



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!

Not a day goes by that I am not amazed by your many talents and successes both in and outside the classroom. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you, and in our conversations I have been inspired by your goals for the future — goals for success in your chosen careers and aspirations to make a difference in the communities you will call home in the years to come.

You can look to the future knowing there is real value in your UW-Eau Claire degree. In its most recent list of "Best Colleges for Your Money," MONEY ranks UW-Eau Claire as the top public regional university in Wisconsin and Minnesota for educational quality, affordability and alumni success. UW-Eau Claire also is one of just two UW System regional universities in Washington Monthly's "Best Bang for the Buck" rankings, as well as one of two UW System regional universities among Forbes' 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 85,000 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. (See their stories beginning on page 23 of this program.) 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, reading "James C. Schmidt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "Schmidt" clearly legible.

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 19, 2018	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	Chuck Hodgson, horn Robert Baca, trumpet Jacob Grewe, tuba Matthew Mealey, trumpet Phil Ostrander, trombone
Greetings	Evan Weiher, 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 Sarah Joosten, Bachelor of Music Education, Choral (morning) Led by Ellie Masias, Bachelor of Arts in Music (afternoon)
Welcome and Introductions	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Introducing Members of the Platform Party	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (morning) Tamara Johnson, Assistant Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Michael Carney, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Darrell Newton, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies David Leaman, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences Carmen Manning, Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences Linda Young, Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences Tim Vaughan, Interim Dean, College of Business Jill Prushiek, Associate Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences (morning) Bob Erffmeyer, MBA Program Director and Professor, College of Business (morning) Margaret Cassidy, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences (afternoon) Debra Jansen, Associate Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences (afternoon) Evan Weiher, Commencement Marshal, Chair, University Senate Katy McGarry, Student Body President 2017 - 2018 (afternoon) Nick Webber, Student Body Vice President 2017 - 2018 (afternoon)
UW System Board of Regents	Regent Vice President Andrew Petersen Regent Ryan Ring
Congratulatory Remarks	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor

Introduction of Alumni Award Recipients	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor <i>See pages 23-26 for bios of the award recipients.</i>
Charge To The Class	Nancy Fugate Woods, Professor and Dean Emerita of Nursing, University of Washington
Presentation Of Doctoral Candidates	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor
Conferral Of Doctoral Degrees	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor
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	Savannah Shaurette, Bachelor of Arts, English (morning) Mitchell Krisnik, Bachelor of Arts, Integrated Strategic Communication (afternoon)
University Alma Mater	Led by Audra Boettge, Bachelor of Business Administration (morning) Led by Lucas Jordan, Bachelor of Music Education, Choral (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.

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

College of Nursing and Health Sciences

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Andrea Kay Blegen Spring Valley

D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)
B.S.N., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Debra Jansen
DNP Project: Improving Communication between a Skilled Nursing Facility and a Nearby Critical Access Emergency Department when Transferring Patients

Stephanie Jordan Cain Eau Claire

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)
B.S.N., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Cheryl Lapp
DNP Project: Development of a Collaborative Care Resource Model for Pediatric Primary Care Providers to Guide Adolescent Depression Management

Stephanie Marie Cloutier Champlin, MN

D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)
B.S.N., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Arin VanWormer
DNP Project: Enhancing Antimicrobial Stewardship through Education and Implementation of a Penicillin Allergy Screening Tool

Amanda Marie Court Marshfield

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)
B.S.N., 2012, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Program Advisor: Dr. Rachel Merkel
DNP Project: Transition of Adolescents from Pediatric to Adult Neurology: An Early Intervention Process

Rachel Rae DeRusha Eau Claire

D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)
B.S.N., 2012, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Arin VanWormer
DNP Project: Improving Care Transitions for Patients Without an Established Primary Care Provider Discharged from the Emergency Department

Haley Nicole Erl Medford

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)
B.S.N., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Robin Beeman
DNP Project: Implementation of a Program Using the Ideal Protein Weight Loss Method

Kelley Lynn Gaedtker-Farber Tomahawk

D.N.P., Nursing
M.S.N., 2011, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
B.S.N., 2009, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Debra Hofmann
DNP Project: Improving Outcomes in Post Intensive Care Syndrome

Gabriel Jerome Greseth Apple Valley, MN

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)
B.S.N., 2013, Bethel University
Program Advisor: Dr. Lisa Schiller
DNP Project: Improving Nurses' Knowledge of In-Patient Pain Management

