



MADISON COMMONS

Dane County's student-led community news source



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Executive Summary & a Short History of the Site

Madison Commons is a hyperlocal news site providing information and connections throughout the community. Led by Publisher Sue Robinson, Editor Stacy Forster and Managing Editor Louisa Kamps, Madison Commons is run as a laboratory for innovating journalism, learning engagement practices and collaborating with community partners. It is powered by undergraduate and graduate students in the University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Journalism and Mass Communication (SJMC), and we also collaborate with local nonprofit organizations and their community members.

Founded in 2006 under the guidance of Professor Lewis Friedland, Madison Commons is one of the longest-running community-based news sites based in a university setting. The name comes from the idea of a village commons, a place for news, talk, debate and some entertainment that's open to everyone. We focus on areas that people have told us are important to where they live, highlighting grassroots initiatives, people, events and issues such as K-12 education, arts and culture, sports, environment and economic sustainability, health and city life.

In 2024, Madison Commons “relaunched,” moving away from breaking news and more traditional models of community journalism and making a commitment to solutions-focused journalism. Solutions journalism rejects deficit framing of content on intractable problems in favor of evidence-based storytelling about possible fixes to ameliorate intractable societal problems. We work within the

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communities around us to better ourselves and make life a little easier for all of us. This kind of journalism is essential as local media organizations decrease in size, coverage area and resources along with shrinking institutional safety nets. This work is also partner-based, eschewing “objectivity” in order to report from within communal spaces to prioritize an ethic of care – and caregiving – for each other.

Past Madison Commons reporters have gone on to report at prestigious organizations, including the Wall Street Journal, Voice of San Diego, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, the Guardian, the Capital Times, and News 3 Now. The site has also won many awards over the years and has been studied by SJMC’s researchers as a model for community-based journalism.¹

In 2025-2026, we were so ecstatic to have won a slew of awards from both the Society for Professional Journalists and the Milwaukee Press Club, including a finalist for national SPJ best site award and a silver in Best Local News site with MPC. Because of its small size and constant cycle of different students who are always eager to experiment with us, Madison Commons fulfills a desperate need in the profession of journalism to be nimble to change, to dare to be revolutionary, to learn from all of it and then to try again – always, always learning.

2025-2026 Activities Summary

In 2025-2026, we were a year into our re-launch towards a solutions-focused, collaborative framework that took a broader view of what storytelling might look like. Half of our site remained dedicated as a student training ground for hyperlocal, accurate, traditional reporting (5 interns and 2 classes), traversing all over the city, writing stories like these: “Before you buy: What young adults should know about sports supplements,” “Madison residents, businesses and students are joining a global sustainability movement – one meal at a time,” “Nature or Nurture? Nicky Mondroski chooses both,” “How are recent government actions affecting food pantries in Madison,” “Addressing housing insecurity through a holistic care model,” “Can AI therapy help when BIPOC therapists are in short supply,” and many more! Also this academic year, a separate team (11 interns and 20 students in a Community-Based Learning Course with UW Odyssey Project) embedded in or partnered with local nonprofit organizations on housing insecurity and youth mental health. You can see everything we did here on our site and/or in the appendix.

In February 2026 students organized and executed 3 concurrent listening sessions about youth mental health to learn about their topic and to build trust. They invited 6 organizations and 12 community members to facilitate this complex conversation. Using what they learned at the listening session – including story ideas – we built a massive, shared repository of data and information categorized by lived experiences, databases, news articles, academic journals, studies, and interviews (including the transcripts of the three listening sessions). And, on April 16, 2026 we held the “Youth Mental Health Resource Fair for Parents, Teens and Young Adults” in South Madison. The public-facing event attracted roughly 45

¹ See Robinson, S., DeShano, C., Nakho, K. & Friedland, L. (2010). Madison Commons: Experimenting with a Citizen-Journalism Model. In Jack Rosenberry and Burton St. John III. (Eds.), *Public Journalism 2.0: The Promise and Reality of a Citizen-Engaged Press* (pp.162175). New York: Routledge; and, Robinson, S. & DeShano, C. (2011). Citizen Journalists and Their Third Places: What Makes People Exchange Information Online (or Not). *Journalism Studies*, 12(5), 1-16. doi:10.1080/1461670X.2011.557559.

attendees and involved 16 organizations. To ensure accessibility, the project provided free childcare, dinner, translation, and transportation.

