubleheader. Waco headed into the contest with a 4-1 record, making his seventh start of the season.

The game didn't see any scoring until the third inning when Zach Taylor hit a two-run home run to give the Titans a 2-0 lead.

The Titans continued to put on a power display in the fifth inning when Jack McNamara went deep himself with a solo home run to extend the Titans' lead to 3-0.

The sixth inning was a big one for the Titans as Brenden Max got the scoring started in the inning for UWO with an RBI single up the middle that scored Mason Kirchberg from third base.

McNamara struck again in the following at-bat by hitting a two-RBI single to right field, doubling the Titans lead to 6-0.

Taylor hit his second home run of the game in the seventh inning, this one also a two-run shot to grow the Titans' lead to a commanding 8-0 lead.

The Pointers were able to put up three runs in the eighth inning but it proved to be too late as the Titans secured a 8-3 victory the next inning.

Waco earned the victory on the mound for the Titans, improving his record to 5-1 after throwing eight innings giving up three runs on six hits while striking out 14 batters. The 14 strikeouts from Waco was his highest of the season. Aaron Huibregtse came in for the Titans in the ninth inning and struck out the side to end the game.

Connor Brinkman made his eighth start of the season for the Titans in game two of the doubleheader, heading into the game with a 3-2 record.

The Titans jumped on the pointers earlier in the contest with a three run first inning. Jake Surane put the Titans on the board



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

LJ Waco throws a pitch during the win over UW-Stevens Point. Waco threw 14 strikeouts in the game.

with an RBI single, then Taylor tallied another run for the Titans with an RBI sacrifice fly to make it 2-0. Surane scored off an error to cap off the three-run inning by the Titans

Braydon Skenandore kept the bats rolling with a lead-off home run in the second inning to push the Titans' lead to 4-0.

Max hit an RBI single in the fourth inning, scoring Jack McKellips from second. In the fifth inning, Taylor hit his third home run of the series, this one a solo home-run to extend the lead to 6-0. McKellips scored off a wild pitch in the sixth inning for the Titans' final run of the game, making the score 7-0.

The Pointers scored at least a run in each of the last three innings, but their late push would prove to be too late in back-to-back games as the Titans held on for a 7-4 victory.

Brinkman earned the victory, improving his record to 4-2. Brinkman threw a complete game giving up four runs on six hits while striking out seven batters.

Connor Walters took the mound against Lakeland University on April 20 for his sixth start of the 2024 campaign.

The bats were active early for the Titans. Carter Stebane got the action started for the Titans with a two-run home run, Kirchberg then followed a few at-bats later with a two-run home run of his own to give the Titans a 4-0 lead after one inning.

Lakeland responded with two runs of their own in the second inning, however the Titans one-upped Lakeland by scoring three runs in the bottom half of the inning. Surane hit an RBI sacrifice fly which was followed by a two-RBI double by Kirchberg.

Danny Connelly scored on a fielder's choice to start off the third inning for the Titans, whose lead now stood at 8-2. Nick Shiu hit a two-RBI double later in the inning that scored Surane and McKellips. Kirchberg brought home two runs once again with a two-RBI double to extend the Titans' lead to 12-2.

After a solo home run by Lakeland in the sixth inning, the Titans responded with two runs in the bottom half of the inning. Grant Gill came through with an RBI sacrifice fly that scored Chris Callas. Stebane capped off the inning with an RBI double to extend the lead to 14-3.

Gill recorded his second RBI of the game when he grounded into a double play that allowed Connelly to score from third base. Riley Pfeiffer was the last to add to the scoreboard with an RBI double to secure the Titans' 16-3 victory.

Connor Walters improved his record to 3-3 after throwing for six innings allowing three runs on five hits and striking out five batters. Parker Thompson, Alex Windey and Brett Gaynor combined for three innings of scoreless relief for the Titans while only giving up one-hit as a unit.

The Titans record stood at 16-13 overall and 9-7 in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, maintaining fourth place in the standings, heading into their game against Carthage College.

The Titans traveled to Kenosha on April 24 to face Carthage College in a non-conference game. Visit the UWO athletics website for results.

The Titans will continue WIAC play on April 27 and 28 with two sets of doubleheaders against UW-Stout with games taking place at 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. both days at Alumni Field.

