



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 2018 "Best Colleges for Your Money" list, MONEY ranks UW-Eau Claire as one of the top two public regional universities in Wisconsin and Minnesota for educational quality, affordability and alumni success. Furthermore, according to the 2019 Educate to Career College Rankings Index, UW-Eau Claire ranks among the top 12 percent in the nation for added value in terms of graduate employability and earnings, and we are one of only two UW System public regionals on the Forbes America's Best Value Colleges list.

Also know that as you leave this great university, you join the ranks of our more than 90,000 Blugold alumni making a difference the world over through their contributions in their workplaces and communities. Just look at the shining examples provided by our alumni award recipients being honored here today. The world will be a better place because of your skills and wisdom, entrepreneurship and integrity of spirit, strong work ethic and inspiring creativity — all hallmarks of your UW-Eau Claire degree.

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

With all best wishes for a bright Blugold future,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James C. Schmidt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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

Mission Statement of the University

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

Commencement Program

December 21, 2019	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor, Presiding	Congratulatory Remarks	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor
9 a.m.	College of Arts and Sciences College of Nursing and Health Sciences	Introduction of Alumni Award Recipients	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs <i>See pages 19-22 for background on the award recipients.</i>
2 p.m.	College of Business College of Education and Human Sciences	Charge to the Class	Beatris Mendez Gandica, Security Tooling Program Manager, Microsoft Corporation
Prelude by UW-Eau Claire Faculty Brass Quintet	Mike Alexander, horn Robert Baca, trumpet Jacob Grewe, tuba Matthew Mealey, trumpet Phil Ostrander, trombone	Presentation of Master's Candidates	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Greetings	Evan Weiher, Commencement Marshal, Chair, University Senate	Conferral of Master's Degrees	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor
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>	Presentation of Baccalaureate Candidates	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
National Anthem	The Star-Spangled Banner by John Stafford Smith Led by Eliza Morris, Bachelor of Music, Applied Voice Choral (morning) Led by Cally O'Leary, Bachelor of Music Education, Choral (afternoon)	Conferral of Baccalaureate Degrees	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor
Welcome and Introductions	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor	Blugold Reflections	Seth Reinhard, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science (morning) - "Always Say Thank You" Hannah Metry, Bachelor of Arts, English, Teaching (afternoon) - "The Next Big Something"
Introducing Members of the Platform Party	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor Warren Anderson, Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion & Student Affairs Albert Colom, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management John Haven, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Michael Carney, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Darrell Newton, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies Brewer Doran, Dean, College of Business Rodd Freitag, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences Carmen Manning, Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences Linda Young, Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences Debra Jansen, Associate Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences (morning) Margaret Cassidy, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences (morning) Jill Prushiek, Associate Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences (afternoon) Jean Pratt, Associate Dean, College of Business (afternoon) Evan Weiher, Commencement Marshal, Chair, University Senate	University Alma Mater	Led by Carlos Rojo, Bachelor of Art, Music (morning) Led by Nicole Bergquist, 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 16 for the key listing UW-Eau Claire's degree interpretations.

College of Arts and Sciences

SPECIALIST DEGREES

Matthew Emmett Mitchell Chippewa Falls
Ed.S., School Psychology
M.S.E., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
B.A., 2011, Macalester College
Program Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing
Thesis: Academic Screening in Middle School:
How well do AIMSweb Measures of Oral Reading
Fluency and NWEA Measures of Academic Progress
Predict Future Performance on State Exams
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing

MASTER'S DEGREES

Kyle Stone Appel Appleton
M.S.E., School Psychology
B.A., 2017, Luther College
Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing

Ashlyn Kay-Marie Blaschke Fennimore
M.S.E., School Psychology
B.S., 2018, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing

Lauren Rose Czarapata Saint Germain
M.S.E., School Psychology
B.S., 2018, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing

Jonathan L. Davis Bothell, WA
M.S., Data Science
B.S., 1997, Illinois State University
Advisor: Dr. Alex Smith

Calvin James Friedenfels Junction City
M.S., Data Science
B.B.A., 2008, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Advisor: Dr. Alex Smith

Salil Gupta Beachwood, OH
M.S., Data Science
B.S., 2017, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
Advisor: Dr. Alex Smith

Adam Charles Hendel Lake Elmo, MN
M.S., Data Science
B.S., 2017, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
B.A., 2008, Augsburg College
Advisor: Dr. Alex Smith

Allen James Kannal Brooklyn
M.A., English-Writing
B.A., 2016, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Advisor: Ms. Allyson Loomis
Thesis: The Baron of Bounty's End
Thesis Advisor: Ms. Molly Patterson

Allison Rose Kocik Hudson
M.S.E., School Psychology
B.S., 2014, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing

Matthew Dwan Noehring Lakeville, MN
M.S.E., School Psychology
B.S., 2017, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing

Tianna Jeanette Olsen Cumberland
M.S.E., School Psychology
B.S., 2018, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing

Joseph L. Saitta Centreville, VA
M.S., Data Science
M.S., 2005, George Mason University
B.S., 2001, George Mason University
Advisor: Dr. Alex Smith

