Welcome to the New Multicultural Resource Center!

The Multicultural Resource Center (MCRC) is a place specifically designed to meet the needs of students that are from traditionally underrepresented groups. Located on the second floor balcony of the new Dreyfus University Center (Room 208), the MCRC provides diversity groups with academic and social support to encourage success while attending classes at UWSP. The center is staffed by UWSP work-study students, as well as administrators who are here to help meet the needs of students. The MCRC is not only for diversity students. All students are welcome to stop by and hang out for lunch, relax while playing board games, or use the center’s resources. The staff and administrators of the Multicultural Affairs Department put forth every effort possible to provide a caring, informative and instructive atmosphere for the students at UWSP.

The MCRC provides students with many opportunities to help them succeed in college by offering:

- 10 computers and a printer where students can check their email and do their homework
- A nice quiet study area where students can prepare for tests or have meetings with friends or student organizations
- Mentoring programs for students who are adjusting to college life and who may be looking for a support group to ease that transition
- Cultural activities and events put on by the MCRC for all to enjoy
- Involvement in student organizations that allow students to participate in events and attend state and nation conferences
- Resource materials including books and videos to help students complete homework, research projects or simply for personal enjoyment

Question: What do you like best about the MCRC?

Melissa Wilson Becerril
Senior at UWSP

“The people who hang out here and the materials available; it makes for the best combination between getting things done and finding a distraction.”

Phanat Chang
Freshman at UWSP

“It gives me a place to go when I have a break between classes. It’s friendly; a good place to do homework and, of course, the free printing.”

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Melissa Wilson Becerril

My Favorites:
- Movie: Transporting
- TV Show: 30 Rock
- Food: Enchiladas (the real kind)
- Color: Green
- Website: www.bbcmundo.com

What organizations have you been involved in at UWSP? Amnesty International, Student Alliance for Latino Studies and Advancement

What have you learned through your involvement with this/these organizations? One person can make a difference. In fact nothing but individuals can act toward a desired change. Individuals acting together for a common goal are stronger, and that is the premise of an organization.

What is your most significant memory of your time as a student at UWSP? No matter what I select, I will be leaving out some good stories. I will go with Celebracion Hispana 2007 when SALSA had no yearly funding from SGA and the UC was being renovated, but we managed to host an excellent event at SPASH with great help from Multicultural Affairs, student work, and La Guadalupana grocery store’s donations.

A little about yourself:

I was born and raised in Mexico. My father is from California so I have dual citizenship. I was educated in top-notch private schools because education was always a priority for my parents. The most important lesson I learned from them was to be self-sufficient and independent, making me very proactive. I lived in San Angel, in Mexico City, a culturally-rich area encompassing one of the oldest universities in the world, the museums and former homes of intellectuals such as Diego Rivera and Leon Trotsky, and the haven of present-day Latin American icons such as author Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

I came to Stevens Point my senior year of high school, when I was 17 years old, and graduated 9 months later from SPASH. My father wanted us to experience this country’s culture and found a job with a local company. My parents chose to return to Mexico when the company shut down a year later, but I stayed here for the university. Michael, my only sibling, eventually moved with me. He is a freshman at UWSP this year.

Through UWSP, I spent a summer in Japan, then lived there for a year, studied a semester in France, and went on a winter study tour of natural resources and culture in the Mayan world. My academic travels generated my interest in human rights issues. This combined with my classroom experiences to lead me to indigenous rights. I have an internship in that field in London next semester. I have received the College of Letters and Sciences Student Award for International Studies. I have taken advantage of the opportunities I encounter and hope to be making a difference after I graduate.

Michael L. Defoe

My Favorites:
- Movie: Donnie Darko
- TV show: Scrubs
- Food: Anything breakfast with eggs
- Color: Blue
- Website: www.espn.com

Where are you from? I am from Red Cliff, It is at the northern most tip of Wisconsin.

What is your major? Minor? Fisheries and Limnology

When will you graduate? I will be graduating in December 2008.

What would you like to do after graduation? After graduation I plan on moving out of Wisconsin and finding a job related to my major somewhere. Anywhere.

Why did you choose to study at UWSP? I chose to come to college at UWSP because I have family that lives in Waupaca just east of here and the other reason was to be far enough away from my parents so they can’t just pop in and visit me when ever they wanted to.

A little about yourself:

I am from Red Cliff, WI. I am a member of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. I have two younger brothers. My youngest brother just started school at UW Madison. I graduated from Bayfield High School with a graduating class of 36 individuals.
What are TRIO Programs?

TRIO Programs are educational opportunity programs that help low income, physically, learning disabled and/or first generation students. The program’s purpose is to assist disadvantaged students from college preparation to graduation. TRIO Programs were established by Congress and are funded under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

Upward Bound was the first programs created by the 1964 Economic Opportunity Act and was followed by Talent Search. The authorization of Student Support Services by the 1968 Higher Education Act prompted the TRIO label, which continues to be used today, despite the addition of Educational Opportunity Centers, Upward Bound Math Science, Veterans Upward Bound, and Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement.

