

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 marks an important moment in Blugold history: You have the honor of being a member of UW-Eau Claire's 100th spring graduating class. At today's ceremony we officially launch our Centennial Celebration. Over the coming 12 months, we'll be celebrating 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 10,400, 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 proud to be one of just seven public universities in Wisconsin and Minnesota included in the 2015 Forbes Top Colleges list, a ranking based on universities' return on investment. UW-Eau Claire also ranked among the top Midwestern universities in Washington Monthly's 2015 "Best Bang for the Buck" rankings.

Also know that as you leave this great university, you join the ranks of our more than 82,000 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,

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

May 21, 2016	Dr. James C. Schmidt, Chancellor, Presiding
9 a.m.	College of Business College of Education and Human Sciences
2 p.m.	College of Arts and Sciences College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Prelude by UW-Eau Claire Faculty Brass Quintet	Matt Mealey, trumpet Paul Stodolka, trumpet Chuck Hodgson, horn Phil Ostrander, trombone Jerry Young, tuba
Greetings	Mitch Freymiller, Commencement Marshal, Chair, University Senate
Processional	Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1 (Land of Hope and Glory) by Sir Edward Elgar
	Please rise and remain standing through the National Anthem.
National Anthem	Led by Adam Accola, Bachelor of Science, Music (morning) Led by Sebastian Armendariz, Bachelor of Arts, Music (afternoon)
Welcome and Introductions	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor
Members of the Platform Party	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor Michael Carney, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs David Leaman, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences Diane Hoadley, 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) Timothy Vaughan, Associate Dean, College of Business (morning) Debra Jansen, Associate Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences (afternoon) Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (morning) Joseph J. Abhold, Dean of Students Mitch Freymiller, Commencement Marshal, Chair, University Senate Susan Harrison, Coordinator, Centennial Celebration Planning Committee Samuel Fish, Student Body President 2014-2015 (morning) Jacob Wrasse, Student Body President 2015-2016 (afternoon)
Greetings from the UW System Board of Regents	Regent Vice President John Behling
Congratulatory Remarks	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor

Introduction of Alumni Award Recipients	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor	
	See pages 25-27 for bios of the award recipients.	
Charge To The Class	Charles Szews, Retired CEO, Oshkosh Corporation	
Presentation Of	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor	
Doctoral Candidates		
Conferral Of Doctoral Degrees	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor	
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Presentation Of	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor	
Master's Candidates		
Conferral Of Master's Degrees	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor	
Presentation Of	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor	
Baccalaureate Candidates		
Conferral Of Baccalaureate	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor	
Degrees		
Blugold Reflections	John Reuter, Bachelor of Science, Kinesiology (morning)	
	Benjamin Thompson Isaac, Bachelor of Arts, Communication (afternoon)	
Closing Remarks	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor	
University Alma Mater	Led by Megan Sorenson, Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education and Music (morning)	
	Led by Laura Schachner, Bachelor of Music, Applied Voice (afternoon)	
	Please rise and join in singing. Words and music are printed at end of program.	
Recessional	Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1 (Land of Hope and Glory) by Sir Edward Elgar Triumphal March from "Aida" by Giuseppe Verdi	
	You are welcome to move from your seat as soon as the platform party, faculty and graduates have exited	
	the arena.	
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.	



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 22 for the key listing UW-Eau Claire's degree interpretations.

College of Nursing and Health Sciences

Susan Beth Bauer Hayward

- D.N.P., Nursing
 - M.S., 1995, Saint Mary's University B.S.N., 1991, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Program Adviser: Dr. Debra Jansen Capstone Project: Implementation of a Handoff Tool with Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists to Improve Communication and Patient Safety

Rebecca Rae Biasi Eau Claire

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner) B.S.N., 2003, Presentation College Program Adviser: Dr. Lisa Schiller Capstone Project: Strategies to Improve Retention and Recruitment of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners in West Central Wisconsin

Benjamin David Bogle Chippewa Falls

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner) B.S., 2007, Oregon Health & Science University Program Adviser: Dr. Robin Young Beeman Capstone Project: Improving Effective and Equitable Free Clinic Health Services Through the Development of a Cardiovascular Clinical Practice Guideline Algorithm

Brianna Lee Czaikowski Vesper

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner) B.S., 2007, Winona State University Program Adviser: Dr. Rachel Merkel Capstone Project: Resiliency 101: Transitioning Adolescents with Type 1 Diabetes to Adult Practice through a Self-Management Insulin Adjustment Educational Program

Patrick W. Dixon Galesville

D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)

B.S.N., 2010, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Rosemary Jadack Capstone Project: Pulmonary Nodule Clinic Program Evaluation; Identifying Barriers While Discovering Opportunities for Success

