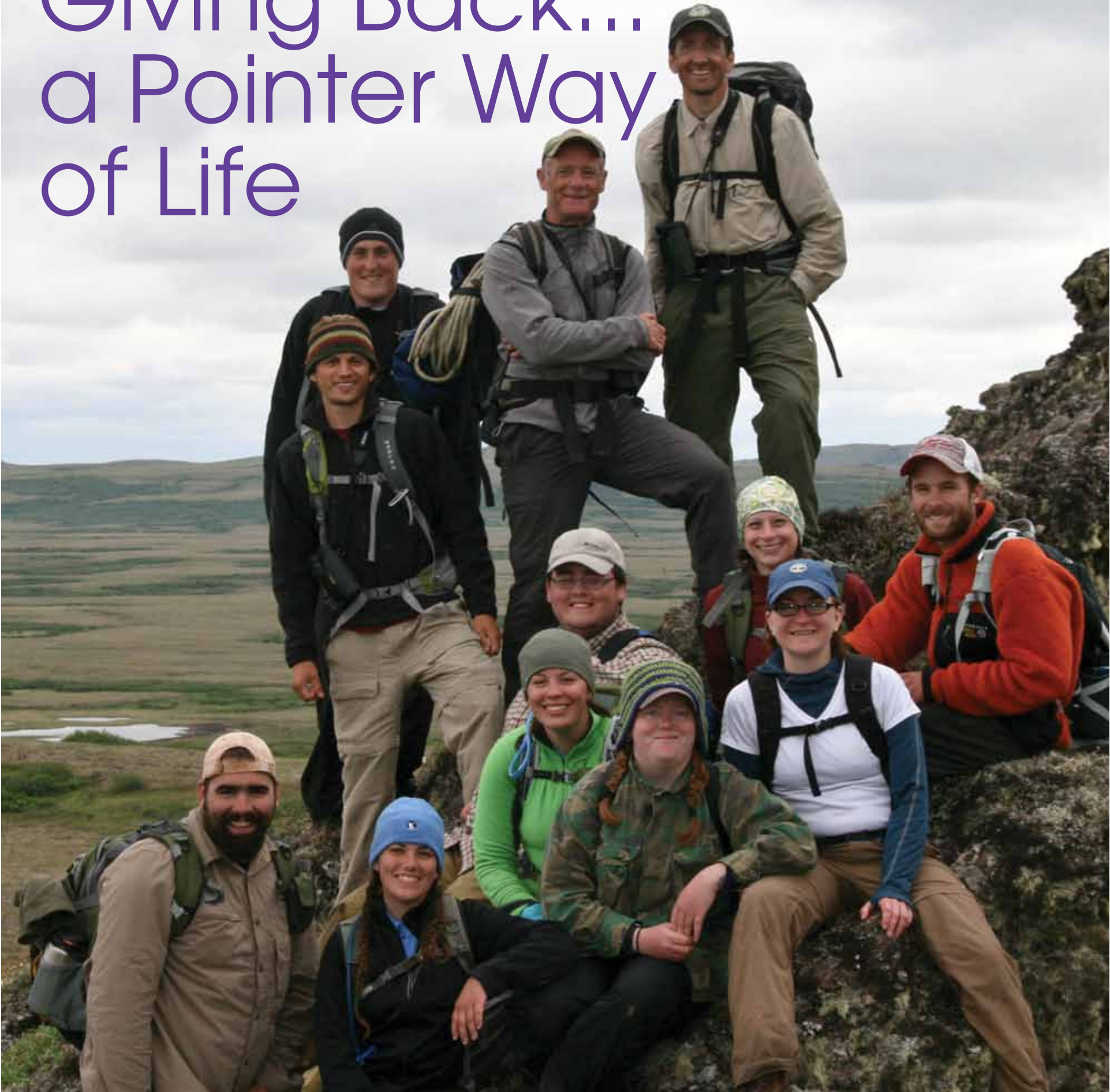


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UWSP Alumni Board of Directors

Members of the 2009-2010 Alumni Association Board met in May, including, back row, from left, **Tom Girolamo**, '82, Mosinee, Past President **Patrick Braatz**, '84, Beaverton, Ore., **David Bruha**, '82, Wisconsin Rapids, President **Mary Wescott**, '75, Stevens Point, **Kevin Parham**, '91, Kenosha, President Elect **Ray Oswald**, '97, Milwaukee, **Laurice Biemeret-Freeman**, '05, Fond du Lac, and **Jean Ann Day**, '92, Stevens Point; **Andrew Halverson**, '01, Stevens Point, **Jeffrey Buhrandt**, '00, Madison, Vice President **Cindy Polzin**, '01, Madison, **Jon Greendeer**, '04, Stevens Point, **Betty Jenkins**, '63, Stevens Point, **Patty Noel**, '70, Stevens Point, **Melissa Hardin**, '87, Madison, and **Thomas Klismith**, '80, Plover.

Not pictured are **Erich Bacher**, '92, Denver, Colo.; **Jenny Baeseman**, '98, Tromso, Norway; **Bruce Bay**, '65, St. Louis, Mo.; **Derylee Hecimovich**, '81, Palmer, Alaska; **John Jokela**, '89, Schofield; **Michael Kornmann**, '90, Webster; **Carol Lagerquist**, '66, Green Bay; **Shannon Loecher**, '93, Minneapolis, Minn.; **Joanne Loeffler**, '88, Seymour; **David Marie**, '81, Plover; Member-at-large **Tamara Moore**, '92, Colorado Springs, Colo.; **Mary Ann Nigbor**, '67, Stevens Point; **Edward Richmond**, '93, Stevens Point; and Member-at-large **Grant Winslow**, '89, De Pere; This year's STAT representative is **Erin Kennedy**, '11; and Student Body Representative is **Mike Wilson**, '11.

Six new members will begin three-year terms in January, including **Jamie Beckland**, '00, Portland, Ore.; **Nic Bolz**, '01, Appleton; **Peter Graening**, '04, Chicago, Ill.; **Alexa Priddy**, '02, Salem, Ore.; **Pat Weiland**, '81, Los Angeles, Calif.; and **Steve Zywicki**, '98, Green Bay.

Greetings from the second floor of Old Main

As the fall colors start to peek through and vans full of students arrive with boxes of necessities to get them through the semester, the campus seems to take a collective deep breath as we launch into another year of opportunity at UWSP.

With the arrival of Chancellor Bernie L. Patterson, a new director at UWSP's Wisconsin Institute for Sustainable Technology (WIST), a new dean of the College of Professional Studies and many new student faces eager to get a good start, there is a wealth of fresh ideas and big dreams for our future, and we are all excited to help.

When the idea of a "giving back" theme came forth for this issue, admittedly my mind went straight to "money." UWSP alumni are extremely generous and provide thousands of dollars of support each year for scholarships and program support, and that is extremely important as we move forward, remain competitive with other schools and create sustainable opportunities for future Pointers. The stronger UWSP is now, the greater is the value of your degree and the opportunity for current students to change the world.

However, as we discussed the issue further it became amazingly apparent that giving back at UWSP means so much more. As you read through the stories and highlights in these pages, you will see that our alumni give back to our alma mater in a tremendous and variety of ways. From offering internship opportunities, creating partnerships with local businesses to hosting students in their homes, giving back goes far beyond the wallet at UWSP.

I encourage each of you to take a look at your own actions and consider how you have or might like to give back to UWSP. We are all part of the Pointer family, and whether your name is on a building or you are mentoring one student, YOU make the difference and YOU keep our alma mater strong. Thank you.

*Laura Gehrman Rottier*

Laura Gehrman Rottier, '02, director of Alumni Affairs

Introducing the Events Committee

By Dana Mallett, assistant director of Alumni Affairs

In continuing to introduce you to members of the UWSP Alumni Board of Directors, let me highlight members of the Events Committee. Their job is to plan events that connect current and previous Alumni Board members. They also give back by stewarding past Alumni Board members. This year's "Thanks a Brunch" event brought board members from 20 years ago together with current members.

**Melissa Hardin**, '87 – A member of the Alumni Board since 2007, Melissa chairs the Events Committee. She is very enthusiastic about and dedicated to creating opportunities to gather alumni memories. Melissa lives in Madison and works as a judicial secretary for the U.S. District Court. She is very passionate about travel and has recently visited England.

**Tamara Moore**, '92 – Tamara attends at least one UWSP Alumni Board meeting a year in person, even though she resides in Colorado Springs, Colo. She has been a dedicated member since 2007 and brings great experience working with a university as she is currently the executive director of Auxiliary Services Marketing for the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

**Kevin Parham**, '91 – Since joining the Alumni Board in 2009, Kevin has provided many great ideas for events and ways to connect with other affinity groups on campus. As a member of the Hall of Fame men's swim team, Kevin provides a connection to the swimming teams on campus and ideas that are helpful in engaging alumni athletes. He is a project manager with Discover Card.

**Ed Richmond**, '93 – Ed has been a member of the Alumni Board since 2008. A Stevens Point resident and the coordinator of Campus Activities & Recreation at UWSP, he provides the group with event planning experience.

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## UWSP Distinguished Alumni Council established

Four distinguished UWSP alumni will be recognized on Saturday, October 9, as the UWSP Alumni Association presents the new Distinguished Alumni Council, to be made up of representatives from each of the university's four colleges.

The 2010 Distinguished Alumni Council includes **Bee Leng Chua**, '77, Ph.D., Honolulu, Hawaii, the Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Fine Arts and Communication; **Ronald R. Breaker**, '89, Ph.D., Guilford, Conn., the Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Letters and Science; **Paul W. Skinner**, '74, Ph.D., Saint Helena, Calif., the Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Natural Resources; and **Lela Jahn**, '62, San Francisco, Calif., the Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Professional Studies. The four are being honored for exceptional professional achievement and recognition and reputation beyond immediate environs.



Chua is currently the executive director of HiBEAM, the Hawaii Business Entrepreneur Acceleration Mentors, a non-profit organization that helps early stage technology, biotechnology and life science companies with global potential that will fuel Hawaii's economic growth. She is the founding executive director of the Hawai'i Pacific University Entrepreneurship Center and the co-founder of the Center for Entrepreneurship at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. While a UWSP communication student, she founded what would become the annual Portage County Culture Festival. She earned her master's and doctorate degrees at Ohio University.



Breaker holds the Henry Ford II Professorship in the Department of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology at Yale University, where he was recently promoted to department chair. He is also an investigator with Howard Hughes Medical Institute. He has made major advances in biological research, including creating the first DNA molecules that act as enzymes, discovering a new form of genetic control and inventing technologies that are the basis of two biotechnology companies. He has been recognized by the American Society for Microbiology and the U.S. National Academy of Sciences. He is a member of the JASON Defense

Advisory Group, which advises U.S. governmental agencies on aspects of emerging military and civilian technologies. He holds a doctorate from Purdue University.



Skinner, called "one of the most influential presences in the Napa Valley and indeed in the world of wine," owns and operates Terra Spase, Inc., a consulting service that uses geographic information systems and soil monitoring technology to assist vineyard owners in Napa and Sonoma counties with the planting and growing of wine grapes. He has worked in the wine industry since 1982 and also grows his own grapes and makes his own wine. Previously he worked in agriculture, in the Peace Corps and as a USDA soil consultant. He has a master's degree from Colorado State University and a doctorate from the University of California-Davis.



Jahn founded and owned Jahn Investment Advisors in San Francisco from 1987-2008. She has served as president and board member of numerous professional organizations supporting women in business. She was vice president of Wells Fargo Bank for five years. In 2009 she began a mentoring program matching UWSP women students with business women in Central Wisconsin. She also serves on the UWSP Foundation Board. Prior to entering the business world, she lived throughout Africa and South America for 12 years leading comprehensive rural village development projects. She is a respected speaker

on issues of concern to women and often appears on local and network TV, most notably as a frequent guest on ABC's Good Morning America.

## Success and service recognized

A recent graduate and two service-oriented couples will be honored at the October 9 award ceremony alongside the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Council.



**Lauren McGrath**, '05, Kentucky, is the first winner of the UWSP Trailblazer Award, given to an alumna or alumnus who has exhibited exceptional professional achievement within their first 10 years of graduation. After graduating from UWSP, Lauren moved to rural Appalachia working as community organizer in the coal mining regions. McGrath has participated in a UN Climate Negotiation in Indonesia and received one of only thirty awards worldwide to attend a video advocacy training in Montreal. After working in Appalachia, McGrath moved to D.C. and became the National Campaign Organizer on the "Campaign to Ban

Torture," where her work helped secure an executive order to ban enhanced interrogation techniques. Currently Lauren works for the Sierra Club's National Beyond Coal Campaign.



