



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.”

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## 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.

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## 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 shown your true Blugold spirit this academic year by doing your part to help us ensure our campus is a fully engaged educational community. Your focus on making your health and wellbeing – and the health and wellbeing of all students, faculty and staff – a priority has allowed us to fully enjoy classroom camaraderie, high-impact experiences and national championship-level sporting events that make college life at UW-Eau Claire such a special experience. Your remarkable perseverance and resilience in pursuit of a world-class UW-Eau Claire education inspired 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 thoughtful 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 and Iowa 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 2022 Best Colleges: Region by Region, and U.S. News & World Report’s 2022 Best Colleges listing ranks us among the best value schools for academic quality and affordability.

Also know that as you leave this great university, you join the ranks of our more than 93,000 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "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

# Commencement Program

<b>May 21, 2022</b>	<b>Chancellor James C. Schmidt presiding</b>
9 a.m.	College of Business
1:30 p.m.	College of Arts and Sciences
5:30 p.m.	College of Education and Human Sciences College of Nursing and Health Sciences
<b>Prelude by Brass Quintet</b>	Robert Baca, professor, trumpet Jacob Grewe, lecturer, tuba Charles Hodgson, lecturer, horn Matthew Mealey '99, trumpet Phil Ostrander, professor, trombone
<b>Greetings</b>	Evan Weiher, Commencement Marshal, University Senate Chair
<b>Processional</b>	"Pomp and Circumstance" No. 1, "Land of Hope and Glory," by Sir Edward Elgar <i>Please rise and remain standing through the National Anthem.</i>
<b>National Anthem</b>	"The Star-Spangled Banner" by John Stafford Smith Led by Madeline LeBouton, Bachelor of Music Education, Music (9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.) Led by Jonathan Viegut, Bachelor of Music Education, Music (1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.)
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	Michael Carney, Interim Assistant Chancellor for Strategic Partnerships and Program Development
Introducing Members of the Platform Party	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor Grace Crickette, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Olga Diaz, Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Student Affairs Billy Felz, Interim Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management Mary F. Hoffman, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Interim 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 J. Meiers, Acting Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences LaRue A. Pierce, 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 (5:30 p.m.) Jean Pratt, Associate Dean, College of Business (9 a.m.) Jill Prushiek, Associate Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences (5:30 p.m.) Evan Weiher, Commencement Marshal, Chair, University Senate
<b>Greetings from the UW System Board of Regents</b>	Regent President Edmund Manydeeds, III

<b>Congratulatory Remarks (1:30 p.m.)</b>	Jaden Mikoulinskii, Student Body President, 65 <sup>th</sup> Session
<b>Congratulatory Remarks</b>	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor
<b>Introduction of Alumni Award Recipients</b>	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor <i>See pages 27-29 for background on the award recipients.</i>
<b>Charge to the Class</b>	Brady Foust, Professor Emeritus, Geography, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
<b>College Dean Remarks</b>	K. Brewer Doran, Dean, College of Business (9 a.m.) Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences (1:30 p.m.) Carmen K. Manning, Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences (5:30 p.m.) Sonja J. Meiers, Acting Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences (5:30 p.m.)
<b>Conferral of Honorary Degree (1:30 p.m.)</b>	CP Liu, Ph.D., 1974 Alumnus
<b>Presentation and Conferral of Doctoral Candidates (5:30 p.m.)</b>	Michael Carney, Interim Assistant Chancellor for Strategic Partnerships and Program Development James C. Schmidt, Chancellor
<b>Presentation and Conferral of Master's Candidates</b>	Michael Carney, Interim Assistant Chancellor for Strategic Partnerships and Program Development James C. Schmidt, Chancellor
<b>Presentation and Conferral of Baccalaureate Candidates</b>	Michael Carney, Interim Assistant Chancellor for Strategic Partnerships and Program Development James C. Schmidt, Chancellor
<b>ROTC Oath of Office (1:30 p.m.)</b>	Major James Schmitz, Senior Military Science Instructor
<b>Blugold Reflections</b>	"Expect Nothing," Jordan Boswell, Bachelor of Business Administration, Business Finance (9 a.m.) "In Medias Res," Brett Haffner, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology (1:30 p.m.) "Together We Find Our Strength," Ellie Decker, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing (5:30 p.m.)
<b>University Alma Mater</b>	Led by Kevin Fosado, Bachelor of Music Education, Choral Teaching (5:30 p.m.) Led by Kaitlyn Konrardy, Bachelor of Arts, Music (9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.)
<b>Recessional</b>	"Pomp and Circumstance" No. 1, "Land of Hope and Glory," by Sir Edward Elgar "Triumphal March" from "Aida," by Giuseppe Verdi <i>Please wait to move from your seat until after the graduates have exited the arena.</i>
<b>Photographs</b>	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.





