

COMMENCEMENT

2022

#### **Our Mark of Excellence**

The University Seal made its entrance into the life of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in 1966, and today it remains the official symbol of the university and the values it upholds. The seal prominently features the Council Oak tree and the word "Excellence."

### **Council Oak**

The Council Oak stands as a symbol of UW-Eau Claire's commitment to serving as a place of meeting and exchange. The symbolism originated with the first Council Oak, a majestic tree that stood where the Ojibwe and Dakota nations as well as other nations, including the Ho-Chunk, Menominee and Potawatomi, met to share knowledge and discuss peaceful resolutions to their differences. The current Council Oak was planted and dedicated in 1990 by elders from the Ojibwe and Ho-Chunk nations after the original Council Oak, which had been damaged by lightning in 1966, fell in a windstorm in 1987.

The Council Oak remains a sacred place and is recognized by UW-Eau Claire as a symbol of the ancestral and sacred lands of Indigenous Peoples, past and present. We acknowledge that the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire occupies the sacred and ancestral lands of Indigenous Peoples.

We honor the land of the Ojibwe and Dakota Nations.

## **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.



### 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!

Graduates, you have persevered and shown remarkable resilience in pursuit of a world-class UW-Eau Claire education, inspiring you and your classmates to succeed both in and outside the classroom. It has been my distinct pleasure to meet many of you, and in our insightful 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 your respective communities and the world.

You can look to the future knowing there is true value in your UW-Eau Claire degree. Forbes has listed UW-Eau Claire among the top universities in the United States, and the highest ranked in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois in its most recent rankings of America's Top Colleges for accessibility, affordability and student success. Furthermore, the Princeton Review lists UW-Eau Claire as an "academically outstanding" institution in its 2023 Best Regional Colleges list, and U.S. News & World Report's 2023 Best Colleges listing ranks us at the top of Wisconsin's public comprehensive universities. U.S. News & World Report also ranks UW-Eau Claire among its "Most Innovative Schools" because of our cutting-edge practices.

Also know that as you leave this great university, you join the ranks of our more than 95,000 Blugold alumni making a difference through their contributions in their workplaces and communities. Your UW-Eau Claire experiences have equipped you with the knowledge and desire to make this world a better place. Your skills and wisdom, entrepreneurship and integrity of spirit, strong work ethic and inspiring creativity that helped you overcome challenges throughout your college career will serve you well in the future.

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

With all best wishes for a bright Blugold future,

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

# Commencement Program

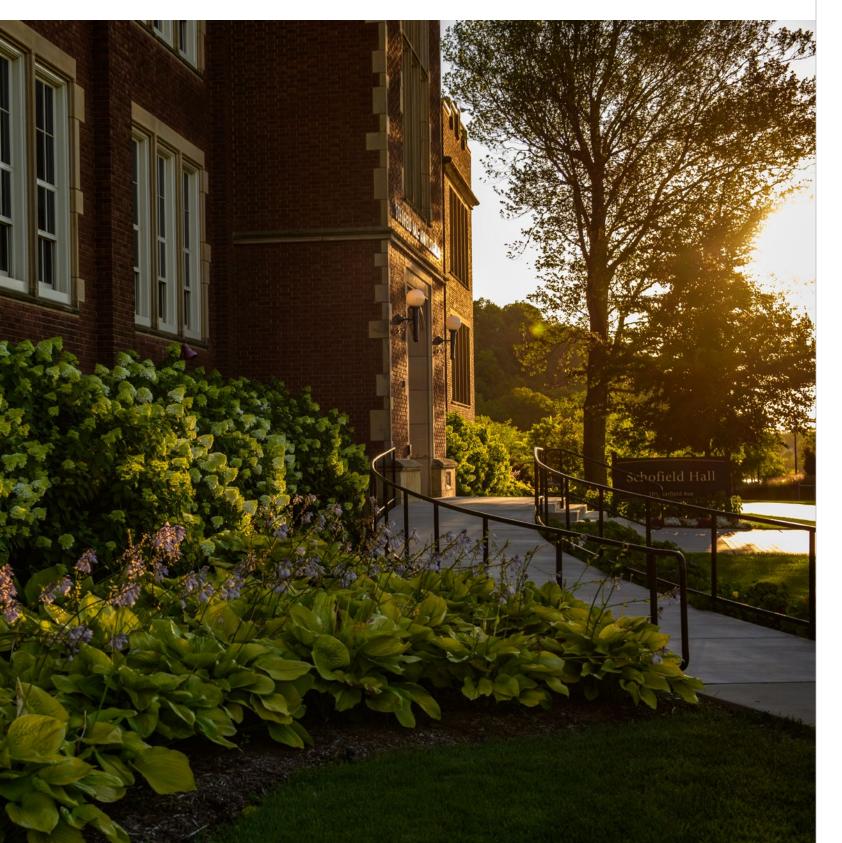
December 17, 2022	Chancellor James C. Schmidt presiding		
9 a.m.	College of Business College of Education and Human Sciences		
1:30 p.m.	College of Arts and Sciences College of Nursing and Health Sciences		
Prelude by Brass Quintet	Allison Akins, horn Robert Baca, professor, trumpet Jacob Grewe, lecturer, tuba Matthew Mealey '99, trumpet Phil Ostrander, professor, trombone		
Greetings	Evan Weiher, Commencement Marshal, University Senate Chair		
Processional	"Pomp and Circumstance" No. 1, "Land of Hope and Glory," by Sir Edward Elgar Please rise and remain standing through the National Anthem.		
National Anthem	"The Star-Spangled Banner" by John Stafford Smith Led by Erica Birenbaum, Bachelor of Music Education, Choral Teaching and Haley Corcoran, Bachelor of Music Education, Choral Teaching Presentation of the Colors by UW-Eau Claire ROTC Cadets		
Welcome and Introductions	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs		
Introducing Members of the Platform Party	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor Grace Crickette, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Mary F. Hoffman, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies Louisa Rice, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs K. Brewer Doran, Dean, College of Business Carmen K. Manning, Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences Sonja Meiers, Acting Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences Gregg M. Heinselman, Interim Dean of Students Margaret Cassidy, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences (1:30 p.m.) Debra Jansen, Associate Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences (1:30 p.m.) Jean Pratt, Associate Dean, College of Business (9 a.m.) Jill Prushiek, Associate Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences (9 a.m.) Evan Weiher, Commencement Marshal, Chair, University Senate		