Courtney Ann Stearns Eau Claire
M.S.E., School Psychology
B.S., 2018, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing

Adrienne Ellen Taylor Delano, MN
M.S.E., School Psychology
B.A., 2018, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing

Marissa Joline Warren Watkins, MN
M.S.E., School Psychology
B.S., 2017, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing

Jonathan D. Wood Waukesha
M.S., Data Science
B.S., 2013, Moody Bible Institute
Advisor: Dr. Alex Smith

Antonio Aloysius Raymundo Yamzon Philippines
M.S., Data Science
B.S., 2015, De La Salle University
Advisor: Dr. Alex Smith

Eric Wayne Anderson Burlington
B.S., Mathematics

Evan Joseph Andor
B.S., Women's Studies

Sophia Marie Annis
B.A., Latin American Studies

Ryan Matthew Baemmert **Kiel
University Honors
B.S., Computer Science

Mazlam Baftiri **Beloit
B.S., Computer Science

Kaitlyn Jean Baker Menomonie
B.A., Integrated Strategic Communication

Lewis Balom Chicago, IL
B.A., Integrated Strategic Communication

Jenna Rae Balsiger **Portage
B.A., Political Science

Alleah Irene Baltzer Rogers, MN
B.S., Neuroscience

Natalie Morgan Barry ***Manitowoc
University Honors
B.S., Chemistry

Nathan Thomas Barta *Madison
BS, Biology and Chemistry

Olivia Kathryn Bautch Eau Claire
B.S., Biology

Manvel Beaver Dresser
B.S., Mathematics

Sara Lynn Beekman Suamico
B.S., Integrated Strategic Communication

Cheyenne Marie Behling West Allis
B.A., Psychology

Logan Jaymes Bergevin **Ramsey, MN
B.S., Geography

Jacob Alexander Bernhardt Platteville
B.S., Biology

Hannah Rose Bettack ***Kiel
B.S., Mathematics

Claire Elizabeth Bicknell **Baraboo
B.S., Integrated Strategic Communication

Samson P. Blesi
B.S.E.P.H., Environmental Public Health

Olivia Carmen Bloch **Shiocton
B.S., Communication

Jordyn Beth Bowker Rice Lake
B.A., Psychology

Shane Ray Brandl *Auburndale
B.S., Computer Science

Jacob Michael Brant Pulaski
B.A., Criminal Justice

Rachael Marie Brinker Holdingford, MN
B.A., Criminal Justice

Lauren Brooks *Elko New Market, MN
B.A., Political Science and Spanish

Bridget Ann Brownell **Eau Claire
B.S., Criminal Justice

Isaac Douglas Burchby **Appleton
B.S., Mathematics

Nicholas Andrew Bures Deerbrook
B.S., Political Science

Weston Charles Busch **Eau Claire
B.S., Computer Science

Evren Alan Can *Brooklyn Park, MN
B.S., Computer Science

Killean Liquori Carter *Wisconsin Rapids
B.S., Psychology

Elise Catherine Chapin **Eau Claire
University Honors
B.S., Economics and Spanish

Sarah Jean Chojnacki Plainfield
B.A., Women's Studies

Katie Rose Christian **Fond du Lac
B.A., Communication

Lily Li Nee Chua ***Malaysia
B.S., Mathematics and Computer Science

Zi Shin Chua ***Malaysia
B.S., Computer Science

Alyssa Kay Clayton Oconomowoc
B.S., Psychology

Adara Carol Coker ***Rochester, MN
B.S., Biology

Andrew Douglas Collins Oakdale, MN
B.S., Computer Science

Nathan Samuel Cooksey Hudson
B.A., Integrated Strategic Communication

Kyra Lynn Coppinger **Waukesha
University Honors
B.S., Biology

Ryan M Cushman Eau Claire
B.A., History

Vincent Robert D'agostini
B.A., Criminal Justice

Jacob Sawyer Dawson ***Eau Claire
B.S., Computer Science

Logan William Dawson **Eau Claire
B.S., Biochemistry / Molecular Biology

Elijah Paul Delp Northfield, MN
B.S., Computer Science

Shania Jane Deutz *Marshall, MN
B.A., Communication

Holly Margaret DiNovo Hayward
B.A., English

Lauren Elena Diol Hubertus
B.S., Computer Science

Iris Mackenzie Dishno *Rio
B.A., Integrated Strategic Communication

Timothy Daniel Doornek Mukwonago
B.S., Computer Science

Hailey M Dowiasch Coon Valley
B.A., Psychology

Lindsey Grace Drachenberg ***Arena
B.S., Psychology

Elliot Francis Draxler **Eau Claire
B.S., Geology

Emma Tao Dreist **Waterford
B.S., Computer Science

Makena June Easker ***Mondovi
University Honors
B.S., Psychology

Jasmine Roshae Edge **Grand Meadow, MN
B.A., Psychology

Cole Thomas Edgell Vadnais Heights, MN
B.A., Integrated Strategic Communication

Marie Ehlers Rudolph
B.A., Communication

Spencer Robert Erdman Pleasant Prairie
B.A., Political Science

Ana Marie Bravo Erickson *Roberts
B.A., Psychology

Sarah Margaret Ericson **Maple Grove, MN
University Honors
B.S., Computer Science