Christina Marie Funk Eau Claire

- D.N.P., Nursing
 - M.S.N., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire B.S.N., 2007, North Dakota State University Program Adviser: Dr. Jodi Arriola Capstone Project: Medical Weight Loss: Design, Implementation, and Outcome Evaluation of a Group Work-site Pilot Program

Holly Marie Guigauri Athens

- D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)
- B.S.N., 2009, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
- Program Adviser: Dr. Robin Young Beeman
- Capstone Project: Development and Implementation of an Educational Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator Support Group

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Tracey Lynn Harris Rice Lake

- D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner) B.S.N., 2012, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Mary Canales
- Capstone Project: Post-Lyme Disease Syndrome Patient Education

Gunnar Ward Larson Eau Claire

D.N.P., Nursing

M.S.N., 2006, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire B.S.N., 1990, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities B.A., 1983, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Program Adviser: Dr. Debra Jansen Capstone Project: Collaborative Project to Assess and Improve Skill Competency among Home Health Nurses Using Simulation with Video-debriefing

Anita Marie Lauria Trempealeau

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner) B.S.N., 2011, Viterbo University Program Adviser: Dr. Norah Airth-Kindree Capstone Project: Educational Gaming with Stroke Patients

Robert Lauria Trempealeau

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner) B.S.N., 2011, Viterbo University Program Adviser: Dr. Cheryl Lapp Capstone Project: A Motivational Interview Strategy to Change Patient Smoking Ambivalence in Primary Care

Mackenzie Marie Lehn Hutchinson, MN

D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)

B.S.N., 2010, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Jodi Arriola Capstone Project: Assessment of the Effectiveness of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening in a Rural Primary Care Clinic

Jennifer Eleanor Lindquist Chetek

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner) B.S.N., 2006, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Mary Canales Capstone Project: Raising Awareness for Colorectal Cancer Screening in Primary Care: Breaking Down the Cultural Barriers

Brianne Amerett Mansfield Rochester, MN

D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)

- B.S., 2010, The College of Saint Scholastica
- Program Adviser: Dr. Arin Van Wormer
- Capstone Project: Caregiver Burden in Stem Cell Transplant Caregivers Following Education

Sabrina Linn Meddaugh Granton

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner) B.S.N., 2010, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Norah Airth-Kindree Capstone Project: Increasing Newborn Screening Rates within the Amish Population in Rural Central, Wisconsin

Michelle Ann Miller Iron River

- D.N.P., Nursing
 - M.S.N., 2005, University of Phoenix B.S.N., 1993, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Program Adviser: Dr. Mary Zwygart-Stauffacher Capstone Project: Addressing Preoperative Anxiety to Improve Patient Outcomes Following Open Heart Surgery

Kathryn Elizabeth Monpas Circle Pines, MN

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner) B.S.N., 2011, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire B.S., 2008, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Cheryl Brandt Capstone Project: Design, Implementation, and Evaluation of Structured Education for an Outpatient Vein Clinic at a Midwestern Academic Health Center

Angela Michelle Nevin Grantsburg

D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)

- B.S., 2009, College of Saint Benedict Program Adviser: Dr. Charlotte Sortedahl Capstone Project: Critical Skills: An Educational Intervention
- Capstone Project: Critical Skills: An Educational intervention to Improve Staff Confidence with Critical Patients in the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit

Jamie Sue Olaf Duluth, MN

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner) B.A., 2005, The College of Saint Scholastica Program Adviser: Dr. Lisa Schiller Capstone Project: Sepsis Alert Protocol: The Effectiveness of Education for Nursing Professionals

Melissa Rose Revels Sparta

D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)

B.S.N., 2004, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Mary Zwygart-Stauffacher Capstone Project: Integrating Advance Care Planning to Improve Early Palliative Care Consultations

Lorraine Marie Smith Chippewa Falls D.N.P., Nursing

M.S.N., 2003, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire B.S.N., 1992, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Cheryl Lapp Capstone Project: Development of an Online Educational Module to Enhance Understanding of Moral Distress Dynamics in Prison Nurses

Jillian Marie Tapper-Smith Duluth, MN

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner) B.S.N., 2009, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Shelley-Rae Pehler Capstone Project: Changing Nursing Practice to Implement a Family Visitation Program in the Post Anesthesia Care Unit: A Quality Improvement Initiative

