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A photograph of Bernie Patterson, a man with glasses, wearing a black academic cap with a gold tassel and a blue and gold academic robe. He is standing behind a wooden podium with a microphone, pointing his right index finger towards the camera. The background is dark and out of focus.

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Emeritus members of alumni board

The Alumni Association Board of Directors, created in 1969, has more than 130 alumni including those now serving and pictured at the top left. Emeritus members include (*deceased):

Harvin Abrahamson, '48; Allen Barrows, '48; *Reuben Belongia, '40; Judith Carlson, '63; Penny Copps, '68; *Lewis Drobnick, '40; Lorraine Dudley, '36; Karen Engelhard, '59; *Marion Fey, '25; Mary Hermanson, '77; William Horvath, '62; Raymond Hutchinson, '71; Janet Jensen, '44; Rose Koth, '45; Kenneth Kulick, '52; Diane Loeser, '86; Bruce Menzel, '51; Sheila Miech, '78; James Neale, '48; *Clarence Novitzke, '50; Patricia Okray, '54; Robert Piekenbrock, '86; *Chef Polka, '52; *Scott Schultz, '72; Doris See, '48; David Sharer, '60; Robert Spoerl, '82; Frederick Stemmeier, '84; *John Taylor, '41; *Richard Toser, '53; *Donald Vaughn, '38; *Donald Walker, '43; *Donald Wendorf, '66.



UWSP Alumni Board of Directors

Members of the 2010-11 Alumni Association Board met in October.

The back row includes, from left:

Steve Zywicki, '98, Green Bay
Jon Greendeer, '04, Stevens Point
David Bruha, '82, Wisconsin Rapids
Vice President Grant Winslow, '89, De Pere
Andrew Halverson, '01, Stevens Point
Thomas Klismith, '80, Plover
Laurice Biemeret-Freeman, '05, Fond du Lac
Nicholas Bolz, '01, Appleton
Jamie Beckland, '00, Portland, Ore.
Peter Graening, '04, Chicago, Ill.
Shannon Loecher, '93, Minneapolis, Minn.
Past President Mary Wescott, '75, Stevens Point

The front row includes, from left:

Edward Richmond, '93, Stevens Point
Pat Weiland, '81, Los Angeles, Calif.
Mary Ann Nigbor, '67, Stevens Point
Lee Hecimovich, '81, Palmer, Alaska
Member at Large Tamara Moore, '92, Colorado Springs, Colo.
Betty Jenkins, '63, Stevens Point
Jean Ann Day, '92, Stevens Point
Patty Noel, '70, Stevens Point
Alumni Affairs Director Laura Gehrman Rottier, '02, Stevens Point
Alumni Affairs Assistant Director Dana Mallett, '03, MS '08, Stevens Point

Not pictured are:

Erich Bacher, '92, Denver, Co.
Jenny Baeseman, '98, Tromso, Norway
Bruce Bay, '65, St. Louis, Mo.
Patrick Braatz, '84, Beaverton, Ore.
Jeffrey Buhrandt, '00, Madison
Tom Girolamo, '82, Mosinee
Melissa Hardin, '87, Madison
John Jokela, '89, Schofield
Michael Kornmann, '90, Webster
Carol Lagerquist, '66, Green Bay
Joanne Loeffler, '88, Seymour
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Kevin Parham, '91, Kenosha
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Alexa Priddy, '02, Denver, Colo.
Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) Representative, Erin Kennedy, '11.

Greetings from Chancellor Bernie Patterson



Dear Friends,

When Cinda and I arrived last summer, our first event was the downtown Fourth of July Parade in Stevens Point. It was a beautiful day and the warm reception from the community is something we will never forget.

That experience set a tone that we hadn't fully expected. We understood, from that moment forward, what this university means to our community and, from there, what our university means to our region, our state, and increasingly to our nation and world.

It has been my privilege to meet many of you, our Pointer Alumni, at events around the country. I am impressed by the variety in the paths your lives have taken and proud of the common bond of the Pointer experience that unites us.

This is an institution that is worth every ounce of commitment we all give to it. This is an institution that must be viewed as an important contributor toward solving the economic problems that confront Wisconsin and our nation.

Challenges have come our way because of Wisconsin's state budget process. They are accompanied, however, by examples of how our circumstances have brought out the best in us.

I thank the many of you who have let your voices be heard, from Wisconsin and beyond, in support of our university. Our concerns transcend partisan politics. The plan to dismantle the University of Wisconsin System, for instance, stands to diminish the way the world sees the value of your degree. Imagine the possibility of the University of Wisconsin brand stripped from your alma mater.

Our dedicated faculty and staff members are public servants, much more than they are public employees. Our ability to retain and recruit the best faculty has been put in jeopardy. If UW-Stevens Point could gain the same kinds of operational flexibilities that have, to date, been offered only to UW-Madison, I believe that we could, conceivably, use resources that currently go to state administrative overhead to address some of the fiscal challenges the state has put before us.

Our university has weathered storms before, and we will pull through this one. I am confident that we will keep our focus on the excellent, transformational experiences we provide to each of our students.

Some of you took the opportunity, as alumni, to become involved in our strategic planning process. We look forward to the completion of the university's strategic plan in just a few weeks. You will be hearing much more about the plan and the roadmap to our future that it will provide. Our decisions and directions as a university will be guided by the priorities we have arrived upon as a university community through the strategic planning process.

I want to encourage you to become engaged and to stay engaged in the life of your alma mater. Alumni events happen throughout the year and across the country. Come back to campus, too. We would love to see you, and Cinda and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible, just as soon as possible.

Ours is truly a wonderful university and it is a thrill to be a part of it.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bernie".

