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Courtesy of UWO Athletics

UWO gymnastics poses for a photo with the 2026 NCGA championship trophy and signage on March 20. For the eighth time in program history, UWO won the national title.

The dynasty continues

Gymnastics wins fourth national title in five years

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For the eighth time in program history, and fourth time in five years, UW-Oshkosh gymnastics is once again national champions after scoring 194.75 points at the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) Championships in Cortland, New York, on March 20.

UWO collected six All-America nods and three individual national titles during the meet.

"It's really special," senior Amaya McConkay said. "Looking back on that, it's not even the championship that matters. Obviously it's always our end goal, but the process to get there...It's blood, sweat and tears, but it's so worth it. It's so special. It was incredible."

In the opening rotation for the Titans, freshman Ome Ellis kickstarted the high scoring for the black and gold, with a 9.775 score on balance beam, placing her in a six-way tie for

fourth place. Sophomore Jurnee Warkentien and freshman Hannah Hughes finished in a tie for 11th with UW-Eau Claire's Georgia Guynn, as all three scored 9.725. Other finishes for Oshkosh include freshman Sam Dorrity in 16th, senior Lydia Hayden in a four-way tie for 22nd and sophomore Kristina Jakubiak in 38th. As a team, Oshkosh scored 48.525 heading into their first of two byes in the competition.

The Titans did not let up off of the gas pedal in the second rotation, scoring 48.65 as a team on floor competition. Senior Renanna McGibboney was among six gymnasts to place first, with her rotation scoring a 9.85. In a tie for 13th, junior Jay Ratkowski tied with Ursinus College (Pennsylvania)'s Sidney Schreiber after both scored 9.8 for their respective teams. Ellis scored 9.725 for Oshkosh, placing her in a five-way tie for 24th. Senior Aleah Radojevich placed 31st for the black and gold via

a three-way tie, while junior Taylor Leaman tied for 37th and freshman Taelyn Rae Gallegos rounded out the lineup, finishing 44th.

McGibboney continued to take the top spot in competition for UWO, as she finished in first place in vault via a four-way tie with a score of 9.8. Sophomore Averie Evans tied with UW-La Crosse's Sarah Pastore for ninth place with 9.725. Hughes, McConkay and junior Kasha Muraski were among seven gymnasts who finished in a tie for 16th. Freshman Kris Phillips tied with UWEC's Haley Zampella for 37th. Heading into their final bye, Oshkosh moved into first place with 145.725 points.

During their second bye, the Titans fell to third behind UWL and UWEC, needing to score at least 48.3 points on the uneven bars to take the both top spot and the title.

Oshkosh jumped back into the driver's seat in the meet's final rotation of the night, with Evans

winning the uneven bars title outright after scoring 9.9 on the apparatus. McGibboney would follow right behind, as she tied for the runner-up spot with Utica College (New York)'s Alyssa Langston, with both of them scoring 9.85 for their teams respectively. McConkay finished with a score of 9.825, placing her in a three-way tie for fourth place. Hayden and Hughes ended the event in a five-way tie for 18th, while sophomore Hadley Bretschneider finished in a tie for 45th.

As a team, Oshkosh scored a collective 49.025 points on the uneven bars, surging ahead of the Eagles and Blugolds to bring another national title back to Titan Nation, in addition to extending their streak of scoring 190 points or more to 38 consecutive meets.

"We have not been under 190 (points) in years," Head Coach Lauren Karnitz said. "And so that's now a new standard. That is just the base level now where

it used to be something that we were trying to get to."

This championship marks the 52nd national title in UWO athletics history and the second won by the Titans during the 2025-26 school year, following UWO Volleyball's first-ever NCAA Division III championship title win back on Dec. 6, 2025.

Oshkosh graduates five members of the team during the off-season: Hayden, McConkay, McGibboney, Radojevich, and student manager Mackenzie Havlik. They end their college careers with a dual record of 22-3, four conference titles, four national meet appearances, and three national championships.

"It's just such a cherry on top," McGibboney said about ending her career with three national titles. "Each ring, like they look different. Each ring is a different story, a different struggle, a different process, a different group of girls. So it's just like a different set of memories."

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UWO makes administration changes

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UW-Oshkosh is undergoing multiple changes at the administrative level, welcoming a new chief financial officer in February, as well as a new director of communications and interim vice chancellor for enrollment management.

Mohinder Dugal stepped into his role as the school’s next chief financial officer Feb. 9, which marked the conclusion of a national search according to UWO Chancellor Manohar Singh.

“He (Dugal) brings a combination of financial expertise, strategic planning experience and familiarity with the academic enterprise,” Singh said. “His professional background spans global finance and higher education, with a focus on budgeting, planning and institutional analysis.”

Most recently, Dugal helped develop a strategic plan for his former employer, Western Connecticut State University called “Western Rising” as a senior advisor to the provost.

Dugal graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Ph.D. in strategic management.

“Dugal understands that effective financial leadership in higher education is grounded not only in sound fiscal management but also in supporting academic priorities, student success and institutional sustainability,” Singh said. “He will work closely



Mohinder Dugal



Andy Anaam



Julie Edstrom

with our interim vice chancellor for administration and chief operating officer, as well as campus administration and shared governance leadership, to advance the strategic, operational, and fiscal priorities of UW-Oshkosh.”

Singh said that the decision goes hand-in-hand with the UWO Infinite strategic plan, and is another step towards being prepared to launch the plan with momentum and sustaining a financially sound, mission driven growth strategy for the university.

Other changes within the school’s administration have taken place in the communications department and its enrollment management domain.

Andy Anaam joins UWO as the director of communications officially April 9, and brings over a decade of experience as the City of Appleton’s communication director.

“Given Andy’s expertise, and the trust and respect she has built across our local com-

munities, my team and I are confident that she will capably meet the university’s evolving needs and help ensure continuity in this critical area of communication and community engagement,” Singh said.

Anaam replaces Alexander Hummel, who served as UWO’s executive director of university relations and communications and is now transitioning into the role of director of advancement for the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh.

Amber Evans, the associate vice chancellor for enrollment management and marketing at UWO is also leaving the university after three years in her role. Julie Edstrom will take her place as the interim vice chancellor for enrollment management.

Edstrom brings more than 20 years of experience within enrollment management, having served in her soon-to-be role at three different universities, most recently at Southern Connecticut State University.

Singh said in the announcement that this was an emergency hire due to enrollment being among the university’s most important priorities as they prepare for the roll out of their strategic plan.

Edstrom is expected to serve in her position for two years while a national search is conducted in the third year.

Both Anaam and Edstrom are to be a part of the school’s Executive Council as well.

