



Dear Blugold graduates,

Congratulations! Today we celebrate an achievement for which you've worked long and hard: You've earned your UW-Eau Claire degree!

Your commencement day also holds a special place in Blugold history: You have the honor of being a member of UW-Eau Claire's 100th graduating class. Our yearlong Centennial Celebration continues through this academic year as we mark 100 years of excellence at UW-Eau Claire!

From the first 186 students who attended the Eau Claire State Normal School in 1916 to our enrollment today of more than 10,600, we have grown to be a nationally ranked public regional university. We also have developed a widespread reputation for outstanding faculty and staff who are dedicated to providing students with the transformative learning experiences that make a Blugold degree — your degree — stand apart.

You can look to the future knowing there is real value in your UW-Eau Claire degree. UW-Eau Claire is first among all UW System universities and in the top 10 percent among Midwest master's-level universities in Washington Monthly's 2016 "Best Bang for the Buck" rankings. We also are one of just two UW System regional universities among Forbes' 2016 America's Top Colleges for return on investment.

Also know that as you leave this great university, you join the ranks of our more than 83,000 Blugold alumni making a difference the world over, carrying The Power of AND into their workplaces and communities. Just look at the shining examples provided by our alumni award recipients being honored here today. The world will be a better place because of your skills AND wisdom, entrepreneurship AND integrity of spirit, strong work ethic AND inspiring creativity — all hallmarks of your UW-Eau Claire degree.

As we say in our mission statement (proudly printed on this page), UW-Eau Claire provides a "transformative liberal education." I challenge you to audaciously pursue your goals, knowing that your UW-Eau Claire degree has prepared you for all you aspire to achieve. And most of all, I wish you joy on your journey.

With all best wishes for a bright Blugold future,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James C. Schmidt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James C. Schmidt | Chancellor
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Mission Statement of the University

We foster in one another creativity, critical insight, empathy and intellectual courage, the hallmarks of a transformative liberal education and the foundation for active citizenship and lifelong inquiry.

Commencement Program

December 17, 2016	Dr. James C. Schmidt, Chancellor, Presiding
9 a.m.	College of Business College of Education and Human Sciences
2 p.m.	College of Nursing and Health Sciences College of Arts and Sciences
Prelude by UW-Eau Claire Faculty Brass Quintet	Robert Baca, trumpet Paul Stodolka, trumpet Chuck Hodgson, horn Phil Ostrander, trombone Jacob Grewe, tuba
Greetings	Mitch Freymiller, Commencement Marshal, Chair, University Senate
Processional	Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1 (<i>Land of Hope and Glory</i>) by Sir Edward Elgar <i>Please rise and remain standing through the National Anthem.</i>
National Anthem	The Star-Spangled Banner by John Stafford Smith Led by Andrea Jackson, Bachelor of Music Education, Music (morning) Led by Joseph Sletner, Bachelor of Arts, Theatre Arts (afternoon)
Welcome and Introductions	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor
Introducing Members of the Platform Party	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor Michael Carney, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Mary Hoffman, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies David Leaman, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences Timothy Vaughan, Interim Dean, College of Business Carmen Manning, Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences Linda Young, Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences Margaret Cassidy, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences (afternoon) Jill Prushiek, Associate Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences (morning) Jean Pratt, Professor, Information Systems, College of Business (morning) Debra Jansen, Associate Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences (afternoon) Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (morning) Mitch Freymiller, Commencement Marshal, Chair, University Senate
Greetings from the UW System Board of Regents	Regent Edmund Manydeeds III

Congratulatory Remarks	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor
Introduction of Alumni Award Recipients	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor <i>See pages 19-23 for bios of the award recipients.</i>
Charge To The Class	Joseph Webb Jr., Director of Student Support Services, Penn State Berks
Presentation Of Master's Candidates	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor
Conferral Of Master's Degrees	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor
Presentation Of Baccalaureate Candidates	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor
Conferral Of Baccalaureate Degrees	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor
Blugold Reflections	Dylan Lange, Bachelor of Business Administration, Business Administration and Political Science (morning) Danielle Graf, Bachelor of Science, Music (afternoon)
Closing Remarks	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor
University Alma Mater	Led by Alissa Peanasky, Bachelor of Social Work, Social Work (morning) Led by Austin Caldie, Bachelor of Music, Music (afternoon) <i>Please rise and join in singing. Words and music are printed at end of program.</i>
Recessional	Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1 (<i>Land of Hope and Glory</i>) by Sir Edward Elgar Triumphal March from "Aida" by Giuseppe Verdi <i>You are welcome to move from your seat as soon as the platform party, faculty and graduates have exited the arena.</i>
Photographs	A professional photograph will be taken of all graduates as they receive their diplomas. In order to reset the arena for the next event, there will be no photo opportunities in Zorn Arena following the ceremony.
Reception	The chancellor, faculty and members of the graduating class cordially invite all guests to a reception immediately following the ceremony in the Marketplace on the first floor of the W.R. Davies Student Center.



Congratulate your graduate: #UWECGrad

Candidates for Degrees

Graduation with distinction is being conferred on those graduates who have an outstanding scholastic record. They are identified by gold cords and recognized in the program as follows: *cum laude (grade-point average of at least 3.2), **magna cum laude (GPA of at least 3.5) and ***summa cum laude (GPA of at least 3.8). Graduates receiving departmental honors are identified by the symbol †. The recognition of graduates receiving University Honors is noted under the student's name. Graduates receiving University Honors are identified by a gold ribbon and medal. Baccalaureate candidates who are members of scholastic honor societies are identified by silver cords. See Page 16 for the key listing UW-Eau Claire's degree interpretations.



MCINTYRE LIBRARY, SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND ARCHIVES

College of Nursing and Health Sciences

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Kristen Rose Adams ** Shakopee, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Mesada May Anderson ** Fall Creek
B.S.N., Nursing

Stephany Andres * Wisconsin Rapids
B.S.N., Nursing

Tabatha Pearl Ann Ballentine ** Fall Creek
B.S.N., Nursing

Johanna Lee Mormann Bautch * River Falls
B.S.N., Nursing

Chelsea Nicole Bink *** Plover
B.S.N., Nursing

Quinn Kyllene Bradley ****† Peshtigo
B.S.N., Nursing

Melinda Ann Bremness * Cadott
B.S.N., Nursing

Heather Mae Bruger * Curtiss
B.S.N., Nursing

Kara Morrissa Brunner ** Eau Claire
B.S.N., Nursing

Dionne Ann Bruns ** Manitowoc
B.S.N., Nursing

Kali Morgan Budd * Menomonie
B.S.N., Nursing

Amanda Busse * Chippewa Falls
B.S.N., Nursing

Bethany Ann Calkins ** Chippewa Falls
B.S.N., Nursing

Spencer Ray Carr *** Rice Lake
B.S.N., Nursing

Dallas Teal Cossalter ** Esko, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Brittany Ann Deegan ** Oregon
B.S.N., Nursing