Chancellor Bernie L. Patterson

From the desk of the Alumni Association director...

Greetings from the second floor of Old Main,

I hope this note finds you well and enjoying the start to spring, wherever you may be experiencing it.

We've been busy at UW-Stevens Point since our October issue. While doing our best to ensure alumni and friends have all the information and resources they require to stay engaged, we continue to remain focused, as a campus, on our core mission of educating and preparing the next generation of Pointer alumni.

To that end, our alma mater is undergoing a strategic planning effort that will be complete in May of this year. Meetings began at the start of the fall semester, but much of the groundwork was already laid thanks to the great foresight and efforts of those who move the campus forward on a daily basis. Over 300 faculty, students, staff and alumni have given input on the direction and objectives of the strategic plan and we look forward to seeing the completed plan put into action.

In the Alumni Office, we continue to update, tweak and modify our programs to ensure they are keeping up with the times and serving your needs. You will notice that this second edition of the online *Alumnus* is available for download to your Nook and Kindle. We hope these portable formats assist you in keeping in touch on the go and we thank you for staying connected.

In the fall semester, our office also undertook a collaborative project with a class of students majoring in Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Working together, we provided ZIP codes and a four college breakdown of where all of our alumni live, and these amazing students produced a representational dispersion map of where UWSP alumni have moved to since graduation. This map has been utilized in many presentations, events, and even at the UW-System level this semester as a demonstration of just how far and wide the UWSP experience reaches. Earlier this month, the students that produced the map presented their research at a conference in Seattle, Wash. We plan to update this map at least once a year to show the movement of alumni over time. We hope you enjoy seeing the graphic representation of the location of UWSP alumni on page 11.

As we look toward our summer events calendar, we are working harder than ever to showcase alumni at our events with unique behind-the-scenes opportunities. I hope you will join us at one of these events, re-connect with UWSP and continue to celebrate the Pointer spirit!

Sincerely,

Laura Gehrman Rottier

Laura Gehrman Rottier, '02
Director of Alumni Affairs



The Alumni Affairs Office staff includes, clockwise from left: Terri Taylor, associate director; Mary Vils, administrative assistant; Dana Mallett, '03, MS '08, assistant director; and Laura Gehrman Rottier, '02, director.

A Message from the UWSP Foundation

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point owes a tremendous thank you to alumni who financially support the Annual Fund. Gifts to the Annual Fund help the university stay flexible in our ever-changing times and enable it to plan strategically for the future. All unrestricted gifts serve to advance the university's mission of the discovery, dissemination and application of knowledge. And gifts of any size really do matter.

The challenge we face at UW-Stevens Point, as many other colleges and universities do today, is that we can no longer rely on funding from the state of Wisconsin and earnings from our foundation endowment to make certain that the university can keep providing the college experience we've come to expect and cherish.

Our vision is to excel at preparing our students to meet the challenges they will face in the world, wherever their journeys may take them, regardless of their station in life. Tuition and fees don't stretch as far as they need to, and other funding sources are not reliable.

Your gift to UWSP—no matter what the amount—counts in a special way. Each time an alumnus or alumna makes a contribution, the percentage of alumni giving back to the university increases. A higher percentage of alumni giving impresses prospective students, rating agencies and foundations.

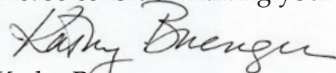
So each gift strengthens our cause twice!

To be honest, most of our alumni don't give. That's a shame; I'm reluctant to think this is an indication of how our graduates feel about their education. In fact, a survey of our recent graduates shows that nearly 100 percent feel very satisfied about the value of their UWSP education.

The easiest way to make a gift is to go online at www.uwsp.edu/foundation and click on the "Give Now" button. You can also call the foundation directly, toll-free at 1-800-858-5267.

Without broader support from our alumni—and other sources—we won't be able to help future students in the way we have been able to help our graduates from the past.

Please consider making your gift count—twice—today.



Kathy Buenger
Interim Vice Chancellor, University Advancement

Academia, Brewers, and Charities: The ABCs of Lynn Sprangers

By Joelle Verhagen, UWSP student



At UWSP, students often look up to their professors as role models for the type of lives they would someday like to lead. Lynn Sprangers, '78, Milwaukee, feels this way about many of her UWSP professors.

Lynn Sprangers "My professors contributed mightily in the classroom," she says, "but virtually all of them were also active participants in the community, offering a reminder that personal fulfillment is about contributing to a greater good." Everyone should give back to the community if they are successful, she adds.

Sprangers, a former executive with the Milwaukee Brewers who recently co-chaired the United Way of Greater Milwaukee campaign, thinks of serving the community as an honor. She is fearless when it comes to asking for money and doesn't usually take "no" for an answer. As a result, United Way's 2010 Community Campaign, co-led by Sprangers, raised more than \$46.5 million.

Before leading the United Way effort, Sprangers was a member of the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club. She was vice president of Community Relations and Government Affairs until she was promoted in 2002 to president of Brewers Charities. In this position, she helped raise \$10 million that was put back into Wisconsin communities in the form of grants, scholarships, ball field renovations, and other kinds of services.

Sprangers' career of living in the public eye didn't start with the Brewers, however. She was originally a journalist, which is where people first began to connect her name to her face. She started in Milwaukee in 1983 at WTMJ-TV and was later promoted to chief political reporter. People who followed elections knew her face and the no-nonsense attitude she had when reporting on government activities. She has earned many journalism awards, including a Midwest Regional Emmy Award, a Du Pont Columbia Award, and five Milwaukee Press Club Awards.



