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A goal for the UWM Post is to be a primary source and accessible public forum for students and the broader community to share news, opinions and artwork. If you have something to say or art to show, the newspaper is here to spread it to the masses.

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DEAR UWM POST READERS,

The UWM Post has existed as an online-only publication after it ceased the printing of physical newspapers in 2012. We have been working to bring back physicality to the information, art and community resources a UWM student receives.

This physical piece you now hold, *MKZine*, is that work coming to full-fruit. Most important, this is information coming to you directly from fellow students.

The UWM Post was once the largest independent college weekly publication in Wisconsin. While we can never realistically get to that place again, something physical must exist.

This has been a long time coming, with many failed efforts as everything becomes easier to just exist digitally. However, as children of this digital age, we are beginning to understand the undeniable value of face-to-face and physical media.

Whether you take this and never read the words inside or choose to read every word, just know that taking this piece of paper connects you to something more meaningful than you'll find online.

Countless hours and numerous amounts of effort have been put into this piece of physical media in front of you. The UWM Post has social history that goes back to the beginnings of UWM and all the way to today. Within this catalogue of shared ideas is a direct line of students organizing together and forming stories.

This line will not be stopping anytime soon. It will only grow longer and continue branching out.

Please continue to follow the UWM Post on this venture. I ask you to extend your patience as we go through developing a sustainable foundation, which will allow us to continuously print issues of *MKZine*.

If you wish to join this adventure in any capacity and become part of the UWM Post legacy, don't hesitate to reach out. We will have weekly meetings this semester on **Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the UWM Student Union, room 344.**

Sincerely,

Ethan Ainley

Editor-in-Chief



Chancellor Gibson at Summerfest College Pride Day on June 18, 2026. Credit: Zuriel Lott

Q&A with UWM Chancellor Thomas Gibson

UWM POST: *What has been your biggest takeaway from being the UWM Chancellor for one year?*

Chancellor Gibson: "My biggest takeaway has been the power of the UWM community. Over the past year, I've had the opportunity to learn from our students, faculty, staff, alumni and partners across Milwaukee and the region. Their dedication and passion reinforce UWM's impact, and they've made me even more optimistic about our future."

UWM POST: *If you could put this new school year under a theme, what would that theme be and why?*

Chancellor Gibson: "I'd call this year 'Connection and Opportunity.' My first year was about learning and building relationships across campus and the community. Now, we can build on those connections to create new opportunities for our students, strengthen partnerships and advance UWM's role as a public-serving research university."

UWM POST: *What is one activity or event that you would recommend to a first-year student at UWM?*

Chancellor Gibson: "I encourage first-year students to get involved on campus. Whether

it's attending a sporting event, joining a student organization, or meeting new people at campus activities, these experiences help students build friendships and a sense of belonging. Those connections are often the foundation for success in college and beyond."

UWM POST: *How do you think a first-year UWM student can go about making an impact at UWM or in the Milwaukee community?*

Chancellor Gibson: "Start by getting involved. UWM offers countless opportunities to volunteer, participate in research, engage with community organizations and join student groups. Making an impact doesn't require a big title or grand gesture. It starts with showing up, contributing your talents and finding ways to connect your strengths with community needs."

UWM POST: *Do you have any general advice for a first-year college student?*

Chancellor Gibson: "Don't be afraid to ask for help. The transition to college can be challenging, and no one is expected to do it alone. UWM has a strong network of faculty, staff, advisors, tutors and wellness professionals who are here to support you. Taking advantage of those resources is a sign of strength, not weakness."

ONE FOOT ON CAMPUS:

A First-Year Perspective on Orientation

BY PETER BURCH

UWM first-year students arrive at orientation and are herded like sheep into an exceptionally vast ballroom. Here, my fellow first-years and I sit waiting to feel some belonging.

I'm lost to my thoughts for many of the opening moments. As my mind wanders, I think of my mother. A sudden sharp pang of anguish washes over me. The speaker jolts me out of my thoughts.