Erin Colleen Harrington Eau Claire

D.N.P., Nursing
M.S.N., 2009, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
B.S.N., 2007, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Shelley-Rae Pehler
DNP Project: Improving Heart Failure Symptom Management: A Quality Improvement Project Pilot

Megan Donna Herbers Rochester, MN

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)
B.S., 2011, Minnesota State University-Mankato
Program Advisor: Dr. Rachael Haupt-Harrington
DNP Project: In-person and Online: The Feasibility of an Enhanced Stress Management and Resiliency Training (SMART) Program in a Group of Nurse Residents

Sara Jean Hungerholt Rushford, MN

D.N.P., Nursing
M.S.N., 2012, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
B.S.N., 2007, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Norah Airth-Kindree
DNP Project: Assessment of Pilot Implementation for Team-Based Precepting in a Small Midwestern Primary Care Setting

Jill Marie Jasinski Necedah

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)
B.S.N., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Rachel Merkel
DNP Project: Nurse Mentorship Program for Emergency Department Nurses for Promotion of Nurse Retention and Job Satisfaction

Shelby L. Larson Ashland

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)
B.S.N., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Rachael Haupt-Harrington
DNP Project: Feasibility Assessment: Improving Obesity Management in Rural Communities through Primary Care

Courtney Lynn Mattek Eagan, MN

D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)
B.S.N., 2011, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Jodi Arriola
DNP Project: An Intervention to Promote Hospice and Palliative Care Referrals for Patients with Dementia

Alyssa Marie McKeeth Sparta

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)
B.S., 2013, Winona State University
Program Advisor: Dr. Cheryl Lapp
DNP Project: Development and Evaluation of a Clinical Pathway which Identifies Patients at Risk for Clostridium Difficile for Screening and Isolation in an Adult Medical/Surgical Inpatient Setting

William Steven Parsons Eau Claire

D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)
B.S.N., 2014, Viterbo University
Program Advisor: Dr. Shelley-Rae Pehler
DNP Project: Improving Symptom Assessment in Identified Palliative Care Patients in Primary Care

Jennifer Rene Rock Pulaski

D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)
B.S.N., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Debra Jansen
DNP Project: Developing and Implementing a Primary Care to Specialty Care Referral Process Guideline within a Health Care Organization

Amanda Marie Seubert Pittsville

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)
B.S.N., 2010, Viterbo University
Program Advisor: Dr. Robin Beeman
DNP Project: Implementing a Protocol for Healthcare Providers within the Emergency Department to Increase Knowledge, Comfort, and Confidence Regarding Child Sex Trafficking Victims

Amanda Marie Shimko Ladysmith

D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Administrator)
B.S.N., 1998, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Mary Zwygart-Stauffacher
DNP Project: Leadership Team Development to Influence Organizational Outcomes

Clarissa Mae Simonson Vesper

D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)
B.S.N., 2010, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Debra Hofmann
DNP Project: Initiating Aromatherapy in the Intensive Care Unit: Staff Nurses' Evaluation of Implementation Process and Effects on Nursing Practice

Brook Leah Steele Eau Claire

D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)
B.S.N., 2011, Chamberlain College
Program Advisor: Dr. Jodi Arriola
DNP Project: Development and Implementation of RN Appointment Protocols in the University Health Setting

Ronda Marie Thompson Luck

D.N.P., Nursing
M.S.N., 2000, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
B.S.N., 2000, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Mary Zwygart-Stauffacher
DNP Project: Improving Transitions of Care: Care Coordination

Jo Walker Maplewood, MN

D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)
B.A., 2005, College of Saint Scholastica
Program Advisor: Dr. Norah Airth-Kindree
DNP Project: Enhancing Nurses' Knowledge of High-Risk Tuberculosis Patients on an Outpatient Oncology Clinic

Kathryn Ann Wingate Bruce

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)
B.S.N., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Madison
B.A., 1989, University of St. Thomas
Program Advisor: Dr. Lisa Schiller
DNP Project: Developing an Action Plan for Implementing Chronic Care Management in a Rural Clinic

Allison Marie Zager Hudson

D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)
B.S., 2011, St. Catherine University
Program Advisor: Dr. Charlotte Sortedahl
DNP Project: Collaborative Depression Care: The Development of a Student Registry on a University Campus

Lindsey Nicole Zwaschka Neillsville

D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)
B.S.N., 2010, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Charlotte Sortedahl
DNP Project: Preparation of Nurses in Suicide Prevention with Rehabilitation Patients on an Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Unit