Tracey Lynn Adamski ** Altoona B.S.N., Nursing

Clare Elisabeth Aoys ** Mukwonago B.S.N., Nursing

Jeremy David Argiro ** Weston B.S.N., Nursing

Allison Mary Arvey *** Green Bay B.S.N., Nursing

Laura Lewinski Barnes *** River Falls B.S.N., Nursing

Amanda Lynn Beyer ** Unity B.S.N., Nursing

Amanda Kay Bradley *** Frederic B.S.N., Nursing

Krista Ann Braun ** Egg Harbor B.S.N., Nursing

Kelly Rose Brickner ** Lino Lakes, MN B.S.N., Nursing

Benjamin Robert Diestelmeier *** Eau Claire B.S.N., Nursing

Amanda Faye Dux ** Neillsville B.S.N., Nursing

Hailey Elizabeth Falkner ** Mondovi B.S.N., Nursing

Allison Rose Fouks ** Minong University Honors B.S.N., Nursing

Melissa Lee Fuchs * Medford B.S.N., Nursing

Lauren Ruth Gehl **** Brookfield B.S.N., Nursing

Joseph Edward Gissing * Delavan B.S.N., Nursing

Chelsea Marie Guden ** Marshfield B.S.N., Nursing

Christel Solveig Holcomb ** La Crosse B.S.N., Nursing

Haley Noelle Housh ** East Troy B.S.N., Nursing

Sara Marie Huseth * Rice Lake B.S.N., Nursing

Kassandra Nicole Ingram * Luck B.S.N., Nursing

Emma Anne Janke ** Wausau B.S.N., Nursing

Kiffany Oretha Junker * Stanley B.S.N., Nursing

Angela Mary Kahrs *** Two Rivers B.S.N., Nursing

Danica Lee Kanneberg *Colby B.S.N., Nursing

Lori Jean Thompson Medford

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner) B.S.N., 2007, University of Wisconsin-Eau Clare Program Adviser: Dr. Lisa Schiller Capstone Project: Implementation of a Program to Increase the Number of Walk In Patients Who Establish Care With a Primary Care Provider

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Brittany Elizabeth King * Rice Lake B.S.N., Nursing

Ashley Christine Kirkman ** Zumbro Falls, MN B.S.N., Nursing

Lyn Marie Kluck *** Stanley B.S.N., Nursing

Alyssa Kohls *** Manitowoc B.S.N., Nursing

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

Matthew Thomas Lawton ** Eden Prairie, MN B.S.N., Nursing

Ryan Charles Letsch ** Mount Pleasant B.S.N., Nursing

Courtney Lynn Literski ** Stratford B.S.N., Nursing

Kaitlyn Rose Long **** Green Bay B.S.N., Nursing

Erik Ryan Maanum * Amery B.S.N., Nursing

Jessica L. Maass *** Marshfield B.S.N., Nursing

Colleen Mackenzie Maloney River Falls B.S.N., Nursing

Katelyn Lea McBride ** Loyal B.S.N., Nursing

Corrine Kay Meacham * Marshfield B.S.N., Nursing

Janelle Delores Meckley ** Bloomer B.S.N., Nursing

Katelyn Terese Mellenthin ** Durand B.S.N., Nursing

Allison Christine Miller ** Lakeville, MN B.S.N., Nursing

Leah Rose Mott *Wauwatosa B.S.N., Nursing

Jenna Nicole Muhlenbruck ** Northfield, MN B.S.N., Nursing

Karen Elise Nakano **† Salem University Honors B.S.N., Nursing

Angela Leigh Negro * Neenah B.S.N., Nursing

Savannah Lee Nelson ** Stanley B.S.N., Nursing

Kelly Carroll Peterson ****† Brookfield B.S.N., Nursing

Michelle Marie Peterson ** Chippewa Falls B.S.N., Nursing

Bethany Joy Reuter *** Pewaukee B.S.N., Nursing

Sarah Beth Truso Hudson

D.N.P., Nursing (Familiy Nurse Practitioner) B.S., 2000, Bethel University Program Adviser: Dr. Rachel Merkel Capstone Project: Tired of Trying? Facilitating Perceived Personal Control in Infertility through NaProTECHNOLOGY Awareness

Dana Marie Rich ***† Cedarburg B.S.N., Nursing

Jean Allenson Richie ** Hudson B.S.N., Nursing

Eva Clarice Riedesel **† Lodi **University Honors** B.S.N., Nursing

Leah Marie Rolfzen ** Eagan, MN B.S.N., Nursing

Eliza Bea Searcy *** Saint Charles, MN B.S.N., Nursing

Jennifer Shaver Hudson B.S.N., Nursing

Savannah Marie Shortess ** Marshfield B.S.N., Nursing

Mary Slisz-Chucka Couderay B.S.N., Nursing

Lauren Marie Splittgerber *** De Pere B.S.N., Nursing

Mary Ellen Stencil *** Brookfield B.S.N., Nursing

Hannah Lillian Theisen ** Rochester, MN B.S.N., Nursing

Jessica Sue Tidwell *** Cumming, GA B.S.N., Nursing

Jessica Elizabeth Treml * Edgar B.S.N., Nursing

Kaitlyn Marie Troge ** Black Earth B.S.N., Nursing

Courtney Jayne Walin *** Naperville, IL University Honors B.S.N., Nursing

Brittany Jean Weinand **** Oakdale, MN B.S.N., Nursing

Samantha Westaby * Stanley B.S.N., Nursing

Kathleen Ann Widmer **** New Prague, MN University Honors B.S.N., Nursing

Kaitlyn Mary Wilberding ** Cuba City B.S.N., Nursing

Naomi Dawn Wilkerson ** Albert Lea, MN B.S.N., Nursing

Rebekah Sandra Wood ** Fall Creek B.S.N., Nursing

Brooke Bernadette Yeske *** Turtle Lake B.S.N., Nursing

Taylore Marie Zblewski ** Weston B.S.N., Nursing

College of Education and Human Sciences

Racheal Marie Cowan Maplewood, MN

M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders B.S., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Vicki Samelson