Greetings from the UW System Board of Regents	Kyle M. Weatherly, Regent	
Congratulatory Remarks	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor	
Introduction of Alumni Award Recipients	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor  See pages 19-21 for background on the award recipients.	
Charge to the Class	Camila Mennitte Pereyra '18	
College Dean Remarks	K. Brewer Doran, Dean, College of Business (9 a.m.) Carmen K. Manning, Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences (9 a.m.) Sonja J. Meiers, Acting Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences (1:30 p.m.) Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences (1:30 p.m.)	
Presentation and Conferral of Master's Candidates	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs James C. Schmidt, Chancellor	
Presentation and Conferral of Baccalaureate Candidates	Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs James C. Schmidt, Chancellor	
Blugold Reflections	"The True Meaning of Success," Claire Courtney, Bachelor of Social Work, Social Work (9 a. "Metamorphosis," Jennifer Claflin, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Liberal Arts (1:30 p.m.)	
University Alma Mater	Led by Hannah DeYoung, Bachelor of Music Education, Choral Teaching (9 a.m.) Led by Asiah Doyle, Bachelor of Arts, Theater Arts (1:30 p.m.)	
Recessional	omp and Circumstance" No. 1, "Land of Hope and Glory," by Sir Edward Elgar iumphal March" from "Aida," by Giuseppe Verdi	
	Please wait to move from your seat until after the graduates have exited the arena.	
Photographs	Grad Images, professional photographers, will take photos of all graduates as they receive their diplomas. In order to reset the arena for the next event, there will be no personal photo opportunities in Zorn Arena following the ceremony. The college banners that you see on stage and other photo backdrops will be available 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 (GPA 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 Business

#### **MASTER'S DEGREES**

Program Advisor: Rachel Funk-Johnson, M.S.

Joseph Aldridge Gulf Breeze, FL University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration M.A., 2011, Bellevue University

B.S., 2007, Methodist University

Danielle Suzanne Allemon Dundee, MI Jniversity of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration B.B.A., 2013, Adrian College

Tricia Ann Bagley Belleville University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration M.S., 2019, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay B.A.S., 2017, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Daniel Alexander Bava Farmingdale, NJ M.B.A., Business Administration B.S., 2010, Villanova University

Krysta Ann Bever Holmen ersity of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.R.A. Rusiness Administration DPT, 2012, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse B.S., 2009, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

**Landon James Bresina** Chippewa Falls University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration M.S., 2018, Saint Louis University B.S., 2013, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

James Marvin Bruegger Eau Claire M.R.A. Business Administration B.B.A., 2020, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

**Bradley Raymond Burmeister** Green Bay University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration

M.D., 2014. Michigan State University B.S., 2010, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Stacey Phuong Chau Menlo Park, CA University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.S., 2006, San Jose State University B.S., 2000, University of California-Los Angeles

Erica Sue Christensen Madison University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration B.S., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Brent Lee Cochran Oak Park, IL University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration B.S., 2013, Montana Tech of the University of Montana

**David Cyron** versity of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration

M.S., 2017, Georgia Institute of Technology

**Derrick Dlouhy** Tigard, OR University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration B.A., 2015, University of Northern Iowa

Kelly Danielle Enghofer Santa Cruz, CA University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration M.O.T., 2013, University of Pittsburgh B.S., 2010, University of Pittsburgh

Daniel Joseph Fedewa Eau Claire University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration B.B.A., 2018, Baker College

Michael Robert Hancock O Fallon, MO University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration B.S., 2011, Brigham Young University

Evan Alexander Henderson Verona University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration M.S., 2011, Fordham University B.A., 2009, Boston College

John Hindman IV Raleigh, NC University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration B.S., 2011, Gardner-Webb University

Ethan William Hussong Chicago, IL University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration

B.S., 2011, American InterContinental University

Chester Louis Keating IV Spring Hill, FL University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration M.S., 2009, Louisiana State University B.S., 2007, Louisiana State University

Kerry Beth Kennedy Otsego, MN University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A.. Business Administration

B.A., 1998, University of Minnesota, Morris William Christopher Knudson Columbus, OH

University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration B.S., 2018, Clemson University

Alexandra Patten Korab New Berlin M.R.A. Business Administration B.A., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Senthil G. Krishna Columbus, OH University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration M.D., 2000. University of Delhi B.S., 1997, Coimbatore Medical College and Hospital

Haakon Ivar Sorum Lean Washburn University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration B.B.A., 2017, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Katelyn Mellion La Crosse University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration M.D., 2014, University of Toledo M.S., 2010, University of Cincinnati B.Ch.E., 2007, University of Dayton

Tomas Andres Mora Dalmazzo Aventura, FL University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration

B.S., 2012, Pontificia Universidad Catolica De Chile

Cynthia Ann Netwal Sheboygan iversity of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration B.A., 2000, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

Jane Angelica Noel III Sarasota, FL University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration B.A., 2014, University of South Florida

Samson Otuwa Las Vegas, NV University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration M.D., 1984, University of Ibadan

Chad E. Pagel Brookfield University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration B.S., 2009, University of Wisconsin-Platteville

Melissa Renee Pleva Northville, MI University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration Pharm.D., 2004, University of Wisconsin-Madison B.S., 2000, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Troy Michael Pluger Hatley