## WIAC baseball standings

1. UW-Whitewater



26-5 (16-2 WIAC)

2. UW-Stevens Point



19-10 (11-5 WIAC)

3. UW-La Crosse



21-9 (10-6 WIAC)

4. UW Oshkosh



16-13 (9-7 WIAC)

# Arts & Culture

## ‘Unissued Diplomas’

### UWO remembers Ukrainian students lost to war

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UW Oshkosh student Vladyslav Plyaka hosted an exhibit titled “Unissued Diplomas,” which highlighted the stories of 40 college students in Ukraine who were killed because of the Russian invasion.

“I think that this particular exhibit is perfect for the university setting because it kinda of gives students a chance to see student lives in other countries from another perspective,” Ukrainian UWO lecturer Oksana Katsanivksa said.

The exhibit, which was on display throughout UWO’s Social Justice Week from April 15-24 in Reeve, showed 40 portraits of Ukrainian college students who were unable to graduate because they died from the war.

Next to each student’s photograph was a short summary of what they were studying, what kind of extracurricular they participated in and how they died.

Plyaka, a freshman who has lived in the United States for the past two years, said organizing this exhibit at UWO was particularly sentimental because it showed the personal stories of people who had a lot in common with him.

“You see all those students, you see all those stories,” Plyaka said. “For me, it was so sad to see that someone decided to

It makes you think, ‘well, technically, that could have been me.’

- Oksana Katsanivksa  
Ukrainian UWO lecturer

invade an independent country and take those young people’s lives for no reason. We can see many students were my age. One student is from my region, and from regions near mine. And they were 18 years old.”

Although he was supposed to return to Ukraine for postsecondary education, Plyaka’s family urged him to stay in the United States because it was not safe for him in his home country.

Native to Ukraine, Katsanivksa came to Wisconsin on a work visa.

She said that as the invasion has surpassed the two-year mark, the increase in death and constant media coverage has desensitized people to the war’s effects.

“We are well into the war now, so the numbers are skyrocketing in terms of civilians dying, in terms of military dying, and the scary part is that at some point, they just become numbers, so people don’t take that as personally as they should,” Katsanivksa said.



Kelly Hueckman / Advance-Titan

Vladyslav Plyaka is a Ukrainian student at UWO created an exhibit which showcases 40 Ukrainian students who were unable to graduate due to the war.

There were 10,582 Ukrainian civilian fatalities between Feb. 24, 2022 and Feb. 15, 2024, according to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Katsanivksa said that by narrowing the scope to just a small fraction of the casualties gives students a more relatable and eye-opening approach to understanding the war.

“This exhibit tells the stories of young people, and it makes it more personal,” she said. “It makes you think, ‘well, technically, that could have been me.’”

These stories can help UWO

students feel more grateful for their educational opportunities, Katsanivksa said.

“You read about those people and think they would probably rather be in class right now,” she said. “They would appreciate this opportunity, so you start valuing what you have more.”

Plyaka said that some students who viewed the exhibit were shocked that the Russo-Ukrainian War was ongoing.

“That’s the point of this exhibit, to raise awareness about the war in Ukraine,” he said. “So students who are the future of the United States ... need to

pay attention more to the issues worldwide, not just things that are local or national.”

Other students were deeply moved, according to Katsanivksa, who allowed students to write about their experience with the exhibit for extra credit. She said one student found the exhibit particularly poignant.

“It’s something that can’t not move you ... You cannot stay feeling the same way you felt before coming in there,” Katsanivksa said. “Something will change.”

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Find these words from our stories this week!

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- research
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- run

# UWO students present at NCUR

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Six UW Oshkosh students presented at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research April 8-10 at the Long Beach convention center in Long Beach, California.

NCUR is an interdisciplinary conference where students from universities and colleges around the world present their research and creative works in oral, poster and visual arts presentations.

UWO students Lydia Medina, Willem Flaughter, Peter Berry, Emma Smith, Adam Sobieski and David Makar all showed their presentations at the NCUR.

Sobieski presented on “Laboratory Life Cycle Maintenance of the Soft Tick *Ornithodoros tartakovskyi*.”