Emma Lynn Fischer **Lakeland, MN
B.S., Materials Science

Kennedy Elizabeth Fitzgerald Wabasha, MN
B.L.S., Liberal Studies

Jenifer Elizabeth Fitzsimmons *La Crosse
B.S., Criminal Justice

Isaac Alan Flath Kronenwetter
B.S., Integrated Strategic Communication

Brett David Flugstad Bloomington, MN
B.S., Integrated Strategic Communication

Issa James Fofana Hudson
B.S., Psychology

Sheila Rose Foley *Oakdale, MN
B.S., Computer Science

Nolan Forehand **Algoma
B.S., Computer Science

Payton Sherald Foy Andover, MN
B.S., Mathematics

Kyle L France *Eau Claire
B.S., Computer Science

Aaron Matthew Fredricks Janesville
B.S., Biology

Alexander James Freuler Brown Deer
B.A., Criminal Justice

Ashlea Marie Gebhard Woodman
B.A., Psychology

Deidra Mae Gibson *Eau Claire
B.A., French

Trevor Samuel Griffin Naperville, IL
B.S., Art

Evan Michael Gunseor *Wausau
B.S., English

Josiah Eugene Gutzmer **Pine Island, MN
B.S., Computer Science

Katlin Marie Hahn **Marion
University Honors
B.A., Psychology

James Albert Halverson Cedar Rapids, IA
B.A., Political Science

Haileigh Anne Hanson Barron
B.L.S., Liberal Studies

Paige Taylor Hanson Rosemount, MN
B.A., Geography

Monica Donnellan Hart Eau Claire
B.A., Communication

Natalie Marie Haus Cold Spring, MN
B.S., Psychology

Keelie Lipton Heck Green Bay
B.S., Biology

Derrick Lee Henrichs *Oregon
B.S., Mathematics

Karen Chao Her *Wausau
B.A., Communication

Jennifer Marie Herman Middleton
B.S., Biology

John Anthony Hofstede IV Rockford, MN
B.A., Political Science

Joshua David Hogan *Farmington, MN
B.A., Political Science and History

Nicole Mary Holewinski Eau Claire
B.A., Psychology

Nathan Walter Hopp Green Bay
B.A., English

Nicholas Karl Hoven Winona, MN
B.A., Communication

Jiachen Hu China
B.S., Biology

JingWen Huang China
B.A., English



College of Nursing and Health Sciences

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Florence Shuri Fon Hugo, MN
D.N.P., Nursing
M.S.N., 2015, Walden University
B.S.N., 2011, Grand View University
Advisor: Dr. Debra Jansen
DNP Project: A Quality Improvement Project to Educate Providers and Clinical Staff at a Neighborhood Community Clinic on Customizing Care Plans for New Adult Immigrants

Alicia Nicole Grimm Arpin
D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)
B.S.N., 2011, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
B.S., 2008, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Advisor: Dr. Robin Beeman
DNP Project: Flash Continuous Glucose Monitoring: Primary Care Provider Education and Protocol for Referral

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Brittany Robin Marie Amborn Menomonie
B.S.N., Nursing

Shanyn Nichole Ambrozaitis ** Rice Lake
B.S.N., Nursing

Caroline Rose Anglin *** Rochester, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Katie Ruth Barber ** Hudson
B.S.N., Nursing

Maria Jean Becker ** Monticello, MN
B.S.N., Nursing and Spanish

Hattie Bell Berry ** Almond
B.S.N., Nursing

Savannah Rose Berthiaume * Superior
B.S.N., Nursing

Emily Ann Billingsley *** Menomonie
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing and Spanish

Rebecca Katharine Broschard ** Eden Prairie, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Adam Lewis Buchholtz ** Spring Valley, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Alexa Beth Collins * Spooner
B.S.N., Nursing

Chelsey Renee Craig ** Phillips
B.S.N., Nursing

Kaitlin Marie Croes ** Somerset
B.S.N., Nursing

Dannielle Margaret Dachel * Colfax
B.S.N., Nursing

Ryleigh Diane Dahlke * Edgar
B.S.N., Nursing

Whitney Lee Demoe ** Colfax
B.S.N., Nursing

Kellee Dixon ** Hudson
B.S.N., Nursing

Emily Claire Dorn ** Saint Cloud, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Andrea Nicole Dornbusch * Eau Claire
B.S.N., Nursing

Nathaniel John Egeberg ** New Hope, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Amanda Jean Erickson * Black River Falls
B.S.N., Nursing

Tammy Jean Felix * Edgar
B.S.N., Nursing

Brett William Fullerton ** Barron
B.S.N., Nursing

Mariah Lynn Gitter * Greenville
B.S.N., Nursing

Jade Jo Hackbarth ** Wausau
B.S.N., Nursing

Jensen Nicole Hagen ** Emerald
B.S.N., Nursing

Elizabeth Anne Handrick *** Marathon
B.S.N., Nursing

Sunshine Baoby Her ** Woodbury, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Anna Marie Herkert ** Marshfield
B.S.N., Nursing

