

Students enjoy a Winterfest wonderland

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On Feb. 11, the Adanti Student Center Ballroom was transformed into a winter-themed celebration as students gathered for the first Winterfest, hosted by the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership Development. The event ran from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and offered a wide range of activities that brought seasonal fun indoors. Students skated on a synthetic ice rink, tried curling on dedicated lanes and stepped inside a giant inflatable snow globe for photos. Creative stations added to the atmosphere with custom airbrushed winter hats and green screen photography featuring snowy backgrounds. A hot chocolate and cookie bar provided warm treats throughout the afternoon, and contests and giveaways kept the energy high. The Winter Olympics also played throughout the event for students to watch. With hands-on activities, photo opportunities and plenty of cozy refreshments, Winterfest drew steady participation and introduced a new campus tradition aimed at bringing students together during the winter season.

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Art education major Emily Caspole, a junior, and elementary education major Mia Cruz, a freshman, drawing on puzzles for the contest.



Students getting spray painted hats designed to their preferences.



Puzzle design contest table with markers and puzzle boards so students can win a Amazon gift card.



Students skating on a synthetic ice rink.



Social work major Annabella Dasilva and chemistry major Michelle Ceja, freshmen, posing for a photo.



Hot chocolate bar, cookies and other refreshments for students to enjoy.



Students competing in a game of curling.



Students dressed up in front of a green screen to get keepsake photos.

Owls come up short against Bridgeport



Gymnast Lola Sepulveda, a senior, on the uneven bars.



Gymnast Zoe Axell, a sophomore, mid-jump during her floor routine.

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On Sunday, Feb. 15, the university gymnastics team fell to the University of Bridgeport 192.625–192.525 in a close dual meet on Senior Day at James Moore Field House. The Owls opened on vault, where gymnasts Haley Fitzgerald and Jordan Villani, sophomores, led the lineup with matching scores of 9.700 as the team totaled 48.150. On the uneven bars, gymnast Gabriela Dinisoe, a junior, posted the university's team-best 9.650, followed by strong routines from gymnast Lola Sepulveda, a senior, and gymnast Zoe Axell, a sophomore, to help the university reach 47.825. The Owls continued on balance beam, where gymnast Mia Damiano, a senior, recorded a university team-high 9.700. Gymnast Maria Chronopoulos, a sophomore, and gymnast Angelina Stanfa, a junior, added solid routines as the team collected a 47.750. The university closed the meet with its strongest rotation of the afternoon on floor. Gymnast Abby Royer, a senior, delivered a standout of 9.850. Sepulveda also finished second in the all-around with a total of 37.700. The university will return to competition on Sunday, Feb. 22 for a dual meet at the University of New Hampshire.

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Gymnast Angelina Stanfa, a junior, posing on the balance beam.



Gymnast Hannah Fitzgerald, a sophomore, posing at the end of her routine.



Gymnastic team cheering on their teammate.



Gymnastic team waving during introductions at the beginning of the meet.



Gymnast Jordan Villani, a sophomore, on the uneven bars.



Gymnast Libby Allen, a graduate, posing during her floor routine.