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UWO sophomore Vladyslav Plyaka speaks in a video podcast about the affects of the Russian invasion of Ukraine at the "Ukrainian Student Voices: Three Years of Russia's War in Ukraine" exhibit.

UWO student hosts exhibit to honor friend in wake of fourth year of Russian invasion

By Jacob Link
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UW Oshkosh sophomore Vladyslav Plyaka, from Rivne, Ukraine, hosted an exhibition, "Ukrainian Student Stories: 3 Years of Russia's War in Ukraine," on Feb. 26 in Reeve Memorial Union. The event featured three video stories of Ukrainian college students, an exhibition "Unissued Diplomas" and displayed a photo exhibit honoring Plyaka's friend.

Plyaka said that the number of people that attended the event to show their support for Ukraine was inspirational.

"They talked so many times to me, expressing their love for Ukraine, [and] expressing how sorry they feel for what's going

on in Ukraine," Plyaka said. "Especially after seeing the turnout, it gives me more motivation to do more things, to work on more future events."

Plyaka's first video podcast told the story of his friend Kostiantyn Yuzviuk, who died at the age of 23 while serving as a drone operator in Ukraine's military on the front lines. Yuzviuk began fighting for Ukraine as a teenage activist during the 2013 Revolution of Dignity, when protestors clashed with government forces after President Viktor Yanukovich chose closer ties to Russia instead of signing a political association with the European Union.

After Russia's first invasion of Ukraine in 2014, Yuzviuk contin-

ued working as a volunteer activist, fundraising money, collecting humanitarian aid and advocating for animal rights. In spring 2023, he joined the military to protect his country against Russia's full-scale invasion. He died on July 18, 2024, from injuries sustained while serving with the 117th Brigade of the Armed Forces of Ukraine near Zaporizhzhia.

The second video podcast shared Plyaka's personal story of his wartime experiences from Rivne. Plyaka, a double major in journalism and political science, said he distinctly remembers the day he woke up in his family home to find that his classes had been suspended indefinitely.

"I went downstairs and found my dad packing emergency sup-

plies," Plyaka said. "I asked him one simple question: 'War?' And he just said, 'War.' That's when I knew everything had changed."

The other part of the exhibit told the story of an 18-year-old Ukrainian student, Iryna Levada, a freshman at the UW-Eau Claire. Attendees had the opportunity to see the "Unissued Diplomas" exhibit, which honored 40 Ukrainian college students whose lives were taken by the Russian invasion. In addition, Yuzviuk's photography was displayed, showing images of his life on the battlefield and outside. The exhibit was supported by Wisconsin Ukrainians, Inc., a nonprofit that provides humanitarian aid and medical supplies directly to paramedics in Ukraine.

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The "Unissued Diplomas" exhibit honored 40 Ukrainian college students whose lives were lost due to Russian invasion was shown at the event.

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7:00 PM

Ferris Bueller's Day Off



A brash, cocky high school senior, tired of skipping school to spend a boring day at home, is determined to enjoy an epic day roaring around his favorite Chicago sites.

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Baldwin co-authors bill protecting farmland

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Reuters reported in 2020 that ex U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Chuck Grassley (R-IA) introduced the Farmland Security Act of 2025 to the senate floor Feb. 26, which aims to protect farmland from being bought up by foreign investors.

Baldwin, who was selected for her third term in the senate last November, said that the country's farmland is critical to the health of rural communities and national security.

"But when foreign investors own farmland or our ability to process food, it can put our national security, domestic food supply and local communities at risk," Baldwin said. "Our bipartisan legislation will help bring to light foreign investments in rural America, so we know who is buying up land critical to all of our safety and the future of our agricultural communities."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reported in 2023 that foreign ownership of American farmland has reached 45 million acres of land, an 85% jump since 2010.

According to Baldwin and Grassley, the proposed legislation will look to ensure that all foreign investors who buy farmland report their holdings, strengthen penalties for those who evade filing and invest in research to better understand the impact foreign ownership of farmland has on agricultural production.

When they introduced the new bill, the pair of senators said that foreign investments in farmland have the potential to impact food security and national security. Reuters reported in 2020 that exports of U.S. chicken products from Brazilian-owned Pilgrim's Pride Corp jumped 24%, disrupting domestic food supply during the COVID-19 pandemic. NPR also discovered in 2023 that Chinese companies own 380,000 acres of land in the U.S.,

The "Growth" of the Farmland Security Act

Farmland Security Act of 2025

- Requires research into foreign roles in U.S. economics
- Shell companies will pay a fee equal to the land's full value if they fail to report foreign farmland ownership, unless fixed within 60 days of notification
- USDA report to Congress will now also include research into foreign agricultural activity and its impact
- Annual USDA compliance checks of accuracy on at least 10% of reports
- Requires annual USDA training to state and county staff
- \$2 million annually allocated to Agriculture Foreign Investment Disclosure Act

Farmland Security Act of 2022



- Public database created to encourage research into foreign ownership trends
- USDA began reporting impact of these actions to congress, especially on "family farms, rural communities, and the domestic food supply"
- Records of foreign purchases of domestic agricultural land transitioned to digital form

Graphic by **Jess Duch / Advance-Titan**

mostly near military bases.