Briana Jo Dicus Elk Mound

M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders B.S., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Vicki Samelson

Lauren Alice DuVal Hartland

M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders B.S., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Vicki Samelson

Elizabeth Ann Farin Madison

M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders B.A., 2011, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Vicki Samelson

Claire Hollynd Fleming Stoughton

M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders B.S., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Vicki Samelson

Mara Marcella Grdinic Fond du Lac

M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders B.S., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Program Adviser: Dr. Vicki Samelson

Amanda Lee Hill-Hable Chippewa Falls M.S.T., Reading

B.A., 2007, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Janine Fisk

Whitney Ann Abbott Saint Charles, MN B.S., Kinesiology

Tyler Dean Adamczak *Tomah B.S., Kinesiology

Christina Lynnann Adler ** Little Chute B.S., Special Education

Patrick Gordon Alcantara ** Wausau B.S., Elementary Education

Maya Bea Anderson * Plymouth, MN B.S., Kinesiology

Tressa Ann Anderson * Savage, MN B.S., Kinesiology

Oliver G. Anklam * Eau Claire B.A., Social Studies

Caroline Theresa Armstrong * Beaver Dam B.S., Special Education

Katherine Rose Awve *** Kewaskum B.S., Elementary Education

Carissa Kay Baier *** Eau Galle B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Mariah Ann Bakken ** Menomonie B.S., Special Education

Ashley Lynn Bartz ** Coon Rapids, MN B.S., Special Education

Emily Ann Batley Appleton B.S., Athletic Training

Ashley Kristina Baugher ** Crystal Lake, IL B.S., Kinesiology

MASTER'S DEGREES

Kelsey Lorraine Kvidera Anoka, MN

M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders B.S., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Vicki Samelson

Erin Elizabeth McLaughlin Eau Claire

M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders B.S., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Vicki Samelson

Kayla Jean Meier Waunakee

M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders B.S., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Vicki Samelson

Alicia Soon-Mee Nied Menomonie

M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders B.A., 2011, University of Wisconsin-Madison Program Adviser: Dr. Vicki Samelson Thesis: Holistic Communication Therapy for Individuals Transitioning from Male to Female Thesis Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Dana Nicole Erickson Reps Saint Charles, MN

M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders B.A., 2002, Augsburg College Program Adviser: Dr. Vicki Samelson

Emma Lois Sawdey Medford

M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders B.S., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Vicki Samelson

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Melissa Jane Beaupre *** Menomonie B.S., Athletic Training

Katie Marie Beck ***† Owen B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Leah Rose Beckman *** Andover, MN B.M.E., Music and Theatre Arts

Ryan David Behnke * Bruce B.S., Athletic Training

Alexa Jordan Bengtson Chippewa Falls B.S., Kinesiology

Jennifer Rose Berens *** Waukesha B.S., Elementary Education

Molli Ann Bichrt ** Hudson B.S., Kinesiology and Communication

Kevin David Black * Bloomer B.A. Social Studies

Rebecca Elaine Blanchard *** Hudson B.S., Elementary Education

Allie Marie Bolskar * Muskego B.S., Kinesiology

Janelle Marie Botticelli * Menomonee Falls B.S., Kinesiology

Rebecca Ann Brackenwagen ** Eau Claire B.S., Elementary Education

Katie Elizabeth Brellenthin **** Burnsville, MN B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders and Spanish

Mary Margaret Strous Oshkosh

M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders B.A., 2011, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Program Adviser: Dr. Vicki Samelson

Tiffany Ann Tibbitts Eau Claire

M.S.T., Reading B.S., 2010, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Janine Fisk

Haley Ann Turk Green Bay

M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders B.S., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Vicki Samelson

Alyssa Marie Vach Jim Falls

M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders B.S., 2010, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Vicki Samelson

Tara Grace Wagner Green Bay

M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders B.S., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Vicki Samelson

Shaylea Megan Walsh Mauston

M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders B.S., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Vicki Samelson

Jozette Lorraine Weber Arbor Vitae

M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders B.S., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Program Adviser: Dr. Vicki Samelson

Megan Beth Brockman ** Green Bay B.S.W., Social Work

Hailey Jo Brost *** Medford B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Jennifer Elizabeth Browne ** Whitefish Bay B.S., Special Education