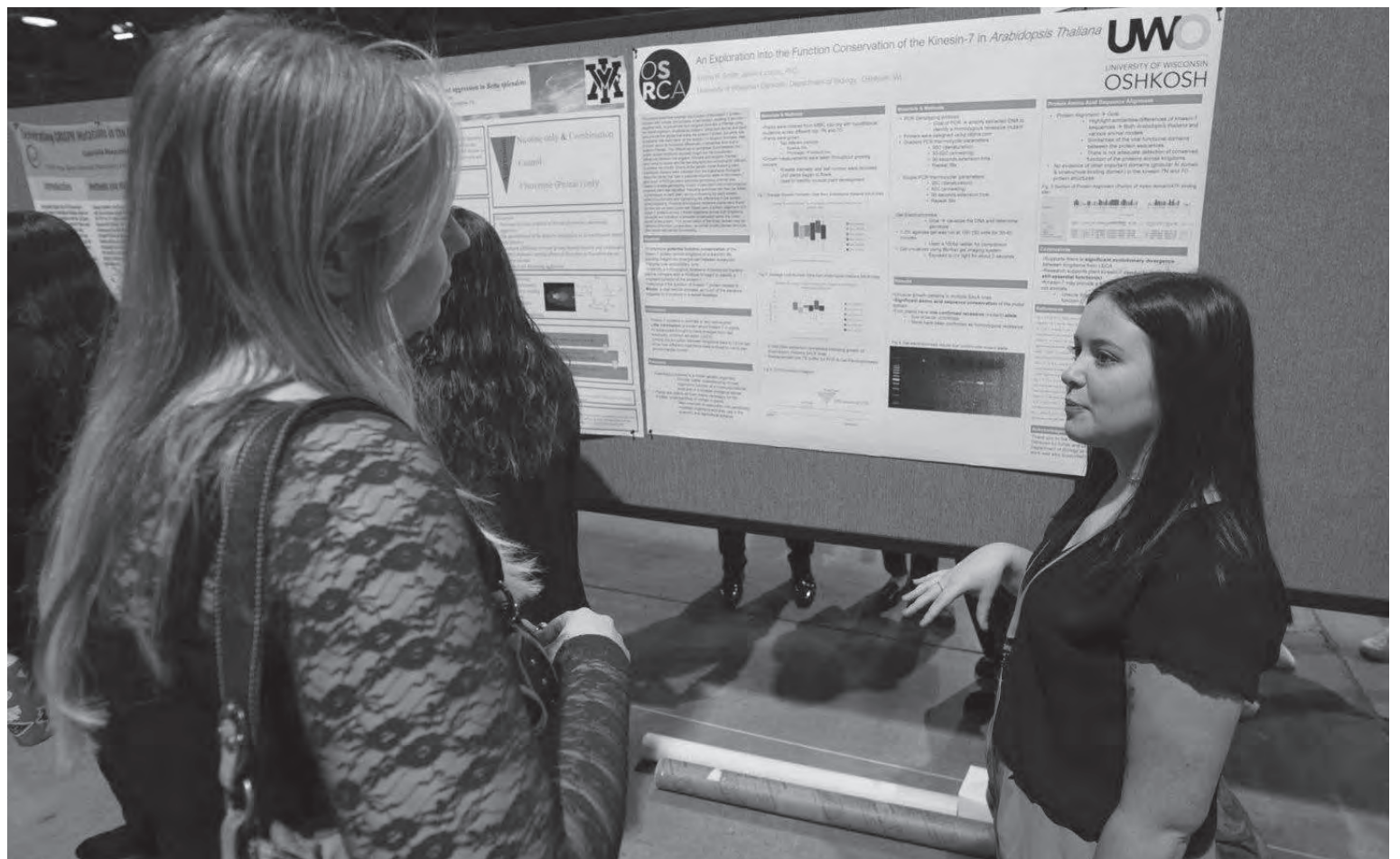
“The goal of my research was to highlight life history events of that species of tick within a laboratory setting,” he said.

Sobieski said he learned a lot from the convention and that NCUR is a high-energy environment with lots of people interested in each other’s research.

“Attending NCUR allowed me to improve my presenting skills at a poster symposium, as well as learn about all other kinds of research undergrads are doing across the country,” he said. “It is truly astonishing what the human mind is capable of.”

Smith also said she gained valuable experience from NCUR; like understanding what it is like to travel and to present your research to peers from around the country.

“It was very rewarding to get to travel and present at a national research conference like NCUR,” she said. “There were students from all different academic disciplines from all over the country to interact with and learn from. I learned how to better interact with my academic peers as well as with other faculty and with recruiters from various institutions and companies



Emma Smith presents her thesis project on molecular genetics at the NCUR convention.

Willem Flaughter / Advance-Titaan

to make myself stand out as an asset and learn what there is to offer as I move forward with my academic career.”

Smith presented a thesis research project that she completed as part of her Honors program curriculum.

“It was a molecular genetics project looking at if the function of a particular protein within plant cells was conserved from the same protein found in animal cells that is well characterized/studied,” she said.

