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Learning more about the Winona Community Warming Center

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A s the United States grows more and more diverse in race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, age and ability, higher institutions of learning are changing as well. However, there are many questions about how Winona State University is changing in their student and professor diversity.

According to Dr. Jonathan Locust, associate vice president of the Inclusion and Diversity office, diversity is so much more than just race or ethnicity, despite what many may believe.

“We look at a lot of different areas such as race, ethnicity, gender identity, socio-economic status, veteran status and differing abilities,” Locust said. “We look at diversity from a number of different perspectives.”

According to Dr. Eri Fujieda, director of Institutional Planning, Assessment, and Research at Winona State, the university has changed dramatically over the last ten years.

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The first three seasons of the center, which started in 2016, only had zoning for 10 beds. Although the center averages 8-10 people a night, increased zoning approvals allowed the center to double their capacity with 20 beds this season.

There’s space for people to eat meals in the lounge, two showers and three bathrooms for personal care routines and on-site laundry. Sponsored by the Catholic Charities of Southern Minnesota (CCOSM) agency, the Winona Warming Center is just one of the 17 initiatives that the agency supports.

The agency also opened a Rochester location in December 2019. Before that, the homeless population in Rochester would have had to come to Winona’s center for the night.

Lynette Johnson, outreach coordinator for the center, talked about her personal involvement.

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She first went to the club with a group of friends from a Spanish class and found that she was not alone in wanting to bond with other people of color on campus. “I thought college is supposed to be a time where you go to meet people from all sorts of walks of life,” Orrego said. “But when I got here, I noticed that was not the case and it felt isolating and I felt so out of place. As a minority, you kind of feel like that in this country, but in [Winona] it was so evident how much I stick out.”

For Orrego, S.O.L. helps to create a sense of home and community to hold on to in Winona, as it helps her bond with other Latinx students. While Orrego understands that the quality of her education is the most important factor while attending a university, she does notice the lack of professors of color. “There’s not many professors that look like me,” Orrego said. “Overall, what matters the most is that you know you’re getting a quality education. But sometimes, it sucks when I can tell that they have a limited world view.”

Despite this growth in student diversity, Orrego feels as though the cultural exposure and education of white professors on how to teach students of color can be improved. “This one time, I was in a class where we were learning how to light faces, and the professor told people to not make me look too dark, too light, or too ‘ethnic’.” Orrego said. “I was shocked and everyone around me was very taken back. I don’t think he meant to be hurtful, but it made the situation very weird and uncomfortable.”

Locust agreed with Orrego, stating that it would be better for the Winona community to have more professors from minority backgrounds. “One of the things that is agreed upon in the community is that we need more faculty and staff of color and more faculty and staff from underrepresented backgrounds,” Locust said. “I know specifically that the IFO (Inter Faculty Organization) Faculty of Color caucus has made this a priority to focus on diversifying faculty of color. We here at Winona State to determine the number of students who are in that community. From there, resources can be more accurately allocated to assess and serve the needs of those students. There is also a budget for diversity clubs to request money for hiring committees which will be more easily posted in the cities for a haircut,” Locust said. “But whether or not people show up to the events or it changed the views of the people that go here is debatable.”

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Collins said she does not plan to do major changes to the College of Business in her time as interim dean, noting Akbari’s success and improvements he made during his time as dean.

“I will make my successes [as interim dean] by handing over what [Akbari] had created to the next dean,” Collins said.

Collins said she will focus on staying involved with the community, those in the College of Business and making sure to touch base with their stakeholders.

“My primary goal is to, essentially, keep the ship steady,” said Collins.

Akbari recommended Collins, pointing to her working with a few others, for the position.

Collins was behind the creation of the university’s college’s slogan, “Create Your More,” which ultimately led to several awards, banquets and events inspired by the phrase.

Collins was selected as the first-ever “Create Your More” faculty member of Winona State in 2019 by the business dean.

Reilly said that the university has utilized students for search committee representation and getting paperwork approved, Reilly said.

Every academic year, Winona State University selects around 60 students of all ages for their RA program to develop a welcoming and fun-filled community so the students feel right at home and can properly ease into academic life.