The Farmland Security Act of 2025 looks to build on a similar bill from Baldwin and Grassley that was signed into law in 2023 that required the USDA to transition to digital filings of foreign purchases of domestic agricultural land, create a publicly accessible database of foreign ownership data and to report to Congress on the impact these investments have on family farms, rural communities and the domestic food supply.

Grassley said that he will never stop fighting to support family farmers and protect American farmland.

"Foreign purchases of American farmland needlessly increase competition for young and beginning farmers and potentially threaten our national security," Grassley said.

"Family farmers and ranchers have a justified cause for concern. Our commonsense legislation provides the resources needed to monitor these sales and protect against risks they may pose. It also increases penalties for violators, especially shell corporations, who fail to report or misreport their acreage."

The new bill would require the government to research the effects of foreign ownership of farmland on agricultural production, force the USDA to conduct annual audits on the accuracy of acreage filings and charge overseas investors a 25% fee on the value of the land by failing to report or misrepresenting foreign-owned acreage.

So far, the legislation has been endorsed by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation and the Wis-

consin Farmers Union.

The bill was also introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Marie Gluesenkamp Perez (D-WA) and John Moolenaar (R-MI).

Gluesenkamp Perez said that both Democrats and Republicans need to work together to prevent international investors from buying up so much farmland.

"When foreign investors buy up broad swaths of American farm and timberland, we lose control over resources in our own backyard, our cultural identity and self-sufficiency suffers," Gluesenkamp Perez said. "At a time when we import 40% of the fresh fruits and vegetables we consume each day, this bipartisan legislation will help us strengthen our food supply at home and the national security that comes with it."



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UWO students walk through the exhibit honoring Ukrainian college students in Reeve Memorial Union.

Ukraine: Students visit exhibit

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Plyaka worked with the UWO Center for Civic and Community Engagement and its interns, who designed the video podcasts and photo exhibits, while the Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership sponsored the event.

Mike Lueder, the director of the Center for Civic and Community Engagement, said that the exhibition was incredible.

"Vlad and Kostia [Yuzviuk] represent the truest forms of civ-

ic and community engagement," Lueder said. "I hope UWO students and others who see their work and their sacrifices realize they too can make a difference on campus, in the community and beyond."

Plyaka came to the U.S. on a student visa in August 2022, but he hasn't been able to go back to Ukraine because there is no guarantee that he would be allowed to leave his home country and return to the U.S.

"It is so hard to be in a safe place and see how my friends and relatives and my nation are being killed by missile and drone attacks," Plyaka, who wants to return to Ukraine to be an investigative journalist, said. "In 20 years, I want to be able to look my children in the eye and tell them that I did everything I could to ensure that they live in a peaceful and prosperous Ukraine."

Ex-student dies in car crash

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A former UW Oshkosh student was killed in a collision with a commercial truck March 1 on Wisconsin Highway 26 near Neitman Road in the town of Waupun.

Alexa Dunn, age 20, was pronounced dead on the scene after being struck by an oncoming truck at around 1:46 a.m. Saturday morning. Preliminary investigations from the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office revealed that Dunn's car crossed the centerline and collided with the truck head-on. Bystanders told law enforcement that the car was unable to maintain its lane prior to the crash. The driver of the truck was taken to a local hospital for minor injuries and was released later that day.

Highway 26 was closed between CTH-TC and Highway 151 for approximately four hours to clean up the crash and to conduct an investigation by the Fond du Lac Sheriff's Office Crash Reconstruction Team.

The investigation is ongoing, but alcohol is believed to be a factor in the crash.



Courtesy of MiLB.com

From left to right: Jeferson Quero, Cooper Pratt and Craig Yoho. All three MiLB players in the Brewers organization might make an impact for Milwaukee this sesason.

Three Brewers prospects to look out for in 2025

By Samuel Reader
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With multiple key player losses throughout this offseason, many Brewers fans have already lost hope for the 2025 season. These crucial blows include the loss of slugging shortstop Willy Adames, the team's lead RBI man, and "The Airbender" Devin Williams, a perennial top five closer.

Yet, the mantra of this Brewers club for the past couple of seasons has been "next man up," as they continue to find guys to fit into the roles needed, which usually net them a playoff berth. Guys like Joey Ortiz, Jackson Churio, and Brice Turang all had breakout years last year, leading the Brewers to a wildcard appearance.

So the question is: Who's going to be those guys this year? Here are three MLB-ready prospects in the Brewers organization viewers may see play for the Brewers this year.

1. Jeferson Quero

After missing all of last year with a torn labrum in his throwing shoulder, the 21-year-old catcher is expected to have a breakout year in the minors. In 2023 for AA Biloxi, Quero, the third ranked prospect in the Brewers organization, hit .262 with sixteen home runs and 49 RBI's in 90 games. His .779 OPS ranked third among active MiLB catchers in 2023 and his 68 strikeouts were the least among MiLB catchers. Quero was awarded with the 2023 Minor League Gold Glove award at the end of the season.