Her latest career move, announced in October, was to be named executive in residence for women's leadership at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee. Her job responsibilities include focusing on public policy and social justice issues that affect women, including education, gender equality, poverty, racial diversity and conflict resolution. Sprangers will host a series of discussions that address critical community issues and will conduct other special projects that include researching, writing, speaking, and reflecting on Mount Mary College's commitment to helping women in diverse learning conditions transform the world.

Many look up to Sprangers for her dedicated contributions to the community. She has become a role model for their lives, which is not so different from the way she viewed her professors during her time at UW-Stevens Point.

Lynn Sprangers, '78, formerly worked with the Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club. She is pictured with Brewer legend Robin Yount.

Donors provide gifts for wrestling facility

A new facility named for the founder of the wrestling program at UWSP has been completed thanks to donor gifts that surpassed the project's initial \$50,000 goal.

In just over a year, 80 donors provided more than \$65,000 in pledges to the John E. Roberts Wrestling Facility renovation project. Former athletes, alumni, fans, parents, and community members contributed toward the venture, naming the facility in honor of the wrestling program's founder, John Roberts. Construction was completed prior to this year's season.

The newly remodeled John E. Roberts Wrestling Facility is adjacent to Berg Gym.

"We are proud to honor Coach Roberts through the naming of this facility for his accomplishments, hard work, leadership and

outstanding character," said now retired Athletics Director Frank O'Brien. "What a wonderful opportunity we have to capture the spirit of Pointers wrestling for the past, present and future generations of fans and alumni. We want everyone to feel the sense of pride and tradition we have in Pointers athletics and the wrestling program and there is no better example than John Roberts for what this facility represents."

Roberts served as the founder and head coach at Central State College (UWSP) in the wrestling program's inaugural 1951 season. He also served as dean of men for the college, started the wrestling program at P.J. Jacobs High School in Stevens Point and served as the executive director of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association for nearly three decades.

For more information on the Athletic Traditions fundraising effort or to donate, please contact Tony Romano, director of development, at 715-346-3406 or Tony.Romano@uwsp.edu.



Former wrestler Don Smith, '56, Tomah, (right) congratulates Coach John Roberts during the new facility naming ceremony on January 15, 2010.

Alumni gatherings

Alumni across the U.S. are enjoying events with friends and fellow alumni, such as the 19 people who attended a swamp buggy tour at the Nature Conservancy's Disney Wilderness Preserve in Kissimmee, Fla., on March 5. The tour was led by **Monica Folk**, '85, an independent wildlife contractor who worked at the conservancy for 18 years.

To see photo slideshows of recent alumni events, go to www.uwsp.edu/alumni and click on "Photos."



UWSP Alumni Association 2011 Florida Reunion



Alumnus teacher connects his students with UWSP students



Mike Maloney

A fourth-grade class in Menomonee Falls is learning more about college, specifically UWSP, after being adopted by the Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) organization.

The connection began when Riverside Elementary School teacher **Mike Maloney**, '87, Menomonee Falls,

picked his alma mater as part of a program at the school that helps inspire children to plan for a college education.

"Every classroom at Riverside adopted a college to research and cheer for," he says. "My students are thrilled to be Pointers. We continue to wear our purple with pride!"

Maloney contacted the UWSP Alumni Association looking for other Pointers who could encourage his students. The STAT group was a perfect fit, as they work closely

with the Alumni Affairs Office to connect alumni and current UWSP students, said **Dana Mallett**, '03, MS '08, STAT adviser and assistant director of Alumni Affairs.

Members of STAT are active pen pals with students in Maloney's class, not only asking them questions about their favorite pastimes but what they want to know about being a college student.

"It's quite fun and I enjoy handwriting letters again," said Melissa Thielen, STAT treasurer. "Aside from allowing the students to practice their writing skills and spelling, it gives them a sense of what's out there. I think it's important to inspire elementary students to look ahead to college so they know it's an option and so they know what's available to them."

To get involved in a STAT project that connects alumni with UWSP students or to volunteer with admissions, career services or student organizations, contact the Alumni Affairs Office at 715-346-3811 or alumni@uwsp.edu.

Where is your UWSP

With alumni chapters across Wisconsin and the U.S., there are many opportunities for graduates and friends of UW-Stevens Point to get together and enjoy the camaraderie, networking, communication, involvement and enrichment offered with those who share the Pointer experience.

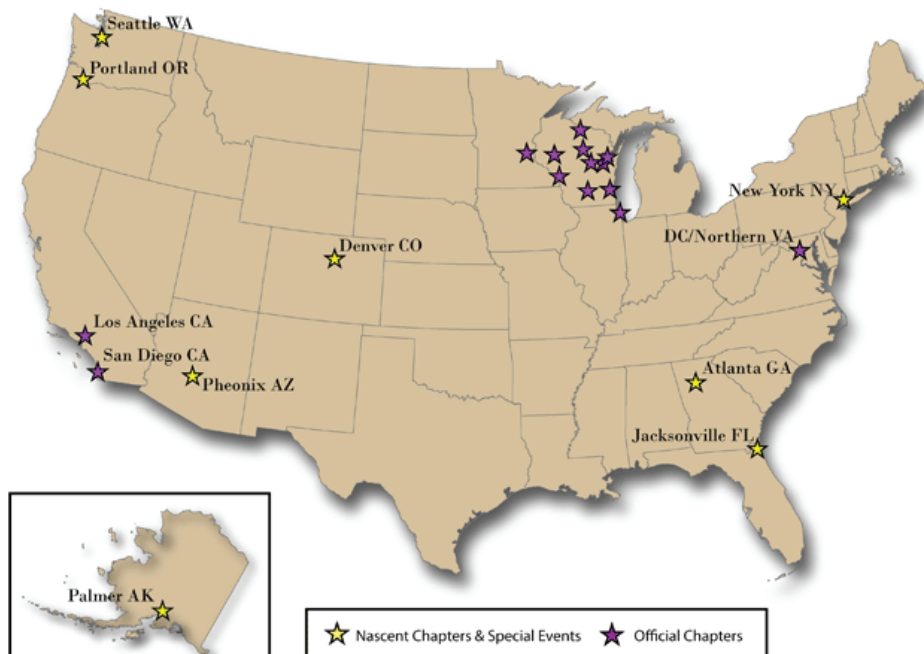
Alumni chapter social, educational or special events may include a baseball game, a restaurant social, a behind-the-scenes tour at a business or location unique to your area or an opportunity to hear other alumni share their expertise on a variety of subjects and careers. What all these events have in common is good company and good times.