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**Halie Marie Retterath** \*\*\* Austin, MN  
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**Valeria Reyes** Abbotsford  
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**Claire Rita Richards** \*\*\* Minneapolis, MN  
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**Jon Richards** \* Callaway, MN  
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**Dylan Thomas Rieken** Prescott  
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**Alexander Ty Roegner** Waterford  
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**Christopher Joseph Schickel** \* Wauwatosa  
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B.S., Materials Science and Engineering

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# College of Nursing and Health Sciences

## DOCTORAL DEGREES

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D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)  
B.S.N., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
DNP Project: Improving Advance Care Planning Among Patients with Type 2 Diabetes  
Project Advisor: Dr. Jeanette Olsen

**Nicole LeStencia Bjerke** Black River Falls  
D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)  
B.S., 2018, Western Governors University  
DNP Project: Improving Self-Efficacy in CHF Patients: A Quality Improvement Project  
Project Advisor: Dr. Rachel Merkel

**April Marie Byers** Eau Claire  
D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)  
B.S.N., 2008, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
DNP Project: Using Preoperative Education in Prostatectomy Patients to Increase Patient Satisfaction and Self Efficacy and Increase Nurse Efficiency at Patient Discharge: A Doctor of Nursing Practice Project Proposal  
Project Advisor: Dr. Ann Aschenbrenner

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D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)  
M.S.N., 2012, Augusta University  
B.S.N., 2011, Augusta University  
DNP Project: A Quality Improvement Project to Reduce the Rehospitalization Rates of Short-Stay Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Residents  
Project Advisor: Dr. Debra Jansen

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D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)  
B.S.N., 2008, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
DNP Project: Computer Based Logistics Orientation Effect on Student Preparedness and Preceptors Burden  
Project Advisor: Dr. Dalete Mota

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D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)  
B.S.N., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
DNP Project: Creation and Implementation of a Standardized Protocol in an Outpatient Cancer Clinic to Screen, Refer, and Improve Onsite Palliative Care Services  
Project Advisor: Dr. Debra Jansen

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D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)  
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DNP Project: Prepping for Prep: Program Development in a Local Health Department Clinic  
Project Advisor: Dr. Norah Airth-Kindree

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B.S.N., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
DNP Project: Expanding Health Screening, Prevention Measures, and Outreach in Rural Farming Communities  
Project Advisor: Dr. Arin VanWormer

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D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)  
M.S., 2015, Edgewood College  
B.S.N., 2009, Viterbo University  
DNP Project: A Pilot Project to Enhance Students' Self-Directed Learning on an Obstetrics and Gynecology Specialty Education Team  
Project Advisor: Dr. Mohammad Alasagheirin

**Tara Leigh Johnson** North Branch, MN  
D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)  
B.S., 2017, Bethel University  
DNP Project: Educating Health Care Staff on Commercial Tobacco Cessation  
Project Advisor: Dr. Der-Fa Lu

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D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)  
B.S.N., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
DNP Project: Quality of Life and Depression in Radiation Oncology Patients: A Quality Improvement Project Using Three Good Things  
Project Advisor: Dr. Dalete Mota

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D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)  
B.S., 2016, Norfolk State University  
B.A., 2012, Ashford University  
DNP Project: Diabetic Educational Intervention for Student Providers Within a Family Practice Clinic  
Project Advisor: Dr. Jeanette Olsen

**Laurel Joan Lendle** Eau Claire  
D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)  
B.S.N., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
DNP Project: Evaluation of Knowledge Attainment Pertaining to Wellness Education for Older Adolescents Enrolled in a Competency Component Health Requirement in a Public Secondary Academic Setting  
Project Advisor: Dr. Norah Airth-Kindree

**Gail Marion Marquardt-Kujawa** Wausau  
D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)  
B.S.N., 2017, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay  
DNP Project: Improving Oncology Nurses Knowledge and Confidence Surrounding Discussion of Fertility Practices in the Adult Inpatient Cancer Patient: An Educational Intervention  
Project Advisor: Dr. Der-Fa Lu