Kelly Renae Brunner ** Savage, MN B.S., Elementary Education

Erica Renee Bryngelson Dodge Center, MN B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Shalaine Jean Buehl ** Oak Creek B.S., Physics / Mathematics

Jeremy Allen Burns ** Fall Creek B.S., Elementary Education

Mikaela Danielle Burtis Kasson, MN B.S., Kinesiology

Hillary Annette Byrum * Warrens B.A., English

Gregory Paul Cameron * New Berlin B.S., Kinesiology

Malorie Morgan Casalegno ** Eau Claire B.S., Kinesiology

Christian Joseph Castellano Auburndale B.S., Kinesiology

Brianna Beverly Cibulka Gillett B.S., Kinesiology Britton Lauren Clarke ** Libertyville, IL University Honors B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Alayna Cotter ** De Pere B.S., Kinesiology

Madeline Alice Crawford Middleton B.S.W., Social Work

Daniel J. Cruger * Eau Claire B.S.W., Social Work

Kassandra Lynn Daniels *** Medford University Honors B.S., Mathematics

Stephanie Ryan Darling ** Elk Grove Village, IL University Honors B.S., Kinesiology

Heather Lynn Dayton La Crosse B.S., Athletic Training

Alicia Ruby Dean ** Manawa B.S., Special Education

Brooke Nicole deFilippo ** Apple Valley, MN B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Tara Rae Dennehy * Eugene, OR B.S., Kinesiology

Elise Kathleen Dillon Iola B.S., Kinesiology

Jayden Larry Dobbs Rib Lake B.S., Kinesiology

Tyler Scott Doucette Osceola B.S., Kinesiology

Megan Dougherty * Hudson B.S., Special Education

Kelli Jo Duket * Waukesha B.S.W., Social Work

Molly Jean Dunlap *** La Crescent, MN B.S., Kinesiology

Shannon Erika Durley ** New Berlin B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Kelsi Rose Eckwright Chippewa Falls B.S., Kinesiology

Nicole Lynn Egan ** Deforest B.S.W., Social Work

Marina Mari Eggen *** Greenville B.S., Kinesiology

Maria Lynn Eggers **** Vadnais Heights, MN B.S.W., Social Work

Matthew Lee Elsing * Stoughton Degree awarded posthumously B.S., Athletic Training

Adam Gregory Estabrooks * Savage, MN B.S., Athletic Training

Kristin Kay Eul ** Milwaukee B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Christopher James Evans Menasha B.S., Kinesiology

Andreas Bela Ezer * Antigo B.S., Kinesiology

Caroline Anne Farrell ** Middleton B.S.W., Social Work

Alison Clare Felmlee * Eau Claire B.S., Elementary Education

Krista Lyn Fogltanz *** Manitowoc B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders Lindsey Brianne Fox *** Black River Falls B.S., Elementary Education

Sheila Marie Frank * Eau Claire B.S.W., Social Work

Melissa Christine Franson ** Rice Lake

Brittany Rose Franz Elk Mound B.S., Special Education

Sarah Marie Frederiksen ** Wisconsin Dells B.S., Elementary Education

Katherine Graves French **** Hartland University Honors B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Magdalen Rene Gadbois *** Hugo, MN University Honors

B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Dustin Darrell Gaddis * Neillsville B.S., Kinesiology and Economics

Elise Christine Gehrke **** Mc Farland University Honors B.S., Elementary Education

Malana Taylor Gehrke * Weston B.S., Elementary Education

Deanna Lynn Gilane ** South Milwaukee B.S., Kinesiology

Hannah Rose Gilbert ** Marshfield B.S., Kinesiology

Ariel Naomi Gillespie ** Altoona B.S., Elementary Education

Mary Catherine Gillis Suamico B.A., English

Maxwell Glaser Agoura Hills, CA B.S., Kinesiology

Katie Marie Goettl *** Eau Claire B.S., Special Education

Katherine Margaret Goodrum ** Bloomington, MN B.S., Kinesiology

Melissa Ann Gorsegner * Ladysmith B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Hannah Elizabeth Gourdoux * Pleasant Prairie B.S., Kinesiology

Jenna Nicole Goymerac * Green Bay B.S., Elementary Education

Sean Patrick Graham Hales Corners B.S., Kinesiology

Ali Mae Grandstrand ***† Lino Lakes, MN B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Amy Caitlin Greathead ** Sun Prairie B.A., Art

Sarah Ann Gronemus *** Cashton B.S., Kinesiology

Carly Marie Guenther * Owatonna, MN B.S., Kinesiology

Katelyn C Gunderson * Plymouth, MN B.S., Elementary Education

Brent Matthew Gust * Medford B.S.W., Social Work

Kinsley Sara Hackman * Onalaska B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Abigail Marie Hansen * Kaukauna B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Lauren Michelle Hansen *** Appleton B.S., Special Education Kristina Marie Hanson * Eau Claire B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Nicole Rose Hanto ** Rosemount, MN B.S.W., Social Work