By May, Madison Commons had published 86 stories; of these, about 39 were part of collaborations with local nonprofits: 19 journalism stories, 11 opinion or personal essays, 7 collaborative projects, 2 explainers, and 1 resource list – all solutions-based about youth mental health. We were able to pay most of the students either stipends or incentives for publishing in Madison Commons and also all the organizations for their time and labor educating us or attending the events. The Commons was supported by or had a working partnership with the following:

- The UW–Madison School of Journalism and Mass Communication
- The UW Odyssey Project
- The UW-Madison Morgridge Center for Public Service
- The Solutions Journalism Network (as part of its 2025-2026 Student Media Challenge) & The Solutions Journalism Network’s Midwest Hub at the Northwestern University’s School of Medill with Director Deborah Douglas
- Community Shares of Wisconsin (We concluded our relationship with Community Shares in February 2026)
- Sharon Stark, Friend of SJMC and UW-Madison
- The Knapp Bequest Fund
- The Evjue Foundation

In addition, we either created content for or with the following nonprofits, including as part of our listening session or resource fair:

- Bayview Community Foundation
- Movin’ Out
- FLYY
- The Road Home
- Root 2 Rise
- The Housing Last Podcast
- Briarpatch
- Common Threads Family Resource Center
- Anesis Foundation
- Play to Learn
- RISE
- UW Law School
- Our Generation
- GSafe
- Parent to Parent
- Dreams Lab/Sleephealth Ambassadors
- Behavioral Mental Health Resource Center of Dane County

2025-2026 Madison Commons At-A-Glance Numbers

(June 1, 2025 - June 1, 2026)

- Average monthly views during the school year: 5,611
- Total number of stories: 86
- Number of producers:
 - Number of intern producers: 4
 - Number of classes contributing: 3
 - Number of other freelancers: 40
- Most read story for the year: Behavioral health therapist layoffs at SSM Health add to concerns about mental health care shortages in Madison and across Wisconsin by Kat Hans
- Awards/Honors:
 - 47,890 visitors in the last year
 - 60,380 visits in that time period
 - 81 stories published
 - 1 2025 National Finalist for Best Independent Website from the Society of Professional Journalists (Regional Winner), 1 2025 Silver Award Best Local NewsSite with the Milwaukee Press Association, 1 2025 Silver Award Best News Story for Ben Kapp, 1 2025 Bronze Award Best Long Hard Feature Story for Whitney West, 1 2025 Gold Online Best News Story by Noah Maze.

2025-2026 Madison Commons Financial Summary

Our budget for 2025-2026 was about \$40,000 – about \$20,000 more than what is typical because we needed to fund the relaunch and expand our specialties on housing and mental health. In addition to paying for the professional editor, we also gave our interns stipends (including a managing editing intern), paid freelance community members, offered money to our partners for educating us and spending time/resources on our joint work, and produced the two events.

In 2025, 2026, Madison Commons operated on the following:

- SJMC: \$14,000
- Grants (Morgridge Center for Public Service, Knapp Bequest Fund, Evjue Foundation, Solutions Journalism Network): \$26,500
- Donations: \$13,000

Huge News!!! We are so so happy to announce that the SJMC has agreed to fund a significant portion of our budget for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028. If we are conservative in our budgeting this year and next, we may even be able to stretch the funds for a third year! This is amazing news because it frees us up to focus on new projects and collaborations.

2025-2026 Madison Commons Teams

**Interns cycle out every year*

Publisher / Sue Robinson

Sue joined the UW–Madison faculty at the School of Journalism and Mass Communication in January 2007 and now holds the Helen Firstbrook Franklin Professor of Journalism endowed research chair. She has published three books about journalism and does what is called “applied research” that works in collaboration with journalists and newsroom training organizations such as Solutions Journalism Network, Hearken, Trusting News, and Agora Journalism Center. Locally, she advises, is a consultant for or has had collaborations with the Minority Student Achievement Network, The Black Voice, the National Association for Black Journalists, Goodman Community Center, Freedom Inc., Simpson Street

Free Press, Lussier Community Education Center, Centro Hispano, Community Shares, The UW Odyssey Project, and LEAP 2 College. Sue joined Madison Commons as publisher in 2023.