Max Murray, a sophomore biology major, is a resident assistant (RA) in both Haake and Kirkland halls. When he was living in Quad, Murray said that RA approached him and suggested that he might make a good resident assistant since he was such a good leader on his current floor.

“I kind of came upon the job when I was talking to my previous RA when I was living at the Quad. He reached out to me because he thought I would be a great leader [because I was already leading people on my floor],” Murray said.

“I thought about this idea for a while and I thought it would be a good choice for me because I really enjoy making personal connections with people, so I applied,” Murray said.

Murray listed his numerous tasks as an RA.

Some RAs host educational events to teach students how to make the transition into adult life, while where we try to educate people on things they don’t learn in class,” Murray said. “We are trying to teach people how to be adults, be more independent, making that transition from home to college.”

In order to be a resident assistant at Winona State University, students who apply must have at least a 2.5 grade point average, be willing to live on campus, and be in good conduct standing. The selection is available on Handshake, the university’s website for on-campus jobs. Applicants are also required to have references available when applying. While candidates for the 2020-21 school year due in Jan, interviews will be conducted in Feb.

A day in the dorms: a profile on RAs

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Winona State implements entrepreneurship program

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StartUp Winona State is a program through Winona State University that gives students and community members opportunities to bring their ideas to life.

Will Kitchen, director of StartUp Winona State, said the program was designed for students and community members to build their ideas.

“Basically, what we’re trying to do is build an ecosystem for ideas and entrepreneurship, so that any student, faculty, staff, community member can come into this office with an idea, and through my network and people I work with, we can take those ideas as far along as they want to take them,” Kitchen said.

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“The whole reason to move away from the competition was to understand finance and really experts on building business plans, setting up these in-depth opportuni-ties for students to learn from experts,” Kitchen said.

According to Kitchen, the goal of the program is to encourage stu-dents and anyone else who has an idea to pursue it.

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Farmer's Market produces organic items year-round. The Winter Farmers Market is located in the Winona East End Recreation Center Saturday mornings of every other week from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. during the winter season and holds any other events interested in selling year-round.

While the summer Farmers Market fills Levee Park, the winter market only fills a small section of the recreation center's gym. While it may be smaller than its summer counterpart, it is still abundant with a variety of sustainable and organic stands.

Many businesses present is Infuzn Foods, ran by three friends originally from India who now live in southern Minnesota. They started their business about two years ago.

Sudha Bettin, a co-owner of Infuzn Foods, said this is their first year at the Winona Farmers Market. "This is my home, so I wanted to do it here," Lyengar said. "We're starting at the Winter Market and hopefully we'll do it in the summer as well.

Infuzn serves Indian inspired food with Indian spices, global grains, and global recipes. "We wanted to bring our vegetarian style of food to the general public, not just to the Indians," Lyengar said. "Most of our food is gluten free, most of it is also vegan, and we are all vegetarian all the time.

Infuzn Foods is ran mainly out of their Pine Island location, whereas many other booths are based in-home such as Britta McColl, who owns and runs White Country Loaf and Allison Bettin, who co-owns Tiny Spoons.

McColl has been baking bread probably 35 years ago for my family and I've slowly learned how to make sourdough bread and brought it to the farmers market," McColl said. "I found out people would buy my bread, so I started making and selling more.

The Mormann's main focus is providing organic produce for their customers. "Our Winona market is the best organic market there is around," Mormann said. "It's not the most profitable, but it's the best people in Winona who care about being organic and being natural do it here." While Bettin will not be working the markets-my kids love them—and I really think that it’s important that we support these individuals who are out here, because I think we're losing something. This kind of thing is starting to die out and the more we can support local makers or artists or create infrastructure so they are able to make those changes, the better they will all be," Bettin said.

Esther Hoyer has a booth called Out on a Limb Orchard and Garden that has been selling fruit, vegetables, jams, jellies and more for the last 27 years. They donate their leftover products to the local churches to go to people in need.

"We started out small, but we've kind of done all the vegetables now from orchards, we go from apples to zucchini. We do a lot of salsas, jams, jellies and all things pickled," Hoyer said.

The business started with her husband who worked at different orchards around the area since he was a teenager. After starting with 400 trees, the business now has regulars and they have been able to learn and teach others while selling their products.