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Makenzie Leigh Beaudette * Chippewa Falls
B.S.N., Nursing

Jaclyn Louise Beiersdorf ** Green Bay
B.S.N., Nursing

Michael Ryan Berry *** St. Clair, MN
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Sarah Elaine Berryman *** Eagan, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Josephine Marie Burns ** St. Michael, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Kourtnei Jo Busch * Middleton
B.S.N., Nursing

Jessie Joelle Chapek ** Cadott
B.S.N., Nursing

Katrina Chu ** Chaska, MN
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Jennifer Leah Conroy ** Trempealeau
B.S.N., Nursing

Stephanie Marie Corry *** Marinette
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Brianna Myrtle Cran ** Balsam Lake
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Brooke Ann Doll *** McFarland
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Emily Ann Doro ** Barron
B.S.N., Nursing

Jami Lynn Drake * Brownsdale, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Victoria Marie Erickson ** Woodbury, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Allison Marie Everhart ** Eau Claire
B.S.N., Nursing

Brittany Elizabeth Foster ** Beaver Dam
B.S.N., Nursing

Lisa Anne Frezados ** Cornell
B.S.N., Nursing

Gerald Lee Gerrits III * Baldwin
B.S.N., Nursing

Sarah Elizabeth Grabow * Prescott
B.S.N., Nursing

Lindsey Marie Grimmer ** Appleton
B.S.N., Nursing

Taylor Jean Grzesiak ** Marathon
B.S.N., Nursing

Emily Elizabeth Gyrog *** Sun Prairie
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Larissa Lyn Haas ** Thorp
B.S.N., Nursing

Heidi Anne Hadler ** Marathon City
B.S.N., Nursing

Sydney Bernice Halley ** Forest Lake, MN
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Miranda Lee Hanson ** Edgar
B.S.N., Nursing

JoAnn Denise Harris ** Mondovi
B.S.N., Nursing

Emily May Haselby *** Marshfield
B.S.N., Nursing

Nicole Maire Henrichs ** Stevens Point
B.S.N., Nursing

Sarah Ann Herrman * Barron
B.S.N., Nursing

Madeline Mary Hiebl *** Edgar
B.S.N., Nursing

Shaelyn Teresa Horvat ** Willard
B.S.N., Nursing

Kristen Jean Hoyord * Iola
B.S.N., Nursing

Thomas John Hunt ** St. Paul, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Ethan Jared Jackson *** Roseville, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Jennica Jean Jahnke *** Merrill
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Christy Lynn Jordan * Hamel, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Brooke Evelyn Kersten ** De Pere
B.S.N., Nursing

Skylar Kay Koel ** Warrens
B.S.N., Nursing

Molly Rose Kohler * Birchwood
B.S.N., Nursing

Courtney Lynn Kommer *** Eagle
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Taylor Ann Kopecky ** Holmen
B.S.N., Nursing

Treya Dey Kragenbring * Hastings, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Morgan Alexandra Land ** Menomonee Falls
B.S.N., Nursing

Kiara Rachel Lanners ** Altoona
B.S.N., Nursing

Anna Hope Lehnen * Burnsville, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Elizabeth Jean Leis ** Eau Claire
B.S.N., Nursing

Sydney Remick Lindner * Waterford
B.S.N., Nursing

Paterja Soctouky Lor * Stevens Point
B.S.N., Nursing

Lisa Kay Luehmann ** La Crosse
B.S.N., Nursing

Brianna Renee Mader ** Park Falls
B.S.N., Nursing

Katelyn Marie McGowan ** Eagan, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Ashley Jean McKay ** Knapp
B.S.N., Nursing

Sabrina Ann Mitchell * Arpin
B.S.N., Nursing

Summer Lee Mueller * Medford
B.S.N., Nursing

Kimberly Arlene Neve ** DeForest
B.S.N., Nursing

Mikaela Rae Noltner * Menomonee Falls
B.S.N., Nursing

Rachael Christine Olejniczak ** Roseville, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Allison Kay Paitel ** Wisconsin Rapids
B.S.N., Nursing