**Adam James Maslonka** Prior Lake, MN  
D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)  
B.S., 2016, Western Governors University  
B.A., 2007, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
DNP Project: Piloting Two-Person Foley Catheter Insertion Technique in a Midwestern Hospital  
Project Advisor: Dr. Mohammad Alasagheirin

**Jennifer Lynnette Meacham** Eau Claire  
D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)  
B.S.N., 2017, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
DNP Project: Increasing Primary Care Provider Awareness of Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID) Through an Educational Session  
Project Advisor: Dr. Arin VanWormer

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D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)  
B.S.N., 2007, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
DNP Project: Barriers to Palliative to Hospice Transition and Effectiveness of Difficult Conversation Guide on Conversion Rate  
Project Advisor: Dr. Der-Fa Lu

**Delphine Murzello** Canada  
D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)  
B.S.N., 2003, University of Victoria  
DNP Project: Antiracism, Implicit Bias, Health Equity Series  
Project Advisor: Dr. Norah Airth-Kindree

**Madelyn Fellingier Neumann** Appleton  
D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)  
B.S.N., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
DNP Project: Evaluation of a Buprenorphine Educational Toolkit for Providers  
Project Advisor: Dr. Charlotte Sortedahl

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D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)  
B.S.N., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
DNP Project: Improving Urgent Care Providers' Knowledge and Self-Efficacy with Orthopedic Splinting Through Educational Videos  
Project Advisor: Dr. Ann Aschenbrenner

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D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)  
B.S.N., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
DNP Project: Program Evaluation of the Student Education Team in Family Medicine  
Project Advisor: Dr. Dalete Mota

**Lia Pender** Eau Claire  
D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)  
B.S.N., 2017, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
DNP Project: Piloting the Use of a Mindfulness App in a Family Practice Setting  
Project Advisor: Dr. Lisa Schiller

**Katie Lynn Seybold** Wausau  
D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)  
B.S.N., 2010, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
DNP Project: Implementation of an Educational Intervention to Improve Antibiotic Stewardship and Prescribing Practices for Acute Bronchitis  
Project Advisor: Dr. Jeanette Olsen

**Jamie Ann Smith** Stanley  
D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)  
B.S., 2018, Chamberlain University  
DNP Project: Nurse Practitioner Student Preparedness and Confidence in the OB-GYN Clinical Rotation  
Project Advisor: Dr. Rachel Merkel

**Kelsey Jean Smith** Rice Lake  
D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)  
B.S., 2010, The College of St. Scholastica  
DNP Project: Improving Intimate Partner Violence Victim Screening and Referral in a Midwestern Outpatient Clinic  
Project Advisor: Dr. Mohammad Alasagheirin

**Anna Jane Smugala** Altoona  
D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)  
B.S.N., 2016, Viterbo University  
DNP Project: Evaluating Video as an Educational Resource for Training Advance Practice Providers  
Project Advisor: Dr. Der-Fa Lu

**Lyndsey Vogler Strang** Eau Claire  
D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)  
B.S.N., 2017, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh  
B.A., 2013, Westminster College  
DNP Project: Nurse Practitioner Student Preparedness for Pediatric Clinical Experiences and Confidence in Pediatric Examination Skills  
Project Advisor: Dr. Meg Lagunas

**Rebekah Sanae Wink** Glenwood City  
D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)  
B.S.N., 2016, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
DNP Project: Trauma Informed Care and Utilization of the Adverse Childhood Experiences Screening Tool in Primary Care: A Quality Improvement Project  
Project Advisor: Dr. Meg Lagunas

## MASTER'S DEGREES

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B.S.N., 2017, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
Program Advisor: Dr. Debra Jansen