Nicole Elizabeth Derks ** Burlington
B.S.N., Nursing

Kathryn Lauren Diedrich ** Racine
B.S.N., Nursing and Spanish

Paris Anne Dunlop ** Mendota Heights, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Emma Jo Erlandson ** Black River Falls
B.S.N., Nursing

Shawna M Finnegan ** Wausau
B.S.N., Nursing

Ashley Lynn Fjelstad * Whitehall
B.S.N., Nursing

Kelly Renee Flach Rice Lake
B.S.N., Nursing

McKinzie Alexis Flores ** Appleton
B.S.N., Nursing

Aubrey Jeanette Goettsch ** Eagan, MN
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Megan H. Graf Cumberland
B.S.N., Nursing

Jennifer Lynn Gwiazda ** Chippewa Falls
B.S.N., Nursing

Megan McFarlane Hanson *** Verona
B.S.N., Nursing

Stephanie Elizabeth Hassemer ** Eau Claire
B.S.N., Nursing

Morgan Leslie Haus ** Eagan, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Scott Allen Hertel ** Marshfield
B.S.N., Nursing

Ashley Kay Humphrey ** Marshfield
B.S.N., Nursing

Stephanie Anne Hurst ** Mayville
B.S.N., Nursing

Alexandra Lynn Janota Eau Claire
B.S.N., Nursing

Brianna Angel Jehn ** Wausau
B.S.N., Nursing

Mariah Elise John ****† Pittsville
B.S.N., Nursing

Jacob Peter Johnston ** Holmen
B.S.N., Nursing

Judith Elizabeth Jones * Neillsville
B.S.N., Nursing

Jacqueline Mariah Jorgensen **† Spring Valley, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Kyle Allan Kackman ** Otsego, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Mindy Lee Kelly * Barneveld
B.S.N., Nursing

Nicole Marie Kochan ** Ogema
B.S.N., Nursing

Carson Maria Koepl ** Rhinelander
B.S.N., Nursing

Dillon Scott Kuester * Chippewa Falls
B.S.N., Nursing

Brenda Louise Kunze *** Unity
B.S.N., Nursing

Nicole Marie Lauffer **† Colfax
B.S.N., Nursing

Tonya Marie Lipsy ** Neillsville
B.S.N., Nursing

Cassandra Lucille Loistelle Eau Claire
B.S.N., Nursing

Sadie Maynhia Lor ** Cottage Grove, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Jeffrey Allen Mancl ** Marshfield
B.S.N., Nursing

Jared Owen Mandoza ** Maple Grove, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Julia Marie Miller ** Minnetonka, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Misty Rose Moen * Prairie Farm
B.S.N., Nursing

Sarah G Morgan **† Eau Claire
B.S.N., Nursing

Michelle Lynn Nehl ** Eden Prairie, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Shawna Marie Nelson ** Menasha
B.S.N., Nursing

Heather Lynn Newman *** Wausau
B.S.N., Nursing

Emily Elizabeth O'Meara *** Eau Claire
B.S.N., Nursing

Jennifer Marie Peterson ** Medford
B.S.N., Nursing

Joel Michael Pettingill ** Superior
B.S.N., Nursing

Hannah Jane Pitz *** Appleton
B.S.N., Nursing

Kelly Renae Prall * Wanamingo, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Megan Catherine Provost ** Farmington, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Julie Elizabeth Rahaim ** Cumberland
B.S.N., Nursing

McKenzie Ann Ryan ** Grantsburg
B.S.N., Nursing

Lacey Schwanebeck ** Marshfield
B.S.N., Nursing

Courtney Taylor Simmons ** Hermantown, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Myselle M Sowka *** Custer
B.S.N., Nursing

Nicole Marie Steinke * Chippewa Falls
B.S.N., Nursing

Michelle Anne Super ** Whitewater
B.S.N., Nursing

Rachel Elizabeth Svendsen ** Cameron
B.S.N., Nursing

Amy Ruth Swanson *** La Crosse
B.S.N., Nursing

Sarah Elizabeth Weigman ** Green Bay
B.S.N., Nursing

Hailey Marie Weiler ** Marshfield
B.S.N., Nursing

Rebekah Sanae Wink * Stanley
B.S.N., Nursing

Samantha E. Wolf *** Marshfield
B.S.N., Nursing

Deu Yang *** Weston
B.S.N., Nursing

Jamison C. Young ** Bloomer
B.S.N., Nursing

Jessy Lynn Zywicki *** Stevens Point
B.S.N., Nursing

College of Education and Human Sciences

MASTER'S DEGREES

Nicole Frances Brown Chippewa Falls
M.S.T., Reading
B.S., 2012, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Janine Fisk

Jason Lee Glampe Elmwood
M.E.P.D., Professional Development (Library Science)
B.A., 1999, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Janet Amann

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Garrett Michael Aalfs *Waconia, MN
B.M.E., Music

Aaron J Aasmundrud *Amery
B.S., Kinesiology

Alissa Margaret Anker ** Eagan, MN
B.S., Elementary Education

Michael Wayne Arnold High Ridge, MO
B.S.W., Social Work

Sarah Ann Atchley Chippewa Falls
B.S.W., Social Work

Amanda Marie Baker Hudson
B.S., Kinesiology and Psychology

Tracy Renee Bates ** Chippewa Falls
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Drew Jonathan Bauer * Monona
B.S., Elementary Education

Kristyne Avril Bazinet *** Brooklyn Park, MN
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Joseph Donald Beranek Holmen
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Brooke Leigh Bolin Cedarburg
B.S., Mathematics and Spanish