Kaleb Andrew Herman * Spencer
B.S.N., Nursing

Stacie Lee Jacobs * Wisconsin Rapids
B.S.N., Nursing

John Michael Jacobson *** Holmen
B.S.N., Nursing

Megan Rose Kearney ** Lodi
B.S.N., Nursing

Alicia Marie Kurschner * Eau Claire
B.S.N., Nursing

Anthony Joseph LaTour ** Shakopee, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Emily Jane Leonard ** New Brighton, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Samuel Oliver Livingston *** Two Rivers
B.S.N., Nursing

Brooke Kristine Luoma * Grand Rapids, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Caitlin Lunder Maser ** Lino Lakes, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Maddison Lee McCormick ** Green Bay
B.S.N., Nursing

Molly Frances Merlin ** Cambridge
B.S.N., Nursing

Katelyn Michelle Meyers ** Knapp
B.S.N., Nursing

Sarah Ann Miller ** Green Bay
B.S.N., Nursing

Sydney Jean Miller *** Granton
B.S.N., Nursing

Alexa Rose Niebuhr ** West Salem
B.S.N., Nursing

Bailey Kathryn Nilssen * Sparta
B.S.N., Nursing

Megan Lynnea Pearson *** Oregon
B.S.N., Nursing

Tiffany Morgan Peterson ** Rib Lake
B.S.N., Nursing

Jenna Marie Pyka Arcadia
B.S.N., Nursing

Gabriella Sheri Rodriguez ** Lakeville, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Jacob Roth ** Rochester, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Sara Anne Rykal ** Eau Claire
B.S.N., Nursing

Jordan Marie Sather * River Falls
B.S.N., Nursing

Lindsay Allison Schafer *** Waukesha
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Caitlin Marie Schartau ** Oronoco, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Alyssa Lynn Schimelfenyg ** Waterford
B.S.N., Nursing

Jennifer Rachel Schubkegel ** Waterloo
B.S.N., Nursing

Olivia Virginia Spiegel *** Chippewa Falls
B.S.N., Nursing

Tayva Marie Strom *** Houlton
B.S.N., Nursing

Pahli Thao ** Wisconsin Rapids
B.S.N., Nursing

Rebecca Rose Thomas *** Roberts
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing and German

Kara Nicole Trainor * Menomonie
B.S.N., Nursing

Alexa Elizabeth Tremble ** Muskego
B.S.N., Nursing

Lydia Cora Wargula ** Ripon
B.S.N., Nursing

Samantha Jo Weinfurter ** Rudolph
B.S.N., Nursing

Claire Campbell Wenzel ** Woodbury, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Rebecca Marie Wickler ** Oconomowoc
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Emma Christine Wilcox ** Lindstrom, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Rachel Erin Wilhelm **
B.S.N., Nursing

Ainsley Marie Williams * Rochester, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Caroline Suzanne Wittchell *** Hudson
B.S.N., Nursing

College of Business

MASTER'S DEGREES

Zeeshan Mohammad Alam Somerset, NJ
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
M.S., 2011, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
B.S., 2006, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Lauren Marie Bachmann Germantown
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.A., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Platteville
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

William Keller Barrett Louisville, KY
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.S., 2015, University of Kentucky
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Matthew James Bobzien Detroit, MI
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.S., 2008, Kettering University
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Lindsey Gene Brown Locust Grove, VA
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.B.A., 2011, Old Dominion University
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Michael Gerald Burger Cedarburg
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.S., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Jordan Christensen Mesa, AZ
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
J.D., 2011, The Ohio State University
B.S., 2007, Northern Illinois University
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Drake Andrew Cushman Ames, IA
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.S., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Julie Kay Dedrickson Eau Claire
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.A., 1987, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Peter Nguyen Girten Escondido, CA
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.S., 2005, University of California, San Diego
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Ashley Morgan Head Findlay, OH
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.S., 2014, The Pennsylvania State University
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Megan Elizabeth Headean Bloomington, IL
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.S., 2012, University of Louisville
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Benjamin Joseph Hunter Rockford, IL
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.S., 2003, Illinois Institute of Technology
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Brian Thomas Izdepski Fordland, MO
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
M.S., 2012, Michigan State University
B.S., 1995, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Johnathan Jacob Kapinus Madison
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.S., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Kathryn L. Kehoe Pittsburgh, PA
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.S., 2014, The Pennsylvania State University
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