"I was once sitting at orientation just like you. I was all alone until I introduced myself to the person sitting next to me. We became friends, and we were close for the rest of college and still are today," the speaker says. A convenient story, I tell myself.

I chose UWM for two reasons: cost and internships. Milwaukee's Journalism, Advertising & Media Studies (JAMS) program was too good to refuse. I disregarded everything else; student life, location, etc. I was assured those pieces of my educational puzzle would fall into place. Now I sit uncertain about that. What if I made an error in narrowing my search down to simply a few factors?

"As you go about today, I urge you to get to know the people around you, make connections," the speaker says. This call to action challenges my complacency. My thought process completely shifts from skeptical to intrigued. Here I am again: freshman, first day.

The real meat and potatoes of orientation was class scheduling. This was the root of my anxieties. My academic advisor calls my name, and I enter the proverbial lion's den. I sit across from her in a cramped office, and I experience a moment of *déjà vu*.

For every undertaking the day has held thus far, I can think back to its high school parallel. Sure, UWM is a completely new school with thousands of people I have never met before; but ultimately, this nausea-riddled experience is something I felt four years ago walking into high school for the first time. 30 minutes later, a brand-new man (or simply one with his first semester schedule) emerges.

At lunch, I converse with Mazen, a fellow College of Letters and Science major whom I sat next to for most of the process thus far. We share our hopes for this new world, as well as our fears.

"Why does this micro fridge company keep sending me mail?" I ask. He laughs at the absurdity. "I think it's the only one allowed in the dorms," he muses.

We share a moment of in-depth reporting on the quality of the dining hall food. "The rice is dry, but the chicken's okay," Mazen offers. This is the hard-hitting journalism I came to college for.

I'm a UWM student now. Perhaps the post-meal digestion finally brings it to realization. Until this point, I have been having serious imposter syndrome. Moving through the remainder of this unbearably humid day was smooth sailing.

After lunch, we disperse into small groups and play icebreaker games. Along with answering questions, our orientation leaders aim to get us downright ecstatic about tackling the challenges college entails. During this breakout period, I learn that one of our leaders, Ethan Ainley, happens to be an editor for the UWM Post. Convenient story.

Rounding out the experience in the student union is somewhat of an "ask all workshop," where students and faculty sit behind tables waiting to set apprehensive first-years' minds at ease.

Here is where people file into different groups: the merch lovers, who head straight for the Panther shop; the disoriented, who visit every table to ensure nothing is missed; and the overheated. Everyone fits into the third category.

Having made it to the other side of orientation, looking out on move-in day, I feel immense relief. UWM is more than just an internship opportunity; it's our home for the next four years.

Instead of sheep, I would prefer to look at our class as sculptors who will help shape our world's future. We're all Panthers now.

UWM POST EDITORIAL STAFF:

Five Campus Resource Recommendations

1. SET'S CAREER STUDIO

The Center for Student Experience & Talent (SET)'s Career Studio offers a free career closet and free headshots for all students.

Stop by the front desk in Vogel Hall and ask to see the career closet during building hours. There, you can browse through dresses, belts, shoes, blazers, suits and other professional clothing for your next interview or conference.

Next door is the Iris Photo Booth, a self-service photobooth for professional headshots. The machine allows you to retake your photos as many times as needed, allows you to crop and edit your photos and instantly emails you the final images.

2. SUPPORT & ADVOCACY CENTERS

UWM has resource centers to support specific student demographics. On the ground floor of Bolton Hall is the Black Student Cultural Center, Roberto Hernández Center and the Southeast Asian American Student Center.

On the ground floor of the UWM Student Union are the following resource centers: First-Generation+, LGBTQ+, Military and Veterans, Off-Campus and Women's.

Each space is designed so community members can walk in anytime during office hours, hangout with friends, study, talk with staff and receive any help when needed. All are welcome in these spaces whether or not you identify as a member of the center's target community.

3. ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ARC)

ARC offers a variety of spaces in Mitchell Hall room 115 to meet different needs such as the energize room with physical activities to organize the nervous system, a one-to-one meeting room for gatherings or tutoring, two study rooms, a light sensory room with a swinging chair, a dark sensory room with star lights and a book nook.

Did you have an IEP/504 plan in high school?

Do you have a service animal but need to get the paperwork for housing? Are you new to asking for services? This is also the office you need, and it is a great opportunity to continue or to start services.

This office is here to help you be successful in this college journey, so it's better to talk to ARC now instead of when you are in trouble.

4. UWM LIBRARIES: AN ALL-STOP SHOP

Everyone is used to going to a library for books; however, libraries at UWM provide so much more for a first-year student.

The library is a place to hang out with friends and an ideal study space. Due to its central location on campus, it's quite easy to get to a class quickly. Inside Golda Meir Library is a Grind location, which means caffeine fuel to allow for non-stop productivity. As well as vending machines for those quick snacking needs.

There is an almost neverending list of materials that you can check out from the library. This includes research, laptops, cameras, sound recorders, HDMI cords and more listed on its website.

The Interlibrary Loan (ILL) department allows students to get their hands on all sorts of rare physical media (books, articles, book chapters, DVDs, microfilm, sheet music, etc.) not owned by the UWM Libraries.

5. STUDENT INVOLVEMENT: ABOVE ALL, GET INVOLVED

UWM Student Involvement, within the Student Union, is the place to go when you need ideas on how to find your community or get involved in any aspect of campus life.

Within Student Involvement, there is the Campus Activities Board (CAB), Greek Life, Student Leadership Programs, Student Organizations and Sociocultural Programs. As well as spaces such as Union Art Gallery, Cinema, Rec Center and Studio Arts & Craft Centre.

No matter what aspect of student involvement you interact with, make sure that above all you get involved.

UWM POST EDITORIAL STAFF:

Five Off-Campus Recommendations

1. DOWNER AVENUE: STARBUCKS, BOSWELL, MOVIE THEATER AND MORE, OH MY!

Downer Avenue alone is a great place and has many shops or food places. It's just a short walk from campus, or a very short bus ride on the 30 line. A few of the highlights are Starbucks, Boswell Book Company and Downer Theatre.

The nice thing about Starbucks is that it shares an inside door with Boswell. So, once you're done studying and have refilled your drink, you can take a walk around the bookstore to see if a book speaks to you.

The historic Downer Theatre is another favorite spot, especially when they show older movies. It's a smaller intimate theater, so that is another perk. The UWM community can expect to see renovations coming to what is one of Wisconsin's longest continuously running movie theaters.

2. COLECTIVO ON NORTH PROSPECT OR THE LAKEFRONT

If you live on south campus (Cambridge, Riverview and Kenilworth), down the road is Colectivo which is a local coffee shop and the vibes are amazing.

Along with the amazing food and drink options, students tend to spend a lot of time here to get a break from their room. If the weather is not in your favor, catch the 21 bus line from Cambridge or Riverview. If you're coming from campus, catch the 21 as well. The 30 will get you there but you'll have a bit of a farther walk.

You can also grab the shuttle from any of the stops, and make sure to hop off at the Kenilworth stop. On nicer days, it's worth the extra walking to get to their coastal vibes location on the Lakefront.

3. TAICHI BUBBLE TEA AND RAMEN

Taichi offers rice bowls and bubble tea. It has delicious ramen and a cool atmosphere with a second floor balcony seating option.

UWM students find that it is nice to order food

and drink for a long study afternoon session. The restaurant stays calm and chill making it perfect for studying.

Often you'll find that they have a small, very accommodating and kind staff serving drinks and food. Taichi always has the best homemade and authentic boba shop vibes. It's located across from Ian's Pizza and close to Whole Foods on North Avenue. Its bubble tea statue is a signature landmark to get a picture with.

