
UNIVERSITY of WISCONSIN - EAU CLAIRE

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, founded in 1916, has long been recognized as one of the best public regional universities in the Midwest. Today we are building a national reputation based on the achievements of our outstanding faculty, students and alumni, and on our long tradition of academic excellence.

With approximately 10,500 undergraduates, 550 graduate students and 800 faculty and academic staff, the university community consistently demonstrates excellence in a range of academic, cultural and athletic endeavors. As an interactive public regional university, UW-Eau Claire is a catalyst in west central Wisconsin for education, health care, the arts, and community and economic development.

UW-Eau Claire regularly receives regional and national attention for the exceptional opportunities it offers students in areas that enhance learning, such as faculty-student research collaboration, international experiences, service-learning and internships.

Designated by the UW System Board of Regents as a Center of Excellence for Faculty and Undergraduate Student Research Collaboration, UW-Eau Claire is a national model in the size and scope of its undergraduate research program. We provide many experiences throughout the United States and the world to help students become more globally and culturally aware. One in four UW-Eau Claire students studies abroad, and a growing number of students and recent graduates are participating in research, community service, teaching and internships throughout the world. Professors also regularly have meaningful international experiences, and many academic departments host visiting multicultural scholars and artists. Students also are participating in a variety of immersion experiences in Wisconsin and in various parts of the country — experiences that help expand their understanding of other populations and cultures.

Among the university's recent achievements:

- UW-Eau Claire is among the most environmentally responsible colleges and universities in the United States and Canada, according to "The Princeton Review's Guide to 322 Green Colleges: 2013 Edition." The guide names UW-Eau Claire as one of 322 institutions of higher education that demonstrate a strong commitment to sustainability in its academic offerings, campus infrastructure, activities and career preparation.
- Construction of UW-Eau Claire's newest academic building is substantially complete. Centennial Hall will open for classes at the start of the spring 2014 semester. The approximately 182,000-square-foot building will house UW-Eau Claire's College of Education and Human Sciences administrative units; significant new classroom space for use by the entire campus; the departments of education studies, English, foreign languages and special education; and select student support services. The building will meet the growing demand for high-quality classrooms designed with today's teaching and learning styles in mind. Centennial Hall is UW-Eau Claire's first new state-funded academic building in three decades.
- Senior Thomas Nevins, a physics and mathematics major and Honors Program participant, was one of only eight students in Wisconsin to receive a Goldwater Scholarship, a prestigious award for students pursuing careers in science, mathematics or engineering. Nevins is the third UW-Eau Claire student ever to receive the award.
- The UW-Eau Claire men's hockey team capped off its best season in school history with a win over Oswego State (N.Y.) to claim the 2013 NCAA Division III national championship.
- UW-Eau Claire and Ministry Saint Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield celebrated their 25-year partnership in enabling students with strong central Wisconsin ties to pursue bachelor's degrees in nursing from UW-Eau Claire while remaining close to home.

- According to the 2013 Open Doors Report of the Institute for International Education, UW-Eau Claire ranks 14th nationally among all master's-level schools in the number of students who participate in midlength study abroad programs, and it sends more students abroad for midlength study abroad experiences than any other master's-level university in Wisconsin.
 - A new scholarship program established with the UW-Eau Claire Foundation will grant full tuition to four UW-Eau Claire string musicians each year and create a rare professional development opportunity for undergraduate students in the performing arts. Recipients of the Eileen Phillips Cohen String Scholarship will receive full in-state tuition and become a member of the Eileen Phillips Cohen String Quartet, named for the donor who created the scholarship fund. The distinguished ensemble will represent the university at special events and in touring performances. Kaitlyn Witherspoon, a junior cellist from Monona, and Hannah Kennedy, a freshman violinist from Stillwater, Minn., are the first scholarship recipients.
 - Dr. Matt Jewell, an assistant professor in UW-Eau Claire's Materials Science Center, has been awarded a five-year \$750,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to fund a faculty-student research project that seeks to improve superconductor technology in the medical and science fields. The grant also will provide funding for collaborative work with national laboratories and a research and development technology firm in River Falls, establishing new relationships between the university and the materials science industry. The research focuses on the mechanical properties of high-temperature superconductors, which could lead to MRI and other large-scale scientific devices being more accessible to medical centers and scientific research facilities being able to perform well beyond their current limitations.
 - UW-Eau Claire received four recognitions for its support for military veterans. In January it was designated a top performer in Military Advanced Education's 2013 Guide to Military-Friendly Colleges & Universities. In September it was named a Military Friendly School by G.I. Jobs magazine, placing it among the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's service members and veterans as students. In November it was named to the Military Times "Best for Vets: Colleges 2014" list, an annual ranking of colleges doing the most to support military veterans. Also in November, U.S. News & World Report named UW-Eau Claire one of the top public colleges and universities in the Midwest for military veterans, ranking it second among public universities in the Midwest and 11th among all public and private schools in the region.
 - UW-Eau Claire has continued to earn regular citations in U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges" guide, which annually ranks UW-Eau Claire among the best public regional universities in the Midwest. The Princeton Review also named UW-Eau Claire a 2014 Best Midwestern College and included it among its "Best Value Colleges for 2013."
 - For the 21st year in a row, the UW-Eau Claire forensics team earned the championship trophy at the Wisconsin State Forensics Tournament.
- Impressive as these accomplishments are, they are only a sample of the many successes of UW-Eau Claire's students, faculty and staff, alumni and others. Commencement is a time for anticipating new journeys and for remembering the values and shared experiences that are a legacy of those special years spent at UW-Eau Claire. Our newest graduates now join the more than 75,000 other UW-Eau Claire alumni making their mark throughout the world.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

