

State Senator Jess King to speak on women in politics at UWO

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As part of Recognizing Women: Women Shaping Politics, Wisconsin State Senator Jessica King will be on campus to speak about the important influence women have on politics in America.

The event will take place on March 14, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in room 202 of Reeve Memorial Union and is sponsored by the Gender Equity Council.

The council puts on a Recognizing Women event each spring, and this year it chose King to speak because of the active political environment in the state and across the country, according to Sue Jaeke, registration supervisor at UW Oshkosh and coordinator of the event.

“Jess is a graduate of UWO, and so we thought it made sense to have her come speak about women in politics given all of the success she has had with her political career so far,” Jaeke said.

King was a 1998 graduate of UW Oshkosh and has since held a position on the City of Oshkosh Common Council, served as deputy mayor of Oshkosh and was elected to State Senate in 2011.

The event will feature an introduction by Chancellor Richard Wells followed by the Gender Equity Council recognition of achievements of women on campus. After a few words by King, attendants will have the opportunity to enjoy social time and a more casual question and answer session with the senator.

“This is really just a nice time to come together and recognize accomplishments of women on campus and beyond,” Jaeke said. “Women have come so far, especially in politics. So it's important to step back and look at all of the great things they're doing.”

This event is free and open to students and community members. Complimentary snacks and drinks will be served. Those wanting to attend the event are strongly encouraged to RSVP by emailing [Sue Jaeke](#).

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