Katelyn Christine Heltne ** Prescott B.A., English

Danen Rae Hemmersbach Sparta B.S., Kinesiology

Emily Johanna Herkert *** Marshfield B.A., Social Studies

Jamie Rae Heuring * Plover B.S., Elementary Education

Carly Jean Heyrman *** Pound B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Erik Austin Hinch * De Pere B.S.W., Social Work

Katelynn Rose Hintz * Stevens Point B.S., Elementary Education

Stephen John Hodgson Jr ** Suamico B.S., Kinesiology

Brianna Lynne Hoel ** Lino Lakes, MN B.S., Special Education

Jack William Hoffman * Waukesha B.S., Kinesiology and Management

Grant Thomas Holker Stillwater, MN B.S., Kinesiology

Amanda Lou Holm ** Ogema B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Terah Marie Homolka ** Wausau B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Lindsey Jo Horner *** Eau Claire B.S.W., Social Work

Ellie Marie Hostetler Saint Paul, MN B.S., Kinesiology

Rachel Lou laquinta ** Franklin B.S.W., Social Work

Joyce Marie Idarraga * Eau Claire B.S.W., Social Work

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B.L.S.	Bachelor of Liberal Studies
B.M.	Bachelor of Music
B.M.E.	Bachelor of Music Education
B.P.S.	Bachelor of Professional Studies
B.S.	Bachelor of Science
B.S.E.P.H.	Bachelor of Science in Environmental Public Health
B.S.H.C.A.	Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration
B.S.N.	Bachelor of Science in Nursing
B.S.W.	Bachelor of Social Work
D.N.P.	Doctor of Nursing Practice
Ed.S.	Specialist in Education
M.A.	Master of Arts
M.A.T.	Master of Arts in Teaching
M.B.A.	Master of Business Administration
M.E.P.D.	Master of Education-Professional Development
M.M.	Master of Music
M.S.	Master of Science
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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 processional 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.

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Each semester, graduating seniors have an opportunity to commemorate their graduation by making a gift to the UW-Eau Claire Foundation. This semester, more than 150 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 departments; the Excellence Fund to support UW-Eau Claire's overall mission; or to the 1916 Centennial Sign fund to support a commemorative installation honoring UW-Eau Claire's Centennial anniversary, to name a few. 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 program. Senior class 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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Alumni Awards

Seven alumni are receiving awards from the UW-Eau Claire Alumni Association today, recognizing 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.



Hiep Nguyen '08 bachelor's degree in computer science

Hiep Nguyen, a native of Vietnam, attended UW-Eau Claire as an international student. His experiences living, learning and working in another country as an undergraduate, and later as a financial economics graduate student at the

University of Oxford in England, have led to a successful

international career in the financial industry.

Nguyen is director and investment analyst for Southeast Asia for Caravel Management LLC, a New York-based investment management firm focused on investing in frontier and emerging markets. He has been with Caravel Management since 2011, where he first was responsible for overseeing investments in the Vietnam market. During that time, Vietnam was Caravel's best performing country for three consecutive years. Nguyen now focuses on replicating Caravel's outstanding track record in Vietnam in other Southeast Asian markets like Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines.

Before joining Caravel Management, Nguyen was a research analyst for Saigon Securities Inc. in Vietnam, where he did in-depth research on the telecommunications and gold and jewelry industries. He also worked previously as an IT analyst for Marshfield Clinic, where he designed, developed and deployed real-time financial applications for the largest private group medical practice in Wisconsin.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

"I recommend current and graduated students spend some time studying and/ or working abroad. Life teaches us so much more besides what we get from school — and life in another country teaches us even more. Living in another country takes us out of our comfort zones, pushing us to the highest potential of who we are in order to live and succeed in new environments. And very often what we get from these times living abroad are lifetime lessons, joyful trips and relationships that we never forget.

"Also, regardless of the degree you earn, remember that hard work, passion and flexibility are musts after graduation. You might not find the right job after you have switched through several positions. This is very normal. But hard work and passion, not just intelligence, will ensure your success. I majored in computer science and started working as a programmer. However, now I am working successfully in the financial industry. I am thankful to UWEC for offering a very high-value liberal arts education that did not just prepare me for the first job, but also for the last one."

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

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



Judge William Domina '82

bachelor's degree in business administration

A judicial clerkship with the Wisconsin Court of Appeals from 1985-87 gave Judge William Domina, then a recent University of Wisconsin Law School graduate, a firsthand look at the importance of the state judicial system. The experience led him to decide that one day he wanted to

work as a judge in Wisconsin.