“These leadership updates reflect our continued focus on strengthening institutional leadership and aligning the Executive Council with the priorities that will guide UW-Oshkosh forward,” Singh said. “As we enter the final phase of strategic plan formulation and prepare to lay a strong foundation for the implementation phase beginning next semester, these organizational changes position us well to pursue our institutional aspirations with clarity, coordination, and effectiveness.”

GO Transit connecting Oshkosh to Neenah

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Oshkosh and Neenah will be reachable by way of public transportation once again after an expansion of the city’s GO Transit Connect program.

Riders can utilize an already existing “microtransit” system that costs \$3 per ride to get to northern Oshkosh from the Downtown Oshkosh Transit Center, and they’ll connect with Valley Transit for a \$5 one-way ride to the Downtown Neenah Transit Center.

“There is a need in the community to provide a means of reliable transportation that connects the transit dependent in the more heavily populated areas in the county and the transit agencies associated with them,” Steve Tomasik, the transit operations manager for the City of Oshkosh said. “The hope was that by using the microtransit model of transportation we would ultimately be offering a more attractive option than the buses.”

The “microtransit” system is an on-demand service run by more environmentally sustainable vehicles like taxis that was chosen as an alternative for Route 10. It allows riders to schedule their transportation needs rather than working



Courtesy of the City of Oshkosh
An Oshkosh Go Transit bus sits in a park, Oshkosh and Neenah is now reachable by microtransit system.

around a schedule set by the city.

“In 2019 the university (UW-Oshkosh) ended its revenue agreement with GO Transit, which combined with COVID-19, really caused ridership to decline,” Tomasik said. “It (Route 10) eventually was deemed unsustainable, and alternative options were studied and discussed.”

Originally, the GO Connect system only provided direct rides from the Oshkosh Transit Center to the Neenah Transit Center, unlike Route 10. This new expansion reprovides people in the Fox Valley to access

buildings in northern Oshkosh like the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Office and Jail, as well as the Sunnyview Expo Center using public transportation.

“Residents now in the proposed red zone can utilize GO Connect to travel anywhere within the red zone,” Tomasik said. “... This ties those individuals directly to one of the two Transit Agencies (GO Transit and Valley Transit). So we are not going back to an old model, but enhancing the current model to better serve our residents.”

A one-way trip from the two

city’s Downtown Transit Centers typically costs \$20 on a ride sharing app like Uber, but this alternative saves riders approximately \$12.

Funding for the transportation comes from an annual Federal 5307 Operating Grant that the city receives due to it being considered an “urban area” by the U.S. Department of Commerce and Census Bureau.

The latest GO Connect pilot program will run from April 2026 until March 2027 as GO Transit considers if the program should be extended or expanded.

OSG candidates share their objectives

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Oshkosh Student Government (OSG) president and vice president candidates shared their vision for the upcoming general election on April 2-3, with their priorities ranging from transparency, greater communication between OSG and students to reengage students with OSG and student involvement.

In this year’s OSG elections, two candidate pairs are running for the positions, listed in president and vice president order: Matthew Caine and Alex Mulligan and Charlie Colbert and Ira Schlottke.

The candidates said that making a difference and improving student experience on campus were among the reasons that motivated them to run for the elections.

Caine, a third-year student at the university who pursues political science and communications studies, said his previous experience as president of the student government at UW-Fond du Lac and current experience as OSG Food Pantry director prepared him to “improve the student experience at UWO.”

“I am motivated to run for OSG because I believe that I have the necessary institutional historical knowledge as well as a large amount of general knowledge about the processes within the OSG,” he said. “I also believe that the great success of the UWO Food Pantry, which I have taken up this year, shows that I deliver results for students on campus. There was a 420% increase in student usage within the pantry over 2024-25, with much higher amounts of satisfaction shown through qualitative

data gathering.”

Colbert, a junior double major in political science and international studies, currently is part of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity while working at Reeve Memorial Union. His motivation to run comes from the lack of student engagement he sees at Reeve and his party’s passion to improve the campus.

“I remember when Reeve was the heart of this campus,” Colbert said. “Lately, it feels like we’ve lost that spark ... It’s time to take OSG out of the office and bring the energy back to the students. We (Colbert and Schlottke) aren’t just names on a ticket, we are a team.”

Mulligan is a first-year Kinesiology student with an emphasis in strength and conditioning at UWO who is also current OSG senator and Student Allocations Committee member. He said that after Caine noticed his hard work and dedication, he became motivated to run alongside him for the OSG elections.

“Matthew and I are building a dynamic that is honest and clear with others,” Mulligan said. “We focus on building trusting and encouraging relations with our peers that pushes us all more to spread knowledge and build communication between student government and to the students on campus.”

Schlottke is also a double major at UWO studying both political science and international studies, while minoring in law and policy with a certificate in indigenous studies. He is also a member of Delta Sigma Phi and is running because of the many issues he sees around campus.

“I am just one person,” Schlottke said. “Every single person on this campus is another pair of eyes that could be finding an issue. This is



Matthew Caine

why I’m running, I want to make sure that every single one of those issues is getting acknowledged and addressed. I want all students on campus to feel like they can make a difference.”

Caine and Mulligan highlighted three main priorities for their campaign: transparency and compliance, policy concerns and advocating for student basic needs and to grow student organizations on campus.

“Students are less involved on our campus now more than any time in the institution’s history,” Caine said. “A sense of belonging comes from having a community that fosters growth of student-led activity through student organizations. With recent work in OSG to revamp policy to make student organizations easier to create and maintain, we are just getting started with becoming a more involved campus.”

Colbert and Schlottke’s top three priorities are transparency, making OSG accessible to the students and repairing student accommodation resources that have been slashed



Alex Mulligan

through budget cuts.

“Why care?” Colbert said. “Because, if you don’t have someone in those rooms who actually knows what it’s like to be a student right now, decisions will be made about you, without you.”

For both candidate pairs, Caine and Mulligan and Colbert and Schlottke, accountability in front of students is one of the ways to keep track of their progress.

“We plan to track our progress by setting clear goals in the beginning of each semester that align with (our) priorities and with the student senate,” Caine said. “We will be open to having feedback and criticism from students, executive board members, staff and senators to ensure that we are meeting expectations to our best degree.”

Through 60-second bi-weekly videos supported by a one page graphic, the Colbert and Schlottke party want to bring a different system of accountability by highlighting feedback from students, what they’ve been doing to address feedback received and where they failed.



Ira Schlottke and Charlie Colbert

All of the candidates said that no matter whether they are elected for the office or not, they will continue to bring changes to the campus.

“Winning the election would mean that the campus puts their trust in our ability to better the campus and that they believe in us to be the voice of all students,” Mulligan said. “Losing wouldn’t be the end as I would help better the campus and do what I can as I love the campus and will give up time, energy, and make sacrifices on the betterment of the campus, community and the students.”

