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UW-Whitewater Hosts the Next Generation of Cybersecurity Talent

New federal grant-funded camp strives to be part of the solution to the shortfall of skilled cybersecurity professionals in the U.S.

Americans have become more and more reliant on cyber-based technology in every aspect of our lives. Once we are connected, we are all exposed to increasingly sophisticated Cyberattacks. In response to the growing need for future professionals skilled in cybersecurity, the National Security Agency (NSA) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) created [GenCyber](#). UW-Whitewater received a grant to host a [GenCyber Camp](#) on campus this summer and is the only grant recipient in Wisconsin.

Under the leadership of Dr. Roger Yin (Information Technology and Supply Chain Management), Wade Tillett (Curriculum & Instruction) and Pam Nowak-Warren (PreCollege Programs), along with the support of the [Office of Research and Sponsored Programs](#), [Cybersecurity Center for Business](#), and [Camps and Conferences](#), the online pre-camp launched in April 2023. On July 9, 30 students with interests in STEM and Cybersecurity came to UWW for a week-long residential camp. Campers learned about the 6 GenCyber Cybersecurity Concepts (Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability, Thinking Like an Adversary, Defense in Depth, and



Keeping It Simple) through lessons and exercises in ethical hacking, secure coding, digital forensics, intrusion detection topical classes. Each day ended with an industry leader speaker sharing their personal journey and discussing careers in Cybersecurity, Cybersecurity games, and catch the flag challenges.



To ensure a level playing field, GenCyber camps are open to all student participants at no cost. The program seeks to diversify the cybersecurity workforce, and UWW's camp reports key measurements in this area. Campers were 40% female, 63% BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) and 3% reported having disabilities. Students engaged in pre-camp activities in Canvas, and will continue to have interactive online programming through September.

Recently, the camp directors were notified that they received funding for another grant cycle to support a camp in 2024. Nowak-Warren writes "this is an amazing opportunity to serve students throughout Wisconsin and support the growth of the cybersecurity workforce in the US." Yin shares in the excitement, noting "I am blessed to be part of the incredible home team to host a group of talented high school students based in Wisconsin to learn about cybersecurity on our beautiful campus!"



Tour the Campus and Nature Preserve This Summer



The UW-Whitewater campus is bursting with natural beauty, from the tiny gardens tucked away between campus buildings to the acres of native prairie plants in its nature preserve. Come learn about the plants and trees used in these landscapes, along with some interesting history about the campus buildings and grounds. There's still time to sign up for several free guided tours this summer. Remaining tours this summer include:

- History of the Whitewater Normal School Grounds, Saturday, July 29 at 9 a.m.
- Old Main and the Salisbury Era of Whitewater Normal School, Wednesday, August 9 at 6:00 p.m.
- August Blooms in the Nature Preserve, Wednesday, August 16 at 6:00 p.m.
- Seed Collecting in the Nature Preserve, Saturday, October 7 at 9:00 a.m.

For more information and registration, please visit our [website](#).

Record Setting Camps Season

UW-Whitewater hosted the most youth campers in its 50-year history... and summer is not over yet!

Camps season is in full swing! By mid-July [Warhawk Summer Camps](#) have set a new record of 6,155 camp registrants, easily surpassing the previous record of 6,021 attendees, set in 2015. And there are still several weeks to go in camp season!



Two football camps, [Perimeter Camp](#) and [Lineman Camp](#), saw their best attendance ever. [Boys Basketball Offensive Skills Camp](#), [Tennis College Prep Camp](#), and several [Volleyball All Skills Camp](#) sessions also set records.

All-time attendance marks were not just set by athletic camps. [Middle](#) and [High School Game Development Camps](#), [Jazz Camp](#), and [Whitewater Forensic Institute Camp](#) saw an all-time high for attendees.



These impressive performance markers are a testament to the quality of Warhawk Camps and the dedication of camp staff.

Don't forget that camps run year-round and the fall features plenty of noteworthy events including a [Fall Baseball Clinic](#), [Super Science Saturday](#), [KEMPA Fall Journalism Conference](#), and more. Visit camps.uww.edu for more information.

Coming this Fall: Mystery, Forgiveness, and Pickleball!

Informative and fun programs are on the docket starting in September.

Do you ever feel overwhelmed or angry by pressures, past or present? Do you let those pressures influence you in negative ways? There is another option. Forgiveness. In this 6-week class, [Forgiving in an Unforgiving World](#), you will learn to identify those pressures and practice the skills needed to forgive the people around us and ourselves, in respectful and merciful ways. Classes begin September 20.



Award-winning and best-selling author Rod Vick visits campus on October 3 for a [Whodunit Mystery Challenge](#). In this 7-clue, audience participation puzzle, Rod will tell you why he loves mysteries and reveal his tricks for crafting them. Solve the mystery, win a book! Vick's books will be available for sale after this fun event during Halloween season.

Join UWW champion tennis coach Frank Barnes for a fun, no-pressure [pickleball series](#). Held on three Tuesdays in October, this program is designed to help you feel comfortable and have fun on the pickleball court. Registration is open and space is very limited.



Special Olympics at UW-Whitewater



Part of UW-Whitewater's core mission is to help students of diverse abilities find success both academically and athletically. On June 8-10, 2023, [Continuing Education Services](#) was pleased to help fulfil that mission by hosting the [Special Olympics Wisconsin](#) summer games for the first time in university history. About 1,200 enthusiastic athletes competed in track and field events, cornhole, power lifting, soccer, and tennis alongside 600 volunteers running the event. Enjoy this [short video](#), highlighting the excitement of this year's games and get ready for the University to host the games again in 2024.

News and Upcoming Events:

The [Endless Possibilities Conference](#) returns on Friday, August 4. This virtual conference will explore how families of students with special education needs and schools can partner to navigate uniquely challenging times. Topics covered in this conference include the impact of toxic stress and trauma, homelessness among youth, immigrant and refugee students and families, and building pathways with hope and support. Cost is just \$40 with a limited number



of parent scholarships available. Register by July 30.



Did you know that the [Fairhaven Lecture Series](#) will celebrate its 40th anniversary this fall? Please join us for one of the University's most recognized outreach and service traditions! Nine public lectures will be held on Monday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. and will cover topics from food and memory, to reefs in ancient history, to previewing the 2024 election and much more. Join some of the UWW's most talented faculty and staff along with members of the greater Whitewater community to celebrate this legacy of lifelong learning!

Prepare for a comfortable retirement by taking our [Online Retirement Planning Fundamentals](#) workshop. This three-session program will introduce you to concepts and strategies that may help you handle your day-to-day finances, reduce your taxes and manage your investments. This entertaining and informative course was developed by professionals with real-world experience and is presented in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. First session is September 13.



Are you thinking of a career advancement or change? Continuing Education offers [advanced career training programs](#) that lead to professional positions in high demand fields like [medical billing and coding](#), [veterinary assistant](#), and [HVAC/R technician](#). Looking for individual classes? We have those too.



Hundreds of flexible, affordable [online classes](#) with start dates each month, with titles like [Project Management Fundamentals](#), [Discover Sign Language](#), and [Genealogy Basics](#) will help you meet your career, educational, and lifelong learning goals.



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