Danielle Catherine Borglum * Mankato, MN
B.S., Elementary Education

Rachael Elizabeth Bowe ** Cedarburg
B.S.W., Social Work

Erin Emily Brecka *** Altoona
B.S., Physics

Cassandra Maile Broeren ** Green Bay
B.A., Art

James Alexander Brotz ** Wausau
B.S., Special Education

Alexis Lee Brown Fall Creek
B.S., Kinesiology

Amy Elizabeth Brown ** New Hope, MN
B.S., Elementary Education

Jacob Richard Brunnquell * Fredonia
B.S., Kinesiology

Channing Renae Bucher * Eau Claire
B.S., Kinesiology

Briana Kay Buchholtz * South Milwaukee
B.M.E., Music

Katelyn Tess Bullis ** Madison
B.S., Kinesiology

Rachel Anna Maureen Burtman Eau Claire
B.M.E., Music

Zachary John Campbell Wisconsin Rapids
B.S., Kinesiology

Jessica Lynn Carlson ** Madison
B.S., Elementary Education and Spanish

Jessica Lynn Case * Wausau
B.S., Elementary Education

Kimberly Faith Charles ** Glendale
B.S., Mathematics

Britany Jeanette Chartier ** Saint Michael, MN
B.M.E., Music

Jesselyn Jo Chermak Inver Grove Heights, MN
B.S., Kinesiology

Jacob Nickolas Chesney * Maple Grove, MN
B.S., Special Education

Amerita Chhunn ** Rochester, MN
B.S., Elementary Education

Emily Rae Christoph *** Appleton
B.S., Elementary Education

Morgan N Cook ** New Richmond
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders and Spanish

Melissa Ann Daul Green Bay
B.S., Kinesiology

Emily Kate Delaney ** Golden Valley, MN
B.S., Kinesiology

Tera Elizabeth Destache ** Mahtomedi, MN
B.S., Special Education

Matthew David DiMartino * Lino Lakes, MN
B.S., Mathematics

Mikayla Elizabeth Dockendorf * Saint Stephen, MN
B.S., Elementary Education

Samantha Lynn Draves * Fond du Lac
B.S., Elementary Education

Allison Christine Edmunds * Prior Lake, MN
B.S., Kinesiology

Alyssa Megan Edmundson *** Edina, MN
B.S., Elementary Education

Nathaniel Lee Erickson ** Prentice
B.S., Elementary Education

Aleah Charlotte Etlicher *** Ridgeland
B.S., Special Education

Alexis Sue Fairbanks ** Champlin, MN
B.S., Elementary Education

Abby Lynn Fell ** Elkhorn
B.S., Special Education

Heidi May Feyereisen Roberts
B.S.W., Social Work

Eric Michael Francken De Pere
B.S., Kinesiology

Jenna Elise Gasner *** Eden Prairie, MN
B.A., Spanish

Jeremy Dennis Gibson * Mondovi
B.S., Mathematics

Peter Thomas Giddings * Madison
B.S., Kinesiology

Danna Mayme Gilbertson * Columbia Heights, MN
B.A., English

Rachel Arlene Gloodt * Siren
B.S., Elementary Education

Nicollette Sha Gorski ** Saint Louis Park, MN
B.S., Special Education

Kayla Jean Greunke ** Appleton
B.S., Elementary Education

Kelly Jean Gross * Pewaukee
B.S., Special Education

Taylor Morgan Guralski ** Marathon
B.S., Elementary Education

Jordan Michael Hagenbucher Wausau
B.S., Kinesiology

Jonathan Neil Hamblin * Hayward
B.A., English

Amy Mae Harper ** Cross Plains
B.A., Social Studies

Jacob Brett Harriman ** Cameron
B.S., Kinesiology

Callyn Marie Hauptert ** Plover
B.S., Kinesiology

Alexa Loren Hayes ** Wausau
B.S., Kinesiology

Jordyn Lea Hilts ** Black River Falls
B.S.W., Social Work

Christopher Kevin Hoffman * Aitkin, MN
B.S., Elementary Education

Nathan Gene Holtz ** Owen
B.S., Elementary Education and Spanish

Krystin Mary Huot * Green Bay
B.S., Special Education

Caitlan Mona Isaacson * Park Rapids, MN
B.S.W., Social Work

Andrea Elizabeth Jackson ** La Crescent, MN
B.M.E., Music

Megan Elizabeth Jameson * Holmen
B.S.W., Social Work

Laura Clare Janz ** Junction City
B.S., Special Education

Kelsey M Jensen Baraboo
B.S., Mathematics

Kevin Robert Jensen *Victoria, MN
B.S., Kinesiology

Grant Russell Johnson *Barron
B.S., Mathematics

Amanda Marie Judnic *** Spencer
B.S., Elementary Education

Andrew Christopher Karsten ** Suamico
B.A., French

Spencer Austin Kempf ** River Falls
B.A., Social Studies

Elli Suzanne Kerkhof Waunakee
B.S.W., Social Work

Erika Tyneal Kessler * Glenwood City
B.S., Special Education

Kassia Lea Kessler * Fall Creek
B.S., Mathematics

Elizabeth Ellen Killian ** Independence
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders and
Psychology

Amanda L Kinsman ** Reedsburg
B.A., English

Larkin Jean Klaus ** Rochester, MN
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Lauren Elizabeth Knapp * Appleton
B.S.W., Social Work

Jenner Reed Kramer ** Verona
B.S., Kinesiology

Cora Marie Krause ** Plum City
B.S., Special Education

Kelsey Christine Krob ** Superior
B.S., Special Education

Alyssa Marie Krueger Neenah
B.S.W., Social Work

Amanda Susan Krueger ** Waukesha
B.A., History and Psychology

Marissa Arlene Kunsman *** Bloomer
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Hannah Rose Langfoss ** Marshfield
B.S., Special Education

Maria Audrey Legenza Wausau
B.S., Kinesiology

Kelly Marie Liebergen * Wrightstown
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Ashley May Likar Chippewa Falls
B.S.W., Social Work

Corynne Rose Lipinoga Brooklyn Park, MN
B.S.W., Social Work

Jessica Lowe * Eau Claire
B.S., Elementary Education

Grace Elizabeth Luebben *** Glidden
University Honors
B.A., English

Sarah Christine Luman ** Cottage Grove, MN
University Honors
B.S., Mathematics and Spanish

Hannah Marie Marthaler * Champlin, MN
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Katherine Marie Martinek ** Lakeville, MN
B.S., Kinesiology

Alexis Jane Matsche ** Wausau
B.S., Elementary Education

Shelbi Lyn McGuire *** Tomahawk
B.S., Special Education

Hayley Anne McHugh Shawano
B.S., Kinesiology

Kayla Sue Meixner *** Pepin
B.S., Kinesiology

Charles Eugene Minnich * Eden Prairie, MN
B.S., Elementary Education

Lydia Marie Mitley Holmen
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Kristin Moonen * Edina, MN
B.S., Elementary Education