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**Grace Ann Albrecht** \*\*\* Winona, MN  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Naomi Grace Allen** \*\* Whitewater  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Morgan Elizabeth Andersen** \*\*\* Eau Claire  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Brooke Carley Anderson** \*\*\* Hudson  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Katelin Nanci Bagley** Merrill  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Jenna Elizabeth Bauer** \*\*\* Mukwonago  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Lorin Jae Bauer** \* New Richmond  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Emma Louise Booth** \*\* La Crescent, MN  
*University Honors*  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Bailee Marie Bremness** Cadott  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Katherine Jean Breneman** \*\*\* Colfax  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Hannah Sue Buelow** \*\*\* Junction City  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Hannah Marie Bulin** \*\*\* Nekoosa  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Bailey Sally Burcaw** \*\* Brantwood  
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**Melody E Burch** \*\*\* Eau Claire  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Alissa Rose Clements** \* La Crosse  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Gabrielle Jo Dahl** \*\*\* Altoona  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Grace Rose Debbink** \*\*\* Sheboygan Falls  
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**Ellie Rose Decker** \*\*\* Germantown  
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**Natalie Nicole Elert** \*\* Black Earth  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Madeline Kate Esselman** \*\*\* Wisconsin Rapids  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Jillian Lorraine Filtz** \*\*\* Custer  
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**Aleshia Marie Furlano** \*\*\* West Salem  
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**Jacqueline Jade Ganser** \*\* Appleton  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Allyson Mae Geurink** \*\* Wausau  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Heather Partidas Goesch** \*\* Tomah  
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**Kaitlyn Nicole Hanson** \* Medford  
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**Spencer Noah Heeren** \*\* Maple Grove, MN  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Rebekah Ann Henn** \*\*\* Maiden Rock  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Alexa Joann Horkan** \*\*\* Deforest  
B.S.N., Nursing

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**Chloe Mary Jane Jacobsen** \*\*\* Menomonie  
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**Lindsay Lea Jilot** \*\* Sturgeon Bay  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Benjamin James Kampfer** \*\*\* Scandia, MN  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Charles William Kampfer** \*\*\* Scandia, MN  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Emma Joy Kysely** \*\*\* Schofield  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Kieran Mallory Lekatz** \*\*\* Princeton, MN  
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**Josephine Morgan Lindstedt** \*\*\* Mukwonago  
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**Pajyeeb Stephanie Lo** \* Oshkosh  
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**Natalie Jo Lorentz** \* Chippewa Falls  
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**Sydney Rae Lowry** \*\* Verona  
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**Mekendra Ann Manders** \* Green Bay  
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**Ashley Erin Myers** \* Janesville  
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**Britney Joy Nass** \*\* Green Bay  
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B.S.N., Nursing

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**Hannah Marie Petroll** \*\*\* Sobieski  
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**Jenna Nicole Priest** \*\*\* Eau Claire  
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B.S.N., Nursing

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**Nicole Marie Strebe** \*\* Marshfield  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Emily Grace Studinski** \*\*\* Eau Claire  
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**Courtney Lee Theiler** \*\*\* Tomahawk  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Emma Lee Truchan** \*\*\* Holmen  
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B.S.N., Nursing

**Emerson Victoria Ulrich** \* Cannon Falls, MN  
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**Anne Katherine Zellmer** \*\*\* Jefferson  
B.S.N., Nursing

**Tara Celeste Marie Zembinski** \* Brookfield  
B.S.N., Nursing

### DEGREE INTERPRETATIONS

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 in Professional Development

M.S. Master of Science

M.S.N. Master of Science in Nursing

B.A. Bachelor of Arts

B.B.A. Bachelor of Business Administration

B.F.A. Bachelor of Fine Arts

B.L.S. Bachelor of Liberal Studies

B.M. Bachelor of Music

B.M.E. Bachelor of Music Education

B.S. Bachelor of Science

B.S.E.P.H. Bachelor of Science in Environmental Public Health

B.S.N. Bachelor of Science in Nursing

B.S.W. Bachelor of Social Work

## 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

## 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

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.

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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### 9 a.m.

Paula Lentz, Academic Program Director and Professor, Business Communication

Kristy Lauer, Department Chair and Professor, Management and Marketing

### 1:30 p.m.

Debra Barker, Professor and Director of American Indian Studies

Gary Don, Professor and Music Theory and Composition Coordinator

### 5:30 p.m.

Tom Sather, Associate Professor, Communication Sciences and Disorders

Charlotte Sortedahl, Department Chair and Professor, Nursing

# Senior Class Gift

Each year, seniors have an opportunity to commemorate their graduation by making a gift to the UW-Eau Claire Foundation. This year, significantly more graduates than ever before have 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:

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Zhia Lee  
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## HONORARY DOCTORATE

**Dr. CP Liu** will be recognized as the second UW-Eau Claire graduate to receive an honorary doctorate degree from the university. Liu will receive an Honorary Doctorate of Science Degree from the university for his work founding and supporting companies focused on curing disease and improving lives.