4. ORIENTAL THEATRE & IAN'S PIZZA

It's a late night staple and YOU HAVE to go! Ian's Pizza has many different options and you can pay by the slice. The North Avenue location stays open later than other places and it's a short ride by bus or shuttle. Keep an eye out for Ian's monthly specials as they tend to get creative like having an apple pie pizza.

Students tend to swing by Ian's and get a slice after seeing a late movie at the Oriental Theatre, which is a historic Milwaukee movie palace. Through the Milwaukee Film organization, students can pay \$25 for a yearly membership, which gets you discounts at both the Oriental and Downer Theatres.

5. ROCHAMBO COFFEE AND TEA HOUSE (RO)

This is the ultimate community spot in Milwaukee and serves great drink options. At Rochambo, you can expect a lived-in experience and eclectic, quirky vibes with graffiti lining the walls of its second floor.

There is no coffee shop cooler and more niche than this landmark Brady Street shop. Everyone that enters Rochambo's doors should understand that no one is a stranger and you will quickly meet some great people as everyone is quite friendly.

It's a must that every UWM student plans a hangout with friends or a solo/group study session at Rochambo. Consider showing up to any of Ro's clubs, which include art and writing clubs. There's a good chance you'll see the UWM Post meeting or hanging out in a corner on the second floor.

MORE THAN A GAME STORE:

Ben Checota is Reviving the Third Space with Knights, Dice and Magic

BY STEPHANIE SERRANO



Ben Checota in front of Old Guard Games.

Credit: Stephanie Serrano

Every Thursday at 6:30 p.m., footsteps and chatter flood the space as people find their tables.

Some head to the basement to play a Tolkienesque game with elves and dwarves while others stay on the first floor to cast spells and summon creatures. The sound of over 60 people rolling dice and sliding cards across tables takes over the building.

"We get people from all over Milwaukee," said Ben Checota. "They all get to see what everybody else is playing. It's like a book club, where you have ten people from ten different backgrounds, and each one gets to recommend a book, so they all get exposed to what everyone else is doing."

From Magic: The Gathering to Pokémon, Blood Bowl and Warhammer 40k, this store has something for everyone. Located on Downer Avenue and across from UWM campus' Mitchell Hall, Old Guard Games (OGG) is a gamer's haven that specializes in tabletop role-playing games, board games, cards, books and minifigures. OGG hosts weekly gaming events for people of all ages and levels, such as Magic: The Gathering Thursdays, Battletech meetups, MTG Draft Nights, Necromunda meetups and YuGiOh tournaments.

The owner, Checota, is a longtime game lover who is curating a welcoming hub for hobby-obsessed Milwaukeeans. His store also hosts UWM club meetings for Magic: The Gathering Club, Chess Club and Board Game Club.

Since opening its doors in 2024, it's been a hangout spot where people can sit, play with friends, meet new people or learn a new game. He owns the property that houses OGG and Top-Tier Hair Studio. For a few months, the store right in between was vacant. To complete his hangout concept, he needed a coffee shop.

"I didn't want to put in a Starbucks or Dunkin' or some chain," said Checota. "I wanted something with some character. So, I asked everybody I knew on Facebook, 'what's a great local place?' And Valentine was just the one that kept coming up."

When Valentine Coffee moved in two years ago, OGG was seeing a lot more walk-in foot traffic. During the spring, summer and fall seasons, tables are placed out front and people can borrow board games for free.

"We call it the Old Guard Cafe. We have cribbage boards, checkers, chess, dominos, and backgammon," said Checota. "So, if you want to come in, we'll just hand you one of these, you sit out there, you grab a coffee, you wait for your haircut."

Before opening OGG, Checota, at just 14 years old, was hired in the exact same building back when it was Follett's Books. Checota worked on a resume with his mom, and then went to the bookstore looking for a job. He got hired on the spot.