Cynny and Jack Porter, Stevens Point, are the winners of the Alumni Service Award, given as warranted to an alumna, alumnus or friend of UWSP who has given freely of their time with unpaid service that benefits the UWSP Alumni Association for five years or more. The Porters have been dedicated and loyal supporters of UWSP and the local community for several decades. In addition to active participation in the BackCourt and Quarterback clubs and First Nighters, the couple has served as a host family to numerous foreign students. Jack has served on the Rotary Club's Scholarship Committee. They also take Don Friday, a

former *Stevens Point Journal* sports editor and UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame member with stroke limitations, to Pointer athletics and allied events.



**Karen Engelhard**, '59, and Robert Engelhard, Ph.D., Stevens Point, are the winners of the 2010 William C. Hansen Distinguished Service Award. This award, created in 1983, recognizes commitment to public service as demonstrated by former UWSP President and Wisconsin State Senator, William C. Hansen. Robert's work as a professor of forestry at UWSP from 1965 to 1991 pioneered the way for UWSP's first major in this field, as well as the College of Natural Resources Summer Abroad program. His passion for natural resources extends far beyond the campus, as he served on the Portage County Board of Supervisors, Parks Commission, Personnel

Committee, Planning and Zoning Committee and was president of the Stevens Point Water & Sewage Commission, keeping sustainability at the forefront of everyone's mind. Karen served UWSP and our alumni as director of Alumni Relations from 1976-1996, receiving a UWSP Distinguished Alumnus Award herself in 1997. While at UWSP Karen was an active member of the university participating in Academic Staff Council, the University Relations Committee, coordinator of Laird Endowment programs and interim executive director of the UWSP Foundation and as an adviser for several student organizations.

For videos and more on these honorees after the Oct. 9 event, go to [www.uwsp.edu/news/alumnus](http://www.uwsp.edu/news/alumnus).

## Nominations sought

The Alumni Association is honored to be able to recognize its successful alumni with awards and recognitions, including the Distinguished Alumni Council Award, given annually to a graduate of each of the four colleges; the Alumni Service Award, for alumni or friends who give of their time and talents; the Trailblazer Award, for alumni who have succeeded within 10 years of graduating; and the Lifetime Achievement Award, given for accomplishments over a 40-plus year period.

If you know of anyone who should be considered for recognition with any of these designations, please suggest their nomination using forms at the awards link at [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni) or contact Alumni Affairs at 715-346-3811 or [alumni@uwsp.edu](mailto:alumni@uwsp.edu).

## Spring Pointer Alumnus online

The *Pointer Alumnus* spring 2011 issue will again be entirely online in an effort to support UWSP's dedication to environmental conservation and to decrease costs.

The same alumni features, news items and classnotes that regularly appear in the spring issue will be offered at [www.uwsp.edu/news/alumnus](http://www.uwsp.edu/news/alumnus), with the addition of video clips and other interactive features.

If you haven't already done so, please provide the Alumni Affairs office with your e-mail address so that you can be notified when the spring issue is posted. You may send e-mail to [alumni@uwsp.edu](mailto:alumni@uwsp.edu) or go to [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni) and click on The Connecting Point.

Be sure to update the Alumni Affairs Office of any mailing address changes as well.

We'll see you online in April!

## Join UWSP alumni and friends at the Wilderness!

A special weekend of fun has been reserved for UWSP alumni and friends at the Wilderness Hotel and Golf Resort in Wisconsin Dells on Friday through Sunday, November 5-7.

For \$109 per night, a family of four can reserve a double-queen room at the resort, including unlimited access to its four indoor waterparks and four-story interactive play park. Additional family members are \$15 each.

The UWSP Alumni Association will receive a rebate from every room booked on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations for one or two nights must be made before October 5. Call the Wilderness at 800-867-WILD (9453) to make reservations under the group name of UW-Stevens Point, 901893.

## Campus news briefs

- UWSP is ranked among the top ten best public Midwest universities according to the *U.S. News and World Report's* annual college rankings. UWSP continues to lead all Wisconsin universities in the percentage of its graduates who have studied abroad, and the university's international and diversity enrollments continue to climb each year.

- University Dining Services won the Silver Award-Catering-Special Event from the National Association of Colleges and University Food Services for the Taste of Toj Roob, a Hmong culture banquet.

- UWSP's Health Promotion program received the Distinguished Program Award by the National Wellness Institute at the institute's national conference this summer.



Loy named CPS dean



Marty Loy

Marty Loy, a longtime faculty member, administrator and former coach at UWSP, has been appointed dean of the College of Professional Studies.

Loy succeeds Joan North, who retired in August after 25 years as dean. Loy was previously an

associate dean who headed the School of Health Promotion and Human Development since 2002.

“My wife, Becky, and I have enjoyed being part of Central Wisconsin and UWSP, and we are excited to continue our work with the community and on campus,” Loy said.

“Marty’s understanding of Central Wisconsin and his strong relationships across the faculty will help keep us moving forward,” said Provost and Vice Chancellor Mark Nook.

Loy was hired in 1987 as a lecturer and head wrestling coach then was named an assistant professor in 1998. He coordinated the Focus on Teaching Program, won a UWSP Excellence in Teaching Award and has published articles on faculty development and childhood and adolescent grief. He and his wife, Becky, founded Camp HOPE, a program that assists grieving children and their families.

Originally from Spring Green, Loy earned his doctorate in education administration and a bachelor’s degree from UW-Madison, and a master’s in education counseling from UW-Oshkosh.



From ports in Alaska to historic European cities, Pointers are traveling the world in style in 2011.

The UWSP Alumni Association and UWSP Foundation is offering two new destination luxury cruises for UWSP alumni and friends, including “Alaskan Frontiers and Glaciers” and “Baltic Treasures.” Each trip is offering a special of two-for-one and free airfare if booked by a certain date.

The Alaskan cruise departs from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, on August 4 on the Oceania Cruise Line Regatta. A cruise along the Inside Passage leads to the Alaskan ports of Ketchikan, Icy Strait Point, Kodiak, Sitka and Wrangell as well as the natural beauty of the Hubbard Glacier and Gulf of Alaska. The ship returns to Vancouver on August 14. A variety of travel options are available for a reduced fare of \$3,499 to \$6,499 per person, double occupancy if booked by November 30, 2010.

A ten-night cruise around ports of the Baltic Sea will be offered June 10-21. Travelers will board the Oceania Cruise Line Marina in Copenhagen, Denmark, then enjoy stops in Berlin, Germany; Ronne, Denmark; Gdansk, Poland; Visby, Sweden; Riga, Latvia; St. Petersburg, Russia (two days); and Helsinki, Finland, before returning to Copenhagen. Travelers may choose from a variety of staterooms for reduced fares of \$3,699 to \$7,199 per person, double occupancy, if booked by September 23, 2010. Please call for extensions and possible openings.

The fees for both trips include travel on luxury ships, all meals, entertainment, a private reception, use of ship facilities, a bottle of wine, comprehensive pre-departure information, service from an experienced Go Next program manager, taxes, fees and transfers and free round-trip airfare from select Oceania Cruises cities for a limited time.

For more information, go to [www.uwsp.edu/Alumni/travel.aspx](http://www.uwsp.edu/Alumni/travel.aspx).

First Nighters get a first look at UWSP theatre and dance

Combine your love for outstanding theatre and good food by joining UWSP alumni and friends in the First Nighters program, offered annually through the UWSP Alumni Association.

Held in conjunction with Department of Theatre and Dance and University Dining Services, First Nighters offers a sit down dinner in the Noel Fine Arts Center courtyard followed by a seat at the opening nights of theatre and dance productions in the Jenkins and Studio theatres. In addition to offering socialization opportunities, the dinner gives participants the chance to meet with College of Fine Arts and Communication’s dean and faculty members and hear details about the plays from the directors themselves.

Participants may choose to attend the three shows in the Jenkins Theatre or the three in the Studio Theatre for \$150 per person, or attend all six shows for \$290 per person. Participants may also share the shows with others if they cannot attend all performances.

Participation is on a first-come, first-served basis, as First Nighters is limited to 150 in the Studio Theatre and 379 in the Jenkins Theatre. Menus vary but often relate to the theme of the theatre and dance production. To join the First Nighters program, call Alumni Affairs at 715-346-3811 or register online at [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni) by clicking on “Calendar of Events.”

The Alumni Association Board of Directors First Nighters Committee is responsible for promoting the program and coordinating the dinner. Members include:

**Mary Ann Nigbor, ’67** – Mary Ann has served on the Alumni Board since 1971. She chairs the First Nighters Committee and helps to create a warm and inviting dinner atmosphere to go along with our first-night plays. Mary Ann is a recipient of both the Alumni Service Award and the Distinguished Alumni Award.

**David Bruha, ’82** – Dave has served on the Alumni Board since 2007 and has been active on the First Nighters Committee as well as the South Wood County area alumni chapter. Dave has a major in mathematics and a minor in business administration. He works as an actuarial consultant for Regnier Consulting Group in Stevens Point.

**Patty Noel, ’70** – Patty has served on the Alumni Board since 2000. She has received several awards, including the Hansen Distinguished Service Award and the Governor’s Awards for the Arts with her husband, John. On the Alumni Board, Patty’s a member of both the First Nighters Committee and Awards and Recognition Committee.

Each committee member gives a tremendous amount of their time to the Stevens Point community and the Alumni Board. Their dedication and generosity to UWSP and the community is outstanding. The group is exploring ways to reach out to more individuals to attend First Nighters this year. They are looking at new faculty members, young business professionals, 50th Reunion alumni and other individuals in our community to include in their recruitment efforts.

First Nighter’s 2010-2011

Each of the First Nighters programs is held on the first Friday performance of the Department of Theatre and Dance season, with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and the show in Jenkins Theatre or the Studio Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 8  
Soldier’s Circle, Jenkins Theatre

This powerful contemporary drama follows a company of soldiers from enlistment into combat as they evolve from a group of strangers into a band of brothers and sisters. UWSP’s entry in the American College Theatre Festival competition, the play is based on memoirs of soldiers at war in Iraq and Afghanistan and is not suitable for young audiences.

Friday, November 12  
Drood, Studio Theatre

This play-within-a-play is a wildly warm-hearted theatrical experience. The theatre group in the play is performing a mystery – and the audience is allowed to vote on the solution as a prelude to an unusual and hilarious finale.

Friday, February 11  
Almost Maine, Studio Theatre

As the Northern Lights hover in the star-filled sky above, residents of Almost, Maine, find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and often hilarious ways.

Friday, March 4  
Sunday in the Park with George, Jenkins Theatre

Stephen Sondheim’s 1985 Pulitzer Prize-winning musical is based on George Seurat’s stunning painting, “A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grand Jatte,” and it explores the lives, loves and relationships of the people gathered there.

Friday, April 8  
Danstage 2011, Studio Theatre

The show presents an evening of extraordinary dance and choreography by UWSP faculty, students and guests.

Friday, May 6  
The Taming of the Shrew, Jenkins Theatre

William Shakespeare’s comedy about the taming of an older sister in order for her younger sister to wed has been adapted for theatre (*Kiss me, Kate*) and film (*Ten Things I Hate About You*).



## Treehaven makes headlines

Treehaven, UWSP's field station near Tomahawk and home to the CNR summer field-training program, continues to make headlines with several accolades and accomplishments over the last few months.

In April, Treehaven was the first tree farm in the state to be awarded a 50-year recertification by the American Tree Farm System. The 1,400-acre Treehaven forest became a tree farm in 1957 and since that time has continually practiced resource stewardship according to the standards of sustainable forestry advocated by the American Tree Farm System.

Also in April, Treehaven dedicated a remodeled Sylvester Auditorium, Bear Track Lounge and Winterberry Dining Hall after a \$1.3 million project that took three years.

This past June, the field station was certified as a "Travel Green Wisconsin" institution by the Wisconsin Department of Tourism, recognizing its eco-friendly practices. To be certified, an institution must score 30 points from a vigorous checklist of items such as education programs, waste reduction, recycling, water and air quality, sustainability-focused purchasing and landscape management. Treehaven earned 55 points.