While Quero's defense is one of the best in the minor leagues, he will mostly be a designated hitter for Biloxi while he is rehabbing his labrum. With the Brewers having one of the best catchers in the MLB at the moment, it's almost serendipitous for Quero to fill the role of DH for the Brewers this season.

"It's been two months, and

day-by-day, it looks better, and I feel better," Quero said to MLB.com regarding his injury. It's taking a little bit slower with the arm. I'm working out the rest of the body but the arm is moving slowly.

2. Cooper Pratt

With the loss of All-Star shortstop Willy Adames, the Brewers may be looking for someone to fill in that hole on the left side of the infield. Look no further than 2023 sixth round draft pick Cooper Pratt.

Pratt, a 20-year-old from Mississippi, had his first full season last year playing for the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers and the Brewers' Single-A affiliate, the Carolina Mudcats. Pratt hit an impressive .277 collectively with both teams, stealing 27 bases and only being caught three times. He's the 50th ranked prospect in baseball, and the second within the Brewers system.

When talking to Adam McCalvy, Pratt was asked about the opportunity to play in the majors this year. Pratt said the club has "a bunch of guys that can fill that role pretty easily, I know there's time to develop in the Minor Leagues and when the opportunity comes, if it comes, I will be there."

Pratt was invited to his first major league camp this Spring Training.

3. Craig Yoho

The most impressive prospect for this upcoming season has to be reliever Craig Yoho. The 25-year-old from Fishers, Indiana has started to catch national attention with his gaudy numbers.

Yoho spent time in A, AA and AAA in 2024, putting up a dazzling collective ERA of 0.94 in 57.2 innings pitched. He also struck out an astonishing 101 batters in that time, and gave up a pedestrian 23 walks.

After the loss of Devin Williams, Yoho will most definitely be the most recent addition to the Brewers bullpen. His "air bender" change up even rivals that of Williams', with Baseball America analyst Ben Badler saying "it's like a magic trick."

Yoho will most likely start the year with the AAA Nashville Sounds, but his callup is imminent. Javik Blake, the Biloxi Shuckers announcer, had a hot take on Yoho. He said Yoho is "a future National League Reliever of the Year," something that Devin Williams did in his first full season as a Brewer.

For now, we look forward to another year of Brewers baseball with many question marks and large amounts of uncertainty. One thing we can be sure of is that the Brewers have an unbelievably bright future.

UWO's Schiro heads to NCAA championships

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Francesca Schiro, UW Oshkosh's record setter freestylist, has earned a coveted spot in the 2025 NCAA Division III Swimming & Diving Championships in Greensboro, North Carolina, after making the qualifying list Feb. 26.

Schiro, a two-time WIAC Swimmer of the Meet at the WIAC Championships, qualified in the 100-yard freestyle with a preliminary time of 50.98 seconds set at the conference meet. She then won her second straight conference title in the event at 51.04 seconds. Her program record time ranks 22nd out of the 25 national qualifiers for this year's championship. She also placed in the 200-yard freestyle (1:51.54) and placed second in the 200-yard individual medley (2:06.18).

Schiro was a member of the 200-yard and 800-yard freestyle relay teams that broke program records at the league championship.

In her first appearance at the championships, Schiro will swim in the 50- and 200-yard freestyle events, which will be held March 19-22 at the Greensboro Aquatic Center. The 50-yard freestyle will compete on March 19, with the 200-yard taking place the following day and the 100-yard taking place on March 22.

Schiro is the first UWO student-athlete to compete at the D-III Swimming & Diving Championships since 2019 and the first female student-athlete since 2005. She will seek the first swimming & diving All-America honor for the Titans since Matt Wilke in 2019 and the first for the women's team since Renee Porter in 2005.



Courtesy of Alisha Markley / WIAC

UWO's Francesca Schiro poses for a picture after winning the WIAC Swmmer of the Meet on Feb. 22.

March Madness returns to Oshkosh

A guide to the Oshkosh regional at the NCAA Division III women's basketball tournament

First Round: Friday at 7 p.m. at the Kolf Sports Center

Second Round: Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Kolf Sports Center

First Round: Friday at 4:30 p.m. at the Kolf Sports Center



UW Oshkosh* (23-4)

* certifies host school

Snapshot of the Titans:

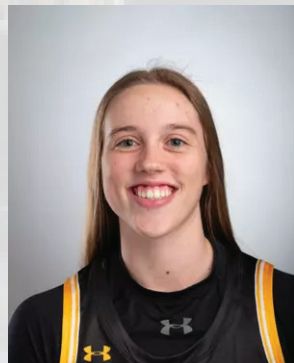
The Titans enter their sixth straight NCAA tournament after receiving an at-large bid. Oshkosh opened the season with 17 straight wins on its way to the Titans' second straight WIAC regular season title. Currently ranked No. 10 by D3hoops.com and No. 14 by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, they earned the top seed in the conference tournament and reached the league championship game with a 59-47 victory over UW-La Crosse, but fell to UW-Whitewater at home in the WIAC championship game 64-61.

UWO averages 65.2 points per game and holds opponents to 49.7 points per game, which was the lowest in the WIAC. The Titans shot the second-best mark out of anyone in the conference at 44.2% and held its opponents to 35.2% shooting as a team, the best in the WIAC as well.