Shelby Kay Moore * Chanhassen, MN
B.A., English

Lindsey Ann Morehead Birchwood, MN
B.S., Elementary Education

Brandon John Moroni * Green Bay
B.A., Social Studies

Karissa Ruth Mueller *** Chippewa Falls
B.A., Social Studies

Morgan Ashley Myhra *** Saint Louis Park, MN
B.S., Special Education

Jacob Allen Narveson Stewartville, MN
B.S., Kinesiology

Joel Patrick Newman *** Red Wing, MN
University Honors
B.A., Spanish

Krista Rose Neyers *** Hortonville
University Honors
B.A., Spanish

Danielle Annelee Nohelty * Brookfield
B.S., Kinesiology

Brittini Nicole O'keefe Pittsville
B.S., Kinesiology

Hannah Marie Ollhoff *** Merrill
B.S., Elementary Education

Stephanie Rose Olsem Baldwin
B.S.W., Social Work

Kahsondra Marie Olsen Marathon
B.S., Kinesiology

Elsa Eileen Olson ** Bloomer
B.S., Special Education

Jessica Lyn Olson ** Eau Claire
B.S., Physics / Mathematics

Abigail Marie Opatz * Vadnais Heights, MN
B.S., Elementary Education

Elizabeth Marie Oswald Adams, MN
B.S., Kinesiology

Caleb William Palmer * Delano, MN
B.S.W., Social Work

Samantha Marie Parrell * Black Earth
B.S., Elementary Education

Alura Grace Patrin Red Wing, MN
B.S., Kinesiology

David John Paulson *** Roseville, MN
B.S., Kinesiology

Alissa Ann Peanasky Faribault, MN
B.S.W., Social Work

Anne Mary Pearson ** Apple Valley, MN
B.S., Special Education

Amanda Elaine Peterson *** Eau Claire
B.S., Special Education

Kayla M Pierson * Bemidji, MN
B.S.W., Social Work

Emily Jo-Kathryn Pilon * Eau Claire
B.S.W., Social Work

Megan Ashley Piotrowski *** Vesper
University Honors
B.S., Kinesiology

Christopher Karl Plog * De Pere
B.A., Social Studies

Kasey James Podoll Wisconsin Dells
B.S., Special Education

Katie Jo Porter ** Sun Prairie
B.S., Special Education

Sarah Noelle Raddenbach ** Bloomer
B.A., Spanish

Cammy Marie Rathsack *** Appleton
University Honors
B.A., Spanish

Liridona Ravmani * Eau Claire
B.S.W., Social Work

Thomas Rea Saint Paul, MN
B.S., Kinesiology

Andrew Paul Reiche ** Weston
B.S., Elementary Education

Madeline Lettie Reilly *** Edgerton
University Honors
B.S., Special Education

Meghan Anne Ricci ** Comstock
B.S., Mathematics

Emily Renee Rindy Eau Claire
B.S., Elementary Education

Clarissa Nicole Sackmaster Jefferson
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Kari Louise Sarauer ** Eau Claire
B.S.W., Social Work

John A Schiel *** Cedarburg
B.S., Elementary Education

Laura Ann Schlee ** Plymouth, MN
B.S., Special Education

Emily Jean Schmidt Gleason
B.S., Kinesiology

Sarah Marie Schrandt ** Stewartville, MN
B.S., Special Education

Elizabeth Lauren Schwalbach * Minneapolis, MN
B.S., Mathematics

Hilton Mark Severson Eau Claire
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Seth Kristian Severson ** Augusta
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Ashley Claire Seymour Verona
B.S.W., Social Work

Shawna Mae Siebenaler New Prague, MN
B.S., Kinesiology

Amber Lynn Simon * Port Washington
B.S., Elementary Education

Mitchell James Skjveland * Deerwood, MN
B.S., Elementary Education

Courtney Helen Slaby ** Arcadia
B.S., Kinesiology

Annah Joan-Marie Sluga *Independence
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Lydia Qui Smrz *Waukesha
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Garrett S Stadler *Hartland
B.S., Kinesiology

Dane Christian Stair Muskego
B.S., Kinesiology

Julia Ann Stedman **Maplewood, MN
B.S., Elementary Education

Roger Robert Steen Luck
B.S., Kinesiology and Business Administration

Abigail Lee Stein *Oregon
B.S., Elementary Education

Amanda Marie Stelten *Chaska, MN
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Jordon Charles Stevens *Woodbury, MN
B.S., Mathematics

Rachel Marie Swenson Plymouth, MN
B.S., Kinesiology

Thony Thao Maplewood, MN
B.S., Kinesiology

Allison Theresa Thorne *Woodbury, MN
B.S., Kinesiology and Business Administration

Anjeanette D. Totzke *Chippewa Falls
B.S., Elementary Education

Nicole Ann Trautsch ***Prairie du Chien
University Honors
B.S.W., Social Work

Kevin John Tschida **Chippewa Falls
B.S., Elementary Education

Margaret Ann Udstuen **Chanassen, MN
B.S., Kinesiology

Kenzie Kate Uphoff *Deerfield
B.S., Special Education

Kimberly Nicole Van Brunt **Eagle River
B.S., Kinesiology

Fatih Velijoski Antigo
B.S., Kinesiology

Gabrielle Gloria Villegas ***Visalia, CA
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Madelyn Jeanne-Marie Voigt ***Saint Paul, MN
University Honors
B.S.W., Social Work

Eddie Vue Wausau
B.S., Kinesiology

Allison Jean Wallace **Minong
B.S.W., Social Work

Nathan Jeffrey Warneke *Zumbrota, MN
B.S., Special Education

Cody Preston Waters ***Oregon
B.S., Physics / Mathematics

Jeffrey Paul Wergin *Hazelhurst
B.S., Kinesiology

Amy Jo Werner *Hastings, MN
B.A., English

Jake Meilahn Whitstone **Green Bay
B.A., Social Studies

Kalyn Marie Wilkinson *Kenosha
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Ryan Paal Williams *Eden Prairie, MN
B.S., Kinesiology

Clara Lydia Williamson **Skokie, IL
B.S., Special Education

Allison Joy Wilmes **Lakeland, MN
B.M.E., Music

Kathryn M Winkler *Rochester, MN
B.S.W., Social Work

Claire Ellen Winkleski *Prairie du Chien
B.S., Special Education

Michelle Nicole Wisby **West Bend
University Honors
B.A., History

Anna Rae Wolverton **Plymouth, MN
B.S., Special Education

Marissa Nicole Wulterkens **Appleton
B.S.W., Social Work

Yayoua Xiong **Stevens Point
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Haley Rae Yates *Eau Claire
B.A., English

Timothy Ryan Young Neenah
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Hannah Nancy Zirbes ***Andover, MN
B.M.E., Music

Katy Rose Zirngible **Medford
B.S., Elementary Education

College of Business

MASTER'S DEGREES

David Michael Bounk Eau Claire
M.B.A., Business Administration
B.B.A., 2000, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Andrew Wendell Bradley Hudson
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A., Business Administration
B.S., 2012, Franklin University
Program Adviser: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Brandon Randall Budimilija Eau Claire
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A., Business Administration
B.S., 2011, University of Wisconsin-Stout
Program Adviser: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Kyle Lee Bystol Shawano
M.B.A., Business Administration
B.S., 2005, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