Joanne Nicole Reiners *** Bristol
B.S.N., Nursing

Amber Marie Renner * Chippewa Falls
B.S.N., Nursing

Marcia L. Robbins *** Viroqua
B.S.N., Nursing

Katie Marie Roux *** Rice Lake
B.S.N., Nursing

Sarah Carolyn Rudzinski ** Wauwatosa
B.S.N., Nursing

Lilly Therese Schmidt ** Birnamwood
B.S.N., Nursing

Megan Lynn Schroeder ** Hartland
B.S.N., Nursing

Erin Sonderup Hohenstein *** New Germany, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Paul Dennis Studinski * Plover
B.S.N., Nursing

Kayla Rae Thibault ** White Bear Lake, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Aurora Jane Thorne * Pittsville
B.S.N., Nursing

Mikayla Lynne Tipcke ** Goodhue, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Katherine Lynn Treankler ** Marshfield
B.S.N., Nursing

Meredith Louise Turner * Beaver Dam
B.S.N., Nursing

Jessica Delores Twohey *** Stewartville, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Kaitlyn Taylor Ulmen * Neenah
B.S.N., Nursing

Jordan Rene Veloso ** Baraboo
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Erin Ivy Wegener * Green Bay
B.S.N., Nursing

Jessica Lee Weiland *** Tomah
B.S.N., Nursing

Kidist Bitew Wessel * Stillwater, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Courtney Lynn Wieners ** Burlington
B.S.N., Nursing

Magen Renae Willgohs ** Northfield, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Kaitlin Ann Zavada ** Green Bay
B.S.N., Nursing

Kimberly Ann Ziolkowski ** Plover
B.S.N., Nursing

College of Education and Human Sciences

MASTER'S DEGREES

Kathryn Rose Albin Hermantown, MN
M.S.T., Reading
B.S., 2012, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Jill Prushiek

Carly J. Anderson Sparta
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2016, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
Program Advisor: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Emily Anne Bartels Greenfield, MN
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2013, Utah State University
B.A., 1999, Luther College
Program Advisor: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Katie Marie Beck Owen
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2016, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Debbie Elledge
Thesis: Comparing 2-D and 3-D Instructional Methods for Teaching Laryngeal Anatomy Concepts
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Jennifer Lee Bialik Gladstone, MI
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2013, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Program Advisor: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Carly Colleen Boulware Bakersfield, CA
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2015, Utah State University
Program Advisor: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Hailey Jo Brost Medford
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2016, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Caitlyn Sage Brown Pensacola, FL
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2015, Utah State University
B.A., 2010, University of West Florida
Program Advisor: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Kelly Jane Burgin Burlington
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Lisa Camille de Leon Boca Raton, FL
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2014, Utah State University
B.A., 1992, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Program Advisor: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Heather Bowne Estelle-Perry Littleton, CO
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.A., 1991, University of Colorado-Boulder
Program Advisor: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Christina Lee Fedie Eau Claire
M.S.T., Reading
B.S., 2006, University of Wisconsin-Stout
Program Advisor: Dr. Jill Prushiek

Tiana Kalesha Ferrick Baldwin
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.A., 2016, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Program Advisor: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Katherine Graves French Hartland
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2016, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Lea Kay Gowey Medford
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Ali Mae Grandstrand Lino Lakes, MN
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2016, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Carissa Nichole Guiley Nashville, TN
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2014, Utah State University
B.S., 2012, Seattle Pacific University
Program Advisor: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Allison Marie Heiss Aurora, NE
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2007, University of Nebraska at Kearney
Program Advisor: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Terah Marie Homolka Wausau
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2016, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Sharon Sumi Im-Lee Long Beach, CA
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
M.B.A., 2002, University of Washington
B.S., 1993, University of California, Los Angeles
Program Advisor: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Laura Jean Imming Elkhorn
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.A., 2010, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Program Advisor: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Naomi O'Neill Irvine Oakland, CA
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2014, Utah State University
B.A., 2007, San Francisco State University
Program Advisor: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Rebecca Jean Jeffrey Wisconsin Rapids
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2016, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Carly Carolyn Kjornes Janesville
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2016, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Jamie Lynn Kondro Green Bay
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2016, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Jacqueline Elizabeth Leitsch Appleton
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Stacy Lynn Magnus Blooming Prairie, MN
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 1990, St. Cloud State University
Program Advisor: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Janet Louise Reimer Glendora, CA
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2014, Utah State University
B.A., 1979, San Francisco State University
Program Advisor: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Shannon Marie Riley New Berlin
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2016, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Kalli R. Scepaniak Friendsville, PA
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2012, Northern Michigan University
Program Advisor: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Kelly Lynn Schroeder Eau Claire
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2010, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Jessica Marie Sheldon North Mankato, MN
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2011, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Georgina Claire Shimk River Falls
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2016, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Starshine Margarita Shirley Sonora, CA
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2014, Utah State University
Program Advisor: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Maika Mejia Soltura-Mangaban La Habra, CA
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2001, University of the Philippines-Manila
Program Advisor: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Robert Adam Terrell Jr. Plover
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2016, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Debbie Elledge
Thesis: "Aphasia People, They-I Trust Them": The Concept of Neighborhood at an Aphasia Camp: Contributions of the Built Environment, Natural Environment, and Social Environment
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Thomas Sather