In addition, the field station is working with Lincoln Hills School in Irma to provide students with community service and environmental education experiences. Through the Lincoln Hills Cadet Achievement Program, students have logged more than 350 hours of community service at Treehaven, maintaining the station's property and its trails as well as assisting two UWSP forestry students with a forest inventory. Both Kevin Burns, the Vallier Treehaven forest ecologist, and John Heusinkveld, Treehaven's assistant director, are discussing future partnerships and educational programs with the Lincoln Hills students.



## Fall Migration marks 40 years of CNR

Forty years since the establishment of the College of Natural Resources (CNR), friends and alumni will gather to celebrate and raise funds for scholarships at the annual CNR Fall Migration dinner and auction on Saturday, Nov. 6.

The event begins at 5 p.m. in the Laird Room of the Dreyfus University Center and offers food, drink, both silent and live auctions, raffles and drawings.

The event will include a video about the CNR from 1970 to present day. Proceeds benefit the CNR Endowment Fund which subsidizes program needs such as equipment for labs and field stations, professional conferences for students, international efforts, continuing education for faculty and staff, student organizations, outreach programs, and recruiting and support for collaborative initiatives that benefit the campus and community.

The social and cash bar begins at 5 p.m. and dinner follows at 6 p.m. Guests may choose from peppercorn encrusted beef tenderloin, grilled salmon steak or mushroom and pumpkin risotto. The meal includes a micro greens salad, barley side dish, seasonal vegetables, rolls and molded chocolate cups for dessert. Menu accommodations are available for guests with special dietary needs.

Individual reservations are \$60 or a table for eight may be reserved for \$480. Reservations are requested by October 13. For credit card reservations, please visit the secure website at [www.uwsp.edu/cnr/migration](http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/migration) or call Sharon Reichert at 715-346-4777 weekday mornings. For mail-in reservation forms or event questions, contact Tammy Hanson at 715-346-4617. Event sponsorships and donations for the auction and raffles are appreciated—call Steve Menzel at 715-346-2032.

## Travel to Italy, Britain or China through UWSP Continuing Education

Enjoy international locations while expanding your culture and knowledge base through trips offered by UWSP's Continuing Education program.

Upcoming trips include "Italy...Tastefully" from December 28 to January 8, 2011; "British Mystery Writers and CrimeFest" from May 14-24, 2011; and "The Culture of China" from May 19 to June 6, 2011.

Learn about Italian food and culture during the "Italy...Tastefully" trip, which will include visits to Sorrento, Pompeii, Capri and Rome. A New Year's feast will be one of the culinary delights of the trip as well as visits to a small family-run pasta factory, farms where olive oil and limoncello are produced, nature walks to see wild vegetation and a talk by a local expert of Roman history and philosophy. Travelers will also explore olive groves, lemon orchards and idyllic villages on the island of Capri. The trip will be led by Jutta Brendel.

The annual "British Mystery Writers" trip, led by retired UWSP English Professor Kathy Ackley, will feature an international crime fiction convention in Bristol, where novelists, editors, publishers and readers from around the world gather together. A tour of the Marches, the border area between England and Wales, and an eighth century rampart, will also be a highlight.

Yan Liao, a native of China will lead "The Culture of China" tour, which will include Shanghai, Suzhou, Mount Huangshan, Jiuzhaigou and Beijing. Participants will visit a silk mill, tea plantation, Chengdu Panda Center, pagodas, temples, a traditional Tibetan village, the terra cotta warriors and the ancient city wall in Xian. The tour also includes a cooking lesson at the Sichuan Institute of Cuisine, an all-day tour of Beijing including the Forbidden City, Lama Temple and Tiananmen Square and a trip to the Great Wall of China followed by a Peking imperial dinner.

For price estimates, day-by-day itineraries and registration information, go to [www.uwsp.edu/conted/travel](http://www.uwsp.edu/conted/travel) or contact Kim O'Flaherty at [koflaher@uwsp.edu](mailto:koflaher@uwsp.edu) or 715-346-2426.

## 2010 Retirees

### Ernest Anthes

Ernie Anthes worked in Information Technology as a senior information processing consultant and network manager for 21 years.

### James Carter

James Carter came to UWSP in 1985 and retired as an associate professor of Computing and New Media Technologies. He now plans to split time between Stevens Point and Green Valley, Arizona, with his wife of 34 years, Janet. The couple has a son and two daughters.

### Sharon Cloud

Sharon Cloud, MSE-GN '94, spent 30 years working in the Native American Center at UWSP. She also was named American Indian Educator of the Year by the Wisconsin Indian Educators Association. She and her husband, Allen, have three daughters, with which she is pursuing an arts and crafts business.

### Daniel Dieterich

English Professor Dan Dieterich came to UWSP in 1976. He directed the Tutoring-Learning Center, co-founded a pet therapy program and was involved in several organizations. He earned teaching and service awards and had a professional award named for him. His retirement plans include reading, community involvement and expansion of his garden. He and his wife, Diane, a retired UWSP staff member, have two sons.

### Colleen Evans

Associate Professor Colleen Evans joined the School of Health, Exercise Science and Athletics in 2002, specializing in physical education teacher education, education

technology, curriculum and playground safety issues. She enjoys cycling in the U.S. and internationally and has two grown children.

### Carol Hebert

Carol Hebert, health science lecturer, came to UWSP in 1986 and previously worked in University Health Service. Her retirement plans include kayaking, reading, playing golf, weaving, traveling and enjoying the outdoors. She is married to Fred Hebert, a retired UWSP faculty member, and they have two daughters.

### Bill Hettler

Dr. Bill Hettler, director of Health Services and an adjunct professor in Health Promotion and Human Development, joined Health Services in 1972. He co-founded the National Wellness Institute and National Wellness Conference and created many health-oriented software programs. He and his wife, Carol, have four children.

### Jane Jones

Jane Jones, professor of health promotion and human development, came to UWSP in 1983 and helped create the health promotion major, the employee wellness program and a health risk reduction management course. She received the Excellence in Teaching Award and was elected into the Leadership Circle of the National Wellness Institute.

### Brian Martz

Associate Professor of Music Brian Martz came to UWSP in 1978. He is a certified Alexander Technique teacher and plays trombone in the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra. He will continue to teach music and volunteer

in retirement. He and his wife, retired Aber Suzuki Center director Dee Martz, have three children.

### Joan North

Joan North was the dean of the College of Professional Studies since 1985. She founded a higher education faculty development network, created and directed the first Head Start program in Alabama and helped found Wisconsin Women in Higher Education Leadership. In retirement she is enjoying a new jewelry studio, new home and traveling with her husband, Storm.

### Bobbie Stokes

Bobbie Stokes, director of the Tutoring-Learning Center, came to UWSP in 1984. She co-founded *Issues in Writing*, and twice won the Chancellor's Award. Bobbie looks forward to traveling and writing projects. She and her husband, James Stokes, English professor emeritus, have two daughters.

### Patricia Williams

A professor of interior architecture, Patricia Williams, ME '83, retired after 27 years at UWSP. Her retirement plans include publishing more research, traveling and exploring new areas of interest. She and her husband, Keith, have three sons.

Classified staff retirees included Richard Baltzell, Priscilla Dehlinger, Janelle Ewen, last attended '74, Grace Gibbs, Bernice Kurzynski, '80, Candy Lisiecki, '86, Jim Maas, '67, Kathy Paulson, Susan Sparapani and Linda Zywicki.



# Meet Chancellor Bernie Patterson



Chancellor Patterson joined the limbo contest at UWSP's Freshmen Picnic in August.

The first of July brought a new leader to UWSP, and just three days later Chancellor Bernie L. Patterson was shaking hands and meeting community members as he walked in the Stevens Point Fourth of July Parade.

"That was great!" Patterson said with a smile just after walking through downtown, shaking hands, greeting people and handing out tree seeds and candy to children along the route. "The people were so friendly, it was just beyond words."

Formerly the provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at Oklahoma City University, Patterson was selected as UWSP chancellor on May 4 after a search chaired by Professor Neil Heywood of the Geography and Geology Department.

In addition to Oklahoma City University, Patterson served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Georgia College and State University, and as assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Valdosta State University, where he began his career in higher education as an instructor in 1977.

"We're happy to recommend someone with such broad leadership experience in higher education," said UW System President Kevin Reilly. "He has worked in a large public university system, similar to our UW System, but also brings the unique perspective from a private college. Dr. Patterson mixes that depth of knowledge with a high level of energy and strong communication skills, inspiring immediate confidence in his leadership capability."

Patterson earned a master's and doctorate in criminology from State University of New York at Albany, education specialist and Master of Science degree from Central Missouri State University, and a Bachelor of Science in Technology from Missouri Western State University.

He now resides in Plover with his wife, Cinda. He also has a grown daughter who attends law school in Oklahoma.



Chancellor Patterson speaks with Joe Mayer, '99, Stevens Point, at an event for alumni who work at Sentry Insurance.

*Alumnus: You have degrees in criminology. What inspired your transition into higher education administration?*

Patterson: I first became interested in criminology after serving in military intelligence in the Army, and after my time in the service I served as a police officer in Independence, Mo., while I was a master's degree student. But after working too many cold nights I decided to try something different. I began a teaching job at Valdosta State and worked up the faculty ranks there for 17 years, leaving as assistant dean. I taught some while a dean at Georgia College and State University but was a full-time provost in Oklahoma City. So I went from being a police officer to teaching, which had its appeal. I enjoyed working with young people and still do.

*What were your first impressions of Stevens Point and UWSP?*

My first exposure to UWSP occurred before I came to campus. After I was called by the search firm, I asked my colleagues and closest friends about UWSP and their initial reaction was that the University of Wisconsin System was a great place to be and that it was highly respected. I did a great deal of research on UWSP and was led to the same conclusion. When I first met with the UWSP chancellor search and screen committee I was very impressed by the knowledgeable group, who were very dedicated to the university and the students it served. The passion for the university from the staff, students, alumni and community members on the committee was quite evident as they talked about their dreams for UWSP's future. That passion was contagious--and I caught it.

*In addition to the parade and your State of the University Address, what other opportunities have you had to meet people from the campus and community?*

Cinda and I have been to several social functions and we've been warmly received at each one. It doesn't matter where we go--if we're checking out at the grocery store or at an event, everyone has been over the top in making us feel welcome. And I've had about half of the people I've met say to me, 'I'm a UWSP alum.' Our alumni are everywhere in Central Wisconsin!

*What do you see as UWSP's greatest strengths? Greatest challenges?*

UWSP's strength is definitely our people. There are so many faculty, staff, students, alumni and community members who are dedicated to UWSP, and I'd rather have their commitment and passion than money in the budget. It's abundantly clear how much people love this university.

As far as our challenges, it's having the resources we need to do the jobs we need to do, want to do and should do. As budgets are being reduced at universities across the country, it's more challenging to provide a quality education for our students. But that is what we have been called to do and will do. In my State of the University address I talked about how we can ramp up fundraising, garner resources through grants and gifts, and increase our enrollment.

*What is your vision for UWSP in the next five years?*

What is more important than Bernie's vision is OUR vision. When school starts again we will begin a strategic planning initiative to see where we are headed collectively. We need a bright star to rally around, a goal to reach so that we are all pulling in the right direction. It's important that everyone--faculty, staff, students, alumni, community members, elected officials--all have an unencumbered voice in what we should be and how we can accomplish that. We can't raise money if we don't know what the money is for. People will give if there's a cause to give to.

*Who have been some of your greatest influences?*

I would start with my mother who had the strongest work ethic of any human being I've ever known. I would also say Dean John Upchurch, for whom I was assistant dean at Valdosta State University. He helped me understand my role in empowering others to do their job. Louis Brown, chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Valdosta, was also a great influence.

*How do you and Cinda like to spend your spare time?*

We are really enjoying unpacking boxes. Now we've gotten into hanging pictures, and we think that is great fun! I love being out on the water and I'm fond of boats. I hope to have one again. We've already enjoyed being out on the Wisconsin River and the Chain of Lakes with alumni, faculty and staff. Cinda is an avid reader and enjoys the performing and visual arts, so we'll take advantage of that here. As for winter, we are looking to that as something to experience, not endure!



Chancellor Patterson and his wife, Cinda (right) were joined by students as they walked in the Stevens Point Fourth of July parade.

