

Former Refugee Mohamed Malim Speaks on the Refugee Crisis

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Mohamed Malim spoke at the College of Saint Scholastica about his story as a refugee, the current crisis, and how people can help.

One out of every 113 people in the world is either an asylum-seeker, internally displaced, or a refugee, and Malim talked about how being one out of 113 has changed his world-view.

Student Senate invited Malim to speak at CSS on Wednesday, Oct. 24 in the Burns Wellness Commons. He is the founder and CEO of Epimonia, a company that sells bracelets made from recycled life jackets that were once worn by refugees. The bracelets are made by refugees at the Dream Factory and 50% of the profits are donated to support refugee causes around the world.

However, his success today didn't happen without road bumps. Malim's parents fled Somalia to escape the civil war in the early 1990s and ended up in a refugee camp where Malim was born in 1996. Three years later, his family won the lottery by getting their names randomly picked to relocate to Texas.

The family missed their cultural sense of community in Texas and were luckily able to move to Minnesota, which



Speaker Mohamed Malim poses with Student Senators after his presentation. Submitted Photo.

is home to the largest Somali population outside of Somalia.

In Minnesota, Malim attended a charter school, Edina High School, and most recently graduated from the University of St. Thomas in 2017 with a degree in business.

Malim started his mission to positively promote and educate others on refugees during his junior year at St. Thomas when he started Dream Refugee to tell the success stories of refugees.

He believes college students are the perfect age to start

change, saying, "the youth is our future right now."

He highly encourages college students to educate themselves about current events and those who feel passionate about the refugee crisis to start clubs on campus, vote in elections, volunteer at non-profits, etc.

Malim has traveled to many other colleges discussing the refugee crisis and promoting Epimonia. To support him and refugees around the world bracelets can be purchased online at epimonia.com.

A Look Back at The Cable Archives

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Nov. 6, 1998

Three students from the College of Saint Scholastica were paired up with three students from Russia to discuss the effects of NATO. The main topic was discussing whether or not NATO was a threat to world peace.

Nov. 4, 2009

CSS senior, Katelyn Meger was awarded the Elite-88 award and became the first women's cross country runner in Division III to win it, She was a nursing major and had a cumulative GPA of 4.0.

Oct. 31, 2014

Students got to witness a partial eclipse on Thursday, Oct. 23. Special glasses were given around on campus in preparation for the event.

Nov. 6, 2015

CSS students were reported creating a movie on campus. A year previously, they had been handing out scripts to students who were interested in participating in this film. The film was titled, "I Voted" and is about a newly elected student body president who becomes corrupt with power and perfectionism.

Naloxone

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Biden said some symptoms of opioid overdose include "loud snoring or gurgling noises, absent or shallow breathing, slow or rapid pulse, and unresponsiveness."

Biden noted that oftentimes people do not call 911 when they witness an overdose and attempt to treat it themselves out of fear.

Dr. Laura Palombi, a public health pharmacist from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy, said when a person who has been taking opioids is unresponsive and their respirations are faint or nonexistent, a witness should start rescue breaths, call 911, and administer Naloxone.



A used needle found in a Duluth parking meter on Superior Street. Script Photo/Nick Stenstrup

Each audience member was giving a Naloxone kit, containing syringes and the drug itself, to keep on hand in case of emergency. The presentation was given on

Thursday, Oct. 18. After being trained on the proper administration and protocol for Naloxone, audience members were prepared to help counteract an opioid overdose.

Peace and Justice Lecture

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Bennis questioned primarily why the United States was the "decider of peace for Israel and Palestine." She said the United States pentagon wanted to do business with Israel after it saw Israel obtain a favorable outcome in the conflict.

Throughout the lecture, Bennis contemplated "the price of peace." For example, the water in Gaza is undrinkable after Israeli bombs destroyed a water plant, and will not allow Palestinians to transport the parts to fix it.

Bennis said "states don't have rights, people have rights," and urged the audience to keep this in mind when voting for politicians in the national election this

November.

Bennis said, "we need to stop sending Israel money, especially directly to their military, and we need to vote for people who also believe in equality and human rights."

The next installment in the Alworth Peace and Justice Lecture Series is "The Idea of Israel," and will be presented by author Michael Brenner on Feb. 12.

About The Script

The College of St. Scholastica's student newspaper, The Script, aims to provide well-written, unbiased journalism to the CSS community in an environment which allows young writers, photographers, and artists to grow and develop their skills. Using both online and written platforms, The Script keeps students, staff, and faculty alike informed on campus happenings and institutional changes. Our bi-weekly printing schedule allows students to get a taste of the publishing industry, and our student-centered approach lets students experience how to promote, advertise, and keep a business running. Therefore, The Script educates both internally, teaching invaluable skills to its student employees, and externally, keeping the campus community informed.

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