Editor / Stacy Forster



Stacy is a distinguished teaching faculty member in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. She spent more than a decade as a reporter, working in Madison as a state Capitol reporter for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, and in New York for the Wall Street Journal Online. She also did strategic communication and public relations work for UW-Madison's Office of University Communications. Stacy has served as the editor of Madison Commons since September 2021.



Managing Editor / Louisa Kamps

Louisa Kamps is an award-winning writer and editor whose profiles, essays, reviews and reporting have appeared in The New Yorker, The New York Times, On Wisconsin, Real Simple, Martha Stewart Living and ELLE, where she was a contributing writer and editor for 21 years. She is a regular contributor to Oprah Daily and writes and edits personal and business histories for private clients.



Managing Editing Intern / Alexandra Malatesta



Alexandra (Alex) is a senior at UW–Madison studying journalism and digital media analytics, with a passion for strategic communications, brand strategy and storytelling. Originally from La Jolla, California, she's gained experience across campus media projects, nonprofit storytelling and national politics through her work with the Democratic National Committee. She's also contributed to Meld, an AI mentorship platform for women, and continues to build her personal interests at the intersection of media, campaign work, and overall community impact. Outside of school and work, Alex balances her love of yoga, traveling the world and creativity with her long-term goal of moving to New York City and pursuing a career where she is making a difference

Reporting Intern / Daunte Green



Dauntae is a first-year student in the professional master's graduate program. He has experience in the newspaper world when he worked at campus newspaper Royal Purple at UW–Whitewater in his undergraduate years. When he isn't working, he is usually going to see new movies at the movie theaters, writing reviews for fun, playing Dungeons & Dragons with friends, and enjoying life. Dauntae is excited to write stories for Madison Commons and hopes to be able to share stories of the unique community of Madison and make a difference.

Reporting Intern / Kat Hans

Kat is a first-year graduate student in the professional master's graduate program. She graduated from Marquette University, where she majored in English and minored in advertising. Kat loves reading literary fiction and creative nonfiction, as well as exploring independent bookstores and live music in Madison. She is excited to create stories for Madison Commons and make personal connections with community members in Dane County.



Legal Studies Intern / Maddie Green



Maddie is a senior studying journalism and political science with a certificate in criminal justice. She has experience in nonprofit advocacy through the Borgen Project and community-focused work at the Goodman Community Center. Madeline is a UniverCity Alliance Scholar and a student in the Tribal Court of Appeals Project, where she is exploring the intersections of journalism, government and law. She is passionate about the legal system and is excited to report on stories that amplify community voices.

Production Intern / Matt Gatland

Matt is a senior in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication studying strategic communication, with certificates in data science and digital media analytics. He has a background in marketing and communications, interning this past summer with P33 Chicago, a nonprofit organization connecting businesses with the Chicago tech sphere. Outside of the academic and career world, Matt is passionate about music and environmental justice and can be seen hosting a radio show on WSUM, mountain biking, snowboarding and hiking.



2025-2026 Special Project Team Home & Mind (Team HAM) Manager / Carlos Dávalos



A born-and-raised journalist from Mexico City, Carlos studies identity configuration processes in the intersection of technology, media, and pop culture using community-powered scholarship and public storytelling across borders. Carlos developed a diverse media career in Mexico City, spanning journalism, music production, and broadcasting. He helped Madison Commons oversee the Team Home & Mind special project in 2025-2026, including assisting with the CBL class that ran in Spring

Team HAM Reporters: Sara Babani (Lead), Amari Mbongwo, Sophia Capolupa, Laine Casey, Mackenzie Belletina, Amelia Geis, Katie Mastorides, Lucas Snow (with Alex Malatasta and Maddie Green).

Conclusion: A 2026-2027 Agenda

Our 2025-2026 activities set us up for what promises to be a truly stellar year in 2026-2027. The School agreed to provide two years of funding for Madison Commons so that the site should be fully funded for two more years. In addition, we plan to:

- Continue the relationship with Managing Editor Louisa Kamps. We are overjoyed to announce that the experienced professional journalist and editor has agreed to stay on another year as we transition the site into a few different activities. She will continue to work with the interns and other content producers to make sure everything published in MC is fact checked and otherwise edited closely.
- Hire, train and supervise four SJMC interns as reporters and producers and one SJMC intern as an editor-in-training.
- Augment the content and other work, including one event in April 2027, for one of our collaborative specialties such as housing insecurity or mental health. We were able to attain another Evjue Foundation grant for this purpose. We will update and expand the repository of sourcing and information we developed on housing insecurity and mental health.
- Build on the relationship with The Odyssey Project in the hopes of running another collaborative storytelling skills class or at the very least, partnering on another event to take place in Spring 2027.