“Winning means we can make sure every student’s voice is heard,” Schlottke said. “It means change. It means making a difference for our students, environment, and community... There are so many places I feel like we can help this campus. With that being said, if we lose I will not stop pushing for change on our campus.”

Students can participate in the OSG General Election on April 2 through April 3 by accessing a link that will be delivered through their student email.

UWO alumnus, country artist visits campus

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Nashville-based country artist and UW-Oshkosh alumnus Brady Lee recruited the help of the university’s music department to hold a recording session inside the Arts and Communication Center on Feb. 23.

UWO Director of Music Industry Nathan Edwards said that his students gained precious knowledge from Lee about navigating the current music landscape.

“It is a fast-paced and rapidly changing industry, so it is awesome of Brady to share what he has learned,” Edwards said. “I think it is highly valuable for students to see an outside perspective from someone who has played music around the country and has years of perspective to share with us.”

The university’s music industry operations and audio production classes helped Lee, a graduate of UWO in 2016, produce recordings and film music videos.

Lee also met with the student-run record label “Titan Gold Records” and will be collaborating with the group to create a marketing campaign around his music.

Edwards said he had followed Lee’s career after he graduated and was thrilled when he reached

out to pitch a partnership between his music and current UWO students.

“Brady is great to work with because he has a deep understanding of the music industry and is also a very accomplished performer and songwriter,” Edwards said. “He absolutely nailed his live takes for the audio recording class.”

Lee was born in San Diego and moved all over the country growing up because his father was a Navy officer. Lee has lived in Pensacola and Jacksonville, Florida, San Antonio, and cities in Rhode Island and Kansas before finding his way to Oshkosh when he was 15 years old.

In an interview with Medium from 2023, Lee said he was intimidated when he first moved to Oshkosh.

“I was kind of into music before moving to Wisconsin, but when you’re the new kid so many times over you kind of need to ‘pick’ what you’re going to stand out with,” Lee said. “I wasn’t going to move to a new town halfway through high school and just be okay at a couple things, nor I was going to be really good at one thing ... I just assumed I wouldn’t be the best athlete, so I hunkered down with my music and decided that was going to be me.”

Lee said in the interview with



Courtesy of Patrick Flood

Country artist and 2016 UW-Oshkosh alumnus Brady Lee sets up during a class at the Fredrick March Theatre.

Medium that his music career took a turn during the first few months of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I was writing songs with a buddy up in Wisconsin and somehow we got linked up with producer Reid Shippen, who does Dierks (Bentley’s) stuff among a ton of other top shelf guys,” he said. “We just kept sending songs back and forth, he’d listen and give feedback, we’d rewrite them and send them back. After like four weeks of this, I just had to sit back and laugh. This just doesn’t happen in

the biz. Like, I have this superstar producer who I must’ve caught at a perfect time because he was just so accommodating and helpful. I learned so much about songwriting in a commercial format from those four weeks.”

Lee released his debut album “Backyard Vacation” in June of 2020, which teamed No. 50 on the iTunes Country charts and was featured on Spotify’s New Music Friday Country and Fresh Finds Country playlist.

According to Medium, Lee

grew up listening to Rascal Flatts and Tim McGraw, and his style has been described as radio-ready, pop-infused anthems that showcase his soaring vocals and smooth guitar playing.

Lee reached No. 1 on the charts with his single “Rewind” in 2022 and his debut album was voted the best independent country music release of the year.

Lee, who boasts 33 thousand listeners on Spotify, dropped his latest single “Clover” on March 17.

Spring Election Preview

Meet the candidates from the five ballot items

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The 2026 spring election will take place on April 7 and will feature five ballot items: Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, Court Of Appeals Judge District II, Winnebago County Supervisor District 16, Oshkosh Council Member and Oshkosh Area School District School Board Member. This serves as an informational guide for students less than a week from Election Day.

Oshkosh will have nine different polling places covering 15 districts that will be open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Most UW-Oshkosh students reside in districts one through eight across the Fox River, with the majority of campus located in district five. Districts five, six, seven and 10 need to go to the Culver Family Welcome Center. To find your specific polling location based on your home address, go to My Vote Wisconsin at myvote.wi.gov/en-us/.

Justice Of The Supreme Court: Chris Taylor

Chris Taylor is one of the two candidates for Justice of The Supreme Court that is up for election after incumbent Rebecca Bradley announced she will not be running for re-election.

According to Taylor's campaign website www.chrisforjustice.com/, she began her career as an attorney and policy director for Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin. She went on to serve for nearly a decade in the Wisconsin State Assembly, focusing on bills to increase access to affordable health care and increased wages.

On June 11, 2020, Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers appointed Taylor to the Wisconsin circuit court in Dane County. Taylor replaced Judge Jill Karofsky, who had been elected to the Wisconsin Supreme Court in the April 2020 General Election. Taylor was later elected to a full term as judge in the April 2021 election, a role that she currently occupies.

Taylor's website says that she is a lifelong advocate for justice, fairness, and protecting the rights of all people.

"As a judge on the Wisconsin Court of Appeals, she brings a deep understanding of the law and a commitment to ensuring everyone gets a fair shot in our judicial system," Taylor's website says. "Her judicial philosophy is people-centered, grounded in making sure individuals get a fair chance in our courts, and that their Constitutional rights are protected. She knows how important it is for our courts to be places where people feel heard, respected, and treated equally under the law. She is a strong advocate for maintaining the independence of the judiciary, which must also serve as a check on the other branches of government."

Taylor's website says she is a champion of public safety and victims' rights.

"From working to improve protections for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, to protecting

the safety of our communities, she believes everyone has a right to be safe in their home and in their community," Taylor's website says.

Maria Lazar

Maria Lazar is the other candidate running against Taylor for the vacant seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

According to Lazar's website www.judgemarialazar.com/, she practiced law for about 20 years in the private sector for a business litigation and bankruptcy organization. Lazar went on to serve five years as the Assistant Attorney General for the Wisconsin Department of Justice and seven years as a Circuit Court Judge in Waukesha.

For the past three years, she has served on the Wisconsin Court of Appeals in District II.

Lazar's website says that unlike other candidates, she will not throw judicial ethics out the window.

"I realize you, the voters, want to hear that information, but ethics are important," Lazar says. "As I campaign, I will tell you how I've ruled on important issues, how I make my decisions, and promise to never be swayed by political considerations. Trust me, when you will learn about my judicial practice you will be convinced I am the best candidate for this position."

While Taylor's "Meet Chris" page doesn't mention anything about her opponent, Lazar's "Why Am I Running" page cites Taylor in its argument that political parties have taken over the Supreme Court race.