Click on any of these links to the official UWSP alumni chapters for more information on events and activities in your area:

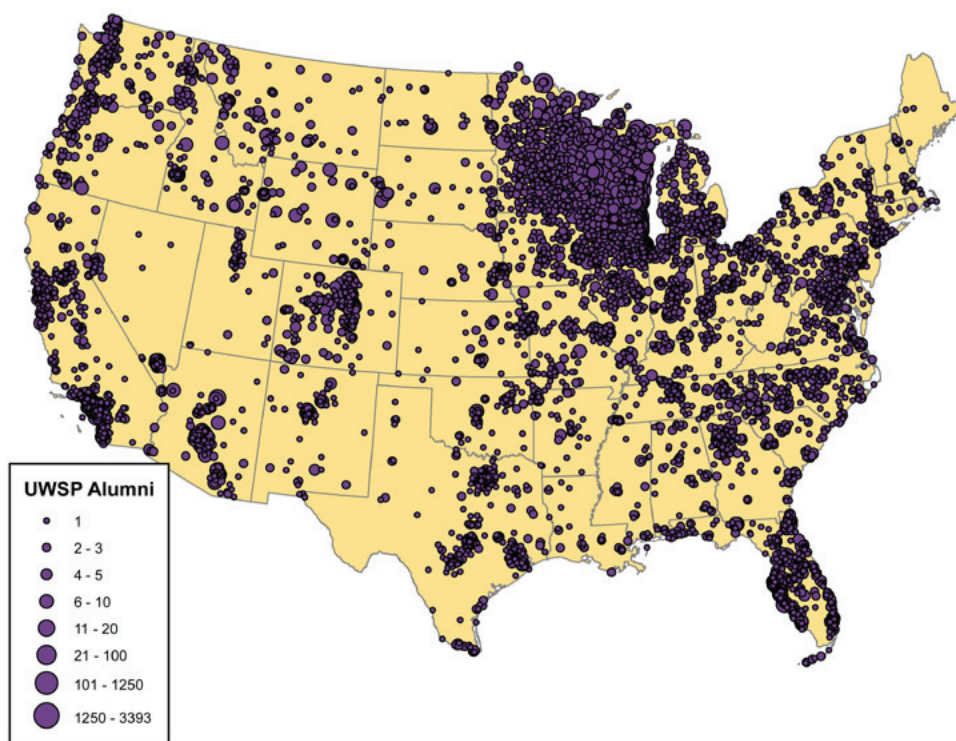
- **Chicago Area Chapter**
- **DC Area Chapter**
- **Fox Cities chapter**
- **Los Angeles area Chapter**
- **Marathon County Chapter**
- **North East Wisconsin Chapter**
- **Northern Wisconsin**
- **North West Wisconsin**
- **Western Wisconsin**
- **Portage County Chapter**
- **South East (Milwaukee area) Wisconsin Chapter**
- **South Central Wisconsin Chapter**
- **Twin Cities Chapter**
- **Waupaca County Chapter**
- **Wisconsin Rapids Chapter**

UWSP Alumni Chapters

As you can see from this map, there is room for more alumni chapters. If you find yourself in an area that needs one, the Alumni Affairs Office will be glad to help you get one started. For more information, go to www.uwsp.edu/Alumni or call 715-346-3811 or toll free at 1-877-POINT01.



Alumni Chapter?



This map, the result of a collaborative project between the UWSP Alumni Association and a Department of Geography and Geology geographical information systems class, shows where UWSP alumni reside, according to the first three digits of their ZIP code as of fall 2010.



Alumni gatherings are being held across the U.S. See the Events Calendar in this issue for future event dates.



Alumni give their UWSP experience high marks

Ninety-nine percent of recent Pointer alumni have a favorable impression of their alma mater, according to data prepared for the American Council on Education's Young Alumni Survey and released by UWSP in December 2010.

The data, part of a UW Systemwide study, also indicate that Pointer alumni are much more positive than their counterparts from other universities about their educations, their futures, and the role of their alma mater in transforming their lives.

Given the time they dedicated to their degree and the money spent on their university education, 94 percent of UWSP alums ages 25 through 39 said they believe their experience at UWSP was worth it, compared to 89 percent of other respondents nationwide about their universities.

Other questions and response rates on the UWSP experience included:

- Upon graduation, were you effectively prepared with the knowledge and skills you needed?
YES — Pointer Alumni: 86 percent;
National: 81 percent
- If you could begin again, would you choose to attend the same school?
YES — Pointer Alumni: 88 percent;
National: 79 percent
- Do you think that your university charged a fair price for your education?
YES — Pointer Alumni: 92 percent;
National: 76 percent

The study also gauged perceptions about higher education funding issues, and even alumni political beliefs. Questions and responses also included:

- Based on what you know about higher education funding, who should be primarily responsible for financing colleges and universities?