Ultimately, our goal is to grow the different facets of Madison Commons — listening, storytelling, solutions investigation — as a structured space for training in innovative journalism practices and also as a partner in community solutions' work.

Appendix

I. Target Market

Madison Commons aims to reach residents across Madison who are engaged in community life and local issues. Unlike campus-focused media outlets, Madison Commons prioritizes coverage that reflects the broader Madison community, with particular attention to topics often underrepresented in traditional local media. Our publics will be interested in the topical arenas that local media miss, including K-12 education, community and high school sports, the environment as it impacts Madisonians, small businesses, and micro-level proposals and policies that impact the Madison individual.

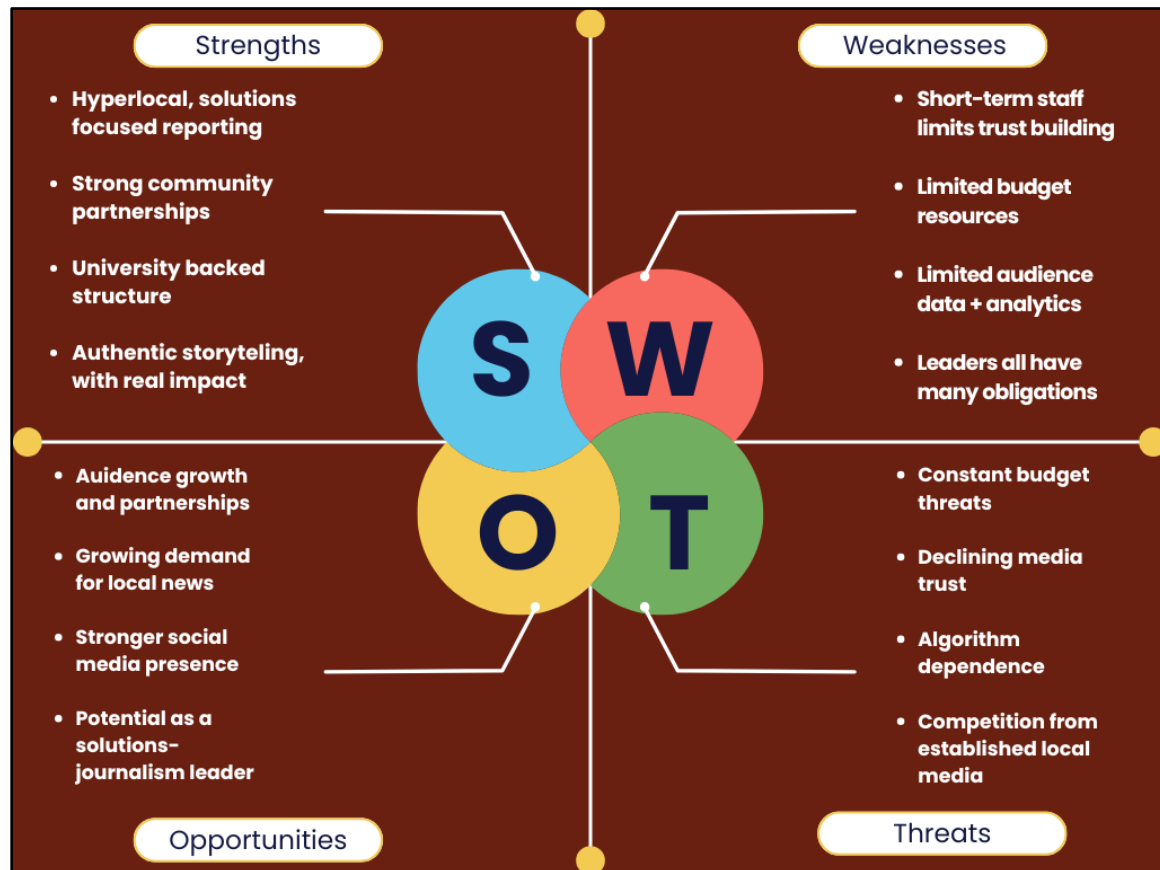
Our audience includes individuals of all income levels and backgrounds, with a particular emphasis on reaching BIPOC communities and civically engaged residents who contribute to and shape Madison's neighborhoods.