DECEMBER 21, 2013
Dr. James C. Schmidt, Chancellor, Presiding

9:00 a.m.
College of Arts and Sciences
College of Nursing and Health Sciences

2:00 p.m.
College of Business
College of Education and Human Sciences

— PRELUDE BY UW-EAU CLAIRE FACULTY BRASS QUINTET —

Matt Mealey, trumpet
Jeffrey Walk, trumpet
Verle A. Ormsby Jr., French horn
Rodney Hudson, trombone
Jerry Young, tuba

— WELCOME —

Mitch Freymiller, Commencement Marshal, Chair, University Senate
Rachel Kohn, Signing for the deaf and hard of hearing

— 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 Philip Reilly, Bachelor of Music, Composition (morning)
Led by Ryan Simmons, Bachelor of Music Education, Choral (afternoon)

— CONGRATULATORY REMARKS —

James C. Schmidt, Chancellor

— INTRODUCTION OF ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS —

Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor
See pages 17-19 for bios of the award recipients.

— CHARGE TO THE CLASS —

Rakesh Sreenivasam, Vice President of Operations for North America for Nestle Health Science
(morning and afternoon)

— PRESENTATION OF MASTER'S CANDIDATES —

Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor

— CONFERRAL OF MASTER'S DEGREES —

James C. Schmidt, Chancellor

— PRESENTATION OF MASTER’S DIPLOMAS AND HOODING —

Michael R. Wick, Dean of Graduate Studies and Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
David Baker, Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Linda K. Young, Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences (morning)
Beth A. Hellwig, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (morning)
Joe Abhold, Dean of Students
Bernard Duyfhuizen, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences (morning)
Debra Jansen, Associate Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences (morning)
Diane Hoadley, Dean, College of Business (afternoon)
Gail P. Scukanec, Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences (afternoon)
Robin Beeman, Assistant Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences (afternoon)

— PRESENTATION OF BACCALAUREATE CANDIDATES —

Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor

— CONFERRAL OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES —

James C. Schmidt, Chancellor

— PRESENTATION OF BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMAS —

Linda K. Young, Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences (morning)
David Baker, Interim Dean, College of Arts and Sciences (morning)
Debra Jansen, Associate Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences (morning)
Bernard Duyfhuizen, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences (morning)
Gail P. Scukanec, Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences (afternoon)
Diane Hoadley, Dean, College of Business (afternoon)

— REFLECTIONS —

Gretchen Bachmeier, Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communication-Public Relations and Women’s Studies (morning)
“Born to be Brave”
Catherine Davis, Bachelor of Business Administration, Information Systems (afternoon)
“Life is About Picking a Direction”

— CLOSING REMARKS —

James C. Schmidt, Chancellor

— UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER —

Led by Heidi Joosten, Bachelor of Music, Composition (morning)
Led by Andrew Steffen, Bachelor of Music Education, Choral (afternoon)
Please rise and join in singing. Words and music are printed at end of program.

— RECESSIONAL —

Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1 (*Land of Hope and Glory*) by Sir Edward Elgar
Triumphal March from “Aida” by Giuseppe Verdi
You are welcome to move from your seat as soon as the platform party, faculty and graduates have exited the arena.

— STUDENT READERS —

Benjamin Thompson Isaac, Sophomore Communication Studies Major
Jacob Wrasse, Sophomore Journalism Major

— PHOTOGRAPHS —

A professional photograph will be taken of all graduates as they receive their diplomas.
In order to reset the Arena for the next event, there will be no photo opportunities in Zorn Arena following the ceremony.

— RECEPTION —

The chancellor, faculty and members of the graduating class cordially invite all guests to a reception immediately following the ceremony in the Ojibwe Grand Ballroom on the third floor of the W.R. Davies Student Center.



DEGREE INTERPRETATIONS

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

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GradImages, Fairfield, Iowa

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CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

Graduation with distinction is being conferred on those graduates who have an outstanding scholastic record. They are identified by gold cords and recognized in the program as follows: *cum laude (grade-point average of at least 3.2), **magna cum laude (GPA of at least 3.5) and ***summa cum laude (GPA of at least 3.8). Graduates receiving departmental honors are identified by the symbol †. The recognition of graduates receiving University Honors is noted under the student's name. Graduates receiving University Honors are identified by a gold ribbon and medal. Baccalaureate candidates who are members of scholastic honor societies are identified by silver cords.

COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Marjorie Jean Belisle New Richmond

D.N.P., Nursing
B.S.N., 1999, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
M.S.N., 2001, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Debra Jansen
Capstone Project: Promotion of Tobacco Use
Screening and Cessation Education by Providers and
Staff in a Clinic Setting

Catherine Clara Kromrie Chippewa Falls

D.N.P., Nursing
B.S.N., 1998, Viterbo University
M.S.N., 2010, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Rose Jadack
Capstone Project: Evaluation Plan Development for a
New Nurse Residency Program

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Leah Marie Albrecht ** La Crescent, MN

B.S.N., Nursing

Lara Jean Beranek *** Marathon

B.S.N., Nursing

Carly Catherine Bollig ** Sun Prairie

B.S.N., Nursing

Samantha Lynn Brusky * Suamico

B.S.N., Nursing

Stephanie Jordan Cain ** Marshfield

B.S.N., Nursing

Cassandra Cae Clark *** Eau Claire

B.S.N., Nursing

Casie Jane Comstock ** Onalaska

B.S.N., Nursing

Mara Michaela Dahl ** Richland Center

B.S.N., Nursing

Joel Christopher Degoey Rochester, MN

B.S.N., Nursing

Teresa Lynn Demoe * Eau Claire

B.S.N., Nursing

Amy Elizabeth Feldmann * Glendale

B.S.N., Nursing

Laura Field ** Stone Lake

B.S.N., Nursing

Katrina Laura Fitzgerald ** Farmington, MN

B.S.N., Nursing

Misty Lynn Freed ** Chippewa Falls

B.S.N., Nursing

Heidi Renee Frisinger ** Cadott

B.S.N., Nursing

Penny Sue Funk ** Owen

B.S.N., Nursing

Kiley Jo Gibbons ** Circle Pines, MN

B.S.N., Nursing

Amber Nicole Gibson ** Auburndale

B.S.N., Nursing

Zachary Thomas Ginter * Appleton

B.S.N., Nursing

Allison La Gleason ** Eagan, MN

B.S.N., Nursing

Brittany Ann Gonzales Algoma

B.S.N., Nursing

Cassandra Mae Grabko ** Birmamwood

B.S.N., Nursing

Sarah Kathryn Grosland * Inver Grove Heights, MN

B.S.N., Nursing

Amanda Nichole Gulich ** Chippewa Falls

B.S.N., Nursing

Leah Ashley Hamilton ** Byron, MN

B.S.N., Nursing

Abby Jette Hinz **† Plymouth, MN

B.S.N., Nursing

Lindsey Marie Jeans ** Mahtomedi, MN

B.S.N., Nursing

Alexis Jordan Jones ** Maplewood, MN

B.S.N., Nursing

Brenda Jean Kaczmarek ** Deer Park

B.S.N., Nursing

Megan Colleen Kendzior Hudson

B.S.N., Nursing

Megan Marie Korntved * Marshfield

B.S.N., Nursing

Grace Margaret Kressin *** Altoona

B.S.N., Nursing

Susan A Krier ** Marshfield

B.S.N., Nursing

Mitchell Ryan Kuhl * Red Wing, MN

B.S.N., Nursing

Shelby L. Larson ** Ashland

B.S.N., Nursing

Elizabeth Renae Leidall ** Rochester, MN

B.S.N., Nursing

Jessica Marie Linzmeier *** Stevens Point

B.S.N., Nursing

Jamie Elizabeth Mancl * Marshfield

B.S.N., Nursing

Jacquelyn Christine Mangano ** Lakeville, MN

B.S.N., Nursing

Hannah Louise Masters * Berlin

B.S.N., Nursing

Emily Ann Moore ** Brookfield

B.S.N., Nursing

Alicia Marie Mundy * Eagan, MN

B.S.N., Nursing

Emily Anne Newman * White Bear Lake, MN

B.S.N., Nursing

Glenna Rose Noska *** Rochester, MN

B.S.N., Nursing

Tracy Novelyn Ostrom ** Cameron

B.S.N., Nursing

Ami N Patel ** Marshfield

B.S.N., Nursing

Paige Renee Pearson * Poplar

B.S.N., Nursing

Angela Lynn Pecor ** Eau Claire

B.S.N., Nursing

Jennifer Lee Poretta ** Green Bay

B.S.N., Nursing

Kathryn Anne Pietsch ** Wausau

B.S.N., Nursing

Rachel Dawn Potaczek Stanley

B.S.N., Nursing

Rachael Elaine Price ** Apple Valley, MN

B.S.N., Nursing

Morgan Elise Quick * Lodi

B.S.N., Nursing

Megan Elizabeth Randall ** Chippewa Falls

B.S.N., Nursing

Colleen Victoria Reid ** Stevens Point
B.S.N., Nursing

Elizabeth Lee Reinert ** Montrose, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Shinae Marie Reynolds *** Unity
B.S.N., Nursing