This Oshkosh team is built on its defense. The Titans hold the best defensive rating out of anyone in the WIAC and hold opponents to the lowest field goal shooting, 3-point shooting and are second in turnover margin. UWO is also the second-best shooting team in the conference and lead the WIAC in 3-point shooting. If they can shoot like they have all season and hold Calvin University to under 50 points, they should advance to the Second Round.

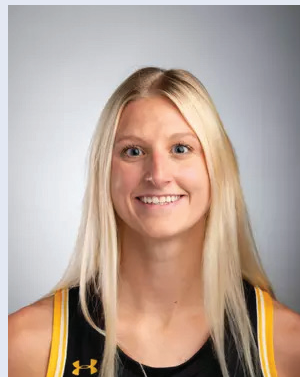
Players to watch:

Sammi Beyer



- 5'-6" sophomore guard out of Appleton East.
- 10.3 points per game.
- 43.8% shooting from the field.
- 38.4 shooting from 3-point range (6th WIAC).

Kayce Vaile



- 6'-1" 5th year forward out of Grendale.
- 12.2 points per game (11th WIAC).
- 8.8 rebounds per game (2nd WIAC).
- 54.5% shooting from the field (2nd WIAC).
- 1.2 blocks per game (3rd WIAC).

Winner advances to Sweet 16



Calvin University (18-10)

Snapshot of the Knights:

Calvin University (Michigan) is making its first NCAA tournament appearance since 2017 after winning the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association tournament title over No. 11 Trine University (Indiana) 70-57 in the league's tournament championship. Calvin finished third in the final MIAA regular season standings with an 11-5 conference record and the Knights have won six straight games heading into the national tournament. Calvin is making its first NCAA III Tournament appearance under sixth-year head coach Mark Christner, who owns a 98-48 record.

Calvin averages 62.4 points per game and has the second-best defense in the MIAA by holding opponents to 53.7 points per game. The Knights are third in field goal percentage in the conference at 37.2% and hold opponents to a league-low 33% shooting as a team. Calvin is second in the MIAA in rebounding margin and leads the conference in offensive rebounds with 15.6 per game, but are dead last in the league with a 63% team free throw percentage.

Calvin has shown that they have become one of the best teams in the nation after blowing past No. 11 Trine University by 13 points in the MIAA championship game, and the Knights are on a six-game winning streak. Just like Oshkosh, this squad is built on its defense and rebounding, and if they can hold the Titans to 33% shooting from the field, they have a shot to upset the hosts. If they can continue to rebound like they have on the offensive board and grab 15 offensive rebounds, they have a great shot to advance to the Second Round, especially because Oshkosh struggled in giving up offensive rebounds in the Titans' WIAC championship loss to UW-Whitewater.

Players to watch:

Anna Fernandez



- 5'-8" junior guard out of Plymouth, Michigan.
- 14.4 points per game (6th MIAA).
- 5.8 rebounds per game.
- 40.2% shooting from the field (6th MIAA).
- All-MIAA 1st Team

Katelyn LaRue



- 5'-10" sophomore guard out of Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- 11.8 points per game.
- 42% shooting from the field.
- 37.2% shooting from 3-point range.
- All-MIAA 2nd Team



Bethel University (22-5)

Snapshot of the Royals:

Bethel University (Minnesota), ranked No. 24 in the nation by d3hoops.com, returns to the tournament for the seventh time in program history and the first time since 2020. The Royals qualified for March Madness as an at-large bid after falling to No. 6 Gustavus Adolphus College (Minnesota) in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournament championship game. Bethel won its third MIAC regular season championship with a 17-1 league record after embarking on a 10-game winning streak midway through the season.

Bethel is averaging 67.6 points per game, the second-best mark in the MIAC, and holds opponents to 54.1 points per game. The Royals shoot 42.8% from the field and 33.6% from 3-point range, while holding opponents to 35.6% shooting from the floor and 25.7% from behind the arc. Bethel leads the MIAC in rebounding margin but turns the ball over the second most in the conference at 16.8 per game.

Bethel is a team that plays a tough and gritty style of basketball very similar to Oshkosh. If the Royals can continue to hold opponents to 35% shooting or under, they have a great shot to win the region because they shoot well from the field as a team. The big question will be about the turnovers, but if they are able to protect the basketball, Bethel could play UWO very evenly. But, if the Royals turn it over 16 times against anyone in the region, they may be poised for an early exit in the tournament.

Players to watch:

Elly Schmitz



- 6'-0" senior guard/forward out of Hermantown, Minnesota.
- 14.2 points per game (7th MIAC).
- 7.3 rebounds per game (7th MIAC).
- 49.2% shooting from the field (7th MIAC).
- 2.1 blocks per game (1st MIAC).

Anna Garfield



- 5'-9" senior forward out of Ham Lake, Minnesota.
- 12.1 points per game.
- 5.1 rebounds per game.
- 41.9% shooting from the field.
- 40% 3-point shooting (2nd MIAC).