Checota says that gaming has "always been a sanctuary for people" and is eager to spread its impact to younger generations.

Old Guard Games strives to be a welcoming sanctuary for experience and new gamers. If a UWM student is interested in checking out the space or learning about a new game, all they have to do is ask about it. Staff can get newcomers set up with a card deck or entered into a community game.

Instead of scrolling on social media all day, youth can get involved in table-top games that teach strategy and problem solving skills such as chess. By hanging out at the store, people can socialize, bond with like-minded people and have a unique experience while doing it, according to Checota.

Midnight on Campus

BY VANESSA RIENDEAU

The campus always feels different after midnight. Not empty, just honest.

During the day, it performs. Backpacks slung over shoulders like armor. Laughter that echoes a little too brightly in dining halls. Conversations about internships, GPAs, and four-year plans were spoken with practiced confidence. Everyone is walking quickly, like they're late for something important.

But at night, the truth lingers.

A single lamp glows in a dorm window. Someone reheats leftover pasta in a communal kitchen. Someone else sits on the edge of their bed, staring at a text they're not sure how to answer. The world quiets enough for doubt to speak.

That night, the wind pushed hard against the dorm building, rattling the old windows. A half-written paper blinked open on a laptop screen. The cursor pulsed like a heartbeat. It was supposed to be simple: "Reflect on how college has changed you." But how do you explain something that's still happening?

Freshman year was supposed to feel like freedom. And it did, at first. No curfews. No one was asking where you were going. The thrill of decorating a small, borrowed space and calling it yours. But freedom, it turns out, is heavy too. It means deciding who you are when no one is telling you who to be.

There were moments no one posts about. Crying quietly in a shower stall so your roommate won't hear. Scrolling through photos from home and feeling like you exist in two places at once, fully in neither. Walking into a lecture hall of a hundred people and feeling invisible.

But there were other moments, too.

Sitting on a dorm floor at 1 a.m., sharing stories with people who were strangers a month ago and suddenly feel essential. Laughing so hard in the dining hall that you forget to be self-conscious. Getting a paper back with a grade better than you expected and realizing maybe you do belong here.

Change in college isn't loud. It's subtle. It happens in small decisions.

Raising your hand even when your voice shakes. Going to an event alone because you're tired of waiting for someone to go with you. Calling home not because you're desperate, but because you want to share something good.

The cursor kept blinking.

Outside, someone ran past the dorm shouting into the wind, their voice swallowed by the dark. Down the hall, a door opened and closed. Life kept happening in quiet fragments. College doesn't hand you a finished version of yourself. It hands you space. Space to mess up. Space to try again. Space to sit with uncertainty long enough that it starts to feel like a possibility.

The laptop keys finally began to click.

College has changed me in ways I didn't notice at first. It made me braver in quiet ways. It taught me that loneliness doesn't mean failure. It showed me that becoming someone new doesn't erase who I was; it builds on it.

The wind softened. The building stilled.

Somewhere between the first week of classes and now, something shifted. Not dramatically. Not in a way that would make a good montage in a movie. But enough. Enough to stay. Enough to keep trying. Enough to understand that growth doesn't always feel like triumph. Sometimes it just feels like choosing not to give up.

The cursor kept blinking. But this time, it didn't feel like pressure. It felt like space.



UWM's Sandburg Hall at night.

Credit: Ethan Ainley

STUDENT SUCCESS SPOTLIGHT:

Paul Victor & “World Entertainment”



UWM is full of students, past and present, doing amazing things within the university and outside in the community.

One of these people is Paul Victor, an Information Studies major at UWM. He has a passion for spotlighting creative people and giving everyone the chance to recognize their favorite things.

“As a college student, I know firsthand that things aren’t always easy, especially when you’re chasing an idea or a dream that feels too big or even impossible,” Victor said. “My advice for other UWM students is to use what you’re learning in class right away instead of waiting for the perfect opportunity. You already have more tools than you think, so build something now, even if it’s small, and let it grow from there.”