"In my last judicial race for the Court of Appeals, my Governor-appointed opponent funded her race with massive influxes of out-of-state money," Lazar says. "I have never been appointed to any position on the bench, having run for every judicial seat I have held. My opponent was initially appointed to the Dane County Circuit Court with no prior experience or will of the people."

Lazar says that she is running on the idea of stopping the politicization of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

"We need to restore fair and impartial justice to this non-partisan third branch of our government," Lazar says. "We need to elect someone with the courage to stand fast against this devastating trend and who will appreciate the grave honor they have been given by the people of Wisconsin every time they put on their black robe. There is only one candidate who fits that bill, and that is me."

Winnebago County Supervisor District 16: Casen J. Frassetto

Casen Frassetto, a student at UW-Oshkosh, is running unopposed in the race for Winnebago County Supervisor in District 16 after incumbent Christian Mueller did not seek reelection.

Frassetto said in an interview with the Advance-Titan on Tuesday that he is running to make the county safer and more affordable.

"Too often, I hear about expensive housing costs and rent for young people in the area, which

is why I am committed to getting more affordable housing built in Oshkosh and the rest of the county," he said. "I will also be a fierce advocate to get the sheriff's department to withdraw from the 287(g) agreement they have with ICE so that the people of this country won't have to worry about ICE terrorizing our community, and to encourage transparency with our law enforcement."

Oshkosh Common Council Member: Alec Lefebber

Alec Lefebber is one of six candidates running for the three open seats on the Oshkosh Common Council during this year's spring election.

According to Lefebber's campaign website www.alecforoshkosh.com/, he is a graduate of UWO and was the first person in his family to earn a bachelor's degree.

Lefebber currently serves on the City of Oshkosh Landmarks Commission, performs with the Oshkosh Community Players at The Grand, and is a mentor through Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

Lefebber's campaign website says that he is focused on quality of life and the people of the city.

"Young people should feel like Oshkosh is a place where they can build a life, not a place they have to leave," Lefebber's campaign website says. "For too long, we've acted like it's normal for young people to move away. It doesn't have to be that way. If we want a lively, growing city, we need to give the next generation real reasons to stay and see their future here."

Jacob Amos

Jacob Amos is seeking election to the Oshkosh Common Council after he was appointed to fill Kris Larson's vacant seat last November.

The Advance-Titan was not able to locate a campaign website for Amos, who became the first Black man to serve on the council.

Amos has served on the United Way of Oshkosh as an adjunct board member and has been a part of Oshkosh's Long Range Finance Committee.

In an interview with WISS in January, Amos said that the biggest issue facing the Oshkosh Common Council is transparency.

"There are a lot of discussions that are happening that the residents of Oshkosh feel are huge to them," Amos told WISS. "They feel very passionate about it, and they would like a lot of transparency ... The main thing I keep hearing is, 'We want a local government that's more transparent. That gives us more. And they (the residents) don't feel so uninformed, if you will.'"

In his interview with WISS, Amos said his goals for the council is to address housing struggles, property taxes and poor road conditions.

Meredith Scheuermann

A former Oshkosh Common Council member from 2007-09, Meredith Scheuermann is seeking one of the three open seats in this year's election.

Scheuermann currently works for U.S. Bank in Appleton and has served on several government com-

mittees after her initial term as a council member.

While Scheuermann has no campaign website, she does have a Facebook page. Her page says that her campaign is centered around growing the tax base to work towards flat property taxes, supporting services like roads and infrastructure, making building on Oshkosh more accessible for developers and listening and responding to comments from the community.

In an interview with WISS in January, she said that residents are concerned about their pocketbook.

"They're concerned of the property taxes," Scheuermann said. "They're getting hit, you know, county, school board, the taxes are a combination of all of those, as you know. You hear a lot about, 'I can't afford this. I can't afford any kind of increases.' So just being really mindful of the expenses that we spend in the city is important to them."

Paul J. Esslinger

A two-time member of the Oshkosh Common Council and the former mayor of the city, Paul Esslinger lost out on the final spot in last year's election to the group after falling behind Karl Buelow by less than 1,000 votes.

According to WISS, Esslinger, who does not have a campaign website but has been featured on various social media channels, was motivated to run for Oshkosh Common Council after the Oshkosh Area Humane Society's budget was cut almost in half.

Esslinger said in an interview with WISS in January that the biggest issue that city government is facing is representation.

"I would argue, getting council members who represent the residents," Esslinger said in an interview with WISS. "Now that may be a controversial statement, and I've said controversial stuff before. And again, it's nothing personal. But I think if you were to walk up and down Main Street Oshkosh and talk to anyone who kind of watches council meetings or stays in touch, I think they'd probably tell you the council members, by and large, do not listen to the residents."

Logan Jungbacker

Oshkosh native Logan Jungbacker is running for Oshkosh Common Council for the first time in the 2026 spring election.

Jungbacker currently works with the Business Improvement District in Oshkosh and is on the board of Downtown Oshkosh Inc.

According to Jungbacker's campaign website www.loganforoshkosh.com/, he has worked in commercial real estate in finance for more than a decade.

Jungbacker's website says that his campaign is based around affordable housing, smart growth and efficient government.



Advance-Titan File Photo

"Growth pressures, housing challenges, and infrastructure needs require leadership that understands both the policy and practical realities of successful implementation," Jungbacker's website says. "Oshkosh needs leadership that can meet this moment and hit the ground running. I'm running for Common Council to bring my experience, perspective, and a steady hand to city hall decision-making. My focus is on long-term results, fiscal responsibility, and community well-being for a strong Oshkosh today, tomorrow and for generations to come."

Tim Neubauer

Century 21 realtor, investor and Oshkosh native Tim Neubauer is running for the council after being inspired by his friends.

While Neubauer does not have a campaign website, he does have a Facebook page.

According to an interview with WISS from January, Neubauer said he heard that people did not want to invest in Oshkosh, which is something that he wants to change.

"Everything has just gotten so expensive here," Neubauer said in the interview with WISS. "So I'd love to be on the inside and actually know how all this stuff's figured out. Where our money goes? How we budget things? Are we wasting money over here when we should be putting it over here? Do we need to be spending money on this or that? Or can we give it back to the community, lower our tax levy. Make things a little bit better for the people of Oshkosh in their wallets instead of building unnecessary things."

Neubauer said that money and transparency are the biggest issues that Oshkosh is facing.

"Everything's about money right now," Neubauer said in his interview with WISS. "Whether it's what government spends? Whether it's what people keep in their pocket? Watching social media or the news, we're just seeing all this stuff about fraud and what the people in the government are doing with money and where money's going. That's obviously the biggest issue."

View the previews for the Wisconsin Court Of Appeals Judge District II and Oshkosh Area School District School Board races, go to advancetitan.com.