Laura Jane Rixen Menomonie
B.S.N., Nursing

Lisa Marie Robbins ***† Wausau
B.S.N., Nursing

Kayla Judith Roeser ** Somerset
B.S.N., Nursing

Jini Lynn Ruplinger ** Wausau
B.S.N., Nursing

Connor James Schmidt * Spooner
B.S.N., Nursing

Amber Lynn Sherfinski Ringle
B.S.N., Nursing

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B.S.N., Nursing

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B.S.N., Nursing

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B.S.N., Nursing

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B.S.N., Nursing

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B.S.N., Nursing

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B.S.N., Nursing

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B.S.N., Nursing

Stephanie Jane Tornquist * Woodbury, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

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B.S.N., Nursing

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*University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing*

Kelsey Joan Wahlquist ** Baldwin
B.S.N., Nursing

Theresa Lynn Weiler ** Hewitt
B.S.N., Nursing

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B.S.N., Nursing

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B.S.N., Nursing

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES

MASTER'S DEGREES

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M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
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M.S.E., Special Education
B.S., 2006, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
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M.S.T., Reading
B.S., 1998, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
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BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

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B.S.W., Social Work

Megan Mary Abel ** Eau Claire
B.S., Special Education

Lindsey Lee Alger ** Thorp
B.S., Mathematics

Brooke Lydia Allen ** Wausau
B.S., Special Education

Emily Rowan Alsheskie * Plymouth
B.S., Kinesiology

Courtney Elizabeth Amundson ** Chippewa Falls
B.S., Special Education

Kyra Joy Anderson * Esko, MN
B.S.W., Social Work

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B.S., Elementary Education

David Robert Arbetan Rice Lake
B.S., Kinesiology

Joshua Aaron Ausman * Menomonie
B.A., English

Joshua David Barnard * Le Sueur, MN
B.A., English and Theatre Arts

Abigail Rae Berens * Shakopee, MN
B.S., Kinesiology

Lindy Lorene Bergman ** Thorp
B.S., Elementary Education

Ashley Bies * Brooklyn Park, MN
B.S., Elementary Education

Elizabeth Ann Billberg ** Alexandria, MN
B.S., Elementary Education

Devin Marie Billodeau ** Brooklyn Park, MN
B.S., Elementary Education

Sarah Kay Bingea *** Delano, MN
B.S., Elementary Education

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B.S., Elementary Education and French

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B.A., Social Studies

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B.S.W., Social Work

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B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

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B.S.W., Social Work

Kelly Marie Brandstaetter *** Brookfield
B.A., Spanish

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B.S., Special Education

Sarah Thorn Braun ** Edina, MN
B.S., Elementary Education

Hailey Sue Brennan * Chippewa Falls
B.S.W., Social Work

Melissa Ann Brown * South St. Paul, MN
B.S., Kinesiology

Nicole Lou Bunce * Savage, MN
B.A., English

Nicole Marie Cady *** Cross Plains
B.S., Special Education

Eric Mason Camp * St. Germain
B.S., Special Education

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B.M.E., Music

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B.S., Kinesiology

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B.S., Kinesiology

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B.S.W., Social Work

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B.S., Special Education

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B.S., Kinesiology and Psychology

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B.S., Kinesiology and Spanish

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B.M.E., Music

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B.S., Elementary Education

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B.S., Kinesiology

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B.S.W., Social Work

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Tamara Jean Foster * Chippewa Falls
B.S., Special Education

Marissa Maurine Fraser ** Holmen
B.S., Elementary Education

Hannah Amy Fredericksen ** Prairie du Sac
B.S.W., Social Work

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Lindsey Marie Gohr *** Brookfield
B.S., Mathematics

Leah Elizabeth Grancorvitz Hudson
B.S., Mathematics

Rachel Hannah Grim *** Schofield
B.S., Elementary Education

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University Honors
B.S., Mathematics

Emily Ann Haluska ** Stevens Point
B.A., Social Studies

Scott Ryan Hayden *** Eau Claire
B.S., Biology

Molly Rae Heiman * Neillsville
B.S., Kinesiology and Spanish

Sarah Elizabeth Hemmy *** Amherst Junction
B.S., Special Education and Spanish

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B.S., Kinesiology

Jennifer Lynn Hess * Wisconsin Rapids
B.S., Kinesiology

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B.M.E., Music

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B.S., Kinesiology

Jack Taylor Holveatz * Ashland
B.S., Kinesiology

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B.S., Special Education

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B.S., Kinesiology

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B.S., Elementary Education

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B.S., Elementary Education

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B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders

Rachel Ann Kornhoff *** Hales Corners
B.S., Special Education

Kara Lynn Kraase * Oshkosh
B.S.W., Social Work

Jessica Susan Krause *** Eau Claire
B.S.W., Social Work

Erin Jasmine Kriener ** Eau Claire
B.A., English

Elise Pauline Kubosch * Mequon
B.S.W., Social Work

Jennifer Ann Kulesa ** Thorp
B.S., Elementary Education

Samantha Carol Kwaterski * Oneida
B.S., Special Education

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B.S.W., Social Work

Megan Marie Lambert Bloomer
B.S., Kinesiology

Jennifer Rennee Lange Pendleton, OR
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B.S., Special Education

Joan Christine Laundry * Mount Horeb
B.S.W., Social Work

Daniel Kaer LaVoy Colfax
B.S., Athletic Training

Nicole Louise Leduc * Chippewa Falls
B.S., Elementary Education

Tor Tong Moua Lee Eau Claire
B.S., Kinesiology

Nicholl Kendra Leonhard * Marshfield
B.S.W., Social Work

Matthew Elliotte Lewis * Green Bay
B.S., Kinesiology

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— SENIOR CLASS GIFT —

Each year, graduating seniors have an opportunity to make a gift to UW-Eau Claire to honor their graduation by supporting current and future Blugolds. This year, seniors were encouraged to donate to the Blugold Emergency Support Fund, which is funded by UW-Eau Claire students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends. The Blugold Emergency Support Fund provides financial support to students, faculty and staff in emergency or crisis situations such as a house fire, an emergency medical situation or other crises. By making a gift to the Blugold Emergency Support Fund, seniors are able to support UW-Eau Claire students, faculty and staff even after they graduate.

The UW-Eau Claire Foundation thanks the following seniors for their generosity and for participating in the Senior Class Gift program. * Senior Class donors can be identified by the blue and gold cords they will be wearing during the commencement ceremony:

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— HONORS PROGRAM —

The Honors Program provides an extra measure of challenge and enrichment for students who are academically distinguished by previous and current achievements and by high levels of motivation and curiosity. The program seeks to challenge exceptionally able students to perform at the highest level of which they are capable, to enhance their capacity for critical inquiry and independent learning, and to develop their potential for leadership in their future vocations. The Honors Program has two components: University Honors and Departmental Honors. Students may complete one or both components. Students graduating with University Honors have attained a grade-point average of at least 3.5 and have completed at least 24 University Honors credits. Graduates receiving University Honors are identified by a gold ribbon and medal.

In addition, 32 scholastic honor societies are recognized at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. They exist primarily to recognize the attainment of scholarship of a superior quality and to confer distinction for high achievement in undergraduate, graduate and professional studies; in student leadership; and in various fields of research. Baccalaureate candidates who are members of scholastic honor societies are identified by silver cords.

— ACADEMIC APPAREL —

The academic apparel worn by the faculty and staff in the processional has its origins in the universities of the Middle Ages. Because the universities grew out of church schools, both faculty and students were regarded as part of the clergy and wore clerical clothing based on monastic dress.

The head covering developed from the skullcap worn to protect tonsured heads in cold weather. In the universities, the skullcap acquired a point on top, which gradually evolved into a tassel. In Europe the bonnet with tassel is still worn but has been replaced in America by the mortarboard cap or tam with tassel.

The style of the gown may have been borrowed from the Benedictine monk's habit. In the Middle Ages, those with bachelor's and master's degrees could be distinguished by the simplicity or elaborateness of their gowns. The master's gowns were often furred, a decoration surviving as the three velvet bars now used on the sleeves of the doctoral gown.

The hood was originally worn over the head in bad weather and otherwise dropped onto the shoulders. First worn by faculty and students, the hood is now added to the apparel of those with master's, specialist in education and doctoral degrees. The color of the velvet trim on the hood indicates the scholarly field: for example, dark blue (philosophy), golden yellow (science), light blue (education), pink (music), apricot (nursing), drab (business), white (arts). The colors of the satin lining are those approved and authorized by the college or university from which the degree was earned.

OUTSTANDING RECENT ALUMNUS AWARD

The **Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award** acknowledges special achievements and great promise of alumni who are within 15 years of their graduation from UW-Eau Claire.



BRANDON JOHNSON graduated from UW-Eau Claire in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in theatre and has been a working actor and television host for more than a decade. His current work includes playing the character Gary Wilde on the Disney Channel's hit show "Shake It Up!" He also recently hosted two seasons of HGTV's "My Yard Goes Disney," "Meet the Disney Legends," TNT's reality competition show "72 hours" and NBC's singing competition "The Winner Is."

Johnson's first big break into acting came in 2003 when he was cast as the character Dr. Michael McBain on the ABC daytime series "One Life to Live." He played that role until 2004 and returned to the series in 2007-08 in the recurring role of Chuck Wilson III. Johnson also appeared in three episodes of the Disney Channel series "Hannah Montana" as character Brian Winters. His feature film credits include "The Notorious Bettie Page," alongside Gretchen Mol and Lili Taylor, the dark comedy "Rick," alongside Bill Pullman and Aaron Stanford, and lead roles in horror films "Malevolence" and "Little Erin Merryweather," which was an official selection of the Cannes Film Festival. Johnson also played

roles in political dramas "Invisible Evidence," shot entirely on location in Guatemala, and "The Mondavi Gang."

