

Multicultural Affairs News

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Student Spotlight

Josh Maudrie



Josh's Favorites:

Movie: *Braveheart*

TV Show: Occasionally WWE Wrestling

Food: Healthy food for bodybuilding; pizza and ice cream for "cheat foods"

Color: Blue, especially dark blues like Cobalt

Website: Muscle and Fitness, Bassmasters, and Native American sites

Music: Heavy Rock, 80's Metal, and Country Music

Pastimes: Fishing, weightlifting, writing poetry, reading, listening to music, learning



Josh Maudrie is a senior at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and is proud to be Sault Ste. Marie Ojibwe (Anishinaabe). He is originally from Upper Michigan, but has lived in Wisconsin since he was in middle school. Josh is majoring in Sociology with a minor in Social Work. After graduation he hopes to be able to attend graduate school and fish various bass tournaments!

Since he has been a student at UWSP, Josh has been president of the student organizations AIRO (American Indians Reaching Opportunities) and AISES (American Indian Science and Engineering Society), for which he is the current president. He has also attended many conferences dealing with Native American issues and language. Josh says that he is making a concise effort to learn his

native traditions and language. Josh has "learned so much about [his] culture and other cultures throughout [his] involvement." He was also an active member of Fisheries Society for one year. Since the fall of 2001, Josh has been a mentor to an at-risk teenager. Josh says that "being a mentor has been challenging and rewarding for both [himself] and [his] mentee." The two of them usually get together on a weekly basis to do various activities together.

Eventually Josh would like to work with minorities and disadvantaged people to help improve the situations that they are in. Josh says "A person

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We're Part Of Multicultural Affairs

- Multicultural Affairs Main Office
- Multicultural Resource Center
- Native American Center
- Precollege Programs
- Upward Bound Program
- Content-Area Tutoring
- Educational Support Program
- ESL Summer Programs

New class this summer!

Education 305/505
*Wisconsin Indians: Cultural
Perspectives on Educational Issues*

Meeting Times: T-W-Th 12 - 4 p.m.

Dates: July 15 - 31, 2003
Location: Room 116, CPS

From the Director's Desk - Ron Strege

Welcome to Stevens Point! I am so glad you are here for orientation. This is an exciting time for you. You are now officially a Pointer!

I remember when I went to orientation. I had no idea what college was going to hold for me. I had no idea that my life would never be the same after my experience in school. This is where you will meet some of your best friends for life. This is where you start defining you.

Here are two tips for success in your time at UWSP:

1) The resourceful student succeeds. You need to look for and

take advantage of the opportunities presented to you; and 2) The Office of Multicultural Affairs is here to help you succeed. We will be contacting you quite a bit, especially your first year, to see how things are going.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we will see you in September. If you need anything, feel free to call me at 715-346-3574 or via email at rstrege@uwsp.edu.

-Ron



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Editorial Comment

Happy Summer!

We have been thinking about renaming this the Josh Maudrie newsletter. Just kidding, Josh. It's nice to have a student with lots to say—it makes our jobs easier.

I started a "favorite website" thing last time, so here is another of my favorites: www.dogpile.com What a name! It is a search engine that uses many other search engines, so you don't have to keep trying others. My son, Nathan, who is a university student in AZ told me about it.

This will be our last newsletter until the fall. Please submit any articles by August 1, 2003.

Linda Pluke Email: lpluke@uwsp.edu

Multicultural Affairs Annual Events	
Freshmen Orientation.....	Summer
Celebración Hispana.....	September
Festival of India	October
AMSLC.....	October
Unity Conference.....	October
Soul Food Dinner	February
Gospel Choir Festival	February
AIRO Pow-Wow.....	April
Portage County Cultural Festival.....	April

We Would Like to Extend Special Congratulations to These Multicultural Award Recipients of Spring 2003...

Chancellor's Leadership Award Recipients

Rebecca Fratzke	Quianna Monroe
May See Her	Desmond Teo
Samuel Larson	Mai Vang
Yvonne Waukau	

University Leadership Award Recipients

Alyssa Brown	Stefanie Lewis
Olivia Carbajal	Geoffrey Mburu
David Davila	Juan Mendoza
Sara Franklin	Lesley O'Hearn
Edwina Gholston	Moua Vang
Billie Haasl	Nancy Vang
Daylanne Kaquatosh	Yeng Vang
David Langlois	Tong Xiong
Dong-Hoon Lee	Ted Yang

University Outstanding Mentor Award Recipients

Rosario Alemparte	Linda Pluke
Sharon Cloud	Melvyn Rousseau
Doug Ferrel	Roxanne Schuster
Michael Foret	Matt Young

Student Spotlight

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cannot choose their race, but can choose to fight for the equality that is taken from them for being that race. I am sick and tired of the lies and exploitation of people of color whether they be African-American, American Indian, Hispanic, or foreign." Josh believes that "reservations and ghettos are perfect examples of oppressed people who are self destructing themselves without their own knowledge. Their situation is not their fault, it is a result of a corrupt system," and he would like to "educate, uplift, and bring a hope to people who have no hope," and Josh adds that "We need to get back to our cultural roots and what we truly are and not what we've become."