John Aaron Kemper Fort Myers, FL
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.S., 2015, Florida Gulf Coast University
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Kevin Allen Kirk Cypress, TX
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.B.A., 2015, Texas Tech University
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Alex James Kissh Racine
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.S., 2010, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Heath Wayne Krejci Chippewa Falls
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.S., 2013, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Reid Joseph Kruszewski Ada, MI
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.S., 2006, Western Michigan University
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Crystal Marie Lothe Stevens Point
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
M.S.N., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
B.S.N., 2007, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Jennifer Lynn Schmitz O'Neill Omaha, NE
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.S., 2008, Bellevue University
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Leslie Ann Olguin Salem, AL
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.A., 2013, Columbus State University
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Ajit Maruti Pharne Schaumburg, IL
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
M.S., 2006, University of Cincinnati
B.E., 2003, University of Pune
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Darren Robert Poe Aurora, IL
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.S.M.E., 2014, University of Missouri-St. Louis
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Jason Emanuel Price Atlanta, GA
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.B.A., 2016, University of Georgia
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Joseph Andrew Quam
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.S., 2006, Winona State University
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Andrea Kinsel Reese Forest Hills, NY
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.S.E., 2006, Georgia Institute of Technology
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Connor Matthew Roche Darlington
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.S., 2015, United States Military Academy
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Jesse A. Rothschild Amherst, NY
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.S., 2009, University at Albany
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Matthew James Schneider Cincinnati, OH
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.S., 1998, Miami University
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Luke Claude Setliff Hickory, NC
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.S., 2013, High Point University
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Kimberly Shiao Arlington, VA
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.S., 2016, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Shintaro Taniguchi Honolulu, HI
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
B.S., 2007, University of Michigan
Program Advisor: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer

Gregory Joseph Tarman Grand Junction, CO
University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree
M.B.A. Business Administration
M.D., 1992, Georgetown University
B.S., 1988, California Polytechnic State University
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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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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
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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

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 80 seniors joined our community of alumni and donors 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 in support of UW-Eau Claire and to commemorate their graduation year:

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Alumni Awards

Eight 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.



Bridget Osborn '08
bachelor's degree in geology

Bridget Osborn was the first Blugold to complete UW-Eau Claire's geology dual degree in engineering in partnership with the University of Minnesota, through which she earned a bachelor's degree in geology from UW-Eau Claire and a bachelor's

degree in geological engineering from the U of M. She also enjoyed a successful track and field career as a Blugold, becoming an All American in the heptathlon her senior year.

A water resource project engineer with HR Green in St. Paul, Minnesota, since 2010, Osborn creates innovative solutions for managing storm water and other runoff. For example, she played a key role in designing two water-reuse irrigation systems along a narrow roadway reconstruction corridor in Woodbury, Minnesota. The green infrastructure technology helped reduce downstream pollutants and reduce strain on a depleting aquifer.

For her outstanding work in the field, Osborn has earned multiple awards and professional recognitions, including the 2014 Emerging Leader Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies of Minnesota, one of five national ACEC Young Professional of the Year Awards for 2016 and the DiscoverE New Face of Engineering Award in 2016.

Ajay Jain, water resources practice leader at HR Green, said Osborn's dedication and talent make her highly deserving of recent accolades.

"Bridget brings lots of energy and dedication to finding practical, cost-effective solutions for her clients while improving the environment and quality of life for the communities she serves," Jain said.

In addition to her work with HR Green, Osborn is a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, her local watershed district and environmental conservation nonprofit Great River Greening. She also gives talks to students about engineering, especially for girls considering the STEM fields.

In a recent interview, Osborn spoke about her talks with youth: "I love seeing the kids' faces, that 'ah ha' moment when they learn how engineering plays such an important role in their everyday lives."

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

All the knowledge we have is built from our experiences. Take every opportunity to learn what you can. Even if it doesn't directly apply to your career goals, it may be relevant to a future client, co-worker, friend or family member. Network, network, network. The more people you meet, the more opportunities you'll have.



Abigail Zimmer '07
bachelor's degree in English –
creative writing

Since graduating from UW-Eau Claire in 2007, Abigail Zimmer has earned a master of fine arts degree in creative writing from Columbia College Chicago and built an acclaimed and prolific career as a poet and

poetry editor, publishing two chapbooks and one full-length collection of her own poetry, and working as an editor for the small Chicago publishing company she co-founded, the Lettered Streets Press. To date, the press, which champions emerging voices, voices of color and LGBTQ voices, has published 12 books of poetry from 16 authors, many of whom were publishing their first collections.

"It's so exciting to be able to provide a platform for emerging voices and contribute toward a genre of literature that has in many ways become my lifeline," Zimmer said.

Joshua Young, with whom Zimmer founded the Lettered Streets Press, said, "Abigail looks at a work from the inside, allowing room for a poet or writer to publish work that is inherently theirs."

Zimmer also maintains a full-time position as an editorial and production coordinator at the Society of American Archivists, where she edits and manages content for a biweekly newsletter, a bimonthly magazine, a biannual journal and three book publications a year.

Zimmer's poetry has garnered several awards, including the Chicago Review of Books 2016 Poetry Award, the 2014 Lannan Prize from the Academy of American Poets and the 2014 Lya Dym Rosenblum Award from Columbia College Chicago. Her works have appeared in numerous publications and anthologies, including NightBlock, Jellyfish, The New Megaphone and Fairy Tale Review, among others.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

The writing advice that has most influenced me is "Write what you want to read," which I think is applicable to any field. In other words, is there a program, community, artwork, code, study, etc. you wish to see? Create the space to do the work you want to do. And be gentle with yourself. Your interests, desires and career path will evolve. Times of loss and heartbreak may require you to slow down. Keep returning to what gives you life. Most likely, someone else needs the work you're doing, too.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

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



Kristie Franz '95

bachelor's degree in geology

Kristie Franz, a native of nearby Chippewa Falls, entered UW-Eau Claire as a first-generation college student, intending to major in psychology. But after just one geology class, taken to fulfill a general education requirement, she knew geology

was her true calling.