Johnson's introduction to hosting began with the infotainment show "Cool In Your Code," shot entirely throughout all of New York's boroughs. CIYC was nominated for 18 New York Emmy Awards, winning four of them. Simultaneously, he worked as the premiere host for OLN's "Rally America" and on the FOX Soccer channel's "Fox Soccer USA." Soon afterwards he booked "Formula D" for the G4 TV Network. Johnson also hosted HGTV's "RV 2012," "RV 2013" and "Get Out, Way Out!" which sparked opportunities to co-host HGTV's "Consumer Electronics' Show" and the "Homes and Housewares" special. He also shot more than 100 episodes of USA's "Character Fantasy," hosted two reality pilots for VH1 called "Perfect" and "Pretty Smart," and another on TNT titled "The Great American Scavenger Hunt."

With 20 years of drumming experience and involvement in the music industry, Johnson also became a correspondent for The MySpace Music Feed on MySpace, where he interviewed up-and-coming artists and world-renowned musicians.



KYLE NEWMASER graduated from UW-Eau Claire in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in music education and is an award-winning film, television and game music composer.

Being a self-professed "Star Wars" fanatic, Newmaster is most proud of his work co-scoring the music for the Lucas Arts' "Kinect Star Wars" game, which was recorded at the famed Abbey Road Studios in London with the London Symphony Orchestra. He also provided music and orchestrated for other Lucas Arts games, including "Star Wars: The Old Republic" and "Indiana Jones and the Staff of Kings."

Newmaster is primarily active in film scoring and recently composed the score for the films "Channeling," "Something Wicked," "Blood Shot" and "The Myth of the American Sleepover," which was an official selection at the 2011 Cannes Film Festival. Other credits include arranging and orchestrating the score for Rob Zombie's animated film "The Haunted World of El Superbeasto," scoring

the Hallmark Channel movie "Bound by a Secret," and providing or licensing music for a variety of other television shows, including "Little People, Big World," "Crash" and "Jimmy Kimmel Live."

When he is not writing music, Newmaster is an active professional trumpet player who performs and records in a variety of groups, including the Brian Setzer Orchestra and the Seth MacFarlane Big Band. He has recorded for numerous television shows, including "Family Guy," "The Cleveland Show," "The Middle," "America's Got Talent" and "American Dad."

Newmaster received a master's degree in composing for contemporary media from the Eastman School of Music in New York and frequently gives lectures on composing and the music industry at universities, including guest lecturing at UW-Eau Claire. Newmaster also continues to regularly compose and arrange for the Columbus Jazz Orchestra and has provided music for a variety of the ensemble's guest artists.



ZACHARY VERRIDEN graduated from UW-Eau Claire in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in political science and has a passion and commitment to urban education.

After graduating from UW-Eau Claire, Verriden immediately joined Teach For America, where he spent two years teaching in Camden, N.J., and later went on to become one of the top recruiters for Teach For America after earning his master's degree in education policy and management from Harvard University in 2008. He returned to teaching in 2009 at YES Prep Southwest School in Houston, where he served as the 10- and 11th-grade-level chair, instructional fellow and history instructor. His students achieved 100 percent passing and 67 percent commended scores for 10th-grade world history students on the Texas state test, and 100 percent passing and 74 percent commended scores for 11th-grade United States history students on the Texas state test.

In 2011 Verriden received his principal and business certificate from the Jones School of Business at Rice University in Houston and returned to Wisconsin to be close to family and work to improve schools in his home state. He is currently working as the principal of HOPE Christian High School in Milwaukee. In 2011, his first year as principal, the school boasted a 100 percent college acceptance rate for the senior class, a first for a high school on Milwaukee's north side. In his second year, the school achieved 100 percent college acceptance once again and raised the school ACT average to outpace the city, state and national average for African-American students. Verriden also received recognition from Gov. Scott Walker for his hard work and dedication in improving education in urban schools. HOPE's current senior class is already at 83 percent for its college acceptance this school year.

Verriden's wife, Anya Woronzoff, said her husband's greatest strength is his unrelenting passion and belief in equality and in urban education.

LIFETIME EXCELLENCE AWARD

The **Lifetime Excellence Award** is presented to alumni who have demonstrated longtime and successful commitment to their careers and communities.



DR. ROBERT SINDELAR, a 1978 physics and mathematics graduate of UW-Eau Claire, will be presented the Lifetime Excellence Award, which recognizes the positive and dramatic impact of alumni through their dedication to service and UW-Eau Claire's motto of "Excellence."

Sindelar is a senior advisory engineer in the Science and Technology Directorate at the Savannah River National Laboratory. SRNL is a U.S. Department of Energy applied research and development national laboratory. Sindelar has 28 years of research and development experience in nuclear science. He is internationally recognized for his work in nuclear fuel management and water decontamination.