Josh is a remarkably responsible student, and has continued to improve his GPA despite a shaky start. He has never gotten drunk or tried drugs of any type, including cigarettes. It is evident that Josh will be quite successful in the future because he has the knowledge and patience to do his best in making the changes that are necessary. Josh explains that he is paying his own

way through school and fulfilling his dream. Josh says that his time as a university student "has completely changed [his] life from top to bottom and inside and out. [He] has grown in every possible way a human being can." Josh has been transformed emotionally from the "sheltered, reserved person [he] used to be," and physically by changing his diet and lifting weights. Josh's involvement with the ROTC program helped to bring about a variety of positive changes in his life. His experiences at college have opened his eyes and mind, and helped him to better understand the world in which we live.

Josh's advice to incoming freshmen:

"College is a place for you to find who you are and what makes you happy, among many other things. Do not come here and do the same things you have always done or you will waste a major part of your life. Challenge yourself and your beliefs, push your self past your line of comfort and watch yourself grow."

-Billie Haas

Josh's acknowledgments:

I would like to take a few moments to acknowledge some of the people that have had a major impact on my life. I would never be where I am today without these individuals, and they deserve to shine with me. I tried to focus on those who affected my time here at college whether it be directly or indirectly.

Andrew Gokee--Thanks for your continued patience over the past few years. You have taught me so much about our people, your insight and advice is very appreciated.

Ron Strege--Thank you for giving so much time and commitment to multicultural issues above and beyond what your job calls you to. You are a great person and friend.

Master Sergeant Stasik--Thank you for being a strong leader not only for our country but in life. Thanks for the patience and support and pushing me past my limits and for showing me that life is what you make of it, there are only boundaries if I allow them to get in my way. HOOAH.

Aunt Diane and Uncle Cliff--Aunt Di thanks for all the goodies you send home with me. Uncle Cliff thanks for being a role model for me and teaching me so much about fishing. Thanks to both of you for your insight, unending love and compassion.

Ron Nelson--Thank you for being my friend for so many years. For always being there and helping me out, and especially for your patience. Thanks for always being true to your word.

Jacqui Stamm--Thank you for being my best friend for so long and not giving up on me and for telling me what I need to hear for that is what real friends do.

Mom--I know we don't always have the closest relationship, but I want you to know I Love You. Thank you for always loving me even when you didn't always agree with my choices.

Dad--Thank you for teaching right from wrong and instilling such a strong work ethic in me. It's been almost 13 years since cancer stole you from me. I wish you could see me now, you wouldn't even believe it. I would give up everything to have you back. I miss you Dad.



Marika Loftman-Davis--Thank you for being there and teaching me many lessons about life, for your continued patience and understanding, and for keeping me in line and letting me know when I'm wrong. Thank You for being you.

Jay Mueller--Thank you for being my best friend and for all the laughs we've shared. There's much more to come I'm sure, ha.

Chris Aldrich--Thank you for your intelligence, patience, and friendship. Thanks for all the deep conversation and your opinions. Thanks for being a true and honest person.

Military Science Department (ROTC Program)--Thank you for all you have taught me about myself and for showing me an understanding of what it is to be a soldier, and not just any soldier, one in the greatest Army in the world. I am a better person because of your program. Thanks also to SGT Polovitch, CPT Ferrel, CPT Kehoe, SGT DeChalk, MAJ Beyer and LTCOL Sliwicki.

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Ojibwe--Thank you to my tribe and their financial assistance. Every little bit helps very much.

State of Wisconsin--Thank you for the grants I receive, without them I couldn't make it through school.

UWSP--Thank you for giving me the opportunity to fulfill my dream and better myself. Thanks for all I have learned here and opening my eyes to so much. I have many gripes but just as many compliments. Thank you.

In the last year--

James Cassidy--Thank you for being a great friend and all the laughs.

Jeremy and Warren (Jimmers)--Thanks for showing me "Waynaboozhoo" and for all the laughs.

Dax Burroughs and William Fredrick--Thank you for taking the extra time to answer my questions and show me the standards when I was in the program.

-Josh Maudrie

Multicultural Student Organizations

AIRO

American Indians Reaching Opportunities

Advisor: Sharon Cloud
(715) 346-3576



AISES

American Indian Science & Engineering Society

Advisor: Andrew Gokee
(715) 346-4147

BSU

Black Student Union

Advisor: Melvyn Rousseau
(715) 346-3824

Chinese Culture Club

Advisor: Jianyu Wang
(715) 346-3869

HaSEAAC

Hmong & South East Asian American Club

Advisor: Sue Clark Kubley
(715) 346-3820

International Club

Advisors: Marcus & Constance Fang
(715) 346-3844 or 3849

SALSA

Student Alliance for Latino Studies and Advancements

Advisors: Rosario Alemparte (715) 346-3762
Beverley David (715) 346-4535

SAS

South Asia Society

Advisor: Jyoti Chander (715) 341-1538
Kameshwar Razdan (715) 346-4591



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