*How do you think Pointer alumni can make a difference at UWSP?*

Pointer alumni are critical in our plan for our upcoming comprehensive capital campaign. We were recently ranked ninth in the U.S. News and World Report college rankings. That's great news! One of the measures they look at is alumni giving--not how much they give but how many alumni give. I'd like to see UWSP move to the top of this ranking, and our alumni can help with even modest contributions. The most important thing is for our alumni to be engaged with UWSP. They can attend functions on campus or with their local alumni chapter. Cinda and I hope to attend as many of these events as we can so that we can meet alumni across the U.S. Our alumni can also lend support by talking positively about the university to friends, family and their students (if they are teachers) to encourage them to attend and to open doors for us as we approach the comprehensive campaign for UWSP.



## Athletic Hall of Fame 2010

Eight individuals and two national championship teams will be inducted into the UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, Oct. 23.

The 2010 inductees include:

**Jack Bennett**, ME '81, Plover, former UWSP men's basketball coach and the winningest in its history, led the 2004 and 2005 men's basketball teams to NCAA Division III back-to-back national championships. He accumulated a 200-56 record in nine years at UWSP and was a national and state Coach of the Year. The basketball court is named in his and his brother's honor. He coached a total of 33 years at the collegiate and high school level, with winning records for 32 seasons. He and his wife, Sue, have two grown sons, Jay Bennett, '01, Marshfield, and fellow inductee Nick.

**Nick Bennett**, '05, Edinburgh, Texas, also helped take the Pointers to back-to-back national championships. He was named the 2004 Final Four MVP and a D3Hoops.com First Team All-American. An assistant basketball coach at the University of Texas-Pan American in Edinburgh, he previously was an assistant coach at UWSP and director of basketball technology at Marquette University and assistant coach at Florida Gulf Coast University.

**Frank Cirone**, '94, Plymouth, N.H., was a member of UWSP's 1991 and 1993 national championship hockey teams and the 1991 runner-up team. He is fifth on the all-time career goal and point list and has a record for most short-handed goals in a season (five). He was a scholar-athlete, earned several team and NCHA honors and was the AHCA National Player of the Year. He is now a teacher, hockey and lacrosse coach and adviser at Holderness School in Plymouth. He and his wife, Susan, have two sons.

**James Hansen**, '71, Crandon, holds records for most passes caught, most touchdowns and most yards gained. He was the MVP of the 1967 UWSP football team and was on the All-Conference team. He was also a member of the 1967 conference championship baseball team. Drafted by both the Minnesota Vikings and the Minnesota Twins, he signed with the Twins and played for their Auburn, N.Y., and St. Cloud, Minn., teams. He served in the National Guard then was a teacher, principal, athletic director and coach for the Laona school district for 36 years, retiring in 2007. He earned a master's degree in educational administration in 1990 at UW-Superior. He is married to Donna (Evans) Hansen, '71.

**Chris Horvat**, '01, Sturgeon Bay, was a UWSP track NCAA Division III national champion in the 800 meters, an All-American in several running events and a WIAC conference champion in the 800 meters. He now teaches at a private school in Door County and coaches cross country and track for the Sevastopol school district, who won WIAA state champion titles in 2006, 2008 and 2010.

**Michelle Jacob**, '01, Houghton, Mich., a member of the 1998-2001 UWSP women's soccer team that won four WIAC season and tournament championships and a NCAA Final Four appearance, was a NCAA First Team All-American and WIAC Player of the Year. She is the head coach of Michigan Tech University's first women's soccer team. She has also coached at UWSP and Marian University.

**Jason Kalsow**, '05, Toledo, Ohio, UWSP's all-time leading men's basketball scorer and rebounder, was a member of the UWSP 2004 and 2005 men's basketball national championship teams and three WIAC championship teams. He was the 2005 Division III National Player of the Year and was named to the second team All-Decade by D3Hoops.com. An assistant coach at the University of Toledo, Kalsow also was the director of basketball operations and an assistant coach at UW-Green Bay and also coached at UWSP for two seasons.

**Becky (Lebak) Suehring**, '02, Janesville, won All-WIAC, All-Region and All-American honors while running cross country and track at UWSP from 1999 to 2002. She holds school records for the outdoor 10,000- and 5,000-meter runs and finished first at several conference championships. She was also a scholar-athlete winner and team MVP. She is a registered dietitian for Nutrition and Health Associates in Janesville and has run seven marathons. She and her husband, former teammate Shane Suehring, '02, have one child.

Members of the 2004 and 2005 Division III national champion men's basketball teams differ only slightly between the back-to-back championships. In 2004, the Pointers beat Williams College 84-82 with a buzzer shot by Jason Kalsow. They returned to Salem, Va., in 2005 to defeat Rochester 73-49. The 2005 championship team had a 29-5 record, while the 2004 team had a 29-3 record.



Jack Bennett



Nick Bennett



Frank Cirone



James Hansen



Chris Horvat



Michelle Jacob



Jason Kalsow



Becky (Lebak) Suehring



2004 men's basketball championship team

## Spring Sports Wrap Up

By Mitch Capelle, UWSP Athletics

### Baseball

The five-time defending conference tournament champion Pointer baseball team, in first place for much of the regular season, fell just short of a title and traveled to UW-Whitewater to capture a sixth straight automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Regionals.

After going 2-0 on the opening day of the 2010 WIAC tournament, the Pointer baseball team fell twice on day two to top-seeded Whitewater, losing the automatic bid.

After receiving an at-large bid to the Midwest Regional, the Pointers went back to Whitewater and eliminated defending national champion St. Thomas and the region's top-ranked team, host Whitewater. With a Midwest Regional title under their belt, the Pointers advanced to the team's fourth World Series appearance.

The "hometown" Pointers, the only team from Wisconsin in the eight team World Series, tallied one victory before falling to Heidelberg College and exiting with a fifth-place finish.

Coach Pat Bloom was named the Midwest Regional Coach of the Year, WIAC Position Player of the Year Eric Fritz earned third team all-American honors and third baseman Justin Jirschele earned all-American Gold Glove accolades.



### Softball

Under the direction of second-year head coach Tom Henke, the Pointer softball team finished the year with a record of 22-18, making it the 17th straight season the team has finished with 20-plus victories.

While the team didn't qualify for the ultra-competitive WIAC tournament, seniors Jessica Berger and Melissa Wenig and juniors Sarah Butts and Elyse Nelson were placed on the league's all-conference team.

### Track and Field

After a runner-up finish at the 2010 NCAA Division III Men's Indoor Championships, the Pointer outdoor teams were faced with stiffer competition on the national stage.

Both the men's and women's outdoor programs ranked among the nation's top-30 teams for much of the regular season and 11 student athletes, seven women and four men, qualified for nationals.

At nationals the men's team finished 17th and had two athletes secure All-American status—Adam Lang finished third in the 800-meter run and Kyle Scofield finished second in the shot put.

On the women's side, the 4x400-meter relay team of Liz Caine, Chelsea Czarnecki, Kathleen Folbrecht and Kristin Kuber took home All-American accolades with an eighth-place finish. The same group took home indoor All-American honors.

**For up-to-date news on Pointer athletics, check out the new website at <http://athletics.uwsp.edu>**



# Giving Back...a Pointer way of life

Albert Einstein once said, “The value of a man resides in what he gives and not what he is capable of receiving.”

This holds true for many Pointers who have given back to their communities, their alma mater and their future fellow alumni on both a small and global scale. Whether its providing for those in need, being a mentor or conserving natural resources, UWSP alumni are using their education at Point to make a difference in the lives of others.

Here’s just a sampling of Pointers who are giving back, but there are countless more. If you know of an alumnus or alumna who makes a difference, we’d love to hear about it at [alumni@uwsp.edu](mailto:alumni@uwsp.edu).

## List Fellowship offers alumni experiences money can’t buy

A tenured professor of economics at the University of Chicago, **John List**, '92, Flossmoor, Ill., has been described by the *New York Times* as an “emerging star” within the growing field of the economics of philanthropy. The 2008 winner of the UWSP Distinguished Alumnus Award has also been recognized for his pioneering use of field experiments to explore economic behavior.

List is now using that expertise to offer UWSP graduates a spot on his economic research team at the University of Chicago. The List Fellowship gives promising UWSP economics students the chance to work with List and his colleague Steve Levitt, best-selling author of *Freakonomics* and *Superfreakonomics*, on hands-on economic research concerning timely issues such as high urban dropout rates and the wage gap between men and women.

The first List Fellow, **Dana (Krueger) Ganter**, '09, Chicago, has been working with List since she graduated and has worked her way up to being a project manager. A double major in mathematics and economics at UWSP, Ganter stood out for the fellowship due to her natural curiosity and analytical point of view.

“She’s a brilliant writer and very creative, she’s taken on writing first drafts of textbooks as well as research,” said List. She also manages field experiments and hires team members, he added. “She’s contributed to the group in ways she doesn’t even know.”

“I’ve learned more from John than I can even think of at the moment,” Ganter said, “but mainly it’s that perseverance and confidence can get you anywhere you want to go. Just looking at John and all he’s accomplished at a young age, I can’t imagine doing half of what he’s done.”

List created the fellowship to give back to UWSP after realizing he had something unique that Point students could use—experience that money could not buy.



Dana (Krueger) Ganter and her mentor, Economics Professor John List, enjoy a warm day in the University of Chicago campus square.

“Bringing someone here to the University of Chicago could be a big benefit,” he said. “We have Nobel Prize winners walking up and down the halls of our department, and fellow Pointers could have a chance to rub elbows with the very best minds in the world. That was something I could give back, and along the way (the fellows) could learn something about economics and use what they’ve learned here to help their careers in the future.”

List says the future of the fellowship is quite bright and he’d like to see three or four more come to Chicago next year. He hopes more talented economic majors will see what Ganter has done and want to follow in her footsteps.

Ganter will work with List for another year then plans on attending graduate school. Her ultimate goal is to return to UWSP. “I’d actually be happiest being a teacher and coming back to Stevens Point because I love it so much,” she says. “I’d like to inspire people like me to go out and do great things.”

List’s next project will take him to the Gulf Coast, where he will conduct research in order to advise the government on the value of ecosystem damages from the BP oil spill. Ganter will assist him on the project.

It was his focus on environmental economics that originally brought List to UWSP, where the College of Natural Resources was a big draw.

“Point taught me a lot about economics and how efforts yield outcomes that are unimaginable. Point gives you the tools to work your way up,” says List. “It’s only right to give back to the place that has given me so much.

“I’m still a Pointer because part of my heart will always be in Stevens Point,” he continued. “That part will always drive me to continue to try to make Point a better place to go to school. I believe in public education and I believe Point is second to none in providing public education.”

## Annual Campaign for Point kicks off this September

By Aaron Mullins, UWSP Foundation

UWSP alumni and friends are generous people. Thanks to donor support, the UWSP Foundation has been able to provide over \$8.6 million of support to UWSP students and programs over the last five years.

Private support to UWSP has become more important than ever. While UWSP has one of the lowest tuitions in the UW System, more students are looking to scholarships to ease their financial challenges. Every year, around 3,000 alumni recognize that need and remember how much they value the education they received in Stevens Point. Giving back is their way of showing support and standing beside a new generation of students.

UWSP students will be calling all alumni Sunday through Thursday evenings during the fall and spring semesters. When you receive the call, please consider making a gift to help support UWSP students in their quest for knowledge. We will be encouraging all alumni who have never given to UWSP to make their first gift this year. Gifts of any size are much needed, greatly appreciated and wisely put to use.

If you would like to make your gift online before we call you, please visit [www.uwsp.edu/foundation](http://www.uwsp.edu/foundation). If you have any questions about the Annual Campaign for Point, contact Aaron Mullins at [amullins@uwsp.edu](mailto:amullins@uwsp.edu) or 715-346-3812.

## Saunders Sebold scholar

Brooke Walsh, a mathematics and secondary education major from Medford, has received the Kathrin M. “Kitty” Saunders Sebold Scholarship to attend UWSP as a freshman this fall.

The \$1,500 award, given by D. David (Dewey) Sebold, '68, Medford, in memory of his late wife, Kitty Saunders Sebold, '68, is given to a high achieving student from Medford Senior High School based on their academic merit and leadership ability.

An honors student, Walsh was vice president of the National Honor Society and captain of the volleyball team. She earned varsity letters in volleyball and softball, was the Badger Girls State representative and won academic awards in English and foreign languages.