DePauw University (20-6)

Snapshot of the Tigers:

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Players to watch:

Ava Hassel



- 5'-6" senior guard out of Portsmouth, Ohio.
- 12.4 points per game (8th NCAC).
- 38.3% shooting from the field.
- 34.1% 3-point shooting.
- All-NCAC 1st Team

Olivia Hart



- 5'-11" sophomore forward out of Murfreesboro, Tennessee.
- 10.3 points per game.
- 6.4 rebounds per game (6th NCAC)
- 45.9% shooting (11th NCAC).



Scoreboard

Thursday, Feb. 27

Women's Basketball

WIAC Tournament

UWO - 59

UWL - 47

Women's Gymnastics

UWO - 1/4, 191.35 points

UW Oshkosh Triangular

Friday, Feb. 28

Men's Wrestling

UWO - 14/16, 17.5 points

at NCAA Region VII Championship

Men's Track and Field

UWO - 2/8, 133.5 points

at WIAC Championship

Women's Track and Field

UWO - 4/8, 66 points

at WIAC Championship

Baseball

Webster (Mo.) - 4

UWO - 1

Saturday, March. 1

Men's Wrestling

UWO - 14/16, 17.5 points

at NCAA Region VII Championship

Men's Track and Field

UWO - 2/8, 133.5 points

at WIAC Championship

Women's Track and Field

UWO - 4/8, 66 points

at WIAC Championship

Softball (Game 1)

UWO - 9

Wisc. Lutheran - 0

Softball (Game 2)

UWO - 4

Loras College (Iowa) - 0

Baseball (Game 1)

UWO - 11

North Park (Ill.) - 6

Baseball (Game 2)

Webster (Mo.) - 10

UWO - 6

Women's Basketball

UWW - 64

UWO - 61

Sunday, Feb. 23

Softball (Game 1)

UWO - 10

UW-Superior - 1

Softball (Game 2)

UWO - 9

Edgewood College - 0

Baseball

UWO - 10

North Park (Ill.) - 8

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Feb. 27

Women's Gymnastics

vs UW-Oshkosh Quadrangular

at Oshkosh 6 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 28

Women's Wrestling

at NCWWC Championship

Corallville, Iowa, TBA

Baseball

Russ Matt Central Florida Invitational

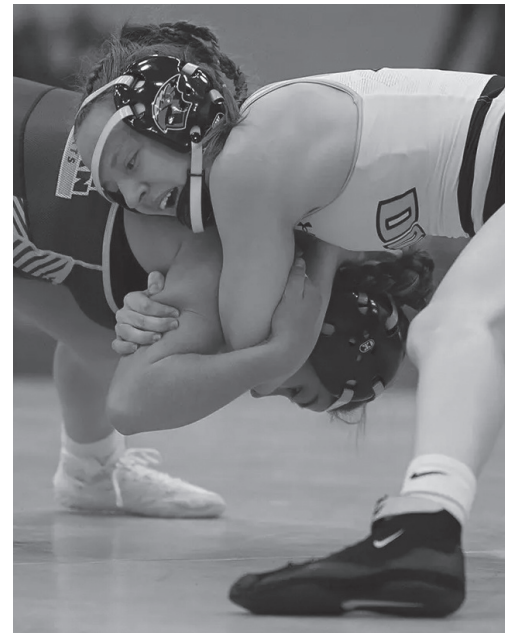
vs University of Dubuque (Iowa) at

Auburndale Fla. at 3:15 p.m.

Women's Basketball

NCAA Tournament

vs Calvin University (Mich.) at 7 p.m.



Photos courtesy of UWO Athletics

Alivia Davey (left), Annesley Day (middle) and Mya Delleree (right) all wrestle in meets earlier this season at the Kolf Sports Center.

Titan women's wrestling off to NCWWC

By Dylan Eckhart
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Women's wrestling head coach Jared Costa is preparing three of his freshmen for All-America competition in the program's inaugural year at UW Oshkosh.

Annesley Day, Alivia Davey and Mya Delleree will compete at the National Collegiate Women's Wrestling Championship (NCWWC) this Friday and Saturday at the Xtream Arena in Coralville, Iowa.

"It is really cool and exciting for them to see that they get to get to the big stage and all the others are going to look up to them going forward," Costa said.

Day, a freshman from Round Rock, Texas, competed at two weight classes this season, most

notably at 124-lbs where she put together a record of 20-6. Day also leads the Titans in pins with nine total on the year.

Davey, a freshman from Berlin put together an 18-9 record at 207-lbs, and registered seven pins this season.

Delleree, a freshman from Fredonia went 11-8 in the regular season competing at both 124-lbs and 117-lbs.

Costa said that his message to all three athletes is to have fun and remember that everything from here on out is a bonus to the season that has been put together.

"We have a great group but those three are the ones you look at and say, 'those are the people we are going to build the program around,'" Costa said.

As a team, the Titans put together a record of 2-4 in their first season, earning dual wins over Carthage College and Northern Michigan University.

All hands are still on deck for the final week of practice, as Costa emphasizes consistency and support for the three qualifiers before Saturday's tournament. Costa said that for the rest of the team, the next season begins now.

"We have ten more days as a team to improve," Costa said "Yeah, they don't get that glory of competing next weekend but they can also get the glory of

their teammate finding success at the national tournament. Maybe next year, they are the ones that are there with them." The Titans women's wrestling team has loved and



UWO head coach Jared Costa

supported each other every step of the way in their inaugural year, and have built a mentally tough culture with a lot of goals in mind for the future.