## Alumni Awards

Nine alumni and friends of the university received University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Alumni Association awards on Friday, May 20.

## 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.



### Dr. Brady Foust and Jeanne Foust

Dr. Brady Foust spent 38 years at UW-Eau Claire and was the longtime chair of the geography department. Hundreds of his former students

have jobs in geographic information systems (GIS).

Calling himself a "serial entrepreneur," Brady founded four companies including one company that allowed he and his

wife to make philanthropic contributions to UW-Eau Claire and the Eau Claire community.

Foust has simple advice for UW-Eau Claire's newest graduates: Show up on time, work more than the rules require and learn something new every day.

Jeanne Foust had a 35-year career in the GIS field, where, she says, "the world of technology and geography come together to address some of society's thorniest issues." She worked at Esri, the world's leading GIS software producer, and worked with national mapping agencies around the world.

## 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."



### Mark Cosby '81

bachelor's degree in business administration

Cosby had a 40-year retail and consumer product career where he most recently was the CEO of Michaels Stores. Prior to Michaels, Cosby was a leader for many large retailers,

including serving as president of Office Depot, CVS Pharmacy, Macy's and Sears, and CEO of KFC.

Cosby credits his time at UW-Eau Claire with providing him a chance to grow up in a caring environment and with the broad business background that he leveraged throughout his career.

His guidance to new graduates is summed it up in the line he used to close many of his corporate communications: "Set high expectations, consistently follow up, recognize the wins along the way and have fun every day."

Cosby suggests it is important to have aspirations, but says not to be afraid to take on broadening experiences as long as they are consistent with your long-term goals.

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**Timothy H. Murphy '76**  
bachelor's degree in business

Murphy spent the majority of his business career with American Express, where he was instrumental in growing the company's business-to-business capabilities from a startup division to a global expense management powerhouse. As a testament to his contributions as a sales leader, Murphy received American Express' highest level of recognition: induction into their Worldwide Hall of Fame.

Though he distinguished himself throughout his days at American Express, perhaps it is his "Act II" that is most

noteworthy. Murphy has demonstrated remarkable resilience by flourishing in the face of adversity. After retirement, Murphy was struck by a rare neurological disorder that has affected his balance and mobility. So, he traded in his golf clubs and bike for a camera and cane, and immersed himself in his old hobby of photography. As of today, Murphy has published seven photography books, had his artwork exhibited in multiple shows, taught photography classes, donated artwork and raised funds for over a dozen charities.

"We live in a world where we always strive for more, fueled by social media and other influences," Murphy says. "My advice: Take stock of what you have and who you have around you and never take them for granted. One more thing — choose your battles wisely. The common thread is putting things in perspective. And that took me years."



**Michael O'Meara '72**  
bachelor's degree

O'Meara was a UW-Eau Claire student when he and his business partner Pat Stoffers started the travel company Holiday Vacations Inc., specializing in group motor coach tours. He purchased Peoples Bank Midwest in 1990, opened a bank in Eau Claire in 1996 and another in the Twin Cities in 2007.

O'Meara was involved in many regional organizations, as well as being a member of the board of directors of National

Presto Industries and a board member of the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank.

"I had a very rewarding and enjoyable business career over the past 50 years," O'Meara says. "My time growing up at UWEC was a critically important part of my life. Leaving the farm to attend college in Eau Claire, where I had no idea of what the future would hold, was a big step for me. The gentle, caring guidance from faculty and staff perfectly set the stage for my business and personal future."

O'Meara recommends that new graduates try to embrace positive behaviors of the people they admire and stay close to family and friends.



**Michael Rindo '78**  
bachelor's degree in speech (communication studies)

Rindo worked at UW-Eau Claire for nearly 20 years, retiring in 2020 as assistant chancellor for facilities and university relations.

Before coming to UW-Eau Claire, Rindo had a nearly 25-year career in broadcast journalism and newsroom management, including at television stations in Eau Claire, as well as Rochester, New York, and Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Rindo arrived at UW-Eau Claire in 2001 as executive director of communications. As his duties grew to include government and community relations, he was named special assistant to the chancellor with added responsibilities for facilities planning. He was assistant chancellor for facilities and university relations from 2013 until his retirement.