Earlier this year, Sindelar spent three months in Japan as an Embassy Science Fellow, where he assisted the Japanese government with decontamination efforts in the Fukushima region, where a major earthquake and subsequent tsunami severely damaged a nuclear power plant in 2011.

Sindelar has been a consultant and lecturer for the International Atomic Energy Agency and NATO, where he led workshops on spent fuel management practices.

Sindelar received a master's degree and a Ph.D. in nuclear engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

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



RAKESH SREENIVASAM received a bachelor's degree in biology from UW-Eau Claire in 1988 and currently works as the vice president of operations for North America for Nestlé Health Science. He is based in Minnetonka, Minn., but over the course of his 19-year career with Nestlé, he has worked around the country and around the world. Sreenivasam has worked at Nestlé facilities in Switzerland, Morocco, Germany and Mexico.

He has also been based in Virginia, Illinois, California, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Sreenivasam and his family currently live in Eau Claire.

Sreenivasam, who was born in India, moved to the United States when he was 10 years old. He met his wife, Renee, who graduated with a degree in medical technology from UW-Eau Claire in 1986, in an organic chemistry and physics class.

After graduating from UW-Eau Claire, Sreenivasam attended the University of Minnesota, where he earned a degree in mechanical engineering.



DR. TIM NELSON received a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and molecular biology from UW-Eau Claire in 1998 and serves as the director of the Todd and Karen Wanek Family Program for Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome (HLHS), which is part of Mayo Clinic's Center for Regenerative Medicine. HLHS is a rare defect in which the left side of the heart is critically underdeveloped.

Nelson leads a research team that is working with induced pluripotent stem cells. Researchers take pieces of human skin and bioengineer them to look and feel like embryonic stem cells. Those cells are then used as seeds, planted into diseased tissue, to grow new parts.

Thanks to the research conducted by Nelson, Mayo Clinic announced the first United States stem cell clinical trial for pediatric congenital heart disease. The trial will test the safety and feasibility of delivering personalized cell-based therapy into the hearts of 10 infants affected by HLHS.

Nelson and his research were featured on the ABC News program "Nightline" in January, and he has visited the UW-Eau Claire campus in the past to talk with students about internship opportunities and his cutting-edge research in regenerative medicine.

Nelson received his M.D. and Ph.D. from the Medical College of Wisconsin.



ALUMNI DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Alumni Distinguished Achievement Award recognizes distinguished service to the community, state or nation in a manner that brings credit upon the recipient and the university.



JERRY ELIASON graduated from UW-Eau Claire in 1978 with a bachelor's degree in environmental and public health. His first job out of school was in the water quality lab of the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District in Duluth, where he worked for five years. He then joined the Minnesota Department of Public Safety as a driver's license examiner, was named Minnesota's examiner of the year in 2001 and was promoted to assistant regional supervisor in 2002.

A resident of Cloquet, Minn., Eliason said his reason for seeking employment in the Duluth area was to feed his growing interest in exploring and documenting Lake Superior shipwrecks. During the 1980s he published a dozen magazine articles about shipwrecks, many featuring his underwater photography.

Eliason is part of a three-member team that has been searching for sunken ships for more than three decades. He and his fellow crew members have discovered a total of 12 shipwrecks, 11 in Lake Superior and one in the North Atlantic. Two sunken freighters were discovered this year alone: the Henry B. Smith and the Scotiadoc.

The Henry B. Smith sank during a 1913 storm, its entire crew lost. Eliason's team found it this spring off the shore of Marquette, Mich. The group discovered the

Scotiadoc, which had collided with another ship in 1953, in September near Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Professor emeritus Robert Nelson, one of Eliason's environmental health instructors at UW-Eau Claire, assisted the Eliason crew in operating the underwater camera system Eliason developed and used during the Scotiadoc expedition.

"Observing Jerry's genius and savvy in planning, research and technology was truly a fulfilling and proud experience for me," Nelson said. "The other members of Jerry's team, Kraig Smith and Ken Merryman, are equally skilled, and the combination of their talents has led to many shipwreck discoveries."

Eliason is a member of the Great Lakes Shipwreck Preservation Society, a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting Great Lakes shipwrecks from the looting of artifacts.

Eliason said his greatest achievement is his son, Jarrod (high school valedictorian and summa cum laude college graduate).

"At the age of 4 he attended a few classes with me at UW-Eau Claire when I couldn't find a babysitter or afford day care," he said.



KRYSZYNA WOLNIAKOWSKI graduated from UW-Eau Claire in 1977 with a bachelor's degree in biology. In 1979 she received a master's degree from Oregon State University in environmental sciences with emphasis on oceanography and marine ecology. She currently works as director of the Western Partnership Office for the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Prior to her current position, she worked in conservation for consulting firms, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and the German Marshall Fund of the U.S.