The NCCWC Championship will begin March 7th, at the Xtreme Arena in Coralville, Iowa.



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Brody Toledo competes in a match earlier this season.

Toledo heads to nationals

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UW Oshkosh's Brody Toledo went 3-1 on the day and took second place in the 133-lb bracket at the NCAA Division III Men's Wrestling Region VII tournament on Saturday in Minneapolis to earn a spot in the national tournament.

In his first appearance at the regional tournament, Toledo was the lone UW Oshkosh wrestler to advance to the NCAA Division III Championship.

Toledo won his first match by a 4-2 decision over Liam Anderson of Milwaukee School of En-

gineering. A pin at 1:03 over Kie Anderson of Concordia-Moorhead (Minnesota) sent Toledo to the semifinals against WIAC opponent Wyatt Magolski of UW-La Crosse. Toledo beat Magolski in a 5-4 decision to advance to the finals in the 133-lb bracket.

Toledo then lost in the finals by a 6-3 decision to Chance Suddeth of Augsburg University (Minnesota), who is the No. 15th ranked wrestler in the nation at 133-lbs.

The NCAA Division III Championship will be hosted by Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island, on March 14 and 15, with wrestling beginning at 9 a.m.

Sports Column

Views from the bench

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Millions witnessed one of the greatest collections of hockey talent ever take part in the first ever 4 Nations Face Off finals, between the United States and Canada Thursday, Feb. 20. The game concluded with an overtime goal by Connor McDavid to give Canada the 3-2 win, who else, but one of the greatest since Wayne Gretzky.

This game was more than bragging rights till the next Olympics though. It was created and aimed at generating more fandom for the professional sport of hockey as it has been seeing a decline in ratings for years. The NHL this year attempted to draw in more viewers by hosting the infamous winter-classic on New Year's Eve, instead of seeing an increase, it was the lowest viewed winter-classic ever.

Richard Deitsch in an article for The Athletic said, "The [U.S. and Canada] game drew an astonishing 9.3 million views on ESPN, per Nielson." Which fact of the matter is astonishing. The broadcast broke numerous records, including the most viewed non-NFL game ever on ESPN+.

In both Canada and the United States over 16 million viewers

tuned in to the game. Specifically in Canada, the game averaged 7 million viewers, about 17% of the country's population was always tuned in. Overall, the tournament averaged 6.5 million viewers, which is up 256 percent from the 2016 hockey world cup, according to nhl.com. The numbers spark the discussion, is hockey back?

In a post-game interview, McDavid spoke on behalf of himself and the Canadian team, "It means the world to our group as you can see, everybody battled so hard all week." The athletes proved that they take as much if not more pride in the best versus best matchups as hockey fans across the world do.

It meant more than the game itself; it was a monumental moment in the regrowth of hockey. The players recognized the importance of this for their sport and provided what was asked of them.

Fans should not be sad it's over; they should be happy this happened. Millions of brand-new eyes are searching for what's next from the NHL. Sadly, we won't get this display of talent for a while but, the NHL plans to return in the 2026 Winter Olympics and regular season play has already started back up.

Let's talk business

WIB kicks off Women's History Month with panelists

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UWO's Women in Business (WIB) student organization hosted a panel discussion Feb. 27 that featured four women in various industries within Wisconsin sharing insights into their careers and the workplace.

The panelists included Paula Haferman, CPA and partner at Hawkins Ash CPAs, Kelly Tetzlaff Carl, district manager at Penske Truck Leasing; Hannah Freeman, director of continuous improvement at JX Truck Center and Grace Taylor, marketing and communications manager at LaForce.

The event was the WIB's first guest speaker event of the semester, with over two dozen female students participating in the discussion in a classroom at Sage Hall.

Throughout the evening, the speakers focused on sharing their experiences and giving advice in their male-dominated fields, and how female representation at the workplace has evolved over the years in their respective industries.

Tetzlaff Carl said she acknowledges that the transportation industry is heavily male-dominated but hopes that stigma will change by the time she is done in her career as a leader and manager.

"There really wasn't any women in leadership when I first started, and that was a culture shock when I got out of college," she said. "There's a lot you can learn from that if you're willing to adapt to where you are."

Tetzlaff Carl said that while some may not respect people like her in her industry because she is a woman, she believes that speaking with enough conviction will get anyone to believe what someone has to say.

"I think my biggest learning lesson when I started is finding my voice and being very direct and assertive ... because it helps with confidence," she said.

Freeman is also familiar with the transportation industry as she is a third generation worker at her family's trucking business. She

said when her grandfather was in the business there weren't many women in the workforce, but that it expanded and evolved after her father took over at the start of the millennium.

"Women started getting admin jobs, marketing and HR [in 2000] when the company was growing," Freeman said. "Now we've got operation managers that are female and we had an executive that was female that was with us for a while."

Freeman said she strives to reach positions like these in her future and said that talking through her strengths and asking questions helps get over the hurdles at her workplace.