Following positions as a litigation associate for a Milwaukee law firm, principal assistant legal counsel for Waukesha County and then chief legal counsel for Milwaukee County, Domina was appointed by Governor Jim Doyle as circuit court judge in Waukesha County in 2010. He later was elected to the position in 2011.

As circuit court judge, Domina helped establish the Waukesha County Drug Treatment Court in response to rapidly rising heroin and opiate addiction problems and related criminal activity. The purpose of the Waukesha DTC, which facilitates treatment for adults who are nonviolent offenders, is to break the cycle of addiction. In addition to presiding over the DTC for three years, Domina was the presiding judge over Waukesha County's Alcohol Treatment Court for two years. Domina also established the Waukesha County Juvenile Legal Clinic. In June 2015, he was named the State Bar of Wisconsin's Bench and Bar Committee Judge of the Year for his work with both the Waukesha DTC and Juvenile Legal Clinic.

A commitment to his community has been a priority for Domina outside of his career as well. His many volunteer leadership roles have included serving for 10 years on the Waukesha School Board and as a Governor Doyle appointee to the Wisconsin Tobacco Control Board, which was responsible for setting tobacco control policy for Wisconsin. He also has been very active in the professional bar associations for Wisconsin and Waukesha County lawyers.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

"Be bold with your career! When I was graduating, I had no concept that I would have the opportunities that I have had during my over 30 years as a lawyer. I really had very limited vision. I wanted to pay my rent, buy a car and find a special person to spend my life with. Don't be afraid to try and risk failure. I have run for office eight times and failed three. Although painful, I have learned more about who I am and my priorities when I have failed than when I have succeeded. Be bold!"

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Scott VanderSanden '87 bachelor's degree in finance

Scott VanderSanden has been president at AT&T Wisconsin since 2006. Before being appointed president, he held positions in the company's finance and central regulatory departments, followed by serving as the company's vice president of regulatory affairs.

As president of AT&T Wisconsin, VanderSanden worked closely with the Wisconsin State Legislature on Act 42, the video competition bill, which accelerated AT&T's successful entry into the Wisconsin video market. He also led AT&T's efforts to support the Telecommunications Modernization Act of 2011, the first major revision of the statutes regulating telecommunications

since 1994. Under his leadership, AT&T continues to expand its wireless network within Wisconsin.

VanderSanden received a master's degree in business administration from UW-Madison. He is a member of the board of directors for the Milwaukee Metropolitan Association of Commerce and is president of Competitive Wisconsin. He serves as a member of the UW-Eau Claire Chancellor's Council, which provides strategic leadership counsel to Chancellor James Schmidt, and he is a member of the UW-Madison School of Business Dean's Advisory Board. He has supported the Scott VanderSanden International Study Scholarship through the UW-Eau Claire Foundation since 2009.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

"The most successful people I know have a very deep network of connections. Building and keeping connections will pay dividends as people go through life and career."

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.



Felix Cisneros Caballero '97 bachelor's degree in journalism

Felix Cisneros Caballero has been the senior press specialist in the diplomacy section of the U.S. Embassy in Managua, Nicaragua, since 2005. In that position, he monitors the news media on a daily basis and establishes contact with the Nicaraguan press corps, ensuring they are up to date

on the embassy's public positions. He also coordinates the selection, adaptation, targeting, distribution and placement of the embassy's print, audio and visual communications, and he maintains professional contacts with Nicaraguan officials at the highest level.

Prior to his position at the U.S. Embassy, Cisneros worked for 6½ years as a journalist in his native Nicaragua. He first was a journalist for Channel 2 in Managua, where he was producer of the evening newscast. He then was news director at Channel 12 in Managua, Nicaragua's national television station. He oversaw four daily newscasts, served as news anchor and directed a weekly show on which he interviewed presidents, prime ministers, and other top national officials, including U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell during his 2003 visit to Nicaragua.

Cisneros also has a law degree from Universidad Politécnica de Nicaragua, where he teaches part time. He also volunteers with various organizations working with Nicaraguan youth, helping to promote education and sports among youth as a means to overcome social and economic challenges.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

"Our values are often reflected in the way we live our lives. Our attitudes dictate how we react in concrete situations; they influence our choices and responses to challenges. Emotions, feelings, beliefs and inclination for action all impact our lives. All of these make up one's attitude. Live your life with faith, trust, hope, love and a positive attitude, and you will succeed in life."



John Hecht '80 bachelor's degree in accounting

John Hecht is an award-winning financial services executive with 33 years of experience in Wisconsin and Illinois. He is the Madison market president at Starion Financial, where he is responsible for leadership of the firm's business banking team and related services in the greater Madison area.

Hecht passed the CPA exam following his UW-Eau Claire graduation and began his career as an internal auditor for a bank in Wausau. After progressing through various positions there, he was recruited to AMCORE Financial in Illinois, where he began as corporate controller and was promoted to chief financial officer.