At the Oregon DEQ, she worked for 10 years on the passage of the toughest water quality standards in the country to prevent toxic pollution from being discharged into the state's waters and to protect high-quality waters in pristine wilderness areas.

During a decade abroad, Wolniakowski worked for the German Marshall Fund of the U.S., setting up the first philanthropic foundation in post-Communist Poland and helping to educate the newly democratic citizens about how to

become involved in free elections. During this time she received the EcoLisc Award for her contributions to the Polish environmental movement. She was then promoted to director for Central and Eastern Europe, where she initiated grants to develop independent think tanks in economic, human rights and political reforms as well as the environment.

Wolniakowski started the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's regional office in Portland, Ore., in 2000. Of note is her work to create the Community Salmon Fund for Washington state, leveraging millions of federal dollars with private community donations to bring almost extinct wild salmon species back from the brink to their home streams. She also is a member of the National Fish Habitat Partnership board, which oversees the restoration of marine and freshwater fish habitat across the U.S.

"My goal is to promote stewardship; protect intact, healthy habitat; and restore our nation's waterways and wildlife for future generations to learn from and enjoy," Wolniakowski said.



DR. BART WILSON graduated summa cum laude and with University Honors from UW-Eau Claire in 1992 with majors in economics and mathematics. He also holds a master's degree and doctorate in economics from the University of Arizona. He currently is a professor of economics and law at Chapman University (Orange, Calif.) and holds the Donald P. Kennedy Endowed Chair of Economics and Law. He has joint

appointments in the Argyros School of Business and Economics and the Fowler School of Law, with a specialty in experimental economics.

Wilson's current research focuses on the emergence of markets and property right systems in laboratory economies. His other research programs compare human and nonhuman primate decision-making and apply the experimental method to topics in gasoline markets, e-commerce, electric power deregulation and antitrust. Wilson is part of a team, led by Nobel laureate Vernon Smith, that founded the Economic Science Institute at Chapman in 2008.

Wilson's research has been supported by the National Science Foundation, the Federal Trade Commission and the International Foundation for Research in

Experimental Economics. He has published papers in numerous professional journals, including the American Economic Review, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences and Proceedings of the Royal Society B. Wilson and three collaborators were awarded the 2012 Oliver E. Williamson Prize for best article in the Journal of Law, Economics and Organization for their article titled "The Ecological and Civil Mainsprings of Property: An Experimental Economic History of the Whalers' Rules of Capture."

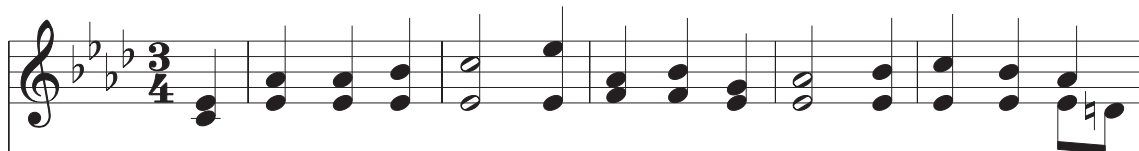
Wilson extensively uses experimental economics in teaching undergraduate and graduate classes and has for the past eight years taught an intensive six-week program to introduce high school students and undergraduates to research in experimental economics.

Prior to joining the faculty at Chapman University, Wilson taught at George Mason University in the department of economics, with affiliations in the schools of law and management. He also was a research scientist at the Economic Science Laboratory at the University of Arizona. Before that, he spent a year in Washington, D.C., as an economist in the Division of Economic Policy Analysis and the Antitrust Division of the Federal Trade Commission.

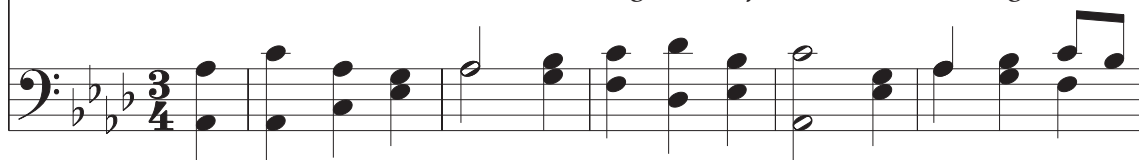
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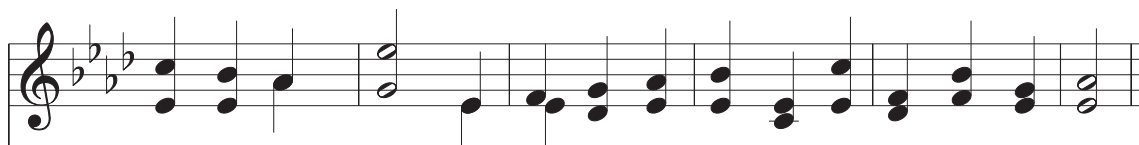
Words by Mark D'Amico
and William Oesterreich
Members of The Singing Statesmen, 1969



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.