Hall of Fame to induct eight new members

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Eight former student-athletes will be inducted into the UW-Oshkosh Athletics Hall of Fame later this year, as UWO athletics announced the 2026 inductees on March 25.

This will be the 52nd induction class since the Hall of Fame was established in 1974, and will feature athletes Jack Borski, Pete Delzer, Michelle Dziak, Shane Lohr, Stan Mathes, Cole Myhra, Matt Thull and Ben Zill.

A member of the men's soccer team from 2007-10, Borski received numerous All-American honors for his efforts both on the field and in the classroom. The four-year letterwinner for the Titans was the first and only defender for UWO to receive United Soccer Coaches (USC) Third Team and D3soccer.com First Team All-American honors. His accolades also include two All-WIAC First Team honors, and three straight Division III all-region awards. As a player, Borski accumulated a 61-13-8 record, with starts in 72 matches, and totaling 13 career points, consisting of 11 assists and one match-winning goal. Academically, Borski was named the 2010 WIAC Max Sparger Scholar-Athlete of the Year for men's soccer and the 2011 UW-Oshkosh John Taylor Scholar-Athlete Award, in addition to numerous Academic All-American honors by the College Sports Communicators (CSC).

As a thrower on the men's track and field team from 2010-13, Delzer is a four-time WIAC and national champion as well as a 12-time All-American for the black and gold. He currently holds the school record in the hammer throw, and lists among the program's top five in the 35-pound weight throw, indoor and outdoor shot put. Delzer won his first individual national title in the weight throw with a toss of 64-3.75. He also won the 2012 hammer throw championship with a school record mark of 210-2, and the 2013 weight throw with a distance of 67-9.5. In 2012, Delzer was named the Division III Midwest Region Indoor Field Athlete of the Year, and following graduation, became a USA Track & Field 2016 indoor national qualifier in the weight throw. That same year, he broke the weight throw record at Kolf Sports Center, with a mark of 68-5.25.

A two-time WIAC Indoor Championship Field Performer of the Meet, Dziak represented the Titans from 1986-90, and is a six-time All-American, and seven-time WIAC champion in both long jump



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

The UW-Oshkosh Athletics Hall of Fame announced that it will induct eight former athletes into its ranks later this year.

and triple jump. She was a member of the first conference and national titles for UW-Oshkosh women's track & field. She scored the first points for UWO in an indoor championship meet as a freshman in 1986, when she placed fourth in the triple jump. She repeated the same feat in the 1987 indoor championship, placing fourth in the same event to score the Titans' lone points of the competition. In her junior season, Dziak won the WIAC indoor championships in both long jump and triple jump, and helped the Titans win their second of four straight WIAC outdoor titles. Her final season in the black and gold capped off with the program's first team national title, after finishing runner up during the indoor season. Since she graduated, the program continued to excel, adding an additional combined 23 conference and 17 national team championships.

As an All-American both athletically and academically, Lohr represented the Titans on the soccer pitch as a midfielder from 2000-03. He is one of seven individuals, alongside Borski, to receive United Soccer Coaches All-American honors, in addition to two all-region nods, as he helped the team to a 70-10-2 record and four NCAA Division III Championship appearances. Two of the four appearances had UWO reaching the Final Four. Across his four years on the roster, Lohr contributed 46 points, comprised of 30 assists and eight goals. In the classroom, Lohr is second of

seven players in program history to receive USC NCAA Division III Scholar All-America accolades, when he was named to the second team in 2003.

A member of the men's cross country and track and field teams from 1965-67, Mathes was a part of the first team championships for the cross country program in 1966 and 1967. The three-year letterwinner on both teams won the 880-yard runs at the 1966 and 1967 WIAC championships, in addition to being a member of UWO's mile relay team. His time of 1:55.9 in 1967 remains the conference record, while the mile relay from 1966 still maintains the WIAC record with a finish of 3:21.9. Mathes also participated in the 1967 NAIA Championship in the 880-yard run. Following his time at UWO, Mathes has finished first in his age group at 176 races throughout the years of 1980-2024. He also currently holds the National Senior Games record holder in the 60-to-64-year-old 800-meter run, which he set in 2007, and won the 60-to-64-year-old 800-meter run at the 2006 National Masters Track & Field Championship, which put him first in the world.

During his four seasons on the gridiron for the black and gold, Myhra became a two-time All-American running back as the Titans compiled a 32-12 record, and the program's first-ever NCAA Division III Championship appearance during the 2012 campaign, as well as the program's first WIAC

title in 46 years. Representing Oshkosh, Myhra accumulated 3,215 rushing yards, 37 rushing touchdowns, 83 receptions for 745 yards and four touchdowns, and 246 points scored. He ranks third in school history for rushing yards and rushing touchdowns, while he ranks fourth in points scored. Myhra garnered All-WIAC First Team, D3football.com Second Team All-American and All-West Region accolades in 2012 and 2013, in addition to an All-WIAC Second Team nod in 2011.

One of the most decorated runners in program history, Thull ran for the Titans from 1993-97, earning nine All-American honors and winning ten WIAC Individual Titles. Thull is also an eleven-time letterwinner across the indoor and outdoor track and field seasons, in addition to three cross country seasons. He led the conference in the indoor 3,000- and 5,000-meters runs, winning conference titles for both from 1995-97. Thull also won back-to-back WIAC crowns in the outdoor 5,000- and 10,000-meter runs during the 1996 and 1997 seasons. With that feat, he was awarded the 1997 WIAC Outdoor Championship Co-Performer of the Meet. In UWO history, Thull's time of 14:24.9 is the third fastest in the 5,000-meter run, while he's listed fourth in the 3,000-meter run with a 8:23.26 finish.

A dual-sport athlete in both football and track and field for one season, Zill received ten All-Amer-

ican nods and six individual WIAC Championships for the Titans during the years of 2007-10.

His junior year saw the Titans win their only indoor and outdoor team titles in program history. On the track, Zill won individual conference titles and received his All-American honors in the 400-meter hurdles, 400-meter dash, pentathlon, 1,600-meter relay and distance medley relay. He won an individual national title in the 400-meter run in 2010, and was a member of the indoor distance medley relay championship team that took home the top crown in 2009.

His final year in the black and gold resulted in him receiving Division III Indoor Championship Outstanding Track Performer of the Meet, Division III Midwest Region Track Athlete of the Year and the WIAC Championship Outstanding Track Performer of the Meet for both indoors and outdoors. The nine-time letterwinner also suited up for UWO on the gridiron in 2010, recording two receptions for 24 yards and one blocked kick.

The 2026 Hall of Fame Class will be inducted on Sunday, Oct. 4 at the Culver Family Welcome Center. The event starts at 9:15 a.m., with the program beginning at 10:45 a.m., and is open to the public. Tickets to attend will be sold until Sept. 21, and will not be available at the event. Anyone who wishes to purchase a ticket can visit the athletic department's website.