The “World Choice Awards” is a venture he started in 2022 when wanting to have something that gives fans a say in giving out awards. The process begins with a nomination period. Then, nominations are picked and announced before voting begins. Once voting is closed, the winners are announced.

“Seeing people from completely different countries come together on one platform to celebrate their favorites, while also discovering new ones they never knew about, is one of the many amazing things that keeps me going,” Victor said.

It’s put together by “World Entertainment,” which is a platform that recognizes upcoming and rising talents in the indie scene. Victor runs both efforts. He also founded the Stage and Screen Society at UWM in 2025.

“Stage and Screen Society is not limited to the arts department. If you’re passionate about something and want to share it, whatever that might be, this is the club for it. The goal is to bring like-minded people together, and hopefully spark collaborations that turn into long-lasting, impactful projects,” Victor said.

Victor uses his talents and knowledge as an Informational Studies major to foster social media support and run a website. The “World Choice Awards” has received nearly a total of 75,000 views on its website, and its Instagram account has amassed 14,000 followers.

“Understanding how to structure information, whether it’s a database or a global fan community, is the core skill, and I get to apply it in real time instead of waiting until after graduation to use what I’m learning,” Victor said.

With the organization’s forward-looking momentum, Victor is looking to expand the awards to feature local Milwaukee artists, creators, places and anything people can vote on as their favorite.

As he works on continuing expansion of the project, Victor appreciates support and extra help to plan live events for “World Entertainment” in the future.

“I’m looking for students who are genuinely passionate about entertainment and fan culture, and who bring either a creative skill like design or video editing, or a knack for connecting with people across different languages and communities,” Victor said.

If you know a student at UWM doing amazing things and deserving of being spotlighted, please inform the UWM Post.

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"New Beginnings" comic by Mitra Malekghasemi.



UWM'S WEATHER GUIDE 2026

BY BRANDON CHEESEMAN

FALL (SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER)

Autumn in Wisconsin brings about a chill to Milwaukee's temperatures:

September: 78 falling to 68

October: 67 falling to 55

November: 54 falling to 41



While fall storms are occasional, 2026 might feature several thunderstorms in September and early October instead of regular rain systems due to a mounting El Niño changing upper air patterns.

El Niño is a climatological pattern characterized with above-average temperatures in the ocean and atmosphere in the Pacific. More known for its effects on winter and summer, the Climate Prediction Center calls for an 81% chance of a very strong El Niño within October to December. This likely equates to slightly higher-than-average temperatures throughout Fall 2026.

Due to the warm outlook, one can expect:

First Frost: mid-October

First Freeze: late-October

First Snowflakes: early-November

First Significant Snow: mid-November

WINTER (DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY)

As the semester winds down, temperatures fall and freeze Lake Michigan's shores, but start increasing again by early next semester:

December: 41 chills to 33

January: drops to 30

February: warms to 39



Note that people talk of much colder weather than this. El Niños commonly induce above-average temperatures, so it's possible we rarely go below zero.

Averaged over many years, Milwaukee receives just under 50 inches of snow per year, but due to the

El Niño, one might expect less snow. This does not mean Wisconsin will lack snowstorms.

Other than snow, watch out for ice! Sidewalks and roads occasionally become slick with ice, so be sure-footed and beware of glistening pavement. With warmer temperatures probable for winter, probabilities of freezing rain and sleet increase.

SPRING (MARCH, APRIL, MAY)

As temperatures greet the springtime with a warm embrace, snow turns into an ugly sludge. Milwaukee's high temperatures rise to nearly 70 by the second semester's end in mid-May:

March: 39 warms to 49

April: 49 warms to 60

May: 61 warms to 72



Despite its supposed rise, temperatures still can slip below freezing in spring, even bringing some snow sometimes.

Highly anticipated, at least by me, is the severe weather season in Wisconsin. Beginning in March, severe thunderstorms return, though truly, May through August is Wisconsin's prime time for tornadoes.