"It's only as challenging as you make it, as long as you're willing to listen and be patient," she said. "Once I started feeling more confident in the space, confident to ask questions and confidence to be curious, that's how you get past the male-dominant part of the industry."

Taylor, who has worked in the construction industry with LaForce for two years, also acknowledged that working in a mostly male field can be weird and challenging when starting a new job. She joked that she was concerned about who would be her "bestie" at her job and who she would eat lunch with.

"Now my work bestie is a 55-year-old man who went to high school with my dad," Taylor said. "I think culture shock is a great way to put it, when you show up and expect something one way and it comes out the opposite."

Taylor said that if a person goes into an environment with a negative outlook, it is going to be negative, but that there are good sides to being one of a few women in industries like hers.

"You get to pave the way," she said. "You get to teach people and make a change and see their thought process change."

Haferman agreed with changing how women are perceived in industries with a male majority, but said that sometimes people, often older



Courtesy of @uwowib on Instagram

Four panelists give valuable insight on their experience as women in the business world.

generations, aren't willing to learn and change.

"It's one of those things where you just have to put your best foot forward," she said. "You can listen to your clients, accept what they have, and show them that you're worth it and you know what you're talking about."

Haferman said that when she took over as a partner at her firm, she thought she was going to lose many of the stereotypical golfing and fishing-type clients because she wasn't a man with those interests.

"[Instead] I appealed to my strengths, I listened, I understood what the client needed and got to them on a timely basis," she said. "Now I've actually gotten compliments saying 'you know we weren't sure, but we actually like you better than the other guy.'"

All the panelists shared their almas and work experience with the prospective businesswomen in the room, as well as giving advice for the different steps students can take to succeed in the workforce.

"I would highly encourage you, if you can, to study abroad," Freeman, who studied abroad for a month in Uganda, said. "Go try somewhere

different because that gives you a completely unique outlook on life and what you do. It gives you a different picture on how much we actually do have to offer."

Taylor said she agreed how important studying abroad is, sharing how she met her best friend, who also introduced Taylor to her fiancé, while studying in Italy.

"That definitely worked out for the best, so continue saying yes to everything," Taylor said.

Haferman also expressed the importance of trying new things and having new experiences when getting into the workforce, saying even after 30 years of working with taxes that she learns something new every day.

"Know that you're going to make mistakes and you're going to fail," she said. "You're not going to learn until you're put into these uncomfortable positions. You get to choose what degree you want and what you want it to look like, so don't limit yourself."

Tetzlaff Carl told the students in the room that they are in a unique position now to try something new and something hard before entering their future industries.

"Take that really crappy internship that sounds like it is going to be rough, making you do 200 calls in a week and making you go door-to-door talking to strangers," she said. "There is nothing better for you to do. I would hire somebody that told me they did [things like] that 10,000 times over."

The panel ended with an open Q&A session with the students in the room, who asked the panelists questions like discussing wages and raises on the job and where to shop for workplace clothes. The event ended with a WIB traditional selfie with the panel and audience, who were treated to an assortment of snacks and beverages for the discussion.

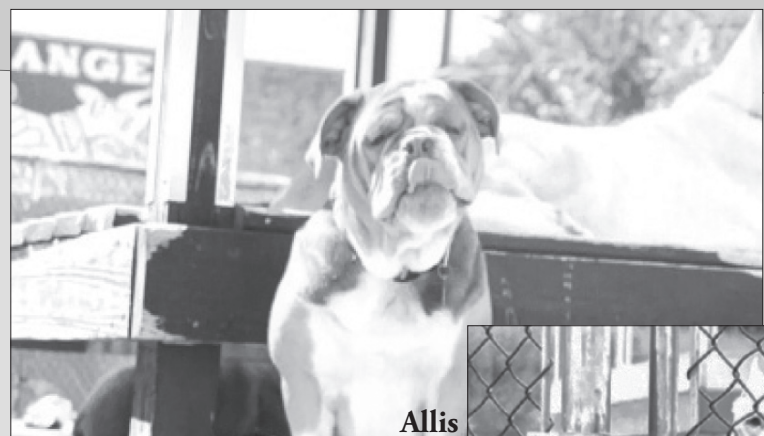
The WIB's next event takes place March 13 from 6-7:30 p.m in Reeve 221, where participants will make March Madness brackets and talk about how students can set themselves up for success in the business world.

For more information about the WIB student organization and other events in the future, check out <https://uwosh.presence.io/organization/osh-uwo-women-in-business>.

STUDENT
spotlight

"Doggy Daycare"
by Jaylen Hill
on film

Illustration by Cassidy Johnson



Allis

"Allis is my English bulldog, although she wasn't when I took this photograph. It was a funny situation, I forgot I had taken these photos at that time, but two years later after I adopted [her] I got these photos developed, and there she was."



Kemba

"Kemba is a young border collie. He is the most friendly [and] outgoing dog at the daycare. He loves to do tricks for treats."



Jax

"Jax is a 14-year-grumpy-old man who likes to sunbathe and be left alone from the other dogs. But, he is nice and gentle with people. He's also a couch potato."



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The 2025 Oscars in review

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Many movie fans crowded around their televisions this past Sunday to tune into the 97th Academy Awards for a night that led to a lot of suspense and surprise in what may go down as the best Oscars of recent memory. If you did not have time to watch, here are the outcomes of the biggest awards of the year.