University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration B.S., 2020, University of Wisconsin-Stout

**Mukesh Ramvir Pratap** Corpus Christi, TX University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration

M.S., 2004, Penn State University M.S., 2003, University of Alabama B.S., 2002, University of Mumba

Swanandesh Kusumakar Rane Princeton Junction, NJ

University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration B.S., 1995, Terna Engineering College

Joshua Randall Rogers Fort Worth, TX University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration B.A.A.S., 2014, Texas A&M University-Commerce

Nathan Douglas Roseen Brooklyn Park, MN M.B.A., Business Administration B.S., 2009, Iowa State University

Austin Allan Richard Schoenborn Cumberland University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree

M.B.A., Business Administration B.B.A., 2018, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Ryan Paul Schwanz Asbury, IA versity of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration B.B.A., 2012, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

Lindsey Sherman Manheim, PA University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration B.S., 2013, University of Delaware

Enrique Soto-Ruiz El Paso, TX University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration Pharm.D., 2010, University of Texas at Austin

B.S., 2006, University of Texas at El Paso Vincent Stanziola Belmar, NJ University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration

Matthew David Strub Duluth, MN University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration B.S., 2017, University of Minnesota, Duluth

B.S., 2014, West Virginia University

Charles Patrick Umhoefer New Glarus M.B.A., Business Administration

B.S., 2007, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Brittiany Vossekuil** Sussex University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A. Business Administration B.S., 2013, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Benjamin John Wunderlich Kalona, IA University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.B.A., Business Administration B.S., 2001, United States Military Academy, West Point

Jennie Wunderlich Kalona IA University of Wisconsin Consortium Degree M.R.A. Business Administration B.S., 2003, United States Military Academy, West Point **Regan Marie Adamson \*** Chippewa Falls B.B.A., Marketing

**Mattias Daniel Allen \*\*** Cottage Grove B.B.A., Marketing

Wyatt C Anklam \*\*\* Wausau

University Honors

B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance

**Maxwell Todd Bailey** Mazomanie B.B.A., Business Finance and Economics

Brandon M Batzel Holmen

B.B.A., Management

**Hayden Allen Baughman \*\***† Cornell B.B.A., Accounting

**Benton Mitchell Bourget** Eau Claire B.B.A., Management

**Fayth Bowe** Chippewa Falls B.B.A., Management

Tristan Todd Bradley Hubertus

B.B.A., Marketing

Karen Elizabeth Bresnahan \*\*\* Madison University Honors

B.B.A., Accounting and Spanish

Janelle Ashleigh Bronkhorst Pulaski BBA Marketing

**Megan Elizabeth Browne \*** Minneapolis, MN B.B.A., Information Systems

Christopher A Budoff West Bend

Allen Paul Bunker Green Bay

B.B.A., Management

Kiley Marie Casey Somerset

Yujie Chen \*\* China

Alex Calvin Cloud Wisconsin Dells

Griffin Scott Custer Eau Claire

RRA Rusiness Finance

Honor Elizabeth Davis New Richmond

**Maxwell Evan Davis \*** Plymouth, MN B.B.A. Marketing

Arianna Lee Day \*\* Savage, MN

Eliza Marie Decorah \* Eau Claire

B.B.A., Management

Brady James Deegan \*\* Albany

Sydney Lynn Dobratz Lakeville, MN

B.B.A., Marketing

Sanzhar Dosmanbetov Kazakhstan

Cole Allen Dunbar Kirkland, IL

B.B.A., Business Administration

**John Phillip Evans** Apple Valley, MN B.B.A., Management

**Austin James Flower** Lake Geneva B.B.A., Business Finance

John Alexander Foley \*\* Wayzata, MN

B.B.A., Business Finance

**Mitchell Byron Fornell \*** Barron B.B.A., Accounting

**Robert Christian Foy \*** Altoona B.B.A., Accounting

Celeste Virginia Geiger \*\* Plymouth, MN RRA Management

**Andrea Renee Gessner \*** Lino Lakes, MN B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance

Emma Kathleen Gilkerson \*\*\* Hewitt B.B.A., Business Administration and Political Science

#### **BACCALAUREATE DEGREES**

**Thomas Gordon Ginther \*\*\*** Baraboo B.B.A., Accounting

**Emma Mary Kate Golden** Woodbury, MN B.B.A., Marketing

Nicholas Gerald Hansen \* Eau Claire B.B.A., Management Taylor Elise Hayner Sheboygan Falls

B.B.A., Management

Vanessa Yvonne Hebert \*\* Loyal

B.B.A., Business Administration

Jordan Robert Helein Appleton

B.B.A., Management

**Chelsey Grace Henry \*\*** Blaine, MN B.B.A., Marketing

Megan Pawoua Her Eau Claire

Jeffree Paul Herde Black River Falls

Jocelyn Alexandria Hester \* Rosemount, MN

James Gerald Robert Hinrichsen \*\*\*† Abbotsford

Jonathan E. Hitchcock Ashland

Timothy Jeffrey Hofmann Eagan, MN

Jaxon Douglas Hughes \* Holmen

Garrett Parker Huhn Hudson

**Nicholas Gerard Hutchison \*** Marshfield B.B.A., Accounting

Claire Marie Inkala \*\*\* Apple Valley, MN

**Kayla Jo Jedrzejewski** New Berlin

**Andrew Michael Jenders \*\*** Muskego B.B.A., Business Finance

**Glacier Raine Johnson \*** Menomonie B.B.A., Business Finance

Grace Martha Johnson \*\* Menasha
University Honors

B.B.A., Accounting and Spanish

**Alexander Nathaniel Jones** Verona B.B.A., Management

**Brandon Ross Keeley** Lakeville, MN B.B.A., Marketing

Kristina Hui Ying Kerr \*\* Edina, MN

**Connor James Kiecker \*\*** Lakeville, MN B.B.A., Accounting and English

Frank Arleigh Kneeland Antigo

Morgan Nicole Konopka \* Hartland

Tyler Robert Korhorn Waukesha

Kevin Olson LaCasse \* Chippewa Falls

Naly Lao Wausau B.B.A., Management

Maria Elizabeth Larson \* Belle Plaine, MN B.B.A., Information Systems

Forest Matthew Laska \*\* Bancroft B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance

Karissa Diane Lauer \*\*\* Bloomer B.B.A., Management

Daniel Edward Leber New Richmond

Isaac Thomas Leland \* Eau Claire

Kyle James Loose \*\* Wales

B.B.A., Accounting

**Shannon Diane Lundy \*** White Bear Lake, MN RRA Marketing

Laura Kate Lutton Woodbury, MN

YuZhuo Ma Taiwan

Jonathan Michael Malueg \*\* Stoughton B.B.A., Economics and Business Finance

Simon Robert Martineau Chippewa Falls

**Dalton James Matkovich \*\*** Owen BBA Economics

**Chloe Matson \*\*** Carver, MN B.B.A., Information Systems

**Brooke Marie Mayer \*** Fairchild B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance and Information

Calista Ann McGauley Mahtomedi, MN

Taylor Patrick Melman Chippewa Falls

B.B.A., Economics **Dustin Mikolon** Rice Lake

**Tanya Michelle Miller** Eau Claire B.B.A., Management Information Systems

B.B.A., Management

**Katy Ann Mislivecek \*** Chaseburg B.B.A.. Marketing

Anthony Wild Monetti Madison

**Alex Cole Morrow** Stevens Point B.B.A., Business Administration

**Beck Hayden Morse** White Bear Lake, MN B.B.A., Marketing

**Alexander Michael Motley** Ellsworth B.B.A., Business Finance

**Brennan Timothy Mueller** Custer BRA Management

**Joaquin Nafstad** Saint Paul, MN B.B.A., Information Systems

**Zachary Thomas Nelson** Hastings, MN B.B.A., Accounting

**Tessa Rose Ness \*** Rice Lake B.B.A., Accounting

**Adam Juul Olson** Mahtomedi, MN B.B.A., Management

**Alex Wayne Olson** Onalaska B.B.A., Marketing

**Jack Douglas Oslund** Onalaska B.B.A., Management

Alexander Dane Ostrowski Green Bay

Kasimer J. Palzkill Eau Claire

Samantha Jane Panos \*\* Burnsville, MN B.B.A., Management John Haynes Pergler Crystal Lake, IL

Robert Frederick Peterson Cedarburg

B.B.A., Business Administration

Jacqueline Noel Pfaff \* Orono, MN

B.B.A., Business Finance

Nathan J Pitek Rhinelander

**Samuel Giovanni Reali** New Richmond B.B.A.. Information Systems

William James Riesterer Milton

Simon Rock Sagissor Stillwater, MN B.B.A., Management

**Noah Charles Schmidt \*\***† Green Bay B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance

**Madeline Anne Sheahan \*** Woodbury, MN B.B.A., Marketing

Lydia Lea Sinn \*\* Mounds View, MN

**Jacob William Solie \*\*\*** Hudson B.B.A., Information Systems

**Jacob John Sonsalla** Arcadia B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance

**Cami Elizabeth Sturm \*\*\*** Coon Rapids, MN B.B.A., Marketing

Shea Margaret Supa \*\* Menomonee Falls

**Joseph Saxon Swanson \*** Osceola B.B.A., Marketing

**Jenna Christine Tackmier \*\*** Green Bay B.B.A., Management and International Business

Julia Rene Tiller \*\* Spooner

**Alex Guy Van Maanen** Shakopee, MN B.B.A., Marketing

**Tony Peter Vandenberg** De Pere B.B.A., Marketing

**Niloufar Sarah Vaseei \*** Farmington, MN B.B.A., Accounting

William Alexander Vaudreuil Chippewa Falls

**Breanna Watrud \*** Stillwater, MN B.B.A., Business Finance

Jared Mark Weinfurtner Eau Claire B.B.A., Information Systems

**Jaiden T. Wicinsky \*\*** Winneconne B.B.A., Business Administration

**Gunner CB Wilder \*\***B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance

Sudarat Pacha Xiong Eau Claire

Brianna Therese Yenter \* Stevens Point B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance

Blake Anthony Zadra \*\* Rice Lake



# College of Education and Human Sciences

#### **MASTER'S DEGREES**

Program Advisor: Angela Sterling-Orth, M.S., CCC-SLP

Mary Kay Costello Chicago, IL Communication Sciences and Disorders M.S., 2005, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign B.A., 1993, Kenyon College

Candace Breanna Pena Casper, WY nmunication Sciences and Disorders B.S.E., 2014, West Virginia State University

Anthony Hsuning Ruey Gardena, CA B.S., 1994, University of Michigan

#### **BACCALAUREATE DEGREES**

Solomon Abebayehu \* Saint Paul, MN B.S., Exercise Science

Dylan Richard Adams \*\* West Salem Rehabilitation Science

Sierra Ahrens \*\* Hastings, MN B.S., Biology

Hallie Patrice Amble \* Barneveld

Emily Lynn Anderson \* Tonica, IL

Kinsey Grace Austin \*\*\* Apple Valley, MN

Macey Lynn Awe \*\* Osceola

Kayla Jean Ball \*\* Lake Geneva B.S.W., Social Work

Mya Epps Bauer Eau Claire

B.S., Exercise Science Kaitlyn Ann Baxter Cable

B.S., Special Education

Makenzie Marie Beam \*\* Mc Farland

B.S.W., Social Work

Brandon Becker \*\* Oakdale, MN

Jayden Michael Beckley \* West Salem

Camille Kayla Oliver Berman \*\* Inver Grove Heights, MN

Emilie Katherine Bierke \*\*\* Green Bay

Erica Tyler Birenbaum \*\* Cascade

Taylor Lynn Blake Crivitz

B.S., Special Education

Emily Rae Bode \*\*\* Nicollet, MN

B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Jenna Rae Bollig \*\*\* Mount Horeb