William Joseph Caudill Chesterland, OH
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A., Business Administration
B.A., 2003, University of Akron
Program Adviser: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Carlyn W. Corcoran Wisconsin Rapids
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A., Business Administration
B.S., 2010, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Program Adviser: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Jennifer K. Drury Bloomington, IL
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A., Business Administration
B.S., 2007, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Program Adviser: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Oluwasola Afolabi Elegbede Madison
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A., Business Administration
B.S., 2009, Crawford University
Program Adviser: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Jordan L. Grady Little Chute
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A., Business Administration
B.S., 2009, University of Wisconsin-Platteville
Program Adviser: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Wilson Huei-Tarm Hwang San Jose, CA
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A., Business Administration
B.A., 2001, University of California-Berkeley
Program Adviser: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Ellen Jo Krenz Black River Falls
M.B.A., Business Administration
B.B.A., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
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Ed.S.	Specialist in Education
M.A.	Master of Arts
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M.S.E.	Master of Science in Education
M.S.T.	Master of Science in Teaching

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The Honors Program provides an extra measure of challenge and enrichment for students who are academically distinguished by previous and current achievements and by high levels of motivation and curiosity. The program seeks to challenge exceptionally able students to perform at the highest level of which they are capable, to enhance their capacity for critical inquiry and independent learning, and to develop their potential for leadership in their future vocations. The Honors Program has two components: University Honors and Departmental Honors. Students may complete one or both components. Students graduating with University Honors have attained a grade-point average of at

least 3.5 and have completed at least 24 University Honors credits. Graduates receiving University Honors are identified by a gold ribbon and medal.

In addition, 32 scholastic honor societies are recognized at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. They exist primarily to recognize the attainment of scholarship of a superior quality and to confer distinction for high achievement in undergraduate, graduate and professional studies; in student leadership; and in various fields of research. Baccalaureate candidates who are members of scholastic honor societies are identified by silver cords.

ACADEMIC APPAREL

The academic apparel worn by the faculty and staff in the procession has its origins in the universities of the Middle Ages. Because the universities grew out of church schools, both faculty and students were regarded as part of the clergy and wore clerical clothing based on monastic dress.

The head covering developed from the skullcap worn to protect tonsured heads in cold weather. In the universities, the skullcap acquired a point on top, which gradually evolved into a tassel. In Europe the bonnet with tassel is still worn but has been replaced in America by the mortarboard cap or tam with tassel.

The style of the gown may have been borrowed from the Benedictine monk's habit. In the Middle Ages, those with

bachelor's and master's degrees could be distinguished by the simplicity or elaborateness of their gowns. The master's gowns were often furred, a decoration surviving as the three velvet bars now used on the sleeves of the doctoral gown.

The hood was originally worn over the head in bad weather and otherwise dropped onto the shoulders. First worn by faculty and students, the hood is now added to the apparel of those with master's, specialist in education and doctoral degrees. The color of the velvet trim on the hood indicates the scholarly field: for example, dark blue (philosophy), golden yellow (science), light blue (education), pink (music), apricot (nursing), drab (business), white (arts). The colors of the satin lining are those approved and authorized by the college or university from which the degree was earned.

UNIVERSITY MACE AND STAND

The University Mace represents the best of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and epitomizes the collaborative spirit we value so highly. The mace includes wood from the original Council Oak tree and Kent State Memorial trees that was saved when the trees were replaced. The University Medallion was Dr. Susan Harrison's, which she received in honor of her 15 years of service as chair of the University Senate and commencement marshal. It was the vision of Dr. Harrison that the university have a mace to commemorate its centennial, so she worked collaboratively with university officials and the wood turners listed at right.

The product of their collaboration was presented to Chancellor James Schmidt on May 4, 2016. Henceforth the University Mace will be displayed at commencements and other university ceremonies to symbolize the university's proud past and promising future. We are ever so grateful to Dr. Harrison's vision and the artists' hands that created this lasting symbol for a great university.

Mace and stand crafted by members of the Chippewa Valley Woodturners Guild:

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Senior Class Gift

Each year, graduating seniors have an opportunity to commemorate their graduation by making a gift to the UW-Eau Claire Foundation. This semester, more than 65 seniors joined our community of alumni and friends who support UW-Eau Claire each year.

Graduating seniors were encouraged to donate to any area of the university including academic colleges and departments or the Excellence Fund to support UW-Eau Claire's overall mission. By making a senior class gift, students are able to support current and future Blugolds even after they graduate.

The UW-Eau Claire Foundation thanks the following seniors for their generosity and for participating in the Senior Class Gift campaign. Senior class gift donors can be recognized wearing Blue and Gold Spirit Cords during the commencement ceremony. The following seniors* made a gift of at least \$20.16 to commemorate their graduation year and to support UW-Eau Claire:

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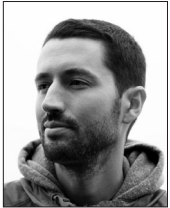
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Alumni Awards

Today, 10 alumni and friends will receive UW-Eau Claire Alumni Association awards that recognize their professional and personal successes as well as their contributions to their alma mater, their communities and their professions. In these pages we introduce you to these distinguished Blugolds as they share their best advice with today's graduates and welcome them into the Blugold alumni family.

OUTSTANDING RECENT ALUMNUS AWARD

The Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award acknowledges the special achievements and great promise of alumni who are within 15 years of their graduation from UW-Eau Claire.



Sean Carey '08

bachelor's degree in music

Sean Carey, a Wisconsin native from Lake Geneva, has built a life rooted in music. After graduating from UW-Eau Claire with a performance degree in classical percussion and performing as a solo act for several years, he joined with indie folk band Bon Iver as a drummer and vocalist. The band won two Grammy awards in 2012: Best New Artist and Best Alternative Music Album for their second album, the 2011 self-titled "Bon Iver, Bon Iver." Carey continues to be involved with the band and appears on three tracks of the 2016 album "22 a Million," released in September.

Under the moniker S. Carey, Carey launched a successful solo career, releasing his first album, "All We Grow," in 2010. He went on to release his "Hoyas" EP in 2012, "Range of Light" in 2014 and another EP, "Supermoon," in 2015, and has toured with artists like The Tallest Man on Earth, Califone, Kalispell and The Pines.