The first award of the night was Best Supporting Actor, presented by last year's winner, Robert Downey Jr. This category represented one of the more obvious wins of the night as the award went to Kieren Culkin for "A Real Pain," who has been picking up every award under the sun throughout the entirety of awards season.

Next came Animated Feature Film, an award that many thought would go to Dreamworks "The Wild Robot" or Disney's "Inside Out 2" but instead, to the surprise of many went to the dialogue-less cat film "Flow". This proved to be a historic win as it was the first Oscar given to a Latvian film.

Wicked was awarded its first Oscar of the night in Costume Design, beating out "A Complete Unknown," "Conclave," "Gladiator II" and "Nosferatu."

Next were the writing categories, first of these being the Original Screenplay award, one of many categories that pushed viewers to the edge of their

seats. Three of the five movies nominated here were also up for best picture, "Anora," "The Brutalist," and "The Substance." No one was really sure who this award was going to but, ultimately, it was awarded to "Anora," representing the first of four wins of the night for writer/director Sean Baker.

Adapted Screenplay was a much less suspenseful race as "Conclave" swiftly picked up its first and only win of the night.

Makeup and Hairstyling was next and was essentially a race between "Wicked" and "The Substance." The latter was the one that took home the award for its gross and gooey practical effects.

"Anora" and Sean Baker found their next award with Film Editing, yet another award that could have gone to a variety of places like "Conclave," or "Wicked."

The next award, Actress in a Supporting Role, was one of the few locks of the night. Though some thought Ariana Grande had a chance to snag it for her performance in "Wicked," it was always going to be Zoe Saldana's award for "Emilia Pérez."

Production Design gave "Wicked" its final award of the night for its beautiful recreation of the magical land of Oz.

Best Original Song gave "Emilia Pérez" its last award for "El Mal." Though this award felt less important this year due to the lack of live performances of the nominees.

Documentary Feature Film went to the timely "No Other Land," a doc about the destruction of Masafer Yatta by Israel's occupation. Another historic win as the Oscar represents the first Palestinian film to take home an Academy Award.

"Dune: Part Two" won its two awards back to back, taking home Sound and Visual Effects. The sci-fi epic was a fan favorite of the year, and though it didn't have much of a chance to take more statues home, it still disappointed many due to its lack of love.

The award for Cinematography went to Lol Crawley's work on the massive "The Brutalist." This was Crawley's first Oscar nomination and win and was also the first award of the night for "The Brutalist."

International Feature Film was a close race between Spain's "I'm Still Here" and France's "Emilia Pérez," ultimately going to the former. This was "I'm Still Here's" sole win of the night and most were happy to see the devastating film get the love it deserved.

The Brutalist picked up its second of three wins for its Original Score by Daniel Blumberg. This was the second score ever done by Blumberg and his first win, this win was well earned and many are excited to see where Blumberg goes next.

Finally came the time for the big four awards, Best Actor, Best Director, Best Actress, and Best

Picture. Unlike most years, there were no sure wins, creating a very exciting atmosphere around the climax of the show.

Actor in a Leading Role was the first of these major awards, and it was an intense race. Throughout award season, Adrien Brody and Timothée Chalamet have been trading accolades, Brody picked up the Golden Globe but Chalamet won the SAG. So, going into the Oscars it was still up in the air as to who was going to take home the coveted award.

The winner of Best Actor was Brody for his portrayal of architect László Toth in "The Brutalist." This was Brody's second nomination and second win, his first win being for "The Pianist" in 2003 an award that made Brody the youngest actor to ever win the award. Brody gave an emotional charged and massive seven minute speech, explain how much the award meant to him.

Directing was up next and was yet another award that garnered a lot of excitement, it was a pretty close race for Baker's work on "Anora" and Brady Corbet's on "The Brutalist."

The winner of Best Directing was Baker, giving him his third win of the night. This year was also Baker's first time being nominated for any Academy Awards as his other movies like "The Florida Project" and "Red Rocket" were basically shut out of the race in previous years.

Actress in a leading role was

the final award before Best Picture and it was up-in-the-air as to who would take it home. Demi Moore was the favored pick for "The Substance," a performance that had garnered a lot of attention towards the end of awards seasons leading to Moore grabbing the Golden Globe and SAG.

The winner of Best Actress, however, was Mikey Madison in "Anora." A performance that arguably fell out of the race recently came back to take it home. At the young age of twenty-five, this was Madison's first win and nomination,

Finally, it was time for the biggest award of the night: Best Picture. Could it be "The Brutalist," which was the frontrunner throughout award season? Or maybe it would find its way to "Conclave," another favorite to win.

The winner of Best Picture went to "Anora," a film that was made on only six million dollars, representing an inspirational win for indie filmmakers everywhere. As a producer of the film Baker won yet another Oscar, making his total four for the night and making him the first person to win that many Academy Awards in one night for one movie.

Overall, the biggest winner of the night was "Anora" which garnered five awards, "The Brutalist" took home three awards and "Wicked," "Dune: Part Two" and "Emilia Pérez" each received two.



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