Berry gave a visual demonstration of stellar magnitude using lasers and polarizers and said that presenting at NCUR was a great way for him to showcase his work.

“It was a good experience to get to explain my research to others who don’t have my phys-

ics background,” he said. “I had to practice a different way of explaining my work.”

Flaughter’s photo presentation was aimed to personify census data and explore community response to gentrification and segregation in Milwaukee in the River West and Harambe neighborhoods.

“My project, ‘The Places In Between,’ delved into the heart of Milwaukee’s neighborhoods, capturing the untold stories of resilience and community amidst the shadows of gentrification and segregation,” he said. “Through this research, I sought to challenge stereotypes, dismantle prejudice and amplify the voices of those often overlooked, ensuring that every citizen of Milwaukee is seen, heard and valued.”

Flaughter said that NCUR



Photo courtesy of Stephen Kercher  
Willem gives his photo presentation, “The Places in Between,” to a small group on April 9.

meant a lot to him because he was able to expand his knowledge on different topics with his peers.

“Attending the conference and

presenting my research enriched my understanding while facilitating meaningful connections with fellow scholars in my discipline.”

# ‘The First Omen’ premieres in theaters

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“The Omen” is a well-known horror movie franchise started in 1976, almost 50 years before the most recent movie, “The First Omen,” was released on April 5 of this year.

“The First Omen,” directed by Arkasha Stevenson, takes place in early 1970s Rome, following a young American woman named Margaret as she moves to Rome to serve the church and work with the orphan girls who reside there.

Despite some unsettling encounters at the church, Margaret thrives while teaching the young girls, but is drawn to one in particular, Carlita, due to the girl’s mysterious behaviors and how she is treated by the older nuns.

In Margaret’s attempts to con-

nect with Carlita, she begins to discover that her encounters at this church may be part of a much bigger darkness, one that leads Margaret to question her faith and the church’s true intentions.

“The First Omen” is a film that has a classic horror movie style that fits the time period it takes place in, paying respects to the original film’s appeal while keeping the story fresh and unique.

The pacing of this movie is fairly slow in the beginning, starting by showing mostly hints and building up to the fast-paced and shocking ending. I found it slightly hard to follow in the beginning, the visuals and flashbacks making some things unclear, but this made me think about the characters’ relationships and make more connec-

tions than I would have.

One thing I found unique and most definitely horrifying was the graphic visuals, especially since I went into this movie mostly knowing nothing about it. At first, the graphic scenes seemed almost too much, I thought maybe it was purely for shock value, but the visuals lingered in my mind during very specific times of the movie, which added a lot more than I realized when first watching the scenes.

I thought that the acting in “The First Omen” was amazing. The main actress portrayed the character’s growing paranoia and dread in a way that dragged me in and completed the mood of each scene.

Of course I won’t spoil it, but the ending to this film does justice to the amount of build-

up it had, exciting fans of the original movie while intriguing new viewers enough to wonder what’s next.

While the film makes references and adds context to the 1976 original, it doesn’t linger too much on clearly establishing its relationship to the original movie, which again appeals to both new views and returning fans.

I recommend this film to fans of the original franchise, as well as lovers of horror and suspense; however, the graphic imagery may be disquieting to any squeamish or faint-of-heart viewers. While it may not be the best movie for fans just dipping their toes in the horror genre, it is an intriguing film that reimagines a classic movie in a way that brings old fans back and new fans in.



Courtesy of goodfon.com  
Above is the original movie poster of “The Omen” released back in 1976.



Courtesy of UWO Rec Center

Oshkosh community members take off from the starting line at the UWO Rec Center's first ever Tulip Trail run, which replaced last year's Shamrock Shuffle.

## Students spring into action at Tulip run

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I participated in the Tulip Trail run/walk last weekend and it was such a fun experience.

This event was open to all community members including students and non-students.

It's important that the university hosts these events because it brings everyone together to support one another and to have a common goal to cross that finish line. It also encourages students, faculty and Oshkosh residents alike to be active.

The cost for students was \$10, and \$15 for community members. I invited my mom and grandma to come with me since this was a good opportunity to help the Student Recreation and

Wellness Center raise money.

Those who registered before April 2 got the opportunity to pick a complimentary T-shirt and pick it up before the run, so most everyone on the trail was wearing cute matching outfits!

The leaders of the event led a short warm-up to make sure everyone was prepared for the run or walk and so there weren't any injuries.