Carey's solo career has toured for five years throughout the U.S., the United Kingdom, central Europe and Canada. He has been a headlining act at the annual Eaux Claires Music Festival, where he performed with UW-Eau Claire's Jazz Ensemble I and collaborated with several other alumni artists. The S. Carey song "In the Dirt" was played as soundtrack in the TV series "House M.D." and "The Good Wife."

Carey continues to call Eau Claire his home, where he lives with his wife and children, and performs occasional scheduled and pop-out shows in town when not on tour.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

"My advice for students and newest graduates of UW-Eau Claire is put yourself out there. Go with your gut. Pursue your passion. And even when things don't turn out exactly how you imagined, continue to pursue what makes you happy. In one way or another, things in life will fall in place as they are intended to."



Joseph Webb Jr. '11

master's degree in education-
professional development

After overcoming a childhood spent in 17 different foster care homes, Joe Webb has made a career of uplifting and motivating young people to find success. Currently a doctoral candidate in workforce education and development at the Pennsylvania State University Berks campus, Webb is an engaging and motivating national speaker as well as a trainer, coach and mentor. With his own college athletics experience, Webb has particular skills in mentoring college student-athletes. His speaking business is called S.A.I.L., for "Success always includes leadership."

"Joe excels at motivating students on a variety of topics, including leadership, strategies for academic success, understanding one's personal strengths and weaknesses, and creating a vision to achieve individual goals," said former Blugold football head coach Todd Glaser, with whom Webb worked as an assistant coach while a UW-Eau Claire graduate student.

At Penn State Berks, Webb is a counselor for multicultural and international students and serves as the director of Student Services and Veteran Affairs. Webb was the recipient of the 2016 Central Pennsylvania African-American Museum Outstanding Community Service Award. The awards committee noted that Webb "uses his considerable talents, energies and resources to serve others. He truly exemplifies the best qualities of the human experience, and his giving spirit and dedication has greatly enhanced the lives of others."

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

"My first message is to love what you do and do what you love and have a true passion for. The second message is to not be afraid of failure. It is a part of life and can make you stronger and can influence your future path. The third message is to think broadly, creatively and carefully about your long-term goals, and seek advice and mentoring from multiple individuals with experience in the areas of your interest. The fourth message is to develop friends that share your values. You will find them to become lifelong friends. Finally, do not underestimate the influence you can have on others. At the end of the day, the only things that matter are what you do for other people, how you help them and how you inspire them."

ALUMNI DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Alumni Distinguished Achievement Award recognizes distinguished service to the community, state or nation in a manner that brings credit upon the recipient and the university.



Nancy Rice Baker '66

bachelor's degree in music education

Nancy Rice Baker joined the UW-Eau Claire music faculty in 1968 after completing graduate study in piano performance at the University of Illinois and earlier receiving her bachelor's degree in instrumental and vocal music education from UW-Eau Claire. During

her 36-year tenure on UW-Eau Claire's faculty, she taught undergraduate and graduate applied piano and served as the department's group piano coordinator. Throughout her performing career, Baker championed the music of the early modern era, frequently performing the compositions of 20th-century pianists. Her most notable credits include performances and recordings of both of Charles Ives' piano sonatas.

As an active collaborative pianist, Baker regularly performed with colleagues and other artists in on-campus recitals, on public radio broadcasts and for special events. Wisconsin listeners knew her performances as a solo recitalist, accompanist and chamber musician, especially from her many appearances on the Wisconsin Public Radio series, "Live from the Elvehjem."

Baker frequently served as a judge in regional and national performance competitions and provided sessions for area music teachers on piano repertoire, pedagogy and medical issues for performing artists. She is a longtime member of the Music Teachers National Association and the College Music Society.

Baker has been especially active in the area of philanthropy and support for the arts. She led the 1997 campaign to purchase new Steinway pianos for UW-Eau Claire, was an active member of Eau Claire Women for Philanthropy, and served on a regional committee that ensured Wisconsin Public Radio's expansion of classical music programming into the west-central area of the state. Most recently she has, along with her husband, David, co-chaired the UW-Eau Claire Centennial Gala planning committee, which included fundraising efforts for the Global Performing Arts Endowment to honor and sustain UW-Eau Claire's department of music and theatre arts.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

"The UW-Eau Claire Foundation centennial campaign theme, "The Power of Possible," is played out in every imaginable way by our alumni, so treasure your time at UW-Eau Claire, be yourself, be unique and don't be surprised that you are well equipped to deal with almost anything you encounter in life."



Mark Faanes '79

bachelor's degree in business administration

Prior to his senior year as a Blugold in 1978, Mark Faanes accepted a part-time job at Bertelson Company in Eau Claire, today known as Wipfli LLP. Little did he know that this accounting internship would launch a successful 38-year run with the firm.

During his distinguished career with Wipfli, Faanes has risen through the ranks, working in positions as associate, partner and CFO, as well as serving two terms on the board of directors and as regional partner-in-charge since 1997. Throughout his tenure with the firm, customer service and connection to the community have been key, including cultivating and maintaining many professional relationships with fellow Blugolds. Those community connections include a long history of service to local charitable and nonprofit organizations such as the Eau Claire Chamber of Commerce, and his current chairmanship of the Eau Claire Community Foundation board of directors.

Remaining connected to UW-Eau Claire also has been a priority for Faanes, who serves on the Business Advisory Council for the College of Business. The BAC is a group of local and regional business owners or management-level professionals who provide suggestions and advice to the dean of the college as well as feedback on the dean's proposals. The council focuses on the big picture and overall direction of the college to ensure that students are prepared for careers in a global business world.

"Mark has been a great friend of the College of Business for many years, and provides invaluable input to the college's Business Advisory Council," said Timothy Vaughan, interim dean of the College of Business. "Under Mark's leadership, Wipfli continues to be one of our strongest supporters in terms of time, talent and financial contributions. We greatly appreciate all they do for us."

In addition to his commitment to area business and the community, Faanes has had a lifelong passion for baseball, one he inherited from his father and has passed on to his sons. With decades under his belt as a player, coach and referee, Faanes has been in leadership of the Eau Claire American Legion Baseball team since the 1980s and is closing in on 500 career wins as the team manager.

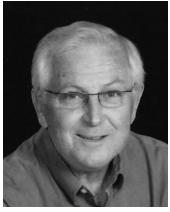
Advice to new Blugold alumni:

"Let me tell you a secret as you enter the adult world: UW-Eau Claire will have you totally prepared for that day in most all aspects of life. In my case it was a business degree, but I have no doubt the same is true if you are graduating in nursing, education, music or whatever the degree.