Currently we reach about 4,500 people a month, and we seek to increase this to 5,500 with our new partnerships and content collaborations. We are not able to differentiate who uses our site at this time. Madison is home to about 280,000 people and that number doubles when including the greater Madison area. It is growing by about 1.5% each year. The median household makes \$77,000 with 16% in poverty. Although the adult population skews majority white people, the K-12 schools have a majority of Black and Brown students.

II. Marketing Plan & Swat Analysis

We center our marketing strategy around amplifying solutions journalism through storytelling and engagement efforts. Our marketing plan is executed primarily by a student editing intern with help from

the content and administrative editors. It entails frequent postings on social platforms such as Instagram and newsletters and partner sites to engage both the community and our student audiences. Each year this plan is adapted and revised according to market trends and the specialties of the specific editing intern. In addition, reporters are encouraged to send stories to stories, asking directly for the story to be circulated among their networks. And, furthermore, Madison Commons collaborates with Community Shares and The Odyssey Project on cross-posting. We expect these kinds of content collaborations to expand over the next three to five years.



III. Known Community Outcomes for 2025-2026 Special Projects

Tangible Deliverables

- 49 [total pieces of solutions-based content](https://madisoncommons.org/category/community-collaborations/collaborative-storytelling-what-we-did/) on housing insecurity and mental health: <https://madisoncommons.org/category/community-collaborations/collaborative-storytelling-what-we-did/>:

Signposting Content

1. What is Collaborative Storytelling? (Sue Robinson)
2. Collaborative Storytelling: How we do community-based, solutions focused work in Madison (Sue Robinson)

Youth Mental Health (2025-2026)

3. [Journalism Story \(Solutions\): How Operation Fresh Start provides a new future for young adults in Dane County \(Kat Hans, Nov. 25, 2025\)](#)
4. [Journalism Story: Redrawing the path: YAAS Madison's model for youth mental health and justice support \(Maddie Green, Dec. 16, 2026\)](#)
5. [Journalism Story \(Solutions Video\): Co-housing offers an alternative to high rents and solitary living \(Matt Gatland, Dec. 18, 2025\)](#)
6. [Journalism Story: Can AI therapy help when BIPOC therapists are in short supply? \(Laine Casey, Feb. 25, 2026\)](#)
7. [Journalism Story: An inside look at the restorative justice process in Dane County and statewide \(Maddie Green, April 10, 2026\)](#)
8. [Journalism Story: Behavioral health therapist layoffs at SSM Health add to concerns about mental health care shortages in Madison and across Wisconsin \(Kat Hans, May 7, 2026\)](#)
9. [Journalism Story: Why representation matters in youth mental health services \(Maddie Green, May 20, 2026\)](#)
10. [Journalism Story: Escaping 'survival mode': Youth mental health support \(Sophia Capolupo, May 20, 2026\)](#)
11. [Journalism Story: Mental health legal rights for youth in Wisconsin \(Maddie Green, May 20, 2026\)](#)
12. [Journalism Story: Bridging Worlds: Art as a Shared Language \(Xiaolei Xu, May 20, 2026\)](#)
13. [Journalism Story: Youth Mental Health Providers Make the Case for "Wraparound Care" \(Laine Casey, May 20, 2026\)](#)
14. [Journalism Story: Essence Supports Black College Students as a Youth Mental Health Response \(Amari Mbongwo, May 21, 2026\)](#)
15. [Journalism Story: How adaptive sports are transforming youth mental health \(Sadee Johnson, May 21, 2026\)](#)
16. [Journalism Story: How Madison is Rethinking Youth Mental Health Through Communication \(Cleo Whitney, May 22, 2026\)](#)
17. [Journalism Story: Becoming Advocates: How parents of children with disabilities step up to give their children a voice \(Bethany Stacey, May 22, 2026\)](#)
18. [Journalism Story: Organizations Rely on Each Other in Youth Mental Health Space \(Amari Mbongwo, May 22, 2025\)](#)
19. [Journalism Story \(Podcast\): Housing Last Podcast: Thinking about mental health as an unhoused 18 year old \(audio\) \(Amelia Geis; actual episode will air on May 31, 2026\)](#)
20. [Journalism Story \(Podcast\): Housing Last Podcast: Mental health crises for unhoused folks \(audio\) \(Amelia Geis; actual episode will air on May 31, 2026\)](#)
21. [Journalism Story: A Parent's Guide to Having a Thriving Kid Who Also Happens to Be On the Spectrum \(Bethany Stacey, May 23, 2026\)](#)
22. [Resource List: Dane County youth mental health resources \(Maddie Green, May 20, 2026\)](#)
23. [Personal Essay: It doesn't always take a village: The importance of Parents in Youth Mental Health \(Paige Bleck, May 20, 2026\)](#)
24. [Personal Essay: Post-COVID Summer Camps and Supporting Our Youth in Changing Times \(Madeline Rodriguez, May 21, 2026\)](#)
25. [Personal Essay: Listen before you label: What parents misunderstand about youth mental health \(Hanna Cutler, May 22 2026\)](#)
26. [Personal Essay: Youth Mental Health: Not the Same for Everyone \(Val Mosley, May 22, 2026\)](#)
27. [Personal Essay: Postpartum Depression Couldn't Keep Me \(Brandi Whitlock, May 22, 2026\)](#)