- The State

Pointer Alumni: 25 percent;
National: 20 percent

- Federal government

Pointer Alumni: 29 percent;
National: 30 percent

- Students/families

Pointer Alumni: 36 percent;
National: 40 percent

- Private donors

Pointer Alumni: 2 percent;
National: 6 percent

- Would you say you are liberal, moderate, or conservative in your political beliefs?

UWSP alumni identified themselves the following:

- Conservative: 33 percent

- Moderate: 36 percent

- Liberal: 27 percent

The survey was conducted in September 2010 with a sample of 400 UWSP alumni between ages 25-39. For UWSP's survey results, go to www.uwsp.edu/news/YoungAlumniSurveyResultsUWSP.pdf.



Chancellor Bernie Patterson (right) receives the Chancellor's Medallion from UW System President Kevin Reilly (left).

Chancellor Patterson inaugurated

Bernie Patterson was inaugurated as UW-Stevens Point's 14th chancellor in a ceremony on campus on Friday, April 15.

A traditional inauguration was held in the Laird Room of the Dreyfus University Center, featuring the world premiere of *Arise!*, a music piece composed by student Alex Shuffield, Sparta, for the inauguration. Congratulatory messages were presented by UWSP student, faculty and staff representatives and the Chancellor's Medallion was presented by UW System President Kevin Reilly.

The ceremony was immediately followed by a festival and lunch in the Alumni Room of the center. Student and faculty achievement was celebrated with booths and activities in the DUC, then a tree-planting ceremony was held on the University Library grounds.

A slideshow (www.youtube.com/watch?v=LND8zggz4Tg) of the entire event is available, as is a video (www.uwsp.edu/media/admin/Chancellor/Installation/PattersonInstallation04152011.aspx) of the inauguration ceremony.

Patterson became UWSP's chancellor in July 2010, having served higher education as a leader in both public and private university settings.

Previously he was the provost and vice president for academic affairs at Oklahoma City University, the dean and assistant dean at Georgia College and State University and Valdosta State University respectively. His professional activities have included the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University, a Wye Faculty Fellowship at the Aspen Institute and a Fulbright tour in Tanzania, Africa. He has led or participated in international delegations to Central America, Eastern and Western Europe, Asia and Africa.

Patterson holds a Ph.D. and Master of Arts in criminology from the State University of New York at Albany, an education specialist degree and Master of Science from the University of Central Missouri and a Bachelor of Science in Technology from Missouri Western State University.

He resides in Plover with his wife, Cinda. His daughter, Susan, attends law school at the University of Oklahoma.

Veterans, students recognized through *Soldiers Circle*

UW-Stevens Point's Department of Theatre and Dance's staging of *Soldiers Circle*, a drama about the real stories of soldiers stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan, has made an impact on the lives of local veterans as well as on the lives of members of the cast and crew.

Local veterans, including those who attend UWSP, were invited to a free showing of the play at the Wausau Grand Theater in January. In addition, their boots were displayed in various shop windows in downtown Wausau to promote the show and tell a story about what their boots meant to them as part of their service. Video on this event may be found at www.youtube.com/user/UWStevensPoint#p/u/39/h4X1if4yD7w.

Additionally, the October campus performances of *Soldiers Circle* were offered for judging by the American College Theatre Festival's regional competition. Three of the show's actors and six of its design and technical crew members were selected to compete at the regional festival in Michigan in January, including actors Justun Hart, Maggie Raymond, Zach Woods and crew members Andy Broomell, Scott Frost, Lizzie Joanis,

Hilary Landowski, Mike Trudeau and Chris Walls.

Raymond was one of two regional finalists chosen to compete in the national festival in April, held at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. During that event she won a \$5,000 Actors Theatre of Louisville scholarship.

The UWSP presentation of *Soldiers Circle* was only the second staging of the show created by playwright Russell Vandenbroucke, who interviewed and collected stories of both current and veteran soldiers when writing the play in 2007. Two local Gulf War veterans, Michael Butcher of Stevens Point and Ryan Wallis of Montello, helped the Theatre and Dance Department accurately stage the show. Both Butcher and Wallis are UWSP students who are active with the ROTC program on campus, Butcher as a senior military instructor and Wallis as a cadet battalion commander. For scenes from the show, go to www.youtube.com/user/UWStevensPoint#p/u/43/68pi7I0Idc8.

"The students felt honored and privileged to portray these moving and courageous stories," said the show's director, Theatre Professor Steve Smith.



Actors from the UWSP production of *Soldier Circle* perform a scene from the drama.

UWSP student's boots tell his story



Nick Colgin is interviewed by a Wausau TV station at the *Soldiers Circle* preview event.

"When I hold these boots I think about the blood from the French soldier's head that stained my left boot. I earned a Bronze Star for saving his life in Afghanistan. My boots remind me of the soldiers I could not save."

So read the card displayed next to the army boots of UWSP student, Spc. Nick Colgin, who volunteered them as part of a display in downtown Wausau in January to promote the staging of UWSP's production of *Soldiers Circle* at the Grand Theater in Wausau.

As a medic with Bravo Company, Division Special Troops Battalion, 82nd Airborne Division, Colgin was stationed in Afghanistan in November 2007. As part of a convoy of more than 20 vehicles, Colgin heard the call for a medic after a French soldier in another vehicle was shot in the head. Even though the convoy was still under fire, Colgin ran to the French vehicle and tried to help. Ironically, when asked who spoke English, they pointed to the injured man.

Knowing he had to move quickly to save the soldier and not having communications with the other vehicles, Colgin ran back to the commander's Humvee to give the medical evaluation information then back to the French vehicle to administer an IV. Getting back to the base, normally a 20-minute drive, took three hours through the ambushes, but the French soldier made it to a hospital where officials who treated him said Colgin saved his life.