UWO basketball head coach Matt Lewis resigns

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Matt Lewis announced on Tuesday, March 31, that he will be resigning as the UW-Oshkosh men's basketball head coach to support his wife, who was hired by Illinois Wesleyan University as their vice president for enrollment.

Lewis said the past 14 years have been an honor to be the

head coach of the Titans.

"This was not an easy decision, UWO has been home for a long time, but our family is entering a new chapter," Lewis said.

UWO Assistant Chancellor of Intercollegiate Athletics Darryl Sims thanked Lewis and his family for their commitment to UWO.

"Matt has been a campus leader since arriving in Oshkosh, and his positive presence will be

missed well beyond the basketball court," Sims said.

Lewis departs after eight years as the head coach, where in his interim season as head coach led the Titans to its first and only NCAA Division III National Championship in program history in 2019.

"I'm incredibly grateful for the student-athletes, coaches and community members who've made this experience so re-

warding," Lewis said. "Together, we've built something special, and I'm proud to have played a part in continuing the program's tradition of excellence."

Lewis had a record of 141-62 and became the fastest coach in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference to 100 career wins and earned WIAC coach of the year three times.

He won three WIAC regular season championships and two

WIAC Tournament titles as head coach of the Titans.

As head coach Lewis helped nine players achieve a total of 17 All-WIAC First Team honors, 12 Titans garnered All-Region accolades and four players received a total of ten All-America honors.

A national search for the next men's basketball head coach will begin and Lewis plans to stay involved with basketball.



Scoreboard

Saturday, March 28

Baseball
UW-Eau Claire - 11
UWO - 4

UW-Eau Claire - 6
UWO - 3

Softball
Illinois Wesleyan University - 7
UWO - 4

UWO - 13
Calvin University - 5

Softball
UWO - 5
Wartburg College (Iowa) - 1

UWO - 1
Illinois Wesleyan University - 0

Sunday, March 29

Baseball
UWO - 11
UW-Eau Claire - 1

UW-Eau Claire - 9
UWO - 6

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 2

Softball
at Marian University at 3 p.m.
at Marian University at 5 p.m.
Women’s Flag Football
vs. Rockford University (Illinois)
at 6 p.m.

Friday, April 3

Track and Field
at UW-La Crosse Invitational, TBA
Baseball
vs. UWSP at noon
vs. UWSP at 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 4

Baseball
vs. UWSP at noon
vs. UWSP at 3 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7

Softball
at UWGB at 2 p.m.
at UWGB at 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8

Baseball
vs. UWW at 1 p.m.
at UWW at 4 p.m.
Softball
vs. Lakeland at 3 p.m.
vs. Lakeland at 5 p.m.

A-Trivia

Who was the last UWO men’s basketball head coach before Matt Lewis?

Answer: Pat Juckem

UWO competes at indoor nationals



Courtesy of UWO Athletics

Joshua Rivers competes in the long jump at the NCAA Division III Indoor Championships on March 13 in Brimingham, Alabama.

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UW-Oshkosh track and field sent 21 competitors to the 2026 NCAA Division III Indoor Championships at the Crossplex in Birmingham, Alabama on March 13-14, with the men’s side placing third in the country, scoring a program record 64 points.

Nine athletes would receive All-American honors across 11 events, with three individuals being named national champions.

In Friday’s lineup of events, Gavin Fritsch would jumpstart the scoring for the Titans, as the senior won the men’s weight throw with a distance of 20.78 meters. Junior Bryce Hale finished in sixth place with a distance of 18.82 meters.

In men’s long jump, senior Joshua Rivers defended his national championship for the third straight year, jumping 7.48 meters in his final attempt to reclaim the top spot for UWO. The final national championship crown for the Titans goes to graduate student Collin Kao, who reset the indoor pole vault record with a height of 5.33 meters to win the event.

On the track, senior Amelia Lehman qualified for finals in the women’s mile, while junior Lucas Nicholson qualified for the 800 meter finals. The women’s distance medley relay team of junior Maddy LaVoi, sophomores Emma Boegh and Adriana Garcia, and freshman

Lehna Mitchell finished in 11th place with a time of 12:07.34. The men’s 4x400 meter relay, represented by Rivers, junior Matthew Eiden, and freshmen Sean Malay and Eli Kerner completed the event with a time of 3:17.76, placing them in 10th.

Junior Dylan Doss would collect a trio of All-American honors across both days. On Friday, Doss finished fourth in the long jump with a distance of 7.1 meters. Doss then started Saturday with a second place finish in the 60-meter dash, finishing with a time of 6.71 seconds, before breaking the indoor program record in the 200-meter dash, with a second place finish of 20.93 seconds.

Two heptathlon athletes

would place in scoring positions for the Titans on day two of the meet. Senior Charlie Nolan finished in fourth place with 5,138 points, while junior Bryce Smith took seventh with a finish of 5,038 points. In finals competition on the track, Lehman placed runner-up in the women’s mile with a time of 4:43.8. She also started in the women’s 3,000 meter run, but did not finish the race. Nicholson ran 1:51.59 in the 800-meter finals, which gave him sixth place.

With the indoor season now complete, Oshkosh now looks towards the outdoor season. They kick off outdoor competition in St. Louis at the WashU Distance Carnival on March 26-27, at Francis Olympic Field.

Professional broadcasters speak at webinar

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Breaking into sports broadcasting takes more than just a love for the sports industry, professionals said during a March 10 webinar hosted by the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association.

The webinar provided students with actionable steps for entering sports broadcasting, including gaining experience early and understanding the industry’s future growth.

Alex Strouf, a sports producer at ESPN Wisconsin and UW-Stevens Point alumnus, said he got involved in the industry early.

“(At my school), I could work in the athletic department, sports radio station and sports television show,” Strouf said. “I mean, it was diabolical how much stuff I was doing.”

Strouf said building relationships and connecting with professionals is important.

“You could just cold DM them on LinkedIn and say, ‘hey, here’s a five-minute sizzle



Alex Strouf



Pablo Iglesias



Ben Brust

reel of my work, can you give me feedback?” and that opens the door,” Strouf said.

Pablo Iglesias, a digital content specialist with ESPN Wisconsin, said building connections in the industry is important.

“Never be afraid to take the risk, have conversations and put yourself out there,” Iglesias said.

Iglesias said it’s important to study other people’s work to refine and see what others in the field are doing differently.

“I want to grow as a storyteller and I still want to grow

as a storyteller in general,” Iglesias said. “I’d go back and watch tapes of other people and say, ‘hey, I like how this person did this and I want to try to emulate that in my own way.’ That’s really important to grow.”

Artificial intelligence is one of the many changes in sports media, Strouf said, and companies are trying to get ahead of the curve by exploring new uses for AI.