Sebold is a former president and CEO of Tombstone Pizza. Kitty was a social worker.



# Mentorship comes full circle in Alaska

**Travis Booms**, '99, Fairbanks, Alaska, was a freshman at UWSP when Biology Professor Robert Rosenfield became his mentor and took him under his "wing" as an assistant researcher on his long-term study of Cooper's Hawks.

This summer Booms returned the gesture by becoming a mentor to 10 UWSP students who were taking Rosenfield's two-week research course in the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. The former student and mentor, now friends, worked together to plan the trip to provide students the opportunity for hands-on field study of Gyrfalcons, the focus of Booms' research as a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, which he has since completed.

"Conducting field research is very demanding and rigorous," said Booms. "Remote wilderness conditions forge very strong personal and professional bonds. Hence I knew working with Bob on this trip would be extremely enjoyable and rewarding. More importantly, I knew that team teaching the course with him would ensure that the students would have an amazing and enriching academic, research and personal experience."

Booms credits Rosenfield's dedication to undergraduate education and provision of hands-on field experiences for his students to getting him where he is today. Since his first Cooper's Hawk capture years ago, "the talons of raptors have never lost their grip on me," he says. A undergraduate trip to Greenland to study Peregrine Falcons with Rosenfield changed his life, he said, as his passion for raptor field study in Arctic landscapes has consumed him ever since.

While in Alaska for two weeks in June and July, the research group had to rappel into dormant volcano craters to collect feather and tissue samples from the Gyrfalcons as well as band and measure the birds.

"This allowed the students to apply their skills in a real-world setting," says Booms, who noted the physical arduousness of field work. "They learned a lot about a new environment and ecosystem and gained a new set of research skills through experiential learning. I think the most valuable benefit is largely a personal one and the opportunity to see how dedicated and focused one must be to really excel at field research."

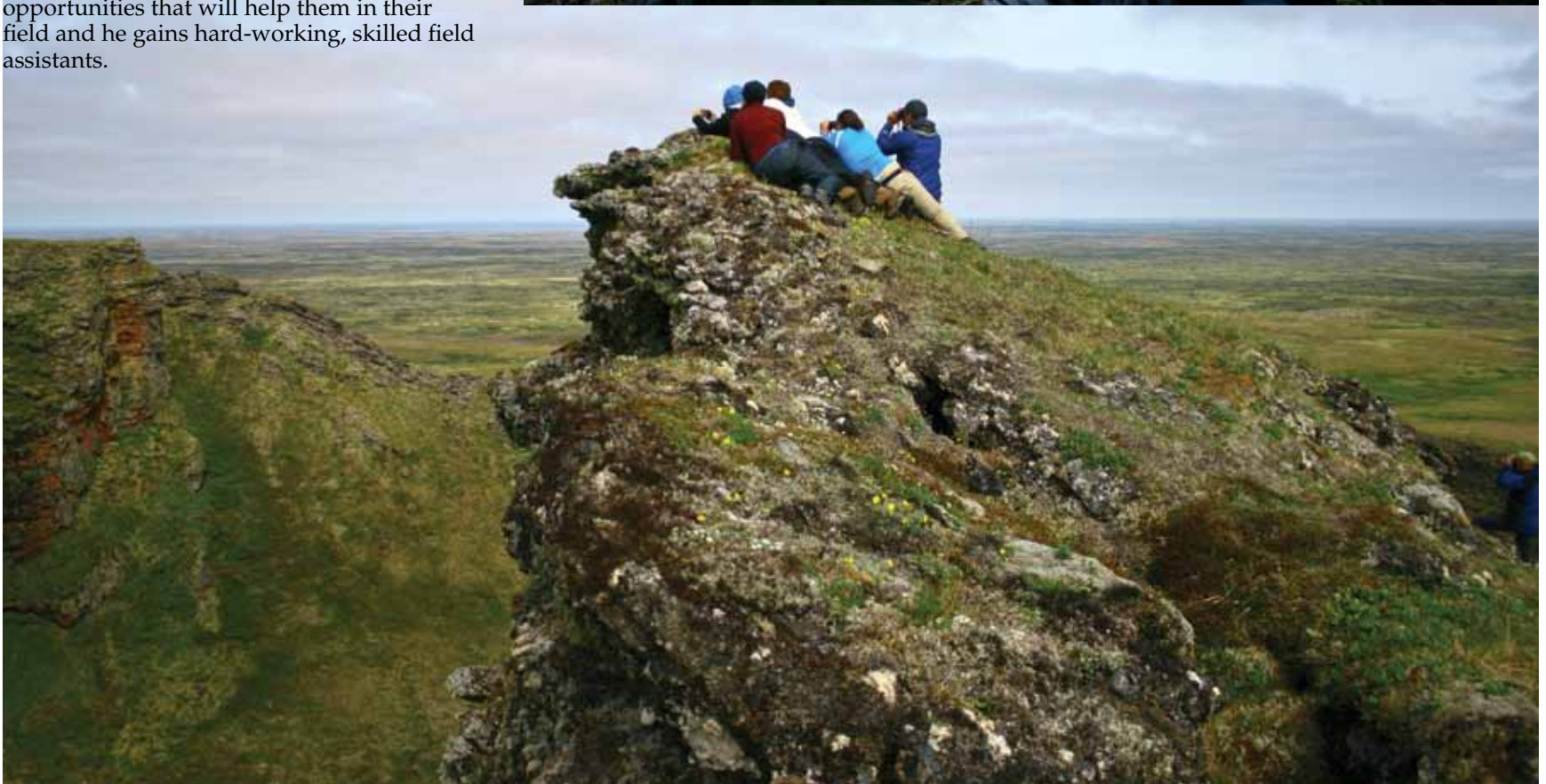
Booms loved being able to provide this experience for fellow Pointers, who he said were "among the best undergraduate students out there." Everyone wins, he says, because the students gain unique learning opportunities that will help them in their field and he gains hard-working, skilled field assistants.

Now a regional wildlife biologist in the Wildlife Diversity Program at the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Booms is responsible for creating, conducting and coordinating focused conservation research projects in the interior, western and northern parts of Alaska. He plans to continue his focus on Arctic and sub-arctic avian ecology and, whenever possible, continue to provide undergraduate and graduate research and education opportunities.

"Through field experiences provided to me by a variety of faculty in the wildlife and biology departments at UWSP, the Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society, and in particular, Bob," says Booms, "I gained the needed skills, background and perspective to succeed as an undergraduate, a graduate, and now as a professional wildlife biologist. I want to make sure this circle of learning continues."



Travis Booms with Biology Professor Robert Rosenfield (above). Booms with UWSP research group in Alaska collecting data and samples from the Gyrfalcons (middle). Students survey the arctic landscapes of a dormant volcano crater (bottom).



All Alaska photos were taken by Rob Goodwin, '11. For more images, go to [www.uwsp.edu/news/alumnus](http://www.uwsp.edu/news/alumnus).



# Alumna's murals bring beauty to community

It's not difficult to catch a glimpse of artwork created in downtown Nekoosa under the direction of Nekoosa High School art teacher **Laurie Tenpas**, '97, MSE '01. After all, her "canvas" was the sides of two buildings.

Murals painted along the exteriors of two Market Street businesses were created through a community effort, Tenpas said. She was assisted by K-12 students, business owners, grants, community artists and volunteers who created glass and ceramic mosaic and painted scenes inspired by nature and Nekoosa's history.

"We wanted something that showed our pride in our community," she said. "By having our young people work on it, they also take pride and share their talents with their community. Youth is an important resource, and they can make a difference. So it's a winning situation for everyone."

Both murals represent how many aspects of Nekoosa are connected to each other. The first project, on the side of the Kolar Eye office building, was completed in the spring of 2009 and centers on the Ho-Chunk meaning of Nekoosa, which means "swiftwater." The mural features mosaic scenes that represent how the Wisconsin River flows through Nekoosa, supporting and connecting its agriculture, nature, wildlife and industry. It is made up of squares and a sunset, as well as a heart filled with positive words in four languages and surrounded by tiles featuring historic community photos.

The second, just completed in July, shows the web of relationships that exists between the birds, plants, animals, people and water in the area. It features a sunrise and mosaic circles joined along the side of the Nekoosa Floral and Gifts building. The mural then continues onto the adjacent Swiftwater Ice Cream shop. People featured on both buildings are likenesses of community members, including Tenpas' grandmother and son, a high-school exchange student, the community's oldest resident, Joe Just, and others.

Each of the murals took months of preparation, said Tenpas, as the high school students created mosaics at the school to be transferred to the walls during the warmer months. The actual painting of the buildings required weeks of painting and more mosaic work by volunteers of all ages. UWSP alumnae and artists **Dawn Olson**, '81, ME '86, and **Isabel Goetz**, '03, both of Wisconsin Rapids, were among the volunteers.

Tenpas encourages those looking to make a difference in the world to take a look at their own communities.

"The world is so big and there are so many problems, so what can you do?" she said. "You start in your own backyard."

For more photos of both murals, see the *Pointer Alumnus* online at [www.uwsp.edu/news/alumnus](http://www.uwsp.edu/news/alumnus).



Laurie Tenpas and fellow UWSP alumna Dawn Olson (inset) enjoys a break from painting the mural in Nekoosa (above).



# Alumna wins Pulitzer Prize for photography

A daring rescue captured on film has won a UWSP alumna the Pulitzer Prize for breaking news photography.

**Mary Chind**, '89, Des Moines, a news photographer for *The Des Moines Register*, was taking photos with a co-worker last June at the scene of a boating accident in the turbulent, flooding waters of the Des Moines River. Although she had a shorter lens than she would have liked, she braced her elbows against a metal rail on the other side of the river and began shooting.

What she captured was the moment just before construction worker Jason Oglesbee, rigged on a crane, grasped the hand of Patricia Ralph-Neely, rescuing her as she struggled in turbulent waters after the boat she and her husband, Alan Neely, were in capsized after going over the downtown dam.

Chind has mixed feelings about winning the prize since Alan Neely died at the scene. She is reminded of the tragedy of that day when she looks at the image. It has meant a lot to her that the woman in the photo sent her a congratulatory card on her award.

"I am truly honored every time people are willing to let me into their lives to share both good and bad times," she said. "If I can translate human emotions or record some aspect of human nature, I feel I've done a good job."

Chind didn't start out wanting to be a photographer after graduating from UWSP. She used her degree in graphic design to get a job in advertising at a daily paper in Arizona then filled in when they needed a news photographer. She has been one ever since.

However, Chind says she uses her UWSP graphic design education in her job when dealing with deadlines and critiques from readers and editors. "I remember the critiques in fine art classes and feel they were good training for the real world," she says, adding that art professors Gary Hagen and Mark Pohlkamp were also helpful in preparing her for her career.



Mary Chind's Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph shows a daring river rescue.

Her best memories from UWSP are the smells of the paint and concrete of the Noel Fine Arts Center, the friends and faculty she spent time with and her job at Schmeckle Reserve.

The Pulitzer has been a definite boost for her, both personally and professionally, and has also brought recognition to *The Des Moines Register*. It is the paper's 16th Pulitzer, the last being in 1991. "It's a great foundation to move on from," she said.

"In an age where journalism is expanding into other forms of multimedia and new forms of storytelling, it is great to be honored for one still image which delivers so much impact."



## Sam Dinga building wells in sister's memory

After losing his sister, Ma-Kah, to stomach complications in 2009, **Sam Dinga**, '04, Stevens Point, realized he wanted to honor her with a service project that would aid people in their native Cameroon in West Africa.

He created the Ma-Kah Water for All Foundation with hopes to build 40 pump wells in the rural areas of Cameroon, where some need to walk a mile several times a day just to find muddy drinking water. Many children miss school to help their families get water, he said.

"This has to stop," he said.

Each well costs about \$5,000. The first was completed in 2009 in the village of Bamumbu and Dinga will return to Cameroon in December to complete two more wells, taking with him three students from UWSP and another from Pepperdine University (each paying their own way). Each time he raises the needed \$5,000 he plans to return to Africa to build a well and invites community members with him to help.

"In honor of Ma Kah, I hope their lives will be better," says Dinga. "I think my sister would be proud of what her legacy is coming to be."

Stevens Point residents recently stepped up to help Dinga's efforts. When he graduated from the Leadership Portage County Program in May, his 25 classmates presented him with a check for \$3,460 for the project.