Vanessa Marie Thompson Hudson
M.S.T., Reading
B.A., 2011, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Jill Prushiek

Emma Margaret Walters Eau Claire
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2016, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Advisor: Dr. Debbie Elledge

McKenzie Lea Ward Saratoga Springs, UT
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2014, Utah State University
Program Advisor: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Ann Nicole Alexander ** Cold Spring, MN
B.S., Athletic Training

Michael John Amerlan Itasca, IL
B.S., Kinesiology

Janice Lynn Anderson * Port Wing
B.S., Athletic Training

Sydney Christine Antony ** Big Lake, MN
B.S.W., Social Work

Lian June Arzbecker ****† Pewaukee
University Honors
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Taylor Raymond Knight Atkinson Altoona
B.S., Kinesiology

Christopher Patrick Atwood ** Minnetonka, MN
B.S., Kinesiology

Kristina Mary Audette * Wyoming, MN
B.S., Kinesiology

Eric Ball * Merrill
B.S., Kinesiology

Jordan Lee Barth * Wisconsin Rapids
B.S., Elementary Education

Zachary Edwin Bartsch ** Cameron
B.M.E., Music

Aric Bauer * Durand
B.S.W., Social Work

Emily Rose Baum ** Wausau
B.A., Social Studies

Melody Rose Becker Osseo
B.S.W., Social Work

Bianca Rose Benkley *** Port Washington
B.S., Elementary Education and Spanish

Brooke Marie Benson * Chanhassen, MN
B.S., Elementary Education

Kacie LeAnn Bertrand * Chippewa Falls
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Adam James Bielmeier * Cumberland
B.S., Kinesiology

Nicholas Louis Blonski *** Woodbury, MN
B.S., Kinesiology

Kayla Adele Bonn * Durand
B.S., Special Education

Vanessa Lynn Boorse *** Wausau
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B.S., Biology

Bradley Thomas Stoll ** Whitewater
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Logan Donald Strom ** Elk Mound
B.S., Mathematics

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HONORS PROGRAM

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 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 proud history and community connections of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. It was donated in 2016 in honor of the university's centennial by Dr. Susan Harrison, emerita professor of mathematics, who served for 15 years as chair of the University Senate and commencement marshal. The mace includes wood from the original Council Oak tree and Kent State Memorial trees

that was saved when the trees were replaced. It was crafted by members of the Chippewa Valley Woodturners Guild. The university medallion at the center of the mace was Dr. Harrison's, given in recognition of her university service. The mace reminds graduates of the university's history of excellence and its many contributions to the people of the region and of Wisconsin.

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DEGREE INTERPRETATIONS

B.A.	Bachelor of Arts
B.B.A.	Bachelor of Business Administration
B.F.A.	Bachelor of Fine Arts
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.PH.	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.B.A.	Master of Business Administration
M.E.P.D.	Master of Education- Professional Development
M.S.	Master of Science
M.S.E.	Master of Science in Education
M.S.N.	Master of Science in Nursing
M.S.T.	Master of Science in Teaching

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 150 seniors joined our community of alumni 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 \$20.18 to commemorate their graduation year and to support UW-Eau Claire:

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Alumni Awards

Nine alumni and friends of the university 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.



Shaughnessy Murphy '06

bachelor's degree in business finance

After graduating from UW-Eau Claire and earning a law degree from Gonzaga University School of Law, Shaughnessy Murphy's career has progressed from working as an influential Congressional staffer in Washington, D.C., to practicing law in Eau Claire to serving as an Eau Claire County judge.

Following law school, Murphy served as a legislative counsel for Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA). He went on to become McMorris Rodgers' deputy chief of staff and top policy advisor, overseeing all legislative activity including work on the Bipartisan Military Family Caucus, Down Syndrome Caucus and Hydropower Caucus.