After her UW-Eau Claire graduation, Franz worked for four years as a hydrogeologist before pursuing a master's degree in hydrology and water resources from the University of Arizona, followed by a doctorate in civil engineering from the University of California, Irvine. In 2006 she accepted a faculty position in the department of geological and atmospheric sciences at Iowa State University, where today she is a tenured associate professor. A nationally recognized research scientist, Franz has authored or co-authored 24 peer-reviewed journal articles since 2003 and presented research findings at more than 30 professional conferences and meetings over the past five years.

Franz, whose research focuses on improving the understanding and prediction of watershed behavior, has obtained more than \$2 million in grant funding for her studies, many of which are aimed at improving flood and water supply forecasts across the country. Her work includes mentoring both graduate students and undergraduates, and she views their successes as her biggest impact on the science of hydrology. Franz said UW-Eau Claire geology faculty have remained a source of support and guidance as she has advanced in her career.

"One of the most important opportunities I received at UW-Eau Claire was engaging in undergraduate research projects under the guidance of professors," Franz said. "These experiences were invaluable for gaining insight into how research is done, learning about my scientific strengths and weaknesses, and defining my interests and goals."

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

Your major in college and your first jobs do not have to define your entire professional career. It is OK if you do not know what you want to do with the rest of your life. Use college as a time to set yourself onto a path with options, learn to be open to opportunities, and accept that you will always be learning.



Andrew Neesley '03

bachelor's degree in music

Andrew Neesley is an award-winning and inventive trumpeter, violinist, singer, composer and producer. Born in Milwaukee and based in New York, Neesley has made his mark nationally performing with contemporary music greats — among

them National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Master Candido Camero, the Roots, James Taylor, Chris Botti, Lady Gaga and many others.

Neesley has performed, composed and arranged with the Bobby Sanabria Big Band on three Grammy-nominated albums and a Latin Grammy-nominated album. His gospel rock band Jesus On The Mainline features 15 talented young New York musicians and recently released "The Morning Bell," its debut full-length album. Other collaborations have included working with fellow UW-Eau Claire alumnus David Whitman on the Independent Music Award-winning album "Oh, Clara!" in 2017 and an upcoming 2020 album. Neesley also serves as music director for mmm... bands, a boutique private event company.

Neesley, who received a master's degree from the Manhattan School of Music after graduating from UW-Eau Claire, is a past recipient of the ASCAP Young Jazz Composer's Award, winner of the National Trumpet Competition, finalist in the International Trumpet Guild Jazz Improvisation Competition and recipient of a DownBeat Student Music Award for Best Engineered Studio Album. He continues to teach brass and jazz improvisation to a new generation of musicians, maintaining a private lesson studio in New York.

Neesley said the teaching of UW-Eau Claire professor of music and jazz studies director Robert Baca has been central in his career and life.

"I really grew into the musician and adult I am today during my time studying under his tutelage," Neesley said. "To this day I can call on so many life lessons learned in his second-floor office. And they are lessons I pass on to new generations of my own students."

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

Find a balance of trusting your hard work and looking for new answers to old questions. Also, be kind to each other. All the relationships you've made at UW-Eau Claire will follow you. You'll call on your friends for favors, they'll call on you. You'll grow old together. It's beautiful.



Johnny Washington '81

bachelor's degree in business administration

Johnny Washington was a member of the Blugold men's basketball team throughout his time at UW-Eau Claire, serving as co-captain during the 1979-80 season when the team placed fourth in the NAIA national tournament in Kansas City, Missouri. He was again with the team when they returned to the national tournament in 1981, that time finishing third.

Ken Anderson, head Blugold men's basketball coach from 1968-95, said he was impressed with Washington as a leader on the team.

"Johnny was an outstanding player, and his great personality and leadership skills were a key factor in the team's success, which included three conference championships as well as three trips to the national tournament during the time he was a player," Anderson said. "Coupled with his academic pursuits in UW-Eau Claire's business program, it was very evident Johnny Washington was going to be successful after UW-Eau Claire."

After his UW-Eau Claire graduation, Washington first accepted a position with J.I. Case Co. in his hometown of Racine and later joined Dean Industries in the Los Angeles, California, area. He then launched what would be a 30-year career in the insurance industry with CNA Continental Casualty Co. before his retirement in 2012.

In recent years Washington has faced health problems, including a cancer battle. A year ago he was honored by his high school alma mater, Case High School in Racine, where he was a basketball standout before he played with the Blugolds. In a comment to the Racine Journal Times following the event, his drive and determination that were evident on the basketball court still shined through.

"I've had a great life," Washington told the Journal Times. "God has been so good to me. I've experienced things that a lot of people haven't experienced. My mom taught me to never give up, and I won't give up."