Marcia Zimbauer, Wisconsin Rapids, who coordinated the class's effort, said, "One person can make a difference, and all of us can make a huge difference."

Dinga works in university and diversity relations for the Noel Compass Foundation and is married to **Amy (Sackman) Dinga**, '05. He may be reached at makahwaterforall@yahoo.com. Donations for the Ma-Kah Water for All Foundation can be made through the Community Foundation of Central Wisconsin at [www.cfcwi.org](http://www.cfcwi.org).



## Alumna aids conservation in Panama despite obstacles

In 2006, **Julie Ray**, '00, traveled to central Panama to study a unique type of snake as part of her dissertation as a doctoral student at Old Dominion University, despite speaking little Spanish and suffering from impaired vision from a genetic form of macular degeneration.

Four years later she resides in Panama most of the time. She speaks fluent Spanish and is devoted to establishing the La MICA biological station, which she hopes will not only help preserve the variety of flora and fauna of the mountainous and tropical cloud forest of the Coclé Province, but provide research opportunities for scientists around the world while providing employment for the impoverished locals.

La MICA ([www.lamica.org](http://www.lamica.org)) stands for La Montaña para Investigación y Conservación Ambiental (The Mountain for Research and Environmental Conservation) and began as an idea of Ray's after a year of research and her realization of the lack of conservation-oriented practices in the region.

"I quickly associated this with the poverty that was all around," she said. She found that many of the locals wanted to protect the environment but had to work in jobs that were harmful to it, such as strip mining, timber extraction and butterfly collecting, just to provide for their families. A field station, she realized, would conserve the natural resources while offering environmentally sound jobs for the local population.

To put her idea in motion, Ray established foundations in Panama and the U.S., and began single handedly collecting private donations from family, friends, conservationists and others. Land was acquired in 2009 and a cabin, latrines, shower and dormitory were built.

The first guests to La MICA came in January of this year and a class from Truman State University arrived for a seven-week stay in February. Julie employs local drivers, guides, cooks, cleaners and security as well as locals who share their culture's dance, music and art.

"We continue to accept guests who do not mind rustic conditions," Julie said. "We lack laboratory space and an on-site kitchen." Julie hopes to secure a sponsor or grants to help buy more land, improve the facilities and hire full-time guides, naturalists and security personnel.

She hopes to launch environmental education classes for local children and adults and develop long-term studies that will allow researchers from around the world to collaborate on both the biological and cultural characteristics of the area.

"We welcome people of all interests—students, researchers, professors, tourists, birders," said Julie. "I can envision people visiting for immersion in Spanish experiences and for photography, art, sociology, geography and more. In short, we have a little bit of something for everyone."

Ray has suffered from Best's Macular Dystrophy since the age of four. When her vision began to get worse her freshman year at UWSP, she received help from Joan Collins of UWSP Disability Services as well as Wisconsin's Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and her biology professors.

"It was professors like Robert Bell, Bob Rosenfield, Erik Wild and Doug Post who helped me adjust and made accommodations for me, many of which I didn't ask for, they simply provided them." She added, "I never realized what a special place Stevens Point and UWSP were until I moved away."

Ray credits that strong circle of support, which also includes her family, friends and the local people of Panama, for helping her accomplish her dreams.

"So many people have sacrificed so that I can continue to move forward," she says. "I have many obstacles but everyone has some sort of obstacle. I will continue to push forward and work very hard to honor and thank the people that have given so much to me along with way."

## The Laird Legacy continues at UWSP

In the mid-Sixties, Mel Laird and his family established Laird Day at UWSP. This event brought to campus national, state and local leaders from government, business, the arts, athletics, environment, education, law, medicine, the financial world (and more) to interact with high school students and advisers within the 7th Congressional District of Wisconsin. Twenty-one Laird Days took place between December 2, 1965, and April 21, 2008.

Laird, now retired, was a Wisconsin state senator, U.S. congressman from the 7th congressional district, and U.S. secretary of defense. In addition, he served as domestic counselor at the White House and senior counsellor for *Reader's Digest* for many years. He turned his experiences into opportunities for the people—particularly the youth—of "his district."

Although 2008 marked the final Laird Youth Leadership Day, the Laird legacy is set to continue.

The Laird Scholar program, established in 1984 for incoming freshmen, has been expanded to offer support for a second year, based upon specific criteria. Currently, ten Laird scholars receive \$2,000 each year. These scholarships were created to honor Laird's father, Melvin R. Laird, Sr.

Leadership, scholarship and residency in the former or current seventh congressional district comprise the criteria for selection. Special consideration has been given to students who have participated in Laird Youth Leadership Day on our campus.

This year the awards have been given in tribute to Marlene Eagleburger, the late wife of the Honorable **Lawrence Eagleburger**, '50, Charlottesville, Va., a former career diplomat and U.S. secretary of state.

Alumni may donate to the Melvin R. Laird Endowment to support these scholarships for UWSP students by contacting the UWSP Foundation or going to [www.uwsp.edu/foundation](http://www.uwsp.edu/foundation).



# CLASS NOTES FALL 2010

## 2000s

**Pheng Xiong**, '08, Menomonie, is the degree audit coordinator at UW-Stout's Department of Registration and Records.



**Alecia Huettl**, '05, Milwaukee, earned a doctor of medicine degree in May from The Medical College of Wisconsin, where she is now serving a pediatric residency.

**Ryan Juza**, '05, Green Bay, earned a doctor of medicine degree from The Medical College of Wisconsin in May and will now begin a surgical residency at Milton S. Hershey Medical Center at Penn State University in Hershey, Pa. He is married to Sarah Juza, also a doctor.

**Kati Koster**, '05, Kaukauna, is a special investigations assistant for Humana Insurance in Green Bay. In August she will begin graduate school at Pepperdine University's School of Public Policy in Malibu, Calif.

**Shannon Sorenson**, '05, Akron, Ohio, earned a juris doctorate degree from the University of Akron School of Law in May.

**Ken Urso**, '05, Middleton, is attending graduate school through The Actor's Studio in New York City. Last summer he directed four UWSP students in the Madison premiere of *The Producers* and he raved about their hard work and excellence performances.

**Raja Vimalen Shanmugam**, '05, St. Paul, Minn., is a producer with Charisma Films in Minneapolis, Minn.

**Darynda Kolden**, '04, Amherst Junction, is an area team leader and trainer for Goodwill of North Central Wisconsin.

**Beth Ann Richlen**, '03, Wausau, gave the UWSP May commencement address. A staff attorney and development director at the nonprofit law firm, Wisconsin Judicare Inc., she is a member of the Marathon County Bar Association, State Bar of Wisconsin and chairs the Public Interest Law Section of the state bar. Previously she worked at the Milwaukee office of Legal Action of Wisconsin. She has a law degree from UW-Madison and is married to James Miller, '03. They have a daughter.

**Michael Feldkamp**, '02, Coralville, Iowa, is doing post doctorate work at the University of Iowa in Iowa City.

**Ben Peterson**, '02, O'Fallon, Ill., has been named a Getzen Artist by Getzen Instruments. He plays trumpet with the Air Force Band of Mid-America, teaches trumpet at McKendree University and is active in the St. Louis freelance market.

**James Henkel**, '00, Rudolph, earned a doctor of philosophy degree from The Medical College of Wisconsin in May and is doing post-doctoral research on metabolism and genetics. He earned a master's degree at UW-La Crosse.

## 1990s



**Jill (Petkovsek) Wrench**, '99, Marshfield, is a senior associate in the Marshfield office of Hawkins, Ash, Baptie & Company, a certified public accountants firm.

She previously worked for Kenneth Noble accounting.

**Mike Beacom**, '99, Amherst Junction, received the 2009 Wisconsin Sports Story of the Year award from the Milwaukee Press Club at its annual awards banquet in April. His article profiled the Amherst Division III girls' basketball championship. An associate lecturer in journalism at UWSP, he is the editor of Inside Wisconsin Sports and the author of four books, the latest to be published this fall. He and his partner, Lisa, have two daughters.

**Kent Nelson**, '96, Appleton, is a member of the Good News Network Board of Directors. The Good News Network website, [www.yourgoodnewsnetwork.net](http://www.yourgoodnewsnetwork.net), offers community-building programs for the Fox Valley region. Kent is president of QuickStart Inc. in Menasha.

**Brian Zebron**, '96, La Salle, Ill., is a K-9 officer with the La Salle Police Department. He joined the department in 1997, the K-9 unit in 2000 and is now working with his third police service dog. He and his wife, Abby, have two boys.

**Tyler Marchant**, '95, Stevens Point, directed *Freud's Last Session* to great reviews at the off-Broadway Marjorie S. Deane Theater over the summer. The play was brought to New York City after an extended run by the Barrington Stage Company in Pittsfield, Mass., also under Marchant's direction.

**Michelle Thorpe**, '94, MS-CDP '97, Milwaukee, gave the charge to alumni at UWSP's May commencement ceremonies. She is a speech-language pathologist for the Muskego-Norway school district.

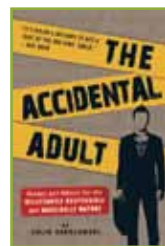
## 1980s

**Kelly (Klatt) Caughlan**, '89, Plover, is the foundation director at the Stevens Point Area YMCA. She is married to **Eric Caughlan**, '85, an operations manager for Napa Distribution/Genuine Parts Co. in Stevens Point. She writes, "There are so many wonderful and amazing things I remember from my years at UWSP, from professors who actually cared to the lifelong friends I met there. I wouldn't trade the experience for anything!"

**Winford Kipp**, '87, North Aurora, Ill., has worked for Toyota for 14 years, currently as a business marketing manager. He has enjoyed coaching his two sons in various sports over the last several years and is also president of the Parent Teachers Organization at his oldest son's school.

**Greg Diekroeger**, '86, Stevens Point, received the National Association for Campus Activities Founders Award at the group's annual national convention. It is the NACA's highest honor. Greg, assistant director of campus activities at UWSP, has served as NACA's national chairman and is an active volunteer with the group.

**Phillip Reinke**, '85, Hollywood, Fla., has had his book, *Pinewood-Winning by the Rules*, included in the Boy Scouts of America store system. His next book, *The New Brass Ring: 21st Century Process Improvement* has also just been released and *The Perfect Time Machine: 21st Century Organizational Excellence* just went to edit. Phillip is a training supervisor for Ore-Ida Foods. He is married to Lori.



**Colin Sokolowski**, '85, St. Paul, Minn., has published *The Accidental Adult: Essays and Advice for the Reluctantly Responsible and Marginally Mature*. He and his wife, Kelly, have three children.

**Kevin Meneau**, '83, Wright City, Mo., was recently recognized by the Missouri Department of Conservation for his team leadership in small mouth bass management. Kevin is a fisheries management biologist for the department and is married to **Susan (Niles) Meneau**, '85.



**Kevin Delorey**, '83, Lake Mills, has been recognized for excellence in the Chambers USA attorney directory and *The Best Lawyers in America* 2011. Kevin is a real estate attorney for Quarles & Brady LLP.

**Linda (Steinbach) Windmoeller**, '80, Phillips, works full time as a mom and part time as a forestry consultant and certified plan writer in Phillips. She and her husband, **Richard Windmoeller**, '80, a senior forester with the Wisconsin DNR, have three children.

## 1970s

**Diane Bruha**, '79, Appleton, reminisced to *The Alumnus* about being a Neale Hall "nun" under hall director Michelle "Micki" Emmett with her fellow resident assistants, whom still see each other on an annual basis, including **Sallie (Mayer) Spees**, '80, Poynette; **Kaye (Salzman) Gilbertson**, '80, Barneveld; **Jill (VandeHey) Klefstad**, '80, Boyceville; and **Elaine Schoeni**, '80, Menasha. "Between us we have four master's degrees and one doctorate. What a smart group of nuns!" she writes. Diane added that Pointers run in her family, including her father, **Richard Bruha**, '53, Neenah; her uncle, **John Bruha**, '53, Cedar Falls, Iowa; and her brother and sister-in-law, David, '82, and **Sharon (Aiken) Bruha**, '83, Wisconsin Rapids.

**Peter Stortz**, '78, Palmer, Alaska, is a professor of natural resources and a youth development specialist at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. He was one of the first graduate students at the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station.

**Julie Demerath**, '77, Libertyville, Ill., is the music director at St. Timothy Parish in Chicago. In 2001 she earned a master's degree in sacred music, liturgy and conducting, and is now in the process of becoming, an accomplished organist. She has six children and five grandchildren.