B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders and Spanish

Jenna Marionna Braaten \*\*\* Austin, MN B.S., Elementary Education

Hannah L Brakarsh \*\* Madison

University Honors

B.S., Exercise Science

Brittany Marie Brantner \*\* Mondovi

Meghan Jo Buhaug Danbury

B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Quinn Ashlynn Buob Madison B.S.W., Social Work

Olivia Marie Burghardt \* Fall Creek

B.S., Special Education

Hadley R Burrows Eagan, MN B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Matina Cheree Campetti \*\* Gordon

Elizabeth Mary Carver \*\* Andover, MN

B.S., Biology

Allison Nicole Chambers Tomah

Vasavi Chandramouli \* Madison

B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders Sarah Madison Claas Lexington, SC

Elizabeth Marie Clayton \*\* Lakeville, MN

Kelli Marie Cole \*\* Eden Prairie, MN

Haley Alexandra Corcoran \*\*\* Kaukauna

Addisyn Kathryn Courchene \*\*\* Shakopee, MN

Claire Marie Courtney Hudson

B.S.W., Social Work

Jessica Dao \*\*\* Lakeville, MN B.S., Rehabilitation Science

Rachel Jane Davies \*\*\* Mauston B.A., English and Spanish

Chloe Rose Dehmer \*\* Saint Michael, MN

Hannah Vivian DeYoung \*\*\* Wausau

Amber Marie Dickens \*\*\* Middleton, ID

B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Evan Rose Doncavage \* Bloomington, MN

Hannah Nicole Drinkman \*\* Tomah

Erin Hope Dunn \*\*\* Palmyra

University Honors

B.S., Rehabilitation Science

Anna Margaret Duske \*\* Waverly, MN University Honors

B.S.W., Social Work

Samantha A. Elmer \*\*\* Oregon

B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Elizabeth Worthington Elrod \*\* Appleton

Megan Lee Emerick \* Appleton

B.S., Elementary Education

Victoria Marie Euclide-Petig \*\* Monroe B.S., Special Education

Katherine Anne Faris \*\*\* Chippewa Falls

B.S., Special Education

Hannah Grace Feuker \*\*\* Elmwood

Kendra Lee Flegel \*\*\* New Market, MN B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Brenden Levi Forton \* Sheboygan

Amber Nicole Foucault Duluth, MN

Abigail Lynn Fricke \*\*\* Minocqua

Robert Jacob Friede \*\* Monticello, MN

Andrea Kristine Fruit \* Madison

Claire Therese Gagnon \*\*\* Mendota Heights, MN B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Cassidy Ella Nicole Galetka \*\* Neillsville

Cali Rae Geise \*\*\* Oconomowoc

B.S., Elementary Education

Naudia Josephine Gerrits \* Green Bay

Emily Rose Geving Saint Paul, MN

Jerod William Gordon Rogers, MN

B.S., Exercise Science Allie Charlene Gorman \*\*\* Becker, MN

B.S., Elementary Education

Gina Lee Graveen \*\*\* Wausau B.S., Elementary Education

Maggie Ann Gunhus \*\* Zumbrota, MN

Rachel Elizabeth Hammer Portage B.S.W., Social Work

Abigail Arlene Heinicke \* Elburn, IL

Chloe Marie Hendrickson \*\* Milaca, MN University Honors

B.S., Rehabilitation Science

Morgan Elisabeth Hensley Embarrass, MN

Alison Virginia Hepp \*\*\* Port Edwards B.S., Special Education

Finn Rose Hinnefeld \* Shawano

Cynthia Dawn Hinz \* Horicon

**B.S.** Flementary Education Michelle Renee Hirsch \*\* Brookfield

Claire Eleanor Hoge \*\*\* Spring Lake Park, MN

Cassidy Mae Huber \* Humbird

Payton Jacqueline Hurley \*\* Fredonia

Rawan Akram Ismail \*\* Eau Claire B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Mara Johanna Janiak \*\* Ramsey, MN B.S., Special Education

Adam Wayne Jatczak \* West Allis B.S., Exercise Science

Avery Mitchell Johnson \*\*\* Green Bay Claire Ellen Johnson \*\*\* Fargo, ND

Josiah Benjamin Johnson \* Minneapolis, MN

Madeline Jane Johnson \*\* Greenwood B.S., Special Education



Lance Steven Johnsrud Dodgeville

Jessica Rose Jones Bloomer

B.S., Exercise Science

Logan Thomas Julson \* Eau Claire Alexander Michael Kaminski Weyerhaeuser

Kari Amanda Karth West Allis

Mallory Maxine Kelly \* New Richmond B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Jillian Elizabeth Kennedy \*\* Fortuna, CA B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Ella Mae Kerkow \*\* Saint Croix Falls

Reagan Marty Elizabeth Kerr \*\*\* Saint Paul, MN

Kayla Anne Kinzler \*\* Portage Christopher Gordon Kjentvet Madison

Grace Elizabeth Klas \* Belgium

B.S., Special Education Rachel Leah Klink \*\*\* Arcadia B.S., Special Education

Ciera Jolie Kraus Hammond

Olivia Monroe Klund \* Woodville B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Clara Dawn Krause \*\*\* Camp Douglas University Honors

Charles H Kuban Waukesha

Anna Rae Kuny \*\* Lino Lakes, MN **Spencer Micheal Kurtenbach \*** Chippewa Falls