After five years in Washington, D.C., Shaughnessy and his family moved home to Eau Claire, where he practiced law until being appointed in August 2017 by Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker to the Eau Claire County Circuit Court. He continues to serve in that appointment through July 2018.

As a private practice attorney, Murphy worked on several transactions and issues that will have a lasting impact on the Eau Claire community, including the Confluence Project and the establishment of many new businesses.

Murphy expressed his honor at being appointed by the governor to the Eau Claire County judgeship: "Each day, as the youngest judge in the state of Wisconsin, I have the responsibility to uphold our community values, and that is an accomplishment I am very proud of."

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

At graduation you will be filled with inspiration and lofty quotes about how you are now prepared to take on the world. Forget all that noise and remember this: Timing is everything. Throughout your life things will sometimes work out in your favor and other times they will not. If you focus on controlling what you can control and capitalizing on opportunities when they arise, you will win more days than not. Put simply, timing is everything. I hope you took advantage of your time at UW-Eau Claire to learn how to learn (and have fun!), and if you have, I know you are prepared to capitalize on the opportunities of life when the timing is right.

HONORARY ALUMNUS AWARD

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



Larry Schnoor

Larry Schnoor, described as the "founding father" of intercollegiate forensics, is the current tournament director for the American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament and the Interstate Oratory Contest, and past president of the National Forensic Association.

Schnoor's ties to the UW-Eau Claire forensics program formed through his close working relationship with the late Grace Walsh, UW-Eau Claire's legendary forensics coach who passed away in 2000. Schnoor and Walsh worked together on numerous projects and tournaments over many years.

Schnoor continues to work with the current UW-Eau Claire forensics coaches, Karen Morris and Kelly Jo Wright, traveling with them as a judge for the UW-Eau Claire team.

"When introduced at all of the national tournaments, Larry is introduced as Larry Schnoor from UW-Eau Claire," Morris said. "We are proud to adopt him as one of our own."

The first in his family to attend college, Schnoor earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Mankato State University and served as a faculty member at a number of colleges and universities in Minnesota before retiring from St. Olaf College in 1998.

"The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire has always been one of the places where I have enjoyed visiting and working with my colleagues over the years," Schnoor said. "It has enjoyed great success over the years with the forensics program. I am happy to have played a small part and will continue to support the team in the future."

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

Little did I know when I graduated from high school in Wells, Minnesota, that I would ever end up with a successful career as a college professor. Neither of my parents graduated from high school and both were very hard workers. They gave me the desire to go on to school, and after four years in the Navy, I finished my undergraduate work and taught at the high school level for several years. I wanted and still want to help students learn that the world is theirs to make, to be open to new ideas, to treat everyone as an equal and to work together to make this world a better place.

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.



Anh-Tuyet Nguyen '80

bachelor's degree in mathematics

Anh-Tuyet Nguyen was 19 years old and had been a law student in Vietnam when she and her family arrived as refugees in the U.S. in 1975. Overcoming language barriers and making a switch from law to mathematics (because, in Nguyen's words, "it was and still is a universal language"), she ultimately earned her

college degree and went on to a successful career in the insurance industry.

Nguyen had a successful career with Fortis Inc. (now Assurant Inc.), beginning in the actuarial department and progressing to roles as a system analyst and eventually IT director and project manager. A highlight was a three-year assignment at corporate headquarters in The Netherlands

to promote cross-cultural corporate synergies. Along the way, Nguyen also earned her master's degree in international management from the University of St. Thomas. She retired from Fortis in 1999.

"I had the good fortune to retire early after more than 18 years with the same company to follow my passion for the performing arts from when I was a young girl," Nguyen said. She serves or has served on the boards of several arts organizations, including Dance to Unite, The Joyce Theater Foundation, Film Forum and the New York Opera Society, all in New York City. She also served on the steering committee of the New York chapter of the United Way's Women United in Philanthropy.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

Work hard. Have a can-do attitude. Every problem has a solution. Do the best you can. Be kind and help others along the way.



Marcia Van Beek '73

bachelor's degree in social work

After graduating from UW-Eau Claire, Marcia Van Beek went on to earn a master's degree in social work from the University of Minnesota in 1975. She soon began a 22-year career working with children with emotional and behavioral needs at the Eau Claire Academy, starting as a psychotherapist and

eventually as director of social services and then executive director of the academy.