During his tenure as assistant chancellor, Rindo led efforts to modernize the UW-Eau Claire campus through planning and construction of multiple major projects: the new W.R. Davies Student Center, Centennial Hall, Garfield Avenue pedestrian and bicycle thoroughfare, Haymarket Landing, Aspenson Mogensen Hall, The Suites, Karlgaard Towers renovation, Children's Nature Academy at The Priory, Flesch Family Welcome Center, Pablo Center at the Confluence, the soon-to-be constructed County Materials Complex and the new Science and Health Sciences Building.

"If you would have told me when I entered UW-Eau Claire as a student in the fall of 1974 that I would end my 43-year career serving as one of the leaders of this remarkable university, I could never have imagined that as a possibility," Rindo says.

Rindo offered three pieces of advice to Blugold graduates: Be open to opportunities, be true to yourself and be adventurous.

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



**Russel Mikkelson '83**  
bachelor's degree in music education

Mikkelson is a professor of music and has been director of bands at The Ohio State University for the past 24 years.

After graduating from UW-Eau Claire, Mikkelson spent seven years as a high school band director before embarking on his career in higher education. He was an assistant professor of music and director of bands at the State University of New York at Fredonia before becoming the sixth director of bands at The Ohio State University.

As a trumpeter, Mikkelson has played shows with many artists and entertainers, including The Four Tops, Bobby Vinton, Marie Osmond, Jay Leno and Bob Newhart.

Mikkelson credits UW-Eau Claire with providing "an invaluable preparation for my future."

"I have been a performing trumpeter; a conductor of concert band, orchestra, opera and musical theater; a scholar/educator advising doctoral dissertations and publishing my own articles, in addition to serving as the leader of one of the largest and most distinguished band programs in the nation," Mikkelson says. "I am extraordinarily proud to say that the development of my professional skills were fostered and nurtured at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire."



**Dr. Jennifer Rogalsky '94**  
bachelor's degree in geography and resource management

Rogalsky is an associate professor and former chair of the department of geography and sustainability studies and an affiliated faculty member in the Black and Africana

studies program at the State University of New York in Geneseo.

Rogalsky teaches several urban geography and regional geography courses. She has been teaching, researching and developing academic programming in Ghana, West Africa, since 2008. She was a Fulbright Scholar at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Kumasi, Ghana.

She has conducted research on U.S. welfare reform policy and public transportation, urban education in American cities and gentrification without displacement.

Rogalsky advises new graduates to have confidence in themselves and their abilities, and to not be afraid to strive for the next level.

"Take a chance and apply for that internship or job even if it seems like a reach. Present that paper at a conference even if you are afraid of public speaking. Make that move across the country for graduate school even if you've never lived outside of Wisconsin," Rogalsky says. "Know that your professors and your education at UWEC have prepared you very well for these challenges, and you should be confident in your ability to succeed."



**Laura Talley '86**  
bachelor's degree in business administration

Talley recently retired as the market president of BMO Harris Bank and is now doing consulting and board work with companies in western Wisconsin.

Talley says UW-Eau Claire's College of Business prepared her well for a career in finance and in obtaining her MBA.

"As a banker, I could clearly see that UWEC was a driver of economic progress in the region and never more so

than the past 10 years," Talley says. "UWEC's economic contributions to the region impacts both companies and individuals in so many ways and helps drive the growth and quality of life for all."

Talley's favorite saying is, "We don't know what we don't know," and she says people should keep that in mind throughout life.

"My advice to new graduates would be to take every opportunity that you can to continue to learn from others because many times we will be surprised at what we didn't know or a perspective we didn't consider," Talley says. "Diverse perspectives will not only lead to better decisions but also a more interesting work life."





# Leadership

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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 full-fledged member of the association (no dues required!) and eligible for all Alumni Association events and benefits.

## stay connected

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.

### Alumni communications

#### BluView

A monthly email update of all things happening on campus and alumni news.

#### THE BLUGOLD VIEW

An annual online magazine with expanded campus features and alumni news.

### 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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## ALMA MATER

Melody by William Croft  
Harmonized by George Frederick Handel

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

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

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

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

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, with the first system containing two verses. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

## a history of excellence in teaching and learning

### 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 four-year 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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Teacher education students  
in the observation deck of  
the former Campus School

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