"Believe it or not, I will always remember the speech our former late, great Chancellor Leonard Haas delivered to my orientation group way back in the summer of 1975 in the large hall in Hibbard. He told us there were many reasons to be entering UW-Eau Claire, and he mentioned a few of those, but he said the most important reason was simply to become better educated and make yourself a better human being in the process. I have always remembered his remarks that day, and some years later at a civic event I got a chance to thank him for those. You see, even way back then, "Excellence" was not just a simple motto, it meant something on this campus. This place will prepare you for whatever adventures lie ahead for you. You are a better human being as you set out from this place. So be confident, enjoy the ride and be proud to be a Blugold."

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The President's Award recognizes outstanding professional and personal achievements and service to UW-Eau Claire.



Jeffrey Cote '64

bachelor's degree in business administration

Jeffrey Cote describes himself as a "doer," and a look at his life's work and service are proof of that. He began his career as a bank management trainee before serving in the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1968. Cote then continued his banking career, ultimately advancing to senior vice president. After 21 years, Cote made a career change and joined County Concrete Corp. as general manager. He would stay with County Concrete, eventually renamed County Materials Corp., until his retirement.

Cote was instrumental in helping County Materials expand its business into the Minneapolis-St. Paul area with the construction of its facility in Roberts, Wisconsin.

"Jeff was a great representative of the company," said John Sonnentag, retired president and current chairman of the board of County Materials. "He was responsible for getting the city of Roberts to annex property and to help us grow our business. It is County Materials' largest plant in the state. He was very responsible for making that a success."

Throughout his professional career, service to his community and alma mater continued for Cote. He served as president of the former Water Street Businessmen's Association, Optimist International-Eau Claire and the Indian

Waters Girl Scout Council, and was a board member for the local American Red Cross, Junior Achievement and the UW-Eau Claire Alumni Association. He also served as chair of the UW-Eau Claire Foundation Presidents Club.

Cote's spirit of service was evident from the start. Shortly after his Blugold graduation in 1964, Cote was working at his first bank job while also volunteering for the Wisconsin State University-Eau Claire Foundation Inc. (a forerunner of today's UW-Eau Claire Foundation Inc.), making calls to his fellow alumni to encourage their financial support of the university.

Sonnentag, Cote's college friend and fellow UW-Eau Claire graduate, recalled receiving a fundraising call from Cote when the two were young Blugold alumni and Sonnentag was focused on building his company. Little did Cote know that his call might play a role in the Sonnentags' decision decades later to make a gift of land and money to the Foundation for the development of what will be the Sonnentag Event Center and Recreation Complex in Eau Claire.

"That call created an awareness I never forgot and planted a seed that eventually helped us decide to make our gift," Sonnentag said.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

"I tend to be a "doer" rather than a "thinker," so to share wisdom is a stretch. I did find that if you work hard and dedicate yourself to your job, in most cases it will be noticed and subsequently rewarded."

HONORARY ALUMNUS AWARD

The Honorary Alumnus Award is presented to non-alumni who have demonstrated great love of and service to UW-Eau Claire.



David Baker

Dr. David Baker, a UW-Eau Claire professor emeritus of music, joined the university's music faculty in 1975. During his 30-year tenure at UW-Eau Claire he taught theory, composition, and music history and literature courses. Whether working with first-year theory students or juniors, seniors, and graduate

students pursuing topics in analysis and music history, Baker believed in the interconnectedness of the liberal arts and routinely drew on influences from other disciplines to describe the evolution of music. As well as "how," he compelled his students to know "why," giving them the historical, cultural and philosophical framework for understanding music and its connection to the world at large.

Baker also served UW-Eau Claire in several permanent and interim academic leadership positions, including graduate program director for music and department chair, a position he held until his retirement in 2005. While chair, he led the merger of the music and theatre arts departments and successfully advocated for the inclusion of dance in the newly merged department's curriculum. After retirement, Baker returned to the university to serve in interim capacities as associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences, as chair of the communication and journalism department, as chair of the art and design department, and most recently as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

A southwestern Ohio native, Baker holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky and both master's and doctoral degrees in music from Florida State University. He is a composer and arranger with four large choral works, two symphonies and a variety of instrumental and vocal chamber music to his credit. Several of his choral compositions were written for and premiered at Eau Claire's First Congregational Church, where he was director of music for many years. He also recently served on the Eau Claire City Council's committee to develop an organizational structure for the Confluence Arts Center and is a trustee of the Chippewa Valley Symphony Orchestra Foundation. In 2004, David earned recognition from the Hamilton, Ohio Public Schools for lifelong achievement in fine arts administration.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

"Take full advantage of all the academic experiences you have received. UW-Eau Claire has not only given you the skills and knowledge to be successful in your chosen career, but it also has provided many other opportunities for intellectual and personal growth, including a well-planned liberal education program and numerous other experiences, including research and creative projects, cultural immersion, and exposure to the thoughts and ideas of a world-class faculty. In a rapidly changing world, the ability to make intelligent, consequential choices is more challenging and more important than ever. Your ability to connect and integrate all that you have learned and experienced during your college years will encourage an appetite for lifelong learning and also lay the foundation for a thoughtful and empathetic world view."

HONORARY ALUMNUS AWARD *continued*



Edmund Manydeeds III

Public service has been a decades-long practice for Edmund Manydeeds III. A trial attorney who has practiced civil law for 36 years, Manydeeds is a graduate of UW-Superior and the University of Wisconsin Law School. After first practicing law in Madison, he moved to Eau Claire to practice with the firm of Garvey, Anderson,

Kelly & Ryberg. Approximately 22 years ago, he and his current partners started the firm of Richie, Guettinger & Manydeeds.

"I have been fortunate to have been mentored by many of the most prominent lawyers and judges in the state," Manydeeds said. "This has resulted in a rich and fulfilling career in the law."

Manydeeds also has served in several prestigious appointed positions, including on the UW System Board of Regents, to which he was appointed in 2010 by then Governor Jim Doyle. His term on the board ends this coming May.

"Regent Manydeeds has been such a champion of higher education during his service on the UW System Board of Regents, and especially of UW-Eau Claire," said Mike Rindo, UW-Eau Claire assistant chancellor for facilities and university relations. "As chair of the regents' Capital Planning and Budget Committee, Regent Manydeeds has provided wise counsel and strategic insights to UW-Eau Claire over the last several years as we have developed and updated our Campus Master Plan as well as brought forth the Confluence Arts Center. We have been so grateful for his support in our efforts to be creative and collaborative in the area of facilities development."

