UW-Marinette will feature student research

• Program set for Friday at college

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MARINETTE — UW-Marinette will host the 20th annual Undergraduate & Performance Conference Friday.

According to John Kuhlmann, chair of the committee, and Renee Richer, Ph.D. and biology professor, the purpose of the program is to highlight student research and performance across various areas of academics.

Micah Thill, Pharm D. and a native of Peshtigo, will start the day as the keynote speaker at 8:30 a.m. He will be addressing students, faculty and community members about the beginning of his career, which started at UW-Marinette, to his current position as a pharmacist in Green Bay.

Featured students will provide presentations on various topics which include: Hydro fracking: a necessary evil; women in the media; Good genes are hard to find; Turkey call analysis; The B-Word, budgeting after college; Louis Armstrong’s influence on jazz; writing fiction for the graphic novel; the microeconomics of Netflix, Volkswagen, and Coca-Cola, are few of the many that will be on display.

Third-year UW-Marinette student Mackenzie May will be presenting on the benefits of taking an independent study course with a faculty member.

"In addition, I will also discuss how independent study courses provide students with the ability to learn at their own pace," she said. "This semester I am taking an independent study course with Dr. (Jennifer) Flatt. This course involves the rhetorical analysis of journalism. Over the semester I’ve analyzed different forms of journalism. Some of these include personal memoirs, game action, news coverage, and currently I’m working on investigative writing."

May said she also hopes to have the opportunity to interview Ahman Green, the Green Bay Packers all-time leading rusher.

“He came to a wellness day held at Peshtigo High School on Nov. 18, 2016,” she said. “We discussed various ways journalists ask questions, his personal experiences with reporters and the media.”

Participating in this event, May said, gives me the experience of teaching other students the benefits of UW-Marinette education.

“With that said, I can practice communicating with fellow peers while learning how to professionally present information,” she said. “I’m also learning vital skills relating to my perspective career as a journalist and communicator.”

Becky Berry, another student at UW-Marinette, said she has been conducting an experiment, “studying the mechanism in which cyanobacteria remediate hexavalent chromium from water.”

“Basically, I am going to use live and dead bacteria to see which does a better job at removing chromium,” she said.

Berry said her interest was sparked due to concerns with the environment and water in the area.

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“I love Wisconsin and I love Marinette County," she said. "I believe as a citizen it is my responsibility to maintain this beautiful environment which is easily taken for granted.”

Berry plans to major in environmental science with a minor in public administration, while May will be majoring in mass media with an emphasis in journalism and mass media.

UW-Marinette’s art gallery will be open, showcasing student work which are accompanied by creative writings.

The event is free and open to the public and is hosted by the campus Undergraduate Research and Performance Conference Committee.