28. Personal Essay: Breaking the Silence: A Mother's Journey (Adrianne Farrow, May 22, 2026)
29. Personal Essay: It All Starts At Home: How parents are the first solution to youth mental health (Dan Thomas)
30. Personal Essay: Mental Health for Bilingual and Bicultural Families: Our story (Marisol Gonzalez, May 22, 2026)
31. Personal Essay: Taking youth mental health seriously in an oversaturated political environment (Alexandra Malatesta, May 22, 2026)
32. Personal Essay: Why immigrants, veteran families have more risk of having mental health problems (Coming)
33. Personal Essay: Built through pressure: My brand, Chinadoll Cosmetics (Tina Marie Martinez, May 23, 2026)
34. Collaborative Story: Root 2 Rise Podcast Seeds of Leadership (video) (Staff, Dec. 17, 2025)
35. Collaborative Story: Building futures, one family at a time: The Road Home honors stories of strength at their annual breakfast fundraiser (Amari Mbongwo, Feb. 23, 2026)
36. Collaborative Story: Addressing housing insecurity through a holistic care model (Sophia Capolupo, Feb. 23, 2026)
37. Collaborative Solutions Story: The self-care era: Addressing mental health through advocacy and community services (Sophia Capolupo, May 20, 2026)
38. Collaborative Story: Movin' Out: Celebrating 30 Years (Paige Bleck, Alexandra Malatesta, Valvree Mosley, and Dan Thomas, May, 22, 2026)
39. Collaborative Story: Movin' Out Finds Those with Disabilities Homes to Reach Mountain Tops (Alex Schmitz, May 22, 2026)

Housing Insecurity

40. Journalism Story: Understanding the struggle with housing: What we can learn from urban renewal (Lily Spanbauer, May 14, 2025)
 41. Journalism Story: Wisconsin lawmakers take aim at AI pricing in rental housing, joining national antitrust fight (Noah Maze, May 17, 2025)
 42. Resource: Housing organizations and programs (Noah Maze, Spring 2025)
 43. Resource: Dane County housing consortium as a resource (Alyssa Lutker, Spring 2025)
 44. Collaborative Story: OWN IT: Building Black Wealth profile (Maneeya Leung, Spring 2025)
 45. Resource: Ten Tips for for tenants from Wisconsin lawyers (Lily Spanbauer with photos by Jonás Tijerino, Spring 2025)
 46. Collaborative Story: Exploring a "Family Scholar House" for Madison (Alyssa Lutker, Spring 2025)
 47. Collaborative Story: Explore the Scholar House concept (Kentucky and Indiana) (Sreejita Patra and Kiesen Williams, Spring 2025)
 48. Collaborative Story: The UW Odyssey Project residential learning program (Sreejita Patra, Spring 2025)
 49. Collaborative Story: Meet Team Housing partner Brian Bedford (Sreejita Patra, Spring 2025)
- **Direct Housing Connection:** While recording a podcast with a young unhoused woman, an Odyssey student who works as a property manager was able to leverage their professional position to try coordinating a place for her to live.
 - **Resource Pipelines:** A team member gathered vital mental health resource brochures at our South Madison fair and hand-delivered them to the multicultural center at UW-Madison to expand access. The 16 organizations at the fair networked with each other and overheard were quite a few resource-sharing conversations.