Following an appointment by the Wisconsin Supreme Court, Manydeeds also has served on the Board of Attorneys Professional Responsibility (now known as the Office of Lawyer Regulation). The board is the disciplinary arm of the Supreme Court regarding complaints against lawyers for ethical violations. He also was appointed by Governor Doyle to the Committee on Judicial Selection, charged with receiving and reviewing applications, interviewing applicants and making appointment recommendations to the governor whenever a judicial seat became vacant. Manydeeds also has been an instructor in the Lawyering Skills Program of the University of Wisconsin Law School and has lectured at various civil trial seminars.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

"When I started my career, I had the impression that I had to know everything about the legal profession in order to be successful. Naturally, that is a scary feeling because you know you don't know everything. After butting my head against the wall for a few years, I realized that other lawyers were willing to mentor me; judges would give you advice if you asked them; and the clerk of courts office was an invaluable place to receive information. All of this made my life much easier. Do not make the mistake of thinking that you have to know everything when you start a job. There is a natural progression to things. Experience counts for a lot, mentoring is invaluable, and seeking out people who have knowledge that can assist you is a good move."



Rudy Pereira

Since arriving in Eau Claire in 2011 as the new president and CEO of Royal Credit Union, Rudy Pereira has continued the credit union's longstanding involvement as a UW-Eau Claire partner and supporter.

Pereira was a longtime credit union technologist and operations leader when he joined Royal Credit Union. After earning his computer science degree from California State University-Northridge, his career began in the aerospace industry and then moved to high-tech before he accepted his first management post for a large credit union in Los Angeles. He has stayed in the credit union financial services industry since, serving in roles at several credit unions ranging from manager of programing to vice president of technology to senior vice president of operations and technology.

"I have been extremely fortunate in my career, and now at Royal Credit Union I have the privilege of leading an organization that is purpose and value driven and authentically makes every decision to help the member, business member and community thrive," Pereira said.

Under Pereira's leadership, Royal Credit Union has continued its tradition as a supporter of university initiatives through the UW-Eau Claire Foundation, including the artificial turf installment on the Carson Park football field and the renovation of Hobbs Municipal Ice Center. Most recently, Royal Credit Union made a lead gift for the construction of the Confluence Arts Center in downtown Eau Claire. Pereira also has included UW-Eau Claire among his many involvements in the community, serving as a member of the UW-Eau Claire Foundation board of directors and as chair of community relations and fundraising for the board. He also served on UW-Eau Claire's Enrollment Management Taskforce, which developed recommendations for 10-year institutional enrollment, retention and graduation goals for the university.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

"My advice to new graduates is that it's OK not to know how your life story will unfold by graduation; it will take twists and turns. Never stop learning. I have been a voracious learner throughout my life and continue to learn and enjoy the process of continual learning. Never give up! Some people call it "grit" — to persevere and stick to your beliefs when it gets difficult. That's not to say you won't take different paths and jobs in your career, but be in the present and give it your all. It will get noticed and it will toughen you in marvelous ways as you move on in your career, making you humble and resilient.

"I think by far I wish I had known I didn't need to rush. I often felt behind where I wanted to be in my career. Upon graduating there is so much time ahead for you, so keep your options open and unless you are in a discipline knowing exactly what you are going to do for the next 30-plus years, enjoy trying different things and by all means, don't do something just for money — money will come when you are doing something you have a passion and purpose for and to which you are ready to commit much of your life."

HONORARY ALUMNUS AWARD *continued*



Tim and Sue Rogge

It may surprise some that longtime Eau Claire residents Tim and Sue Rogge are not UW-Eau Claire graduates. (Tim is a graduate of Saint Louis University, and Sue is an alumna of Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska.) However, the many

UW-Eau Claire students they have supported over the years will be the first to attest that their Blugold spirit couldn't be stronger.

Since their three children grew up and moved away from Eau Claire, the Rogges have taken on self-described roles as "avid supporters of all things Blugold." They have been heavily involved in supporting Blugold student-athletes, particularly in softball, volleyball and women's basketball, and also have been very involved with students through the Newman Parish at the Ecumenical Religious Center located next to campus.

The Rogges take vacation time from their jobs (Tim as director of engineering at A.J. Manufacturing in Bloomer, Sue as business manager at PESI in Eau Claire) to travel with the Blugold softball team on their spring break trip each year, purchasing groceries and preparing all meals for the players and coaches during the trip.

For more than 16 years, the Rogges have played an integral role in the support of Blugold student-athletes both in the stands and behind the scenes, said head Blugold women's basketball coach Tonja Englund. She noted that the couple routinely supplies snacks for the locker room after games and hosts an annual Winterim brunch for the basketball team. The Rogges also have been supporters of the women's basketball Fast Break Club for years.

"Tim and Sue routinely stay after each of the games to talk with the players, and make sure the new players and those who are a long distance from home have an extended family at UWEC that cares about them," Englund said.

In describing the Rogges' life-guiding philosophy, head Blugold softball coach Leslie Huntington commented, "Without a doubt, their philosophy is service. There is never a time that Tim and Sue won't make themselves and/or their home available to Blugolds in need."

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

"Scientists have recently learned that there are more than 2,000 billion galaxies in the known universe — each with hundreds of millions of stars. You know what? Maybe we shouldn't take stuff too seriously, or inflate our own sense of self-importance.

"We are 68 years old. Here are a few things we've learned:

"Not everybody has an equal chance. Intelligence, economic advantage, country of origin, family background, educational opportunity — those things are not equally distributed, not equally shared. Sitting here, having earned a college degree, you may be deeply in debt, but you are also among the privileged elite of the world. We hope that you will look with kindness on the weak and the powerless, and treat them with dignity and compassion. Personally, we believe that the better off we all are, the better off we all are.

"Look for the goodness in people. It takes remarkably little talent or effort to make others feel better about themselves.

"Have you seen that meme 'I thought that growing old would take longer'? It would be hilarious except that it's true. In the words of Jack Aubrey, one of Tim's favorite fictional characters, 'There is not a moment to lose!' Whether it be in your career, in your personal relationships, in your recreation time, in your rest, in your prayer — live your life with intent."

ALMA MATER

Melody by William Croft
Harmonized by George Frederick Handel

Words by Mark D'Amico
and William Oesterreich
Members of The Singing Statesmen, 1969

1. Oh School of Eau Claire, our voices we raise; Ac-cept thou this
2. Give hon- or to thee, and sing out thy name. Oh col- lege of

an- them of un- dy - ing praise. We pledge to be faith- ful, stout-
ours, we dear- ly ac- claim. In - still thou with - in us a

heart- ed and strong. And cher- ish thy mem- 'ry as our lives are long.
feel - ing of pride. We pray Al - ma Ma - ter for - ev - er a - bid.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef, a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is primarily composed of chords, with some eighth-note runs in the vocal line. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, with the first system containing two verses. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with sustained chords and some rhythmic movement.