Moving back to Wisconsin, Hecht next was president and CEO for 7½ years at WPS Community Bank, a nationally recognized \$100 million start-up community bank in Madison. Hecht led the formation, organization and leadership of the start-up, a wholly owned subsidiary of WPS Health Insurance. In 2014 the Independent Community Bankers of America recognized WPS Community Bank as one of the top 100 industry U.S. loan producers. The bank earned the No. 3 ranking of the more than 250 banks in Wisconsin. In spring 2015, Starion Financial bought WPS Community Bank, which then took on Starion's name.

Hecht also serves or has served on the boards of several professional and nonprofit organizations, including as treasurer of the Aldo Leopold Nature Center board and as president of the Monona Chamber of Commerce and of the board for the Madison chapter of Financial Executives International.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

"Don't be afraid to take chances, and don't let fear dictate your career options. It's OK to make mistakes, but only if you learn from them and don't repeat history. You're only young once, so give yourself permission to follow your heart's desires and things that you are passionate about. It will never seem like work if you do.

"Thoughtfully consider the key values that you believe in and let these be your moral compass. Your character will be tested during your business career, and your ethics and integrity will serve as your foundation to help you always do the right thing.

"Finally, I cannot stress how much volunteerism has enhanced my life with valuable relationships and a sense of purpose. I encourage all graduates to give back to their communities in ways that align with personal passions and interests. You'll never regret it!"

LIFETIME EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Lifetime Excellence Award is presented to UW-Eau Claire alumni who have demonstrated longtime and successful commitment to their careers and communities. These individuals have made a positive and dramatic impact through enthusiastic dedication to service and living their lives as a testimony to UW-Eau Claire's motto, "Excellence."



Mary Jo Quinn '77 bachelor's degree in special education

Mary Jo Quinn has taken an unexpected track to becoming a successful investment attorney, with a theme of service to others remaining a constant along the way.

Her career began as one would expect following her UW-Eau Claire graduation with a special education degree, when for seven years she was a special education teacher at public schools in Loyal, Wisconsin, and Littleton, Colorado. She then decided to attend law school, hoping to eventually lobby for disability issues when working as an investment attorney. After receiving her juris doctor degree from the University of California Hastings College of the Law, she worked at firms in Washington, D.C., and Chicago for eight years before joining Allstate Insurance in 1996.

At Allstate, Quinn has held several leadership positions in various divisions. Now, as vice president and assistant general counsel in Allstate's Investments and Business Transactions Law Division, she leads a team of lawyers providing legal services to Allstate's portfolio of over \$80 billion.

Quinn also volunteers as Allstate's relationship manager with Cabrini Green Legal Aid. In that role, she organized the training of more than 65 Allstate lawyers to join her in volunteering with CGLA, which gives low-income clients a second chance through expungement and clemency. She arranged for donations of more than \$100,000 from Allstate to support the effort, and she has recruited other corporations to join them in their work.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

"Everyone can give back. Find a cause that you are passionate about and help out!

"Also, something I wish I'd known: Be kind to yourself — be your best friend. Monitor your own internal chatter and say things only that you would say out loud about your best friend."



Charles Szews '78 bachelor's degree in accounting

Charles Szews retired in December after 20 years in leadership roles at Oshkosh Corporation, a global manufacturer and marketer of specialty vehicles and vehicle bodies. Szews served over time in the positions of executive vice president, chief financial officer, chief

operating officer, company president and chief executive officer. He had served as Oshkosh's CEO for five years at the time of his retirement, and he had been a member of the company's board of directors since 2007.

Szews helped lead the growth of Oshkosh Corporation from an unprofitable company with \$400 million in sales and under \$75 million in market equity in 1996 to a global industrial company with sales over \$6 billion, strong margins and \$3 billion in market equity in 2015. The evolution of the Oshkosh Corporation culture under Szews' leadership resulted in the company being one of only 131 companies across 21 countries named by the Ethisphere Institute as a World's Most Ethical Company.

Highlights during Szews' career at Oshkosh Corporation included two major U.S. Defense Department contracts: (1) the Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected All-Terrain Vehicle (or M-ATV) in 2009, which saved thousands of American and coalition troop lives from mine blasts in Afghanistan; and (2) the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (or JLTV) in 2015, which replaces the HMMWV (commonly known as the Humvee).

Before joining Oshkosh Corporation, Szews spent eight years with Fort Howard Corporation working in a series of positions, most recently as vice president and controller. He also received his certified public accountant certification in 1980 and has 10 years of independent auditing experience with Ernst & Young.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

"I encourage graduates to give and forgive as a means to happiness. After all, giving is forgiving and forgiving is for giving. The more we give in every part of our life, the happier we will be, and people are more likely to forgive us if we are a giving person when we inevitably fail them. Similarly, forgiving frees us and the guilty party of a weight that destroys our happiness and holds us back from achieving the most with our talent and lives."

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