In 2000, Van Beek started a new career as the director of major gifts for the UW-Eau Claire Foundation. It was a natural fit, as the university is a special place for Van Beek and her extended family. Not only did she meet her husband there, but five of their siblings and spouses, their son, and three nieces and nephews are alumni; another three family members attended; and a niece currently attends UW-Eau Claire.

"Our family believes that, having climbed our great university's ladder to success, we must not pull that ladder up behind us," Van Beek said. "Because of that, my second career working for the future of our university has been especially satisfying."

In her role at the UW-Eau Claire Foundation, Van Beek, who retires this summer, has been essential to the success of two comprehensive fundraising campaigns, and she has cultivated relationships that have served the university immensely. She also has provided leadership beyond campus, serving as a charter member of The Master Singers, the Chippewa Valley Symphony, and other community non-profit organizations.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

A liberal arts education is vital to your development as citizens and workers. Remember the importance of the broad education you receive here, and to use that education not only in your jobs, but in your daily lives as spouses, partners, parents, friends, neighbors and citizens.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

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



Jason Craig '00, '10

bachelor's degree in marketing
master's degree in business administration

Jason Craig has spent the majority of his career at Mayo Clinic Health System (MCHS) in Eau Claire, working in various roles that led him to his current position as vice chair of administration. In this role, Craig has led efforts to create new services for

patients, has administrative responsibility for dozens of clinical and non-clinical services in the health system, and has led the strategic planning, design and construction of approximately \$100 million in new facilities throughout northwest Wisconsin.

"Few, if any, of my accomplishments would have been possible without the experiences and relationships I gained during my time at UW-Eau Claire," Craig said. "My undergraduate education provided the foundational knowledge necessary to be successful, while my MBA experience better informed my critical and strategic thinking."

Craig has been instrumental in establishing the MCHS-UW-Eau Claire master collaborative research agreement, working with UW-Eau Claire Chancellor James Schmidt and MCHS Regional Vice President Dr. Richard Helmers since the project's inception. Craig also represents MCHS in the ongoing planning for the Sonntag Complex, a partnership that also includes the Blugold

Real Estate Foundation and Eau Claire YMCA. The project will house event space as well as health and wellness facilities and services for UW-Eau Claire and the community.

Craig's involvement in the community also has included leadership roles with the United Way, the Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Eau Claire program, the North Barstow/Medical Improvement District and the Eau Claire Chamber's Young Professionals of the Chippewa Valley. He also mentors UW-Eau Claire College of Business students.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

First, clear and honest values make for easier decisions. In looking back, I wasn't always honest with myself about what I truly valued. I was willing to adopt other values for short-term gain, but would ultimately become very unhappy. When values are honest and aligned, purpose is clear.

Second, learning never stops — this isn't your last day in class by a long shot. Reach back and help others. You didn't get here alone; don't leave others stranded.

Third, the day you say "no" to an unsolicited job offer is going to come. That's a good day.

Finally, maintain your UW Eau Claire relationships and build new ones. Blugolds have an inherent loyalty to each other.



Raymond Skwierczynski '84

bachelor's degree in
chemistry and mathematics

After graduating from UW-Eau Claire, Dr. Ray Skwierczynski began his career in the pharmaceutical industry at Baxter International, where he worked on the development of intravenous formulations and a new delivery device. This work sparked his interest in

pursuing master's and doctoral degrees in pharmaceuticals, as well as post-doctoral research in chemistry, at UW-Madison.

Skwierczynski then returned to the pharmaceutical industry and held positions of increasing responsibility at Roche, 3M Pharmaceuticals, Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Takeda, and CoLucid Pharmaceuticals. Currently he has a consulting firm that works with start-up biotech companies.

Among the highlights of Skwierczynski's accomplished career was helping to lead the development of a multiple myeloma drug, approved by the FDA in late 2015, providing new hope to patients fighting this disease, the second most common blood cancer.

"Late on the day of the approval, I reflected on the significance of the team's accomplishment and on my personal journey to get to that day," Skwierczynski said. "The first patient was dosed in 2008, the year during

which my two brothers died of cancer. Seven years later, myeloma patients had more hope because of my work and the work of my colleagues."

Skwierczynski has been very active in community and professional organizations throughout his career. He currently serves on an expert committee for the U.S. Pharmacopeia, an organization that sets standards for medicines in the U.S. and 190 other countries. He also serves on the UW-Eau Claire Foundation board of directors.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

Dream bigger! I wish I had heard this advice when I walked across the graduation stage. I thought about going to medical school, but (at the time) thought that a first-generation college graduate from a small northern Wisconsin town, whose parents were educated through the eighth grade did not belong in medical school. Instead, I was content to get a job — any job.