“Utilizing it to repurpose content, transcribe the show and kind of identify the best moments rather than me having to go back and listen to three

hours of content,” Strouf said. “Here’s the three-hour transcript, give me the best 30-90 second clips so I can cut those quick and put them on social media.”

ESPN Wisconsin radio host Ben Brust said he is using AI to polish out the foundation of what would make a great show.

“When I put in transcripts, I can tell AI to be a fan, content director, it can do air checks, but it took a lot of work to sort of build a project for it to understand what we’re trying to accomplish day in and day out,” Brust said.



Is it too soon?

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Welcome to Sex In-The-920! I'm the Carrie Bradshaw of UW-Oshkosh, or your college sex guru. As a new relationship developer, trusting your partner can come with it's difficulties. Trusting them in ways with your body and life-style can be scary. The only person who knows your own body is yourself. You know yourself best.

I couldn't help but wonder, when is it too soon to have sex in a new relationship? It's truly easy to say when it is too soon. I'm a firm believer that you should not have sex with someone on the first date. I think this is because you are getting to know someone, and not their body. It's important to build a relationship on a foundation of love and not lust immediately.

With that in mind, I do believe even the second or third date is also a little too soon to have sex

with a new partner that you are trying to build a relationship with. Remember, this stands for building a relationship, not having a one-night-stand.

It's important to recognize your partners comfortability also. The sex conversation should happen before the action, so you can both understand each other's needs and wants.

The question still stands, when is it too soon? My answer is sort of simple, and I hate to say it but it is true. When you know, you know.

You'll be able to feel when you're ready and when it's meant to happen. Planning the act can be problematic, because it can set your expectations too high.

Rose petals and candles can be tacky, just having you and your partner is most important. Always remember, consent is key, and ask before you do every time. Listen to yourself, your body, and always try to understand your partner.

Best social media apps

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Social media has played a pivotal role in the way our society is ingesting information, connecting with people and spending our free time. But which app is the best use of your time? In my opinion, these are the top social media apps ranked from best to worst:

1. Instagram

Whether you go on Instagram to scroll through reels for a few minutes (or hours), check what reels your friends sent you, or see who posted what, Instagram covers it all. By adding stories, reels, a homepage and an explore page, Instagram has evolved as the internet and audience around it did.

2. TikTok

TikTok changed the game for short form media consumption with the death of Vine and the rise of YouTube. It was so innovative that it pushed competitors like YouTube, Snapchat, and Instagram to a "For You Page" replica on their own apps. But as their audience grew, so did the censorship. Recently when you scroll on TikTok, there is either an ad created by the company or an influencer trying to get you to buy a product off of TikTok shop. Now only one out of every three videos

is authentic content, and even then, you're not guaranteed for it to be something you enjoy.

3. Snapchat

When you think of social media, Snapchat has to be the most classic example. I still remember the excitement of when I first was allowed to have social media, and being able to have streaks with my friends was life changing.

But as you grow up, you start to wonder why you still are receiving snaps from someone you haven't had a single conversation with since middle school. Especially, when most of the time you're just receiving photos of their boring white ceiling.

4. Facebook

Facebook is often clowned on for being mostly for your parents and grandparents to believe AI videos and get angry at misinformation. But with the rise of upcycling and thrifting, a younger demographic has started using Facebook Marketplace. As the saying goes, one man's trash is another man's treasure.

With media consumption being at an all time high, it can be overwhelming to constantly be scrolling, these are the few you should use in order to optimize your screen time.

Letter to the Editor

Weather doesn't stop parking police

Dear Editor,

Monday, March 16, our campus experienced one of the most significant blizzards in recent history. While many employees understandably stayed home, others reported to campus to ensure essential services remained available to our students.

We owe a sincere thank you to the grounds and facilities teams as well as to the food service employees who worked extended hours and even assisted coworkers with transportation to ensure students had access to meals.

Most departments required to be on campus demonstrated commendable teamwork and flexibility during these extreme conditions. However, one exception was Parking Services.

Before coming to work Monday morning, I emailed Parking Services and Associate Director Lindy Stein with the following request: "Good morning, any chance that I can have permission to park in the Blackhawk lot today? With the blizzard, it would be nice not to have to walk from Wisconsin Street

Let me know. Thanks."

The response was: "Good morning, You would need to pay hourly AMP to park at Blackhawk today. We are not able to offer free parking. Lindy."

When I arrived, the Blackhawk parking lot was completely empty. This lot frequently sits unused, generating no revenue unless someone buys a permit or receives a citation. Yet the request to use it during a blizzard was still denied. Allowing essential employees to park closer on a day with dangerous conditions would not have caused harm and would have demonstrated collaboration and compassion.

This is not the first time Parking Services has upheld this rigid stance. During the extreme cold snap in January — with temperatures reaching -29 degrees and wind chills around -54 degrees — Custodial Services asked whether staff could use the Blackhawk lot so they would not have to make long, unsafe walks. The response again was no, unless employees paid the hourly rate, which totals \$14 for an eight-hour shift.

These situations highlight an

area that needs improvement. We are one campus, committed to supporting each other and serving our students. When one department is unable or unwilling to extend reasonable accommodations during extreme circumstances, it sends an unfortunate message: employees are expected to show up and give their best, but should not expect flexibility or understanding in return.

Policies exist to provide structure, not to prevent common-sense decisions in extraordinary situations. A campus can only function when every department recognizes its role in supporting the whole. On days when the weather threatens the safety of staff, small acts of flexibility can make a big difference.

Allowing essential employees to use an empty lot does not cost the university anything — but it shows that we value one another. I urge Parking Services to update its policies to allow temporary access to unused lots during extreme conditions. This simple act of cooperation would reflect the campus values we promote and strengthen the community we all rely on.



Genevieve Haartman /Advance-Titan

The vending machines located on the third floor of Sage Hall where snacks can be bought.

Best cheap snacks for students

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Some of the best quick snacks come from the vending machines on campus as they are open 24 hours and are cheap and affordable. In my opinion these snacks are the best:

1. Jack Link's Beef Jerk

Ranked No. 1 although expensive, Jack Links' Beef Jerky snacks are tender beef cuts that have a smokey flavoring and are prime rib seasoned. This snack will make you feel like you're eating at a five-star restaurant. Who wouldn't like tender beef prime rib? Jack Link's offers great flavor and is salty, but a healthy snack containing 70 calories made from 100% beef.

2. TGI Friday's Potato Skins

At No. 2, the classic TGI Friday's restaurant chain produces potato skins that are snack crisps that are cheddar and bacon flavored chips. TGI Friday's chips are baked

and crispy with really good flavoring. On each chip you can taste the cheddar and bacon combo. The chips' overall contents are 250 calories per bag.