ARE YOU PREPARED?

ALSO, DO YOU WANT TO FORECAST WITH US?

I hope you now feel ready for Wisconsin's wild weather! Feel free to reach out about any weather concerns or tips to UWM Post at officialuwmpost@gmail.com.

If you are interested in becoming a UWM Post Forecaster please reach out. It doesn't require prior knowledge as training is available, and if you don't have a science/meteorology-related major that's totally fine!

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Prowl Radio is the UW-Milwaukee student-run undergraduate radio station with live on-air DJs, interviews with artists both local and global, written reviews of albums, shows, and music-related media, both podcasts and talk shows, as well as representing a driven community of like-minded and passionate students all focused around music and radio.

VOLUNTEERING IN MILWAUKEE:

Junior Achievement of Wisconsin (JA)

Junior Achievement of Wisconsin (JA), a nonprofit organization based in Milwaukee, has been dedicated to educating young people about entrepreneurship, financial literacy and work readiness.

"I grew up here on Milwaukee's south side, so I appreciated the opportunity to mentor students from my old neighborhood on life's abundant possibilities that are achievable for them," said volunteer Matt Grant.

JA builds partnerships between community and K-12 education institutions to provide an opportunity for volunteers to serve as a role model to local students.

"I'm an MPS graduate and financial literacy was not part of the curriculum. I'm so excited to see students learning about it at this critical age and that they

can meet someone like me that came from their community," said volunteer Erica Rodriguez.

Each JA session is enhanced by the energy and real-world perspective of a volunteer.

"It's fun to see kids get a concept of money, and how your life choices even at the earliest stages can impact your life," said Julie Shlyakhetko. "It's great taking them out of the classroom so they can experience these lightbulb moments."

Junior Achievement of Wisconsin-Milwaukee relies on over +1,500 volunteers per school year, servicing over 15,000 students. Many JA volunteers are staff and students of UWM.

For this and more volunteering opportunities visit the Center for Student Experience and Talent (SET) at UWM.

DAPPER LAUNDRY:

New Laundry Service for Students



A new laundry service called Dapper Laundry will open near the Marquette University campus on October 5, 2026. It will offer drop-off laundry service and delivery-on-demand for a flat rate within five miles of its location.

The co-owner of Dapper Laundry, Coltyn Giltner, wants UWM students and the surrounding community to know that Dapper serves everyone's laundry needs, whether they're a Marquette student or not.

Giltner has previously been a guest instructor at the UWM School of Education. He also served as education director at First Stage, a children's theater in Milwaukee.

"I have loved my time working with the education majors at UWM over the last couple of years, and I want them to have the same ability to take laundry off their plate as everyone else," Giltner said.

Coltyn and his wife/Dapper Laundry co-owner Kayla Giltner started Dapper after trying to come up with a business that gives people their time back.

Membership pricing rates begin at \$25 per week for Dapper Laundry's "Wash and Dry" service. It will offer student plans and six-month plans. Full pricing and terms are on Dapper's website.

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- » Wants to contribute YOUR stories, opinions or artwork?
- » Is looking for collaboration within the UWM community?



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1. SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR

The Social Media Editor oversees all social media and audience/community engagement with the UWM Post. This editor has the duty of responding to social media comments and direct messages.

The Social Media Editor plans and executes social media posts that don't always have to connect with a specific published story, for the purpose of growing the UWM Post's audience reach.

2. SPORTS EDITOR

The Sports Editor oversees and edits all sports stories or projects at the UWM Post.

It's important as sports editor to build a relationship with the team's players, coaches and PR to be able to coordinate press accreditation or interviews where necessary.

3. EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Editor-in-Chief oversees all editors, writers and contributors of the UWM Post.

With the help of other editors, an important role of the EIC is to plan and execute the organization's meetings, events, funding and recruitment efforts, as well as any other broader perspectives of the UWM Post.



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