**Rob Reindl**, '76, Laguna Niguel, Calif., is corporate vice president of human resources and communications for Edwards Lifesciences in Irvine, Calif. He is married to Jane Reindl.

**Dennis Kugle**, '75, Monona, is a regional office manager for Gannett Fleming Inc.-Consulting Engineers in Madison. He previously worked for the Wisconsin DNR and as an environmental consultant for private sector clients. He and his wife, Nancy, have two grown children.

**Kathy (Coffaro) Plucker**, '74, and **Paul Plucker**, '74, Latrobe, Pa., are co-owners of L. Doerfler Audiology Association in Greensburg, Pa. They have lived in Pennsylvania since 1976 and have three grown children and four grandchildren.



A group of 1984 and 1985 alumnae recently gathered in Stevens Point, including, left to right, **Liz Finn Gorski**, Wauwatosa; **Beth Kiene**, Bloomington, Minn.; **Barb Giese**, Raleigh, N.C.; **Valorie Allen Gebel**, Oshkosh; **Patty Van Sistine Christensen**, La Crosse; and **Gay Ratke Bohne**, Columbus, Ohio.

The Sigma Tau Gamma Little Sister-Omega Chapter, organized on the UWSP campus in March 1977, is looking for members from the 1970s and 1980s to reconnect with chapter sisters and brothers. The group is located on Facebook at "Sigma Tau Gamma Little Sisters – Stevens Point."



**John Borley**, '73, Grapevine, Texas, is the executive director of The Highlands School in Irving, Texas. He retired from the U.S. Marine Corps after 25 years and has spent the last 13 years in private school administration. He and his wife, Connie, just celebrated their 36th anniversary. He remembers wonderful professors, a great leader in Lee Sherman Dreyfus, the winter carnival and spring 50 degree parties.

**Georgette (Petrotta) Jeppesen**, '73, Placentia, Calif., is an adjunct film professor at Long Beach College in Long Beach, Calif.



**Helen (Racknow) Johannes**, '72, MST '95, Marshfield, has published *The Prince of Val-Feyridge* through The Wild Rose Press. It is available in both print and digital format at Amazon.

com and other online book retailers. A fantasy romance set in a medieval world, the book has won several Romance Writers of America chapter-sponsored contests. Helen previously won the Wisconsin Regional Writers' Association Jade Ring for short fiction. She is a senior lecturer in English at UW-Marshfield/Wood County. Her husband, Richard Johannes, '70, is a retired U.S. Department of Agriculture soil scientist.

**Michael Dombeck**, '71, MST '74, Stevens Point, a UWSP professor of global conservation, received the Ansel Adams Award from The Wilderness Society for his role in protecting national forests. Dombeck was chief of the U.S. Forest Service for five years and acting director of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management for three years.

1960s

**Virginia Riopelle**, '69, Green Bay, was recognized with the Chancellor's Honorary Alumna Award at UW-Green Bay due to her work as one of the founders of the Phuture Phoenix Program as well as serving as a co-chair for the university's capital campaign. She is married to John.

**Susan (Lindberg) McGee**, '65, Gainesville, Fla., is retired from the School Board of Alachua County in Florida and spends her time in outdoor sports, traveling and volunteering as a Guardian ad Litem for children in the court system due to neglect or abuse. She is married to Ray McGee.



Recalling "a simple time, a different era," **Vivian Weber-Pagel**, '70, MS '71, Plover, and fellow Delzell Hall residents reminisced at their 2010 reunion at UWSP this summer. The group has been meeting annually for the last 17 years and members are now retired or near retirement.

"We look back to those UWSP years with fond memories, warm friendship and gratitude," she says. "UWSP prepared us well for the future and sent us out into the world as bright-eyed twenty-somethings who have become teachers, artists, photographers, speech therapists, entrepreneurs, philanthropists, flight attendants, wives, mothers, grandmothers and vital members of the community."

The group includes (not all pictured) **Angela (LoPinto) Anderson**, '70, Germantown; **Rhonda (Trepanier) Christ**, '70, Muskego; **Kathleen (Daley) Colwell**, '70, Waupaca; **Laura (Newhouse) Davis**, '71, Superior; **Lynn (Mischnick) Dry**, '70, Savage, Minn.; **Janet (Feiler) Hermann**, '70, Racine; **Carol (Hoffman) Prohaska**, '70, Duluth, Minn.; **Linda Schleunes**, '71, Kiel; **Sue (Krejci) Shadof**, '71, Madison; **Sue (Bergman) Staffeld**, '70, Richfield; and Weber-Pagel.

D'Ercole named Suzuki director



**Patricia D'Ercole**, MME, '84, has been named the director of UWSP's Aber Suzuki Center.

A distinguished instructional specialist who has taught violin to children and Suzuki pedagogy courses at UWSP for over two decades, D'Ercole served as the center's interim director since 2009, following the retirement of longtime director Dee Martz.

"Pat has an impressive record as a teacher and an administrator," said Jim Haney, while serving as interim dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication. "She has held important leadership positions in the Suzuki Association of the Americas, the Suzuki Association of Wisconsin and the International Suzuki Association."

D'Ercole earned her bachelor's degree in music from Rosary College and a master's degree in Suzuki talent education from UWSP, where she studied with Margery Aber. She also studied with Shin'ichi Suzuki in Japan and has helped to preserve and post online a collection of videos which chronicles two weeks of Suzuki's teaching at the American Suzuki Institute in Stevens Point in 1976.

Prior to coming to UWSP, D'Ercole taught public school music in Maywood, Ill., and directed the Suzuki program in Ladysmith.

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# In Memoriam

## Remembering Alumni

**Timothy Corcoran**, '07, Stevens Point, died July 18 at age 35 after battling cancer. He worked at Toppers Pizza in Stevens Point and is survived by his wife, Clare.

**Lois Kramer**, '06, Richland Center, died in her sleep on May 6 at age 25. She received a master's degree in criminal justice at UW-Platteville. She was an accomplished flutist.

**Lesley Kirsch**, '91, Stevens Point, died June 24 at age 55 after battling cancer. She was a social worker and then a behavioral consultant with various service agencies for 20 years. She is survived by eight children and 13 grandchildren.

**James Mansavage**, '91, Stevens Point, died July 17 at age 55. He was an independent insurance agent for the last 20 years. He was a musician who played many instruments and had his own recording studio. He also was an avid traveler. Two sons survive. Memorials may be made to the UWSP Foundation ([www.uwsp.edu/foundation](http://www.uwsp.edu/foundation)), directed to the James Mansavage Memorial Fund for Schmeeckle Reserve.

**Mary (Moeller) Brandt**, '84, Leadville, Colo., died July 26 at age 47. She taught in Wausau then raised two sons, who survive.

**Karen (Johnson) Nelson**, '81, Racine, died April 13 at age 51 after a five-year battle with cancer. She served as a treasurer for a preschool for 12 years and was a realtor for six years. She also served as a Racine County supervisor for District 5 for three terms. She was a Girl Scout co-leader for many years and served on the Board of Directors for Girl Scouts of Racine County. She was a longtime member of the Greater Racine Kennel Club and chair of their annual dog show for several years. Her husband, David, a son and daughter survive.

**Ted Sullivan**, '77, Mendota Heights, Minn., died December 15. He was an attorney and partner at Lind, Jensen, Sullivan and Peterson in Minneapolis, Minn. He earned a law degree from Hamline University then worked for the Lommen firm before forming a group law practice. He practiced in both Minnesota and Wisconsin and was a civil trial specialist. His wife, Caryn, two sons and two daughters survive.

**Franklin Wachowiak**, '76, Stevens Point, died June 9 at age 58 after suffering a heart attack.

**Mary (Britten) Donohoe**, '75, Laurel, Md., and formerly of Wausau, died May 14 at age 56. She worked as a purchasing agent for Eaton Aerospace since 1987. Her husband, Michael, survives.

**Robert Javurek**, '73, Eau Claire, died April 10 at age 59. He worked at Sentry Insurance in

Stevens Point and Portage then began Area Insurance Agency in Eau Claire. He retired in 2008 then a year later worked with a friend as president of Rex Systems. His wife, Kris, and two daughters survive.

**Virgil Strehlow**, '72, Wausau, died Jan. 13 at age 70. He served in the U.S. Army then taught English, worked in Milwaukee and in banking and title companies in the Wausau area. He was a member of the Marathon County Genealogy Society and was active in his church.

**Mary Thurmaier**, MS '71, Stevens Point, died April 25 at age 78. Mary was an active member of the Democratic Party, acting as a state delegate and helping manage President Carter's re-election campaign. She managed the Point Area Bus Cooperative, served as director of the Stevens Point Convention and Visitors Bureau and was on the Stevens Point Area School Board for 24 years. Her husband, Roland, a chemistry professor at UWSP, preceded her in death. Three sons, a daughter and eight grandchildren survive.

**Gary Lobner**, '68, Wisconsin Rapids, died of cancer April 20 at age 63. He worked in the Zoology Department at UWSP then for the Wisconsin DNR. He then taught at Lincoln High School until his retirement, after which he worked at local restaurants and as a Head Start bus driver. He also enjoyed outdoor sports. His wife, Cathy, two sons and a daughter survive.

**Mary (Krause) Klug**, '65, Iola, died June 2 at age 97. She taught in Loyal, Easton Center, Forestville and Ringle and was principal at Easton Elementary School. She retired in 1976 from D.C. Everest Junior High School, where she chaired the English Department. She and her husband, Gerald, also owned a cheese factory in Ringle. He preceded her in death. Mary was active in her church and the Iola Garden Club. Two sons, two daughters, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren survive.

**Sandra Lepak**, '65, Edgar, died April 9 at age 68 as a result of a traffic accident. Sandra worked as a lab technician in Wausau then helped on the family farm and raised her children. She was active in her church and traveled to all but three U.S. states as well as overseas. Her husband, Kenneth, three sons, three daughters and 22 grandchildren survive.

**Peter McCamley**, '60, Winona, Minn., died March 28, from Alzheimer's disease. He served in the U.S. Army then earned his UWSP degree and worked at the Fiberite Corp. as a chemist. He became vice president of research and development of RTP Company and served until his retirement. His wife, Theresa, two daughters, a son and five grandchildren

survive.

**Eileen Seavers**, '51, Stevens Point, died April 4 at age 96. She was a first through eighth grade teacher in Marathon and Portage counties until 1970. Her husband, Howard, preceded her in death and she is survived by two sons, a daughter, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**Phebe St. John**, '50, Plover, died at home on April 11 at age 83.

**Lorraine Quinn**, '48, Waunakee, formerly of Stevens Point, died May 16 at age 91.

**Katherine (Hope) Hetzer**, '46, Waupaca, died June 12 at age 85. She taught mathematics at Central State Teachers College (UWSP) for two years then worked for the accounting department of Hardware Mutual Insurance Company. While raising her children she was active in the Parent Teacher Association, Girl Scouts and the UWSP Alumni Board of Directors. She returned to teaching in 1964 at Emerson, Ben Franklin and P.J. Jacobs schools. She and her husband of nearly 62 years, Howard, who survives, coordinated their high school reunion every five years including the 65th in 2007. Katherine is also survived by three daughters, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Ruth (Trader) Fox**, '41, Stevens Point, died August 6 at age 88 after a prolonged illness. She taught in a rural school and lived in Philadelphia during World War II. After moving to Stevens Point, she volunteered at St. Michael's Hospital for many years, assisting local families waiting on surgical results. She is survived by four sons, one daughter and nine grandchildren. Two infant children preceded her in death.

**Arlyle Grover**, '38, Minneapolis, Minn., died April 2 at age 91, with her family at her side. She taught in rural southern and Central Wisconsin schools before moving to Minneapolis in 1955. She then taught in Brooklyn Center, Minn., for 20 years. She is survived by two sons, two daughters, 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

**Winston Judd**, last attended '37, Jefferson, died April 8 at age 92. He was a Portage County sheriff's deputy, cattle and farm implement dealer, insurance salesman, and salesman and owner of Sealstor Silo Co. Most recently he owned and operated Judd's Cores. He is survived by his wife, June, three daughters, four sons, 18 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and a great-great grandchild. A stepson preceded him in death.

## Remembering Faculty and Staff



### Coralie Wells

Coralie Wells, Indian Harbor Beach, Fla., a retired professor and chair of the Psychology Department, died May 8 at age 69 after a short battle with lung cancer.