Colgin received the Bronze Star for his actions that day, and kept his blood stained boots as a reminder. Unfortunately, the blasts from combat left him with a traumatic brain injury, resulting in severe headaches, partial paralysis and other health issues.

After leaving the Army, Colgin became a student at UWSP and was engaged to Kristen Krempely. The couple met while he was overseas, after she picked his name from an online list of soldiers and sent a care package. Last spring, the couple entered the WISN.com Operation Wedding Day contest—and won. Their all-expenses-paid wedding took place at the War Memorial on Milwaukee's lakefront in September.

Colgin is now in his junior year at UWSP, studying English and working as the cinema coordinator for Centertainment Productions. He is recovering from his injuries and enjoying married life with Kristen and their dog, Dixie.

Recently Colgin spent a week on Capitol Hill as part of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America's Storm the Hill program (<http://stormthehill.org>). Veterans met with members of Congress to discuss critical issues for vets such as disability reform and employment programs.

He is also taking part in Rehabbing With the Troops, a competitive program which partners vets with professional athletes via video workouts using the Wii console and EA Active titles. Colgin took second in the most recent round of competition and has been asked to help shape the program for further years.

"I am having fun and really working hard in school, and outside of school," he says.



The suite life is shaping up at UWSP @ 201 Reserve Street

Work continues on the Suites @ 201 Reserve, UWSP's first new residence hall in more than 40 years.

A five-story, two-elevator building constructed at the site of the former Hyer Hall, the suites will house about 328 residents in 82, four-bedroom suites and one hall director apartment.

The suites are completely furnished with a full kitchen, three compartment bathroom (sink, shower, toilet), a living room and four bedrooms. In addition to the suites, the hall includes common areas and laundry facilities.

In support of Residential Living's committed efforts to an environmentally friendly and sustainable living environment and lifestyle, the Suites @ 201 Reserve will achieve a minimum of USGBC LEED Silver rating for New Construction V2.2. LEED certification provides independent, third-party verification that a building project meets the highest green building and performance measures.

Residential Living has begun accepting applications from junior and senior students, with move-in day set for the fall. Look for more information on tours and grand opening events in the fall 2011 issue of the *Pointer Alumnus*.

Erwin named COFAC marketing specialist



Bobbie Erwin

Bobbie (Meyer) Erwin, '92, Stevens Point, has been named as the marketing specialist for the College of Fine Arts & Communication (COFAC) at UW-Stevens Point.

Erwin, who graduated from UWSP in 1992 with bachelor of fine arts degree in graphic design, is responsible for leading the college's efforts in promoting programs, cultural and educational events and creating a unified promotion system.

"Bobbie is uniquely qualified to understand our college culture and programs. We are all excited by the prospect of increased attention to our events that this brings," said Jeff Morin, dean of the college.

Before returning to UW-Stevens Point to work in the COFAC dean's office in 2006, she held graphic design, art director and marketing positions with area companies including Noel Group/Travel Guard, Herrschner's, Jones Publishing and Add

Inc. She has also been involved in community organizations such as the Stevens Point Area Foundation and served on the Portage County Cultural Festival committee.

"Since returning to campus, I have had the opportunity and privilege to work with students, faculty and staff members on many levels," said Erwin. "This new position encompasses all the favorite things and projects I used to work on and with, allowing me to promote a university and college that I truly believe in and giving me the chance to make a difference in the lives of the students attending UW-Stevens Point."

Erwin and her husband, **Mark Erwin**, last attended '91, have two children.

Donohoo named to CPS marketing post



Eva Donohoo

Eva (McGillivray) Donohoo, '01, has been named as the marketing specialist for the College of Professional Studies (CPS) at UW-Stevens Point.

Donohoo, who graduated from UW-Stevens Point with a bachelor of science degree in communication, is responsible for the collegewide marketing communication and public relations functions. She will also be in charge of managing the website, various publications, and the social media presence for CPS.

"Eva brings a variety of experiences in higher education settings that will help our CPS faculty share all the good work they are doing with our students," said Marty Loy, dean of the college. "We're excited about the innovative marketing practices Eva will bring to the college."

Donohoo's higher education marketing experience includes positions at Wayne State University, Wisconsin Lutheran College and University School of Milwaukee. She also has a background in media relations, promotions, and event operations at the collegiate and professional sports ranks, including game-day public relations duties with the Detroit Lions.

"It is a thrill to be back at UWSP and be a part of a campus community I hold dear," said Donohoo. "I'm looking forward to sharing the amazing stories of the CPS students, faculty and alumni."

Eva is married to Chris Donohoo.

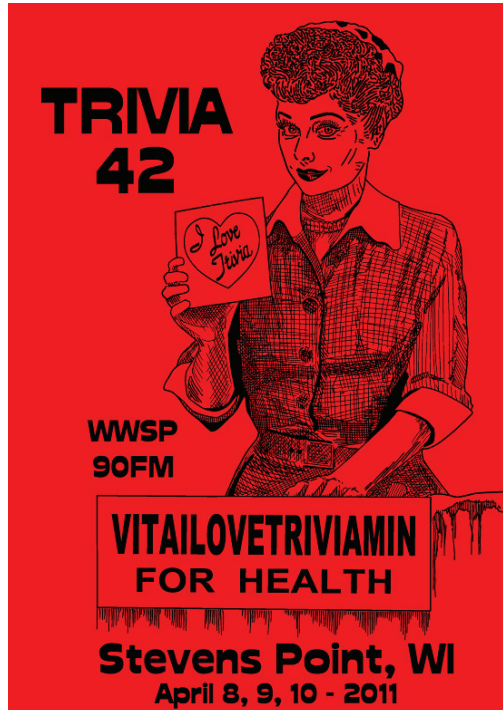
Trivia 42: I Love Trivia

90FM Alumni reunion

A 90FM alumni reunion will be held this summer at Iverson Park's All Purpose Shelter in Stevens Point on Saturday, August 13, from 12-5 p.m. Meet up with the former staffers for a BBQ lunch to exchange old stories and new music. Meat will be provided – please bring beverages and a dish to pass. Significant others and children are welcome. For additional details closer to the event, join the 90FM reunion page on Facebook or e-mail colleenwenos@gmail.com.