Sydney Patricia Kwallek \*\* Lancaster

Maura Rene Laesser \*\* Hammond B.S., Special Education

Callie Alexis Larson \* Rice Lake B.S., Special Education

Sheridan Alexis Christine Larson \*\* Apple Valley, MN B.S., Special Education

Ellie Jane Edna Lenkart \*\* Milwaukee

Emily Rose Lepien \*\*\* Hartford

Abigail Ann Lewis \*\*\* Austin, MN B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Alaina Christine Maranville \* Shorewood, MN

Jack Christian Marley \*\* Trempealeau

B.S., Exercise Science

Brenna Jo McMahon \*\*

B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Kelly Rekha McNamer \*\* Minneapolis, MN B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders and Spanish

Ashlea Montgomery Meister \*\* Shell Lake

Ashlev Marie Meller \* West Bend B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Hannah Jean Miller Prairie du Sac

Michelle Elizabeth Miller \*\* Vacaville, CA B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Grace Isabelle Mitchell \* Duluth, MN

Brandon Lee Morley \*\*\* Cuba City B.M.E., Music

Weston Oliver Morley \*\*\* Cuba City

Kaocheng Moua \* Green Bay

Anthony James Neri Woodruff

Emily Rose Nickolai \*\*\* Neenah

Alexis Dee-Ann O'Hearn \* Woodbury, MN

Alexandra Nicole Pankratz \*\* Waseca, MN

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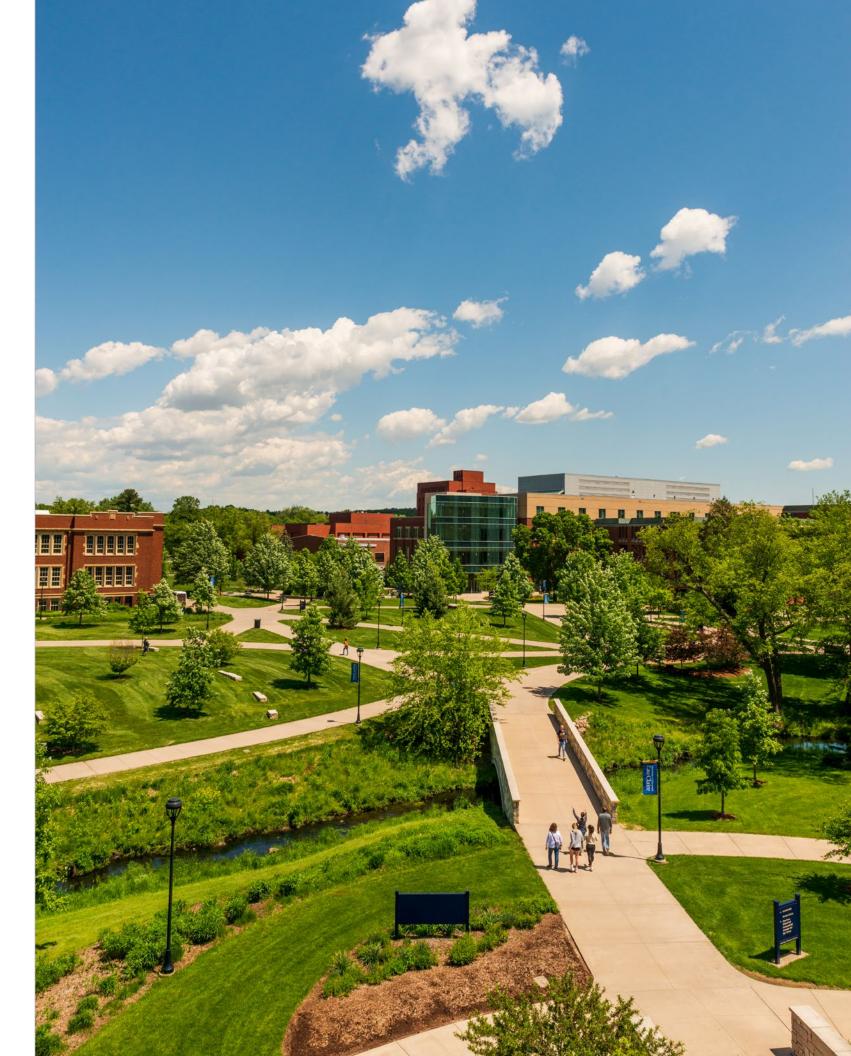
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### **HONORS PROGRAMS**

The University Honors Program cultivates a challenging and supportive learning community that encourages highly motivated, high-potential students to develop fully in their distinctive abilities, creating a foundation for sustained intellectual, professional, and personal growth. The Honors Program at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire offers a rigorous and evolving curriculum that assists students in the pursuit of creativity, innovation, discovery, and engagement across disciplines. Honors students often have significant responsibility for the design and execution of learning activities within their honors coursework, and many honors students engage in undergraduate research that is uniquely matched to their experiences, skills, and longer-term goals. The program offers an enhanced education, enabling students to integrate honors liberal education courses, honors

interdisciplinary seminars, honors work in their major and minor programs, and honors experiential learning opportunities into a high-value whole. The Honors Program has two components: University Honors and Departmental Honors. Students may graduate with honors by completing one component or both. 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 a silver cord.

#### **ACADEMIC REGALIA**

The academic apparel traditional 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, professor emerita of mathematics, who served for 15 years as chair of the University Senate and commencement marshall. 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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# Senior Class Gift

Each year, seniors have an opportunity to commemorate their graduation by making a gift to the UW-Eau Claire Foundation. This semester nearly 100 graduates joined our community of alumni and donors who support UW-Eau Claire each year.

Graduates were encouraged to donate to any area of the university that has had a profound impact on their time as a Blugold, including academic departments, campus programs, athletic teams, or the Excellence Fund to support UW-Eau Claire's greatest needs. By making a Senior Class gift, these graduates have supported current and future Blugolds even before they've become alumni.