She came to UWSP in 1968 and fostered curriculum development focusing on minorities, women of color, women in sciences and aging. Much of her teaching and research focused on the psychology of pain, particularly pain control for the elderly. She created UWSP's first course in the psychology of aging. She also developed and served as the first director of the Learning Disabilities Program on campus.

In addition, she helped develop and lead the first French and German semester abroad programs, assisted in the development of semester abroad programs in China and Taiwan and was a mentor of German

students at UWSP through the dual degree program with Germany's University of Magdeburg. She was chair of her department from 1993 until her retirement in 2002.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter and seven grandchildren.

### Alan Kursevski

Alan Kurseveski, Austin, Texas, a former director of UWSP Protective Services, died March 22 at age 87.

After serving in World War II, he served 20 years in the military and retired in 1966. He began a second career at UWSP in 1972 as director of protection, security and safety, retiring in 1987 as risk manager and safety director.

His three children attended UWSP: **Mary (Kursevski) Ziolkowski**, '83, Austin, Texas (married to **Victor Ziolkowski**, '82); **Stephen Kurseveski**, last attended '85, Dallas, Texas; and **Daniel Kursevski**, '77, Madison. Alan is also survived by his wife of 58 years, Elaine.



# UWSP Events Calendar 2010-2011

<http://events.uwsp.edu/MasterCalendar.aspx>

**\* Alumni Events are marked in purple**

## September

### Waupaca Alumni Gathering

Thurs., Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m.  
Green Fountain Inn, Waupaca

### Spud Bowl

Sat., Sept. 18, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Goerke Field, Stevens Point

### Los Angeles Alumni Gathering

Sat., Sept. 18, 2:45 p.m.  
Hornblower cruise, Marina del Ray, Calif.

### Paper Science and Engineering Event

Wednesday, Sept. 22  
Golf Outing and Awards Banquet  
Honoring students, professionals and alumni  
Call 715-346-4817 for information

### Performing Arts Series:

Golden Dragon Acrobats  
Wednesday, Sept. 22,  
7:30 p.m.  
Sentry Theater



## October

### 2010 Homecoming Week

Oct. 3-9 (see back page)  
Campus and community events

### Theatre and Dance: Soldiers Circle

Oct. 8-10 and 14-16  
Jenkins Theatre, Noel Fine Arts Center (NFAC)  
**First Nighters, Friday, Oct. 8**

### UWSP Foundation Board meeting

Fri., Oct. 8

### UWSP Alumni Board Meeting

Fri., Oct. 8

### 2010 Awards Banquet

Sat., Oct. 9, 6 p.m.  
Laird Room, DUC  
Registration required

### 1960 50th Reunion

Sun., Oct. 10, 11 a.m.  
Alumni Room, DUC

### Wisconsin Music Educator's Alumni Reception

Thurs., Oct. 28  
Madison, Monona Terrace

### Hall of Fame Banquet

Sat., Oct. 23, 5 p.m.  
Invitation only event

## November

### Alumni Weekend in the Dells

Nov. 5-7  
Wilderness Resort, Wis. Dells

### Theatre and Dance: Drood

Nov. 12-14 and 17-20  
Studio Theatre, NFAC  
**First Nighters, Fri., Nov. 12**



### Performing Arts Series: Luna Negra Dance Theater

Mon., Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m.  
Sentry Theater

### Family Day

Sat., Nov. 13  
Residence halls and campus

## December

### Performing Arts Series: Andrea Burns, Broadway vocalist

Wed., Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.  
Sentry Theater

### Chicago Blackhawks Game/ Alumni Reception

2010 Stanley Cup champion Blackhawks vs.  
the Calgary Flames  
Sunday, Dec. 5  
United Center, Chicago, Ill.

### Theatre and Dance: Afterimages 2010

Dec. 9-12  
Studio Theatre, NFAC

### Fall commencement

Sat., Dec. 18, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
Quandt Fieldhouse

### Class of 2010 Senior Breakfast

Mon., Dec. 20, 9-11 a.m.  
Alumni Room, NFAC  
Alumni welcome at \$6 per person—network  
with the newest alumni!  
To register, call the UWSP Alumni Office or  
e-mail [alumni@uwsp.edu](mailto:alumni@uwsp.edu)

### Chancellor's Leadership Awards

Fri., Dec. 17, 6 p.m.  
Laird Room, NFAC

## January 2011

### Alumni chapter meetings

Held throughout the month  
Contact [alumni@uwsp.edu](mailto:alumni@uwsp.edu)

### Winterim classes

Jan. 4-20

### Spring semester begins

Mon., Jan. 24

## February 2011

### Performing Arts Series: Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue

Thurs., Feb. 3, 7:30 p.m.  
Sentry Theater

### Arts Bash

Sat., Feb. 5, 7-10 p.m.  
NFAC courtyard

### Theatre and Dance: Almost Maine

Feb. 11-13 and 16-19  
Studio Theatre, NFAC  
**First Nighters, Fri., Feb. 11**

## March 2011

### Atlanta reunion event

Date TBA  
Atlanta Hawks vs. Chicago Bulls  
Philips Arena, Atlanta, Ga.

### Theatre and Dance: Sunday in the Park with George

March 4-6 and 9-12  
Jenkins Theatre, NFAC  
**First Nighters, Fri., March 4**

### Kissimmee reunion event

Sat., March 5  
Swamp Buggy Tours with Monica Folk, '85  
Disney Nature Wilderness Preserve,  
Kissimmee, Fla.

### Performing Arts Series: North Shore String Quartet

Special guest - Raffi Besalyan of UWSP  
Tues., March 15, 7:30 p.m.  
Sentry Theater

## April 2011

### Theatre and Dance: Danstage 2011

April 8-10 and 13-16  
Studio Theatre, NFAC  
**First Nighters, Fri., April 8**

### WWSP 90FM Trivia 41

April 8-11



### Performing Arts Series: Project Trio

Wed., April 6, 7:30  
p.m.  
Sentry Theater

### Performing Arts Series: Ira Glass, radio journalist

Wed., April 30, 7:30 p.m.  
Laird Room, DUC

## May 2011

### Theatre and Dance: The Taming of the Shrew

May 6-8 and 11-13  
Jenkins Theatre, NFAC  
**First Nighters, Fri., May 6**

### Spring commencement

Sat., May 21, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.  
Specht Forum, weather permitting

For the most up-to-date information on Alumni Association events, to make reservations or plan your own events, go to [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni), call 715-346-3811 or 877-764-6801 or e-mail [alumni@uwsp.edu](mailto:alumni@uwsp.edu). Tickets for events on campus or at Sentry Theater, unless otherwise noted, are available through University Information and Tickets, [www.uwsp.edu/centers/uit](http://www.uwsp.edu/centers/uit), 715-346-4100, or 800-838-3378 or at the door if not sold out in advance.

## Save the date!

**Future Homecoming dates:**  
Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011

**Future 90 FM Trivia dates:**  
Trivia 42, April 8-10, 2011  
Trivia 43, April 20-22, 2012  
Trivia 44, April 19-21, 2013  
Trivia 45, April 11-13, 2014



# UWSP Homecoming 2010



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For event updates and online registration for these events, go to [www.uwsp.edu/alumni](http://www.uwsp.edu/alumni)  
Join the "UWSP Homecoming 2010" site on Facebook!

## Homecoming schedule

### Friday, October 8

#### Annual Interior Architecture Alumni Show

10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.,  
Agnes Jones Gallery (127 CPS)  
3:30 p.m. reception

#### Annual UWSP American Society of Interior Designers Student Chapter Banquet

5 p.m. social, 7 p.m. dinner, raffle,  
Sentry World High Court  
Alumni welcome. Contact Patricia Kluetz,  
[pkluetz@uwsp.edu](mailto:pkluetz@uwsp.edu) for information

#### Alpha Phi Omega Reunion

6-10 p.m., SentryWorld Sports Complex,  
601 N. Michigan Ave.  
Cash bar and menu dining  
For info, call Marc Kramer at 715-341-4051

#### All Greek Social

7-9 p.m., Alumni Room, DUC  
Join students and alumni from all Greek  
organizations for a cash bar and snacks. A  
prize will be given for largest Greek group at  
the social.

#### Alumni Marching Band Social

8 p.m., Archie's Bar and Grill

#### Tau Kappa Epsilon Board Meeting

7 p.m., TKE house  
Board of Advisers

#### Tau Kappa Epsilon Social

8 p.m., Archie's Bar and Grill

### Saturday, October 9

#### Coffee with Alumni and Friends

9 a.m., Quandt Lobby

#### Landscape Photography Class

9 a.m.-noon, Schmeeckle Reserve  
Call 715-346-3838 for questions and  
registration

#### Homecoming Parade

10 a.m., campus streets  
To march with the Alumni Band, e-mail  
[alumni@uwsp.edu](mailto:alumni@uwsp.edu)

#### All Campus Picnic

11 a.m., Old Main front lawn  
Meet for food, games, inflatables for the kids,  
information booths, Stevie and Stephanie and  
reminiscing with friends and students.  
\$3 for adults, children under 12 eat free

#### Apollo Alumni Association (TKE) Annual Meeting

11 a.m., Kristin's Riverwalk, 1140 Clark St.

#### TKE House Beer and Burgers

Noon, 1632 Main Street

#### Sports Photography Class

12:30-4:30 p.m., Goerke Field  
(take photos of Homecoming Game)  
Call 715-346-3838 for questions and  
registration

#### Homecoming Football Game vs. UW-Oshkosh

1 p.m. Goerke Field

#### Department of Art and Design Alumni and Friends Reunion

2-5 p.m. Noel Fine Arts Center  
Free and open to the public, no registration  
required  
5-7 p.m. Reception at Carlsten Art Gallery,  
NFAC  
\$20 per person includes appetizers

#### 2010 Awards Banquet

6 p.m., Alumni Room, DUC  
Honoring UWSP's Distinguished Alumni  
Council, Trailblazer,  
Alumni Service and Hansen Award recipients

#### Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra Concert

Halloween in Paris  
7:30 p.m., Theater@1800 (Sentry Headquarters)  
UWSP alumni social to follow  
[www.cwso.org](http://www.cwso.org)

### Sunday, October 10

#### 50th Reunion Champagne Brunch with Provost and Vice Chancellor Mark Nook

11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Class of 1960

#### Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra Concert

Halloween in Paris  
4 p.m., Theater@1800 (Sentry Headquarters)  
[www.cwso.org](http://www.cwso.org)

## Student activities

### Sunday, October 3

"Paint Your Luck" Window Painting  
11 a.m.-3 p.m., Downtown Stevens Point  
Voting at 4 p.m.

### Monday, October 4

"Double Dawg Dare" Royalty Pageant  
7 p.m., Laird Room, DUC

### Tuesday, October 5

"The Price is Right"  
7 p.m., The Encore, DUC

### Wednesday, October 6

"Stevie's Supermarket Sweep" Food Drive  
11 a.m.-1 p.m., Concourse, DUC

### Thursday, October 7

"Stephanie's Singing Bee"  
7 p.m., Laird Room, DUC

### Friday, October 8

"Most Extreme Pointer Challenge"  
1 p.m., MAC, outside north side of MAC

"Yell-Like-Hell"  
8 p.m., Berg Gym

### Saturday, October 9

"Float or No Float" Homecoming Parade  
10 a.m., Campus Streets  
Judging from the steps of Berg Gym

All Campus Picnic  
11 a.m., Front lawn of Old Main

Pointers Football vs. UW-Oshkosh Titans  
1 p.m., Goerke Field

Homecoming Dance  
7 p.m., Alumni Room, DUC

Late Night Program  
11 p.m., The Encore, DUC



## General Information

### University Information & Tickets

DUC Concourse  
800-838-3378 or 715-346-4100  
<https://tickets.uwsp.edu>

### University Store

Fri., Oct. 8, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Sat., Oct. 9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Sun., Oct. 10, noon-4 p.m.

### Archives, LRC fifth floor Look at yearbooks and Pointer issues

Fri., Oct. 8, 7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### Schmeeckle Nature Reserve

Visitors Center, self-guided tours  
Fri., Oct. 8, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sat., Oct. 9, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

### Natural History Museum/Gift Store

Fri., Oct. 8, 7:45 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Sat., Oct. 10, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Sun., Oct. 11, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Free of charge