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World Water Day 2016 celebrated at local campuses this week

Student-organized events, films, and presentations celebrate WATER at University of Minnesota Duluth and Lake Superior College

DULUTH, MN – University of Minnesota Duluth and Lake Superior College are celebrating World Water Day during the week of March 21 – March 24. A series of student-sponsored events, films, tabling, and panel discussions will help raise awareness about the importance of fresh water and of Lake Superior being a source for the area's drinking water.

UMD students are hosting a #WaterFacts and #WorldWater social media competition to raise awareness and give away water-themed prizes. The students in the UMD chapter of the Minnesota Public Research Interest Group will table on Tuesday and Thursday with information about local water issues, giving away buttons, hosting a water-themed game, and encouraging students to pledge to avoid bottled water.

Lucky students at LSC can stop by to exchange any empty single-use plastic bottle for a free aluminum "Superior" bottle, and add to a "bottle chain display".

For more information on campus events, see: www.d.umn.edu/sustain

Public Events celebrating World Water Day

All films and events below are free open to the public

Monday, March 21, UMD Planetarium, 6:00 PM

- The UMD American Indian Science and Engineering Society hosts an open house at the UMD Planetarium. At this event, Mickey, Mni, Nibi, Jim Rock

will present on Indigenous perspectives surrounding water. Refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, March 23 in Chemistry 200 at UMD, 7:00 PM

- Learn about career paths by attending a panel discussion about Water and Jobs. Three local professionals from diverse backgrounds will describe their careers working in and around the Lake Superior watershed.

Thursday, March 24, Kirby TV Lounge (Kirby Student Center 273) at UMD, 7:00 PM

- A showing of the film ""Flow"". This award-winning documentary is an investigation into what experts label as the most important political and environmental issue of the 21st Century – the world water crisis.

Events were organized and supported by:

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