Graduates who made a Senior Class Gift have received Blugold Spirit Cords to wear during the Commencement celebrations and to display proudly in recollection of their time at UW-Eau Claire. Each graduate who made a gift was also given an opportunity to celebrate a favorite faculty or staff member with a Blugold Tribute. The UW-Eau Claire Foundation will honor these faculty and staff with a certificate that includes the name of the graduate who has chosen to honor them.

The UW-Eau Claire Foundation thanks the following seniors for their generosity and for participating in the Senior Class Gift campaign with a gift of at least \$20.22 in support of UW-Eau Claire and in commemoration of their graduation year:

Solomon Abebayehu	Jocelyn Hester	Leah Pflaum
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Karena Carrubba	Xue Ling Liew	Madeline Sheahan
Lauren Casey	Piper Linssen	Carlee Shimek
Vasavi Chandramouli	Kyle Loose	Tyniqua Smith
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Evie Doncavage	Brooke Mayer	Rachel Sweeney
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Rob Foy	Alexander Morrow	Elizabeth Wagner
Abbey Gibson	Isaac Nelson	Natalia Wesener
Shanna Hall	Hallie Oberg	Gwenyth Wheat
Allison Hansen	Madeline OBrien	Jaiden Wicinsky
Max Haslow	Leandra O'Connell	AJ Wielichowski
Chloe Hendrickson	Grace Palacios	Meghan Wiercinski
Alison Hepp	Emma Peterson	Nicole Wolfe
Martha Hernandez	Hans Peterson	

# Alumni Awards

Five alumni and friends of the university received
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Alumni Association awards on Friday, Dec. 16.



#### **HONORARY ALUMNUS AWARD**

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



#### Dean Kallenbach

Kallenbach had a 46-year career in broadcasting, including 35 years at Wisconsin Public Radio as a reporter, host and regional manager before retiring in 2021. During his time at WPR, Kallenbach oversaw more than 150 UW-Eau Claire undergraduates

in journalism, public relations and marketing. He also spent 15 years as an advisor for UW-Eau Claire's radio station.

Kallenbach championed Blugold student journalists and communication majors as interns at WPR and for full-time positions across the state, says Jan Larson, professor emerita and former chair of the communication and journalism department. He frequently met with students, was a guest speaker and helped introduce students, faculty and staff to his WPR colleagues, leading to opportunities for students and the department.

"I remain in awe of Dean's abilities to lead by example, to teach with enthusiasm and to mentor with directness rooted in kindness," Larson says. "Already, he is a Blugold in heart and spirit."

Kallenbach is "a man of integrity and strong character" who cares about community, says Dr. Judy Rene Sims, UW-Eau Claire professor emerita of communication and journalism.

"Diligent, kind, competent and reliable, Dean Kallenbach is a good man, the man with the smooth delivery, the man skilled in the art and science of broadcasting, the man active in public life and committed to the public good," Sims says.

Kallenbach enjoyed his working relationship with UW-Eau Claire and offers advice to today's students.

"Take advantage of your liberal arts education and become good at as many things as possible, making yourself a more valuable and desirable employee, but also becoming a better citizen and community member," Kallenbach says.

#### **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.



Dr. Katie (Van De Hey) Landgraf '07

bachelor's degree in accounting and finance

As the oldest of five children, Landgraf grew up on a dairy farm in Wrightstown, near Green Bay, where she had a leadership role

on the farm and learned from her father about hard work, dependability and trustworthiness.

"To me, going away to college meant getting away from milking cows," Landgraf says. "Little did I know, the friendships and knowledge gained at UWEC would positively affect my life forever. UWEC had (and still has) an amazing team of business faculty that made the biggest impact on my life."

At UW-Eau Claire, Landgraf became active in clubs and held officer positions to overcome her shyness. She worked long hours on and off campus, knowing her family couldn't financially support her, and graduated debt-free. She met lifelong friends at UW-Eau Claire, including her future husband, Andy Landgraf, when they both were students.

Landgraf worked as an adjunct professor at UW-Milwaukee and Cardinal Stritch University, and as a certified public accountant for a time.

Today, Landgraf is an assistant professor in accounting at the University of Hawaii-West Oahu, where she focuses on teaching and helping first-generation college students, like herself, overcome the fear of obtaining a university degree and developing long-term goals.

"Goal setting has enabled me to accomplish my dream job," Landgraf says. "Therefore, it is important to me to help my students find their dream job as well."

Landgraf stresses to graduating Blugolds the importance of staying balanced in life to obtain "a very productive and powerful outcome."

"If one of these aspects of your life is unbalanced, you may not be as productive in another part of your daily life," Landgraf says. "Treat yourself like a human, a human that needs rest as much as work, needs faith just as much as fear and needs solid mental health just as much as physical health."



Camila Mennitte Pereyra

bachelor's degree in music

Mennitte Pereyra is a freelance drummer and composer based in Chicago, far from where she was born and raised in Argentina. She attended UW-Eau Claire on a full

scholarship to study music.

Mennitte Pereyra faced tremendous culture shock when she arrived on campus, trying to overcome a language barrier and adjust to the U.S. collegiate academic system, which was much different than in Argentina. She had studied music for several years before her arrival at UW-Eau Claire and was well rounded in popular and folkloric art forms such as jazz and blues, but was not necessarily taught in academic settings.

To succeed at UW-Eau Claire, Mennitte Pereyra had to quickly learn how to play in a concert band and orchestra while taking classes in a secondary language she still was learning.

"Cami prospered by pulling out her endless work ethic and unstoppable attitude," says Robert Baca, UW-Eau Claire's director of jazz studies.

Mennitte Pereyra was the drummer in UW-Eau Claire's Jazz Ensemble I, the top jazz band, when the ensemble won backto-back DownBeat magazine awards in 2017 and 2018. Baca says that "no question, she had a lot to do with it."