"I’ve learned so much from these customers’ recipes and how to use things too, but that was kind of the goal," Hoyer said. "And also, it’s nice to interact directly with people and explain your product and be able to learn from each other.”

A large part of the Farmers Market is encouraging sustainability and Out on a Limb Orchard and Garden does just that. Anytime Out on a Limb Orchard and Garden has leftovers or unbought items, they donate their products to the local churches to go to people that need or can use their products.

Much like Hoyer’s booth, Will and Maxine Mormann’s booth, Tapestry Gardens, has a wide variety of products to sell from potted succulents to fresh and organic vegetables.

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The Mormann’s garden like a regular job and propagate items they buy or grow so they can sell it to the public.

"While you don’t make a lot, you’re making a little bit-you’re not getting a whole lot rich doing this," Mormann said.

Much like Mormann, Bettin also notices the lack of income. "It’s really important, because it’s just a bunch of poor people who are trying to make some money," Bettin said.

The farmers market is a place of community, friendship, sustainability and small business growth. For these vendors, the money is not what is most important.

Ruth Wills from Wills Wood Honey Farm also has a passion for her booth and the organic honey they offer. Starting about 11 years ago with one bee hive, they now have up to 20 hives.

“Our product is certified naturally grown, so we don’t use any chemicals with our bees, no high fructose corn syrup or anything that would be detrimental to humans or to the bees. We try to raise them as naturally as we can,” Wills said.

The Wills Wood Honey Farm produces honey, candles, balms, lotions, and many more products for both humans and animals.

“The goal is to bring a good product to people that is natural, that is good for them, that has all of the good amino acids in the honey for them," Wills said. “It’s a good product that has nothing added to it and there’s nothing taken away for fresh and pure honey public.

The Winona Farmers Market offers a sustainable source of fresh food for the general public, and allows for students at Winona State to support the local small
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“As the outreach coordinator, I do a lot of presentations and public relations for the center. I’m always working to educate the community on what we do,” Johnson said. One of the biggest components of her presentations is informing people on how they can help at the center.

“As our name has grown, more interest in what we do has come with it,” Johnson said. Some of the best ways to help, according to Johnson, are to donate winter gear like hats, gloves and coats. Another way people can help is by donating money to specific projects, like construction and renovation, or donating homemade cooked meals.

Because the center is primarily an overnight resource for the homeless, volunteer shifts are from 9 p.m.-2 a.m. followed by a 2-7 a.m. shift. The center is open for check-ins from 9-10 p.m., after that, the doors lock for the evening. The guests are also able to lock up personal belongings in a room monitored by the night staff.

However, Johnson mentioned that the center is always short on volunteers at any time, with the stipulation that once they leave for the night, there is no re-entry.
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Men’s basketball streak broken

Senior, Caleb Wagner looks for a basket but was heavily guarded by Brandon Meyer, University of Minnesota-Duluth student. The Warriors secured their win against University of Minnesota-Duluth student, securing 89-87 on Friday, Jan. 31 at McCowen Gymnasium.

The Winona State University men’s basketball team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at home where the team had a chance to get back in the win column at...
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ina State University’s four-game winning streak was snapped by the University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs Friday, Jan. 31 at home by a final score of 72-59.

Winona State falls to 14-5 (10-5 NSIC) and remains second in the South Division while Duluth improves to 16-5 (13-2 NSIC) a

both.

Juniors Taylor Hustad and Emma Fee combined for 33 points, with Hustad shooting 56.3% from the field and Fee collecting a team best of eight rebounds.

Warriors cut their deficit to 37-31 at halftime. Hustad drained a fade shot a little better with a 48.3% in the second half.

The Warriors were held to just one field goal as well over the next 18 attempts.

Warriors as they would miss their total from the first two frames, but with 18 points, outscoring their offensive slump in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs had their lead up by seven points (26-19).

It was a Bulldog show from there on out. Duluth started a 11-point run to open a double-digit lead and never looked back.

In the second game of the weekend, Winona State fell to St. Cloud State 68-49 in Winona. The Warriors were held to just four field goals over the first two quarters and faced a 28-15 halftime deficit.

The Warriors started to get it going as they cut the Huskies lead with 3:07 left in regulation. The Warriors would go on a 10-0 run to take the 70-68 lead with 2:22 left in overtime.

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