The trail was 2.4 miles long and it was a beautiful path along the Fox River. Despite the cold weather and intense winds, we all managed to cross the finish line in front of the center where the trail began.

When the participants finished the trail, each was handed a tulip and everyone watching cheered for them. Afterwards,

there were complimentary drinks and snacks available to anyone who wanted.

Started by UW Oshkosh student Emma Cumbers, this is the first time the Rec Center hosted this event. While the path was pretty, the turnout could have been stronger. Not very many people knew that the event was happening; the runners and walkers were mainly students at UWO.

Other than an email and an Instagram post, there wasn't much promotion or advertisement for it.

Although the turnout was good considering it being their first time, I think that they should spend more time getting more people involved from the community if they do it again



Courtesy of UWO Rec Center

Participants of the run/walk pray together before the race.

next year.

Regardless, I had an awesome time and it was a lot of fun be-

ing able to run with my community while raising money for a good cause.

## How to be a sustainable student

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April is national Earth month thanks to Wisconsin Senator Nelson Gaylord's institution of Earth Day 55 years ago, initially created to spread awareness and encourage activism to protect our environment. As busy college students, sustainability is often one of the last things on our minds.

Trust me, when I first started adulting, I was the same way. Many people get overwhelmed with all the rules and regulations, but it's not as daunting as you may think.

That's why I'm here to simplify it for you. Here are three ways you can practice being a sustainable student on a budget.

### 1. Buy reusable items

One excuse I hear a lot from college students is that they just don't have the money to be sustainable. As somebody with \$6.21 in their bank account, I definitely hear you. Luckily, this tip will actually save you money. I know it's easy to just use plastic plates and

silverware, but having to constantly rebuy these single-use plastics burns a hole in your pocket, not to mention the ozone.

For those who use makeup wipes, opting for reusable makeup wipes is also a great option. I know I'm not alone when I say I go through those single-use wipes like crazy, not to mention the chemicals often irritate my skin. With these reusable wipes, all you need is water.

Not only will it save you money from having to rebuy package after package, but these reusable makeup wipes can be bought with your Titan Dollars at the Corner Convenience Store in Reeve Memorial Union.

When it comes to cleaning, switch out your Lysol wipes for a washcloth and a DIY solution of dish soap and water. You can put this solution in a reusable spray bottle for cheap, and all you need is a little bit of Dawn. Definitely much cheaper than buying a thing of lysol wipes every month, not to mention a lot better for the environment.

### 2. Buy things second hand

One of my personal favorite ways to be sustainable is by shopping sec-

ond hand from the thrift store, garage sales, and even Facebook Marketplace. I have found so many hidden gems from shopping at these places, from vintage Levi's and unique jewelry to bookcases.

Thrifting and going to garage sales is an awesome way to find unique pieces, and also provides a great pastime to do alone or with your friends. Luckily the rapid trend cycle does yield at least one good result: You can find genuine pieces donated from when they were first trendy, and I guarantee they're a lot better quality than what you could get from Shein while still paying the same (if not lower) price.

### 3. Walk to class

For all of you constantly complaining about finding a parking spot for your class, I have a simple solution: Walk to your class. I understand that many drive to save time, but the time it takes to find a parking spot ends up taking more time than just walking there.

Especially for 8am classes, driving can be tempting. But as somebody who has 8am classes three times a week, I actually look forward to it. Not only is it great to soak up some vitamin D to start your day, but the walk and breathing in that fresh air helps to wake me up and energize me, and the walk home after class is borderline therapeutic. We are also graced with a very

nice campus, so we might as well walk around it.

Some other things you can do to be a sustainable student include putting your film plastics such as grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, Ziplocs and produce bags in the bins found near the front desk at all dorm buildings.

You can also recycle your plastic grocery bags by giving them back at the grocery store, and please remember not to use them to line your recycling bin. Put those Amazon boxes and beer cases to good use and use those instead to hold your recyclables.

Also remember that if they see even one piece of trash in your recyclables, they put the whole thing in the landfill. Lastly, if you're still confused about what is and isn't recyclable, just look around campus and you'll find a poster with guidelines of what is and isn't acceptable. If you still have more questions, you can visit townofoshkosh.com and select their Services & Resources tab.

Being a sustainable college student isn't as daunting as you think, and it may even save you money and make you more trendy in the long run.

Moreover, you can have all of this while also being a responsible citizen and environmental advocate. We only have one Earth, and we must start taking care of it before it's too late.



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