At UW-Eau Claire, she was awarded two research grants, including one under the direction of Lee Anna Rasar, professor of music education, to study South American music from the African diaspora and its potential therapeutic benefits for juvenile detainees. Her second grant was with Dr. Ryan Jones, professor of music history, who mentored her in studying primary sources in the pre-feminist music era.

"Teaching under professor Rasar's tutelage and to juvenile detainees was, and will be, one of the greatest highlights of my career," Mennitte Pereyra says.

After her UW-Eau Claire graduation, Mennitte Pereyra received a master's degree in jazz studies at Indiana University. Now living in Chicago, she performs extensively in local jazz clubs. Her most recent performance highlight was playing at the Chicago Jazz Fest in August.

Mennitte Pereyra's recent accomplishments include being the recipient of the Jazz Links Fellowship granted by the Jazz Institute of Chicago in 2021 and being a finalist for the Luminarts Jazz Fellowship Competition in 2022.

#### **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 award recipient and UW-Eau Claire.



Paul Smith '85 bachelor's degree in accounting

Smith admits that when he enrolled at UW-Eau Claire, his primary focus was being a member of the Blugold swim team.

"I came to UW-Eau Claire to swim," Smith says, "but I left with so much

more. I met my wife of now 34 years, and the knowledge to pursue a career I've loved with all the skills to be successful in the world."

Smith found success in the pool and the classroom. He was an All-American swimmer and a team captain. He graduated summa cum laude with an accounting major, passed his CPA exam on the first attempt and says he built "the technical skills that were foundational to my career."

"Both academically and through athletics, UWEC positioned me with the skills and leaderships traits that enables my success in life," Smith says.

After a brief career at Coopers & Lybrand (now PwC) Smith has worked at State Farm Insurance since 1988 in a variety of finance and operational positions. Today, he is executive vice president and chief operating officer for State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Cos., the 42nd largest company in the Fortune 500 with \$80 billion in revenue. Smith has responsibility for all product lines along with digital technology.

Smith hopes this year's UW-Eau Claire graduates build on the learning and connections they've made in college to make a difference in the world.

"I wish for all the graduates that they use the skills developed at UWEC to build their communities and move the world forward," Smith adds. "If you nurture the friendships, they will last your lifetime and bring you great joy when you sometimes need it the most."

#### 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."



**Dale Peters '83** bachelor's degree in speech

Peters retired in 2020 after more than 30 years working for the city of Eau Claire in a variety of capacities — risk manager, human resources director and finally as city manager. Peters postponed his planned

retirement by several months to continue leading the city of Eau Claire during the COVID-19 crisis.

"Dale Peters exemplifies all the qualities of a servant leader," says David Solberg, engineering director and Eau Claire city engineer. "Through his kind and dedicated leadership, a culture was created in the city of Eau Claire organization that endures and fosters future leaders. I'm proud to have been able to work for Dale; he is the type of manager I strive to become. He's simply a very good human."

Peters appreciates his diverse UW-Eau Claire educational experiences in the classroom and in outside activities.

"An outstanding, well-rounded liberal arts degree was, without question, the most valuable experience I received at UWEC," Peters says. "The knowledge and exposure to literature, history, communications, science and comparative religions has served me well. UW-Eau Claire gave me a thirst for learning and taught me the value of research and reasoning."

Peters recalls that as a UW-Eau Claire student, he was a lighting designer for many theater productions on campus. He is proud that after his years with the city, Eau Claire now has three bridges, a retaining wall, city hall and a plaza all with decorative outdoor lights. Most of the lighting is controlled by one server with future UW-Eau Claire theater students able to program the lighting.

"The link back to UWEC students is personal and special for me," Peters says.



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# GRADS, WELCOME TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION!

The UW-Eau Claire Alumni Association strives to keep UW-Eau Claire's more than 93,000 alumni connected to the university and to each other.

The Alumni Association has served the university's alumni, current students, faculty and staff since 1921. Every UW-Eau Claire graduate is a fullfledged member of the association (no dues required!) and eligible for all Alumni Association events and benefits.



Here's how to keep updated on all things blue and gold

### Annual events

#### HOMECOMING

A celebration all about you. Come home, Blugolds!

#### **GOLDEN BLUGOLD DAY**

Lunch, tours and presentations for alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago.

#### **ALUMNI AWARDS**

Presented during May and December commencement.

## Special events

We host reunions and gatherings of all kinds on campus and around the country. Talk to us about where you'd like to see fellow Blugolds, and watch our events calendar online. We hope to see you again soon!





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#### Eau Claire State Normal School 1916-27

The school offered one-, two- and three-year preparation programs for elementary and secondary teachers and school principals. Programs would be housed in a single building, then called Old Main and later named Schofield Hall, for 35 years.

#### Eau Claire State Teachers College 1927-51

With this name change in 1927 came the introduction of a fouryear bachelor of education degree program and accreditation by the American Association of Teachers Colleges. This was a time of academic program expansion as well as growth of the campus footprint with the acquisition of 20 acres atop the bluff overlooking campus for future expansion.

#### Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire 1951-64

In 1951 the school was granted authority to offer a four-year liberal arts curriculum leading to a bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degree. Major construction projects, as well as the gift of 200-acre Putnam Park from the city of Eau Claire and the acquisition of 23 additional acres for upper campus, greatly changed the face of campus during this time.

#### Wisconsin State University-Eau Claire 1964-71

This era of vast change under the leadership of President Leonard Haas saw the creation of the schools of Arts and Sciences, Education and Graduate Studies in 1964, followed by the School of Nursing in 1965 and School of Business in 1966. Nearly 17 new buildings were completed or under construction during this time as well.

#### **University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire** 1971-present

Over the last 45 years, UW-Eau Claire has established itself as a nationally ranked public regional university that prepares students to succeed in a connected world — a world influenced by global economic and social forces. It has a widespread reputation for its outstanding, engaged faculty and staff who are dedicated to providing students with transformative learning experiences, and for a culture in which students play an integral role in shaping the university's future.

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