3. Pringles Sour Cream and Onion

At No. 3, we have the classic Pringles Sour Cream and Onion favored chips that are really good. Pringles are baked and are crispy with good flavoring on each chip. But sometimes the lightness of the chip means they are easily broken before you even open the container. Overall contents Pringles 210 Calories per one can.

4. Snyder's Pretzels

Snyder's Pretzels are at No. 4 on the list because they are mini pretzels that are crunchy and salty and are just shaped like a giant pretzel. For those who are looking for something healthy these are Non-GMO-verified and are low on fat, containing 250 Calories per bag.

5. Chocolate chip cookies

Who doesn't like cookies? Chocolate chip bite-size premium cookies are the perfect snack, as it feels like endless cookies come out of each pouch.

These are crunchy and can be eaten in multiple ways, either dipped in milk or shared. Overall contents are 250 calories per bag.

6. Reese's Peanut Butter Cups

At the top spot for candy snacks comes Reese's Peanut Butter Cups that are filled with milk chocolate and peanut butter. This delicious treat could serve as candy but also as a source of protein with the peanut butter. The treat contains 210 calories per bag.

7. Kit Kat

The second-best candy in the vending machines are Kit Kat bars, which contain a milk chocolate wafer that is broken up into breakable slices that you can break up into multiple pieces. Overall, the treat contains 210 calories per bag.



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A band member from Putrillence crowd surfs at one of The Jamb's shows last Saturday, March 28.

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Downtown Oshkosh now has a new live music venue and performing arts center called The Jamb, started by Jambalaya, a nonprofit art gallery and collective that was started by a group of art students from UW-Oshkosh.

Located at 139 High Ave., The Jamb is a new space for all ages to enjoy and rock out to a variety of bands, music and more, with an emphasis in punk-rock music.

“(Right now) there’s definitely a wave of (punk rock) here,” Uri Weber, Jambalaya’s director of the board and The Jamb’s director of events said. “There’s a lot of punk rock, sure, but it does facilitate everything else too, we encourage all types of music. (It’s) anything that’s performing, needs a stage and a crowd for a specific night. We want to offer more than just one thing to the community.”

Although we have many live

music venues supporting local artists in downtown Oshkosh, The Jamb is the first non-profit venue downtown that is solely built around music and performing arts.

“We specifically want people to come there, be around people and just hang out and listen to music,” Weber said. “When the music isn’t going, everybody’s talking to each other. It’s such a beautiful sight to see.”

As such, there’s no bar. Weber said he wanted to provide a space for students and Oshkosh locals alike to go that doesn’t center around drinking.

Although being told he could make more money if it were, this decision was done on purpose.

“At our venue, it provides a space for people that are, of all ages, to feel welcome,” Weber said. “The whole point of the organization is that it’s not about the money. It’s about what we can give as an experience, an opportunity for people.”

In addition to being a space for

all ages, The Jamb also provides a space for all different types of people.

“I want people to talk, I want people to have different points of view,” Weber said. “I want Republicans, trans (people), Democrats, liberals, punks, metalheads, country folk and everybody to be in one room and just be able to talk about it and have fun.”

A non-traditional anthropology student at UWO himself, Weber also said that The Jamb provides a fun space for commuter students. Most commuter students have to leave before it gets too late, and aren’t able to drink. At The Jamb, shows start at 6:30 p.m., and there’s no pressure to drink.

Moreover, the venue is a low-cost option for high school and college students, and anyone else looking for affordable fun with “tickets” for purchase at the door for \$5 to \$15, depending on the artist or artists performing that night.

The venue also provides a space

for new and upcoming artists to get their music out there, with Weber saying they refuse to charge musicians and performers a cover charge to perform at The Jamb.

Instead, performers get a portion of the door sales as well as the opportunity to sell their merch.

“We’re creating different environments for people to survive in,” Weber said. “A lot of times, music and the performing arts is the most exploited faction of art. You’re depending on the venue, on the booker being cool. (Here) on a good night, an artist can leave with hundreds of dollars.”

Before The Jamb, Jambalaya had live music performances in their gallery for around 10 years. Although this worked for a while, Weber said, “it was just about time ... it ran its course.”

Nixing the labor of having to put away the art in the gallery every show, The Jamb now allows for more shows, going from once a month or less at Jambalaya to four

per month at the Jamb.

As such, their vision to support the community and artists alike is also able to grow.

“I think we have a fundamental position in the community to show people that creativity and innovation come from following your own way and becoming a leader,” Weber said. “That’s one of our goals, to create leaders in our community.”

The Jamb plans to do even more to support the community, hoping to eventually keep the live music, but also turn the venue into something close to their own art institute with art workshops, run by the community and its members instead of an academic institutional structure.

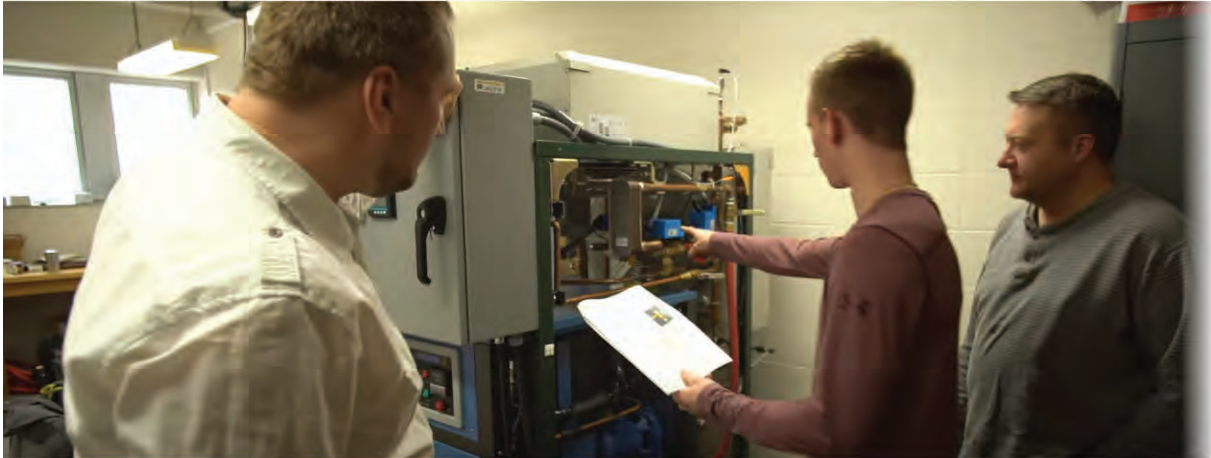
In the meantime, people can check out their many upcoming events by heading to Jambalaya’s website, clicking on “The Jamb” tab, and then clicking the button that says, “See our public calendar.”



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