- **Material Support:** A Madison Commons team member leveraged their sorority networks to conduct a school-supply drive for UW Odyssey Project, successfully collecting 15 backpacks filled with supplies for the childcare center.
- **Awards:** The quality of the output was validated by winning the *Milwaukee Press Club Best Local News or Feature Website for 2025* and the *2025 Best Student News Organization* from the Society of Professional Journalists' regional awards, qualifying the project's work for the national finals later in 2026.

Intangible Outcomes

Testimonials from UW Odyssey Project and Course Evaluations

Our community partners demonstrated deep engagement and trust by attending listening sessions, referring secondary organizational partners, and participating in intimate, vulnerable public dialogues regarding what works and what fails in youth mental health care. Here are some testimonials from our UW Odyssey Project major partner:

- From Emily Auerbach, Odyssey Director:

The collaboration between the UW Odyssey Project and Sue Robinson's work with campus journalism courses and Madison Commons has been transformative and inspiring. Odyssey students have seen their own stories of trauma and resilience respected and given a wider forum. They have participated in events showcasing the ways journalism can play a role in bringing about social change. Hosted community events and field trips connected Odyssey students to a variety of resources and gave them a chance to use their voices and firsthand experiences to shed light on vitally important issues such as youth mental health challenges and housing insecurity. We hope that this innovative partnership can continue.

- From Brian Benford, Success Coach for Odyssey (a social worker):

As an Odyssey alumnus who went on to complete my bachelor's and master's degree from the UW-Madison, I have never witnessed such amazing, organically formed, authentic connections emerge between "non-traditional" and "traditional" undergraduate students. For the students that participated in this class, they were offered not only coursework in effective journalism, but also a unique chance to do so with people that have uniquely different backgrounds than their own. This has allowed every student in the class a pathway to cultural humility.

- From Kevin Mullen, Director of Adult Education at Odyssey:

Prof. Robinson created a classroom where traditional UW-Madison students and Odyssey alumni could teach, learn, and thrive as writers together, overcoming barriers around age, race, income, and cultural backgrounds that would normally keep these individuals separated. That kind of learning community is as powerful as it is rare, and each student emerged genuinely impacted by the experience. The results have been truly inspiring, with collaborative writing projects that tackled issues like youth mental health, postpartum depression, bilingual and bicultural mental health services, and the particular stresses of trying to start a business while surviving from paycheck to paycheck, among many others. The honesty and eloquence of these projects are truly moving, and none of them would have existed without the positive, inclusive, and experimental community that Prof. Robinson nurtured in that classroom.

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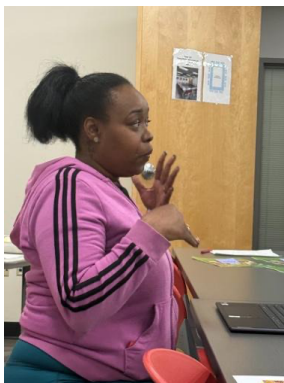
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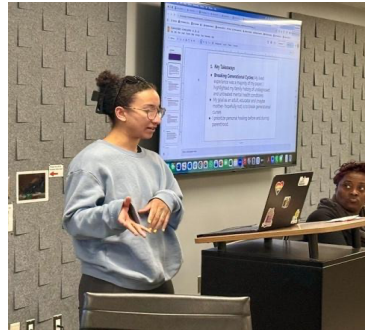
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ENG201/J475 Collaborative Storytelling Skills Class

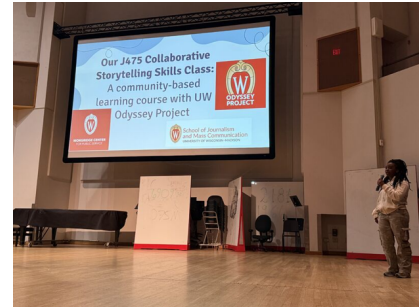




Spring 2026 School Supply Drive with Sophia Capolupo and UW Odyssey



Lecture talk to a 400-person J201 Lecture, February 2026



MADISON COMMONS WINS TWO BIG AWARDS: Milwaukee Press Club and Society for Professional Journalists



LISTENING SESSION: Feb. 25, 2026 (20 students, 12 experts from 6 orgs)



YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE FAIR FOR PARENTS, TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS: April 16, 2026 (10 students, 45 participants, 16 orgs)