Future Trivia Dates

2012	April 20, 21, 22
2013	April 19, 20, 21
2014	April 11, 12, 13
2015	April 17, 18, 19
2016	April 15, 16, 17



Who doesn't love Trivia?

Trivia 42: I Love Trivia answered that question and hundreds more during its 54 hours of music and trivia from Friday, April 8, through midnight on Sunday, April 10. The annual contest, broadcast over WWSP 90FM at UWSP and through online streaming audio, brought 11,383 players (including 1,170 registered UWSP alumni) on 395 teams together in Stevens Point and across the world.

This year, The Anti-Social Network took first place with 11,165 points. For all the team scores for Trivia 42 and more information on Trivia, go to www.90fmtrivia.org.

According to Trivia organizer Jim "The Oz" Oliva, 13 teams played outside of the 90 FM listening area using Internet streaming audio, including one in Billings, Mont., and another in Rome, Italy. The Billings team, whose Trivia efforts were highlighted in a story in the Billings Gazette newspaper, came in 63rd.

A Stevens Point institution, Trivia began in 1969 when 16 teams wrote questions for each other to answer. In 1970 the event was broadcast on 90FM and met with great public support. Today, the contest has grown to include nearly 400 teams responding to more than 450 questions over the course of the weekend. It has even been recognized by Chase's Calendar as the largest of its kind in the world. It draws people to Central Wisconsin from as far away as Europe and has attracted the attention of USA Today, the Chicago Tribune, and the quiz show *Jeopardy*.

Chancellor lends a helping hand



Chancellor Bernie Patterson recently lent a hand to active and alumni members of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, assisting with the TKE's "Work Weekend" at their house on Main Street in Stevens Point.

Cornerstone Press publishes children's book, memoir

Cornerstone Press, a student-run publishing house at UWSP, has published a new adolescent novel by a Plover author and a memoir of the Spanish Civil War translated by a UWSP professor.

Jake the Grizz and the World's Fastest Snowboard, by Kit Kiefer, is a snowboarding mystery intended for readers aged nine to fourteen, and *Fugitive from Spanish Facism: A Memoir* by Miguel Domínguez Soler, translated by UWSP Professor Richard Barker, are now available for purchase online at www.uwsp.edu/english/cornerstone or at the UWSP Bookstore, Book World, Bookfinders and Galaxy Comics Games and More in Stevens Point, and at Janke Book Store in Wausau.

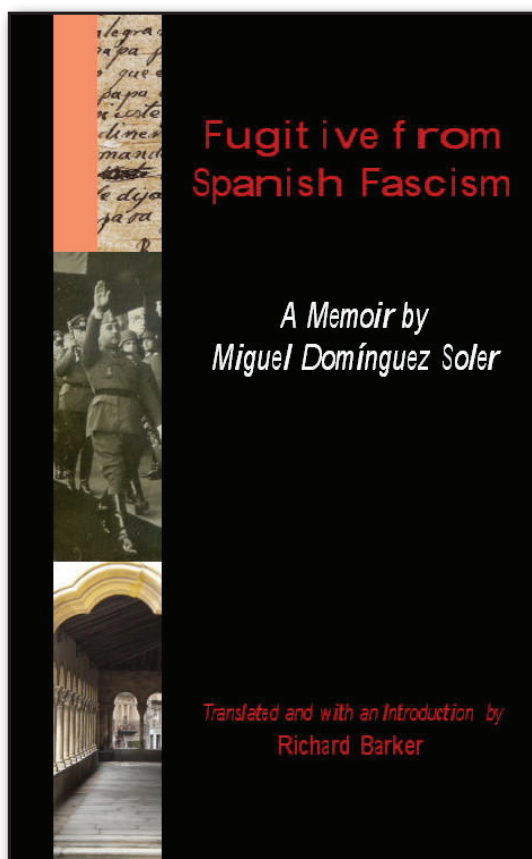
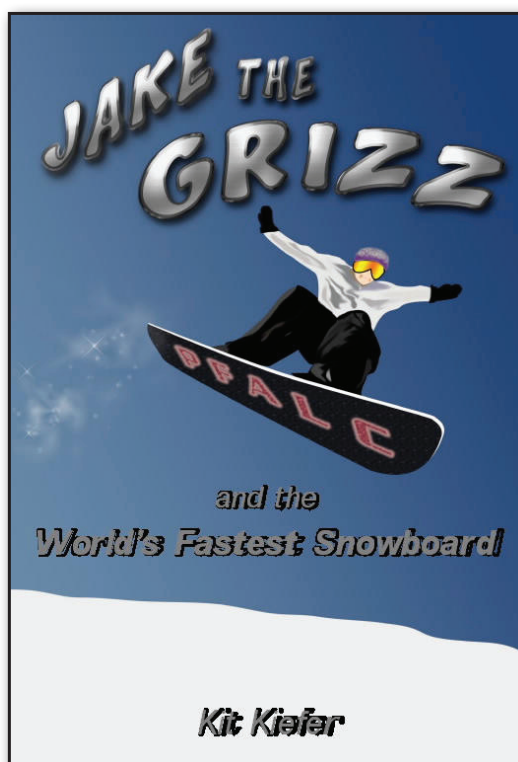
Cornerstone Press is staffed by students enrolled in UWSP's upper-level Editing and Publishing course. Cornerstone Press has published 30 books to date, including the first edition of *Wildflowers of Wisconsin and the Upper Midwest* (the second edition was published by the University of Wisconsin Press) and *Influences: How Ancient Hinduism Dramatically Changed Early Christianity* (an edition of which was published in India in 2009).

