

UWSP Dietetics students attend ADA Conference

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On the weekend of October 25th, seventeen Dietetics students from UWSP sardine-packed themselves into four cars to make the four-hour journey south into the heart of Chicago, Illinois. Each person brought a bag, a pillow, snacks, and an extra empty bag to load up with samplings gathered at the American Dietetic Association's Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo.



Dietetics students (from left to right) Richelle Morrow, Tara Chen, Amanda Schmitz, and Heather Wallace pose in front of the Dole foods display - a display among hundreds at the ADA's Conference and Expo.

At the expo, over 400 vendors promoted their healthful foods and dietary products to registered dietitians, interns, and students. Through encounters with various food companies and by attending a student internship fair, the Dietetics students were allowed a tremendous opportunity to network with health professionals and employers from around the country. Dietitians, an ex-Cub lineman, as well as a master sommelier spoke during the educational sessions which broadened listeners' horizons in the advancing field of Dietetics. After the conference was adjourned each day, all UWSP participants were able to enjoy a prime hotel location on the Magnificent Mile – and of course, they made sure to enjoy Chicago's fabulous options for dinnertime fare!