Student Support Services’ goal is to increase retention and graduation rates of low income, first-generation and physically and/or learning disabled. Students are now being served at 796 colleges and universities nationwide. UWSP’s Student Support Services Program has been on campus for 36 years. Congratulations SSS staff on a great program!

Student Support Services Scholarship Reception

Victoria Nason enrolled in SSS in 1995 and graduated from UWSP in 2002. In 2007, she received two Trio Achiever awards—one from the state (WAEOPP) and the one from the region (MAEOPP). Also the Nason family created a $10,000 endowment for the SSS Participants in the same year.

“I am so grateful to the SSS Trio Project and want to give back to the program to ensure that other students who participate are rewarded for their hard work.”

Justin Short is a Sophomore majoring in Elementary Education.

“Overall, SSS has opened up opportunities for me and helped make the transition from high school to college an easy one.”

Yauo Yang is a Senior, majoring in Broad Field Social Science.

“Student Support Services Program has been a vital key to my success here at UWSP. I have been very fortunate to have a such a great student advisor who cares deeply for her students.”

Student Support Services staff and scholarship recipients from left to right: Debbie Getzloff, Toni Sage, Justin Short, Roxanne Schuster, Melvyn Rousseau, Sue Clark Kubley, Deb Aeby, Yauo Yang, Victoria Nason, Charles Nason
Upcoming Events

FREE ADMISSION

16th Annual

2008 Portage County Cultural Festival

Saturday, May 3, 2008
10:00 am—5:00 pm @ SPASH
Stevens Point Area Senior High
1201 North Point Drive, Stevens Point

Shuttle Service from Pacelli HS

✓ Ethnic Art Demonstrations
✓ Entertainment on Six Stages
✓ Delicious International Cuisine
✓ Hands-on Children's Activities
✓ Crafts from Around the World

Over 50 Ethnic Groups Represented. Come & Enjoy!

Happy 150th Birthday Stevens Point

For complete program information, visit
www.PortageCountyCulturalFestival.org
**Hmong in the Spotlight**

*Saturday, April 5, 2008
9am - 5pm
Laird Room
Dreyfus University Center
1015 Reserve Street,
Stevens Point
All are Welcome!
Pre-Register by March 24, 2008
For more information visit: www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/haseaac

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**2008 Gospel Fest**

*Date: Saturday, March 29, 2008
Performers: Lane Tech from Chicago and more...
Time: Doors open @ 6:30pm event starts @ 7:00pm
Place: Dreyfus University Center Theater
Cost: $2 for Students with an ID & 12 - under
$3 for Adults
UWSP Ticket Office: 715-346-4100

Sponsored by UWSP Black Student Union

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**Jack Messing Memorial Scholarship FUNDRAISER**

*Join us for a 10 am Brunch Buffet!
Saturday, May 3rd
Ramada Hotel (formerly Country Springs Hotel)
1502 North Point Drive
Stevens Point, WI 54481
RSVP by April 15th to Sharon Cloud:
715-346-3576 | scloud@uwsp.edu

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**Hmseaac’s 15th Annual Conference | UW - Stevens Point**

*Saturday, April 5, 2008
9am - 5pm
Laird Room
Dreyfus University Center
1015 Reserve Street,
Stevens Point
All are Welcome!
Pre-Register by March 24, 2008
For more information visit: www.uwsp.edu/stuorg/haseaac
Check out the Multicultural Affairs Web Page!
www.uwsp.edu/multicultural

MULTICULTURAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

**AIRO:** American Indians Reaching for Opportunities
Advisor: Sharon Cloud
President: Rory Griffin

**HaSEAAC:** Hmong and Southeast Asian American Club
Advisor: Sue Clark Kubley
President: Lue Vang

**BSU:** Black Student Union
Advisors: Justin Mallett and Bill Wright
Co-Presidents: Martina Spears and Ashley Ward

**AISES:** American Indians Science & Engineering Society
Advisor: Andrew Gokee
President: Michael Defoe

**SAS:** South Asia Society
Advisor: Jyoti Chander and Devinder Sandhu
President: Satyam Patel

**I-Club:** International Club
Advisors: Brad Van Den Elzen and Marcia Mace
President: Prakash Rai

**CCC:** Chinese Culture Club
Advisor: Jianwei Wang
President: Ngai Hiu Ching

**SALSA:** Student Alliance for Latino Students and Advancements
Advisors: Elia Armacanqui Tipacti and Rosario Alempearte
President: Melissa Wilson Becerril

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**35th Annual Airo Powwow**

**May 3, 2008 (Saturday)**
Berg Gym
UW-Stevens Point

**Grand Entry:**
1:00pm & 7:00pm

**Admission:**
$4 without Student ID
$3 with Student ID
Fest included at 5:00pm

**MC:**
Hank Schumann
Arena Director:
Gray Besaw

**Host Drum:**
Wind Eagle

**Head Male Dance:**
Bobby Williams

**Head Females Dancer:**
Theresa Barber

Everyone is Welcome!
Call (715) 346-3576 for more info.

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**Fun Quotes!**

When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.
- Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember, amateurs built the ark, professionals built the Titanic.

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing.

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes. Art is knowing which ones to keep.

- Scott Adams