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

1. Don't get discouraged if can't find your job of choice. It only means another door will open.
2. Don't be afraid to make mistakes — you can learn from them.
3. Be positive and productive, and ask questions.



David Whitman '05

bachelor's degree in music

David Whitman didn't have to travel far from his hometown of Menomonie to UW-Eau Claire, where his undergraduate experience would launch a success-filled career that would take him great distances.

Whitman went on to earn full-tuition scholarships that helped him attain a master's degree and doctorate in percussion performance and pedagogy at Kansas State University and the University of Southern Mississippi, respectively. Today he is an award-winning jazz and orchestral percussionist and professional music educator. As a top-call percussionist in southern California, he has been the principal player in large-scale productions at most major symphonic venues in the region. He also has performed with a long list of Broadway tours, the San Diego Symphony and many big-name artists. In addition, Whitman is an educator and mentor to aspiring professional players, working as a lecturer and percussion studio faculty member at San Diego State University and as a lead teacher at a K-12 charter school in the San Diego area.

In 2018, Whitman's album "Oh, Clara!" — an ode to both his daughter and to Eau Claire — was awarded the Best Album award in the jazz instrumental category during the 16th annual Independent Music Awards event at Lincoln Center in New York City. Collaborators on the album included fellow UW-Eau Claire alumnus Andrew Neesley, also a December recipient of the Alumni Association's President's Award.

Whitman credits UW-Eau Claire with giving him the foundation for his success.

"The experience of working hard to earn a spot in such a reputable band as Jazz Ensemble I at UW-Eau Claire shaped my identity and guided my achievements, encouraging grit and determination," Whitman said. "In that band, as well as in the orchestra and other ensembles, I developed a model for excellence and professionalism. Ron Keezer. Robert Baca. Jeffery Crowell. Nobuyoshi Yasuda. These people connected with me in the most meaningful ways on a deep musical level."

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

Imagine and embrace your own vision, and then see that vision through to fruition. Make sure that the vision includes excellence — the same excellence emblazoned on the seal of the very fine University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Understand that the successful pursuit of that vision will include failures and moments of struggle that will become essential stepping-stones on your way to success, and make sure to take time to reflect in moments of struggle to move forward in the right direction. Challenge yourself to be the best version of yourself, to act with integrity and to do right by others as well as by yourself. Understand that living your vision means walking your own path, being creative (which usually means working tirelessly to create something), thinking "outside of the box," and — most importantly — trusting in yourself when you know it can be done but others do not. Do not hide your light or live down to others' expectations; shine your light and live up to your own imagination. Mozart and Beethoven created masterpieces differently, but both created masterpieces and each embraced their own vision.

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."



Timothy J. Murphy '76
bachelor's degree in marketing

On Jan. 1, 2019, Timothy J. Murphy retired from his role as president and CEO of Nortrax Inc., a John Deere construction and forestry equipment dealer with branches throughout the United States and Canada.

Murphy began his career with Nortrax in 2000 as vice president and general manager of the Midwest region and was named president and CEO in 2013. In this role, Murphy directed his focus and expertise to the areas of transition and change management, and successfully led the company to become one of the most successful global John Deere subsidiaries, one with 56 locations, 1,400 employees and many thousands of dedicated customers.

Prior to his years with Nortrax, Murphy spent 23 years in the construction and forestry equipment industry, holding various sales and marketing management roles with American and Canadian corporations. His return to Wisconsin to join Nortrax offered him the opportunity to give back to UW-Eau Claire as a guest lecturer in the College of Business, where every year he presented his "Ten Leadership Lessons from the Real World" lecture twice each semester.

Since retiring, Murphy has offered his time and expertise as a consultant for a nonprofit called Project 180. The group is devoted to successful rehabilitation of formerly incarcerated individuals, providing various means of assistance in their transitions back to society. Murphy also volunteers at a homeless day care center in Sarasota, Florida, serves within his local St. Patrick's Parish and officiates golf events as a certified USGA expert rules official.

"My time at UW-Eau Claire didn't guarantee a successful career, but it provided me the background and experiences to go out and create one," Murphy said.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

Let the path take you to your dreams rather than predefining them. Taking the uncertain route creates the greatest opportunity for mistakes and the biggest opportunity to learn from them. Follow that unknown path wherever it leads you because it is the journey that you will remember forever, not the destination. You'll be happy where the road takes you, wherever that may be.



Jane Trimble Johanos '76
bachelor's degree in nursing

Jane "JJ" Trimble Johanos (professionally known as Jane Trimble) was the founder and president of PMS Clinic of Minneapolis, established in 1982 to specialize in the identification and treatment of premenstrual syndrome using a holistic

approach known as the Trimble Model. In addition to her Blugold nursing degree, Trimble holds a master's degree in psychiatric/mental health care nursing from the University of Minnesota and a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Iowa.

Motivated by her career observations of frequent misdiagnosis and treatment, Trimble set out to "redefine premenstrual experience for women, their families, medical professionals, society and a biased work force." Through television, print interviews and lecture series, Trimble educated health-care professionals and women nationwide on the physical, emotional and behavioral changes experienced by most women in response to the normal menstrual cycle.