I got lucky when I received a job offer in the pharmaceutical industry. I soon realized how good my UWEC education was! I began to dream bigger. My dreams kept getting bigger as my career progressed and continue to this day. It doesn't matter if you are a first-generation college graduate. It doesn't matter if you are from a small town, suburb or city. It doesn't matter if your parents are highly educated or if they never finished high school. You have acquired an amazing set of tools at UWEC. When you dream about how you want to use them, dream bigger!

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."



Jane Webert Moore '73

bachelor's degree in nursing

James Moore

"Life doesn't always turn out the way you expect, and this can have positive outcomes."

That's how Jane Webert Moore sums up her experiences since earning her UW-Eau Claire nursing degree in 1973 and then meeting her future husband, Jim, a New York native, while visiting Italy during a post-graduation trip. One year later, Jane and Jim were married and living in New York, where Jim worked for an international bank.

In New York, Jane worked in two successive nursing positions, at the New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center and at Equitable Life Insurance. Then came the birth of the Moores' son and a family move to Singapore due to a job transfer for Jim, and "an unexpected 'life education' process began," Moore said. "My passion for travel, cultural history, animal welfare and learning the art of Asian cuisines began in earnest."

Back in the U.S., Jane earned a master's degree in public administration from New York University and pursued a career in human resources at hospitals in New Jersey. After her retirement and a return to living in Manhattan, Jane pursued volunteer opportunities with Operation Smile and the American

Museum of Natural History, among others. Following Jim's retirement and a move to Rhode Island, the Moores became involved in serving local non-profits there.

Jane and Jim Moore have been supporters through the UW-Eau Claire Foundation of the clinical simulation lab in UW-Eau Claire's College of Nursing and Health Sciences, as well as the university's women's gymnastics program. Recently, they committed generous annual support for the college's first funded chair, the Jane W. and James E. Moore Chair in Nursing Research, and they will endow the chair through a future estate gift.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

Jane Moore: It's never too late, never too early and never too often to give your time, talent and treasure to those people, institutions and organizations that have positively affected your life and the lives of those around you. Our goals and expectations should be considered in a more broad and long-term fashion, and our alternative goals viewed as possibilities, not disappointments.

James Moore: First, work as hard as you can to prepare yourself for your career, but understand that our society is changing at an accelerating pace. The impacts of technology and globalization are just beginning to modify our world in ways that are only partially understood today. Uncertainty creates stress but also opportunities if you are ready to seize them. Your ability to do that will be driven in part by your career experience but also a lifelong commitment to learning.



Nancy Fugate Woods '68

bachelor's degree in nursing

Dr. Nancy Fugate Woods, described as "a legend in the field of modern American nursing," led a distinguished career of nearly 50 years as a nurse, professor, researcher and academic dean before retiring in June 2017 from the University of Washington School of Nursing.

A member of the first graduating class from UW-Eau Claire's nursing program, Woods subsequently earned a master's degree from the University of Washington and a doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

A highly respected researcher in the field of women's health, Woods has been awarded several millions of dollars in grant funds from the National Institutes of Health. She and her colleagues established the first NIH-funded Center for Women's Health Research at the University of Washington School of Nursing. Woods also helped shape research agendas in the area of women's health as a member of several NIH committees.

Woods has had nearly 300 journal articles as well as numerous book chapters and books published. Her countless awards and honors have included an Alumni Distinguished Achievement Award from the UW-Eau Claire Alumni Association in 1981, and, in 2017, a designation as a "Living Legend" by the American Academy of Nursing.

"Working at something you care about deeply is a gift," Woods said. "I loved my career as a nurse, educator and researcher. My education as a nurse prepared me to appreciate the diversity of human experience and to help people feel comfort and retain their dignity under difficult circumstances."

Woods now is working with UW-Eau Claire's nursing program to facilitate implementation of its first funded nursing chair, the Jane W. and James E. Moore Chair in Nursing Research. Jane and James Moore also are 2018 recipients of the Lifetime Excellence Award.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

Throughout my career, I have been determined to try things that were beyond my "comfort zone," such as leading interdisciplinary organizations related to nursing and women's health, serving as the dean of my school and traveling the world to teach and learn. Don't be afraid to try something new or risky. I discovered my capacity to learn by challenging myself, even in retirement!



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 numbered lines of text. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and some melodic fragments.