Throughout the 1980s, the clinic served more than 4,000 women from 41 states and was staffed by one psychologist, three master's-prepared psychiatric nurse specialists, two family practice physicians and a gynecologist, all of whom helped to alter women's perception of the premenstrual experience from one of "victim" to one of "manager."

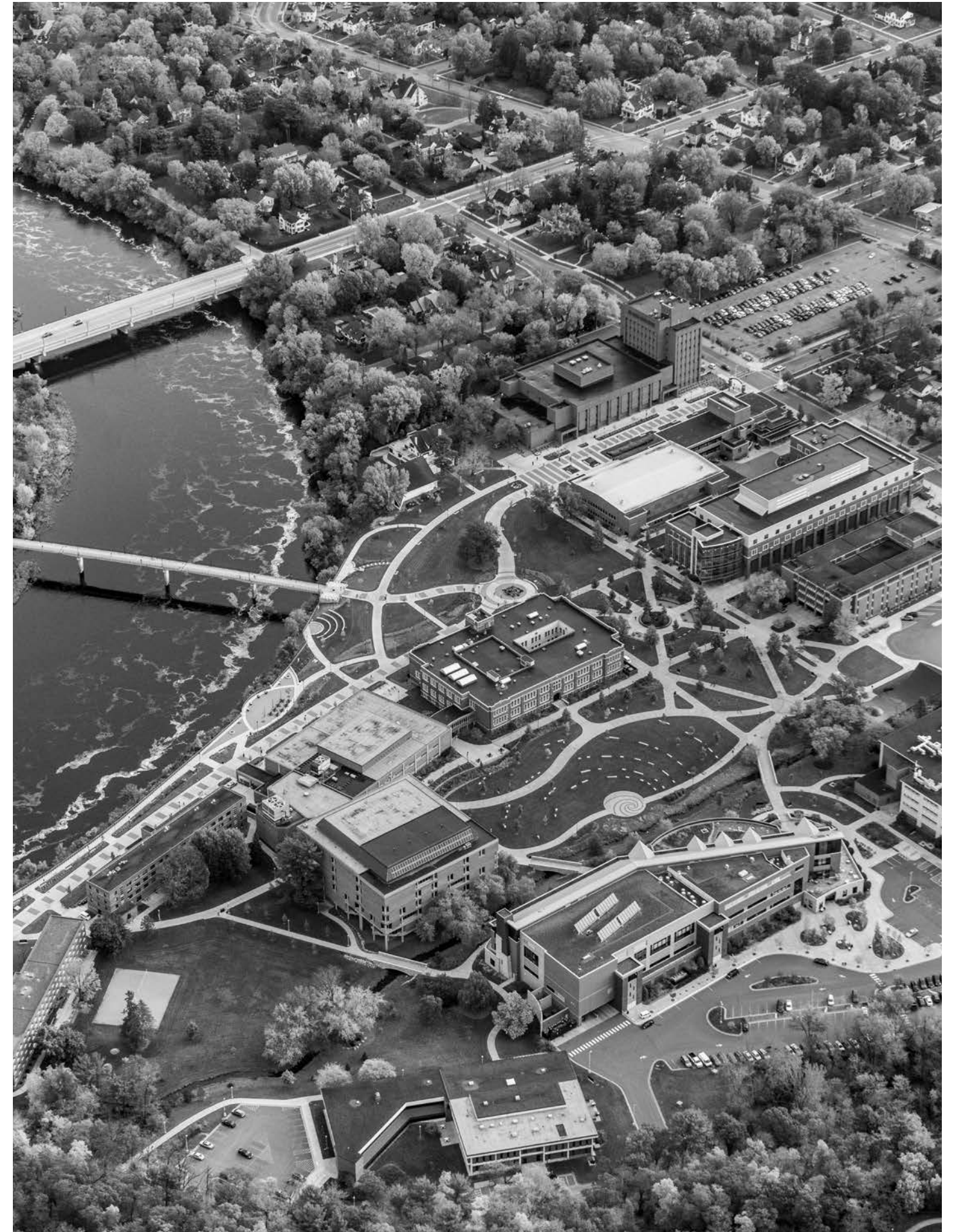
Dr. Linda Young, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at UW-Eau Claire, put Trimble's work and the success of her clinic into important context within the field.

"JJ's pioneering independent nursing practice sets her apart as a significant leader who laid the groundwork for the autonomous advanced nursing practice in our country today," Young said.

Trimble said she accepts her UW-Eau Claire honor with gratitude, and "with humility I acknowledge the enduring spirit and pursuit of excellence in nursing standards established by the UW-Eau Claire College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and exemplified by the expectations of the faculty and curriculum."

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

Set out to create the "you" you want to be, because that which you consciously envision and set your sights on is what you will most likely become. Make decisions that add value to your life and to the lives of others, never compromising your integrity. Demonstrate honor and respect for those who have preceded you and know that someday you too will be "in the past," so have no regrets. You live this life only once; create your life and choose to make it count.



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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The first system contains the first two lines of lyrics. The second system contains the next two lines of lyrics. The third system contains the final two lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

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 e.