Jake the Grizz and the World's Fastest Snowboard, printed by Worzalla Publishing Company in Stevens Point, is Kiefer's first children's book. He has been writing about pop culture for more than thirty years and is the author of five volumes in the Marvel Encyclopedia series. He lives in Plover with his wife and three children.

The book's illustrations are by Christopher Ivy, who has worked for most of the major comic publishers, including DC Comics, Dark Horse, Image and Valiant/Acclaim. Most recently he worked on Transformers and G.I. Joe comics for IDW Publishing.

Soler based his memoir on real events described in the diaries he kept his entire life, including some years when he was a fugitive during the Spanish Civil War. The book is a cautionary tale about political fanaticism and bears witness to the cruel injustices of the twentieth century and the indomitable spirit of individuals who struggle to live in freedom.

For more information, call Cornerstone Press at 715-346-2849 or email cornerstone@uwsp.edu.



Campus News

- UWSP won four awards from the Association of Marketing & Communication Professionals at the 2010 MarCom Awards, recognizing its viewbook, website and Green Spots sustainability video series.
- The Computing and New Media Technologies program will host an international digital information and Web technologies conference on campus August 4-6. The program has been ranked within the top 50 in North America for video game design.
- Brad Van Den Elzen, director of the International Students and Scholars Office, is serving as interim vice chancellor for Student Affairs after the retirement of Bob Tomlinson. He has worked at UWSP since 2005. His predecessor, Marc Fang, is heading the international student office in his absence.
- The Woodland Leadership Institute at UWSP received the 2010 National Family Forests Education Award for its leadership and outreach programs. John DuPlissis of the College of Natural Resources has directed the institute since 2002.
- Former U.S. Secretary of Defense and member of Congress Melvin R. Laird, Bethesda, Md., will receive UWSP's first honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at the May commencement ceremony. Laird's longtime commitment to UWSP led to the biannual Laird Youth Leadership Day conference held from 1965-2008.
- UWSP's LEAF (Learning Experiences & Activities in Forestry) program was honored with the Standing Up for Rural Schools, Libraries and Communities Award by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction in March for a partnership with the Goodman-Armstrong Creek School Forest.

Student News

- Art and Design Department students Heather Nennig, Breanna Radermacher, Angela Leopold and Jenny Harkness were honored by the American Advertising Federation (AAF) through the Fox River AAF Student ADDY Awards, receiving Student Gold ADDY awards for advertising projects. These four students as well as Marcia Pastorius and Courtney Lancour had work accepted into the 25th Annual Brass Ring Awards Graphic Design Competition and Harkness also won a District 8 ADDY Award.
- The Residence Hall Association won the Large School of the Year award at the Wisconsin United Residence Hall Association conference, which UWSP hosted. The group was recognized for its sustainability efforts, programs and national involvement.
- Six urban forestry students recently volunteered with the Aldo Leopold Foundation to clear trees that threatened the Leopold “shack,” the inspiration for the conservationist’s *A Sand County Almanac*.
- Emily Ploeg, a sophomore clarinetist, won the Wisconsin Senior Woodwind Soloist Competition as part of the Wisconsin Music Teachers Association conference.
- Master’s degree candidates Elise Kahl, Meagan Leatherbury and Melissa Rickert received The Wilderness Society’s prestigious 2011 Gaylord Nelson Earth Day Fellowships for making significant contributions to promoting conservation ethics and environmental education, and for exhibiting future leadership potential in the field of environmental education. The three students will each receive a prize of \$1,433.

Faculty/Staff News

- Roger Nelson, musical theatre, had his arrangement of *This Land Is Your Land* performed by the U.S. Army Chorus for the ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of John F. Kennedy’s inaugural address in the rotunda of the Capitol building in January. The event was attended by many Washington dignitaries, including Caroline Kennedy, and was broadcast on C-SPAN. Nelson, who wrote the arrangement in 2005, has arranged many works for the chorus in the past, having served in the Army in the early 70s.
- Virginia Freire, biology, produced the first-ever study of the hepatoflora of a Guatemalan cloud forest and will be published in the *Journal of Tropical Bryology* this year.
- Researchers Christopher Hartleb, biology; Keith Rice and Doug Miskowiak, geographic information systems, and **Sarah Kaatz**, ’01, UW-Extension, were awarded a two-year \$200,000 U.S. Department of Commerce grant to develop a geographic information systems-based analysis of aquaculture (fish farms) in Wisconsin.
- Alan Haney and Lowell Klessig, emeriti natural resources, collaborated on *One Family’s Forest*, a fiction book about passing a family forest from one generation to another published by Back Forty Press.
- Stephanie Aleman, anthropology, has been studying the Waiwai culture of Guyana for over 13 years and has brought Reuben Yamochi, a member of the tribe, to live with her family and attend UWSP. Three of Aleman’s students also studied with her in Guyana.

Stevens Point author Patrick Rothfuss' second book tops New York Times Bestseller List



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Amanda Hoerter said she is a fan on the verge of being a stalker to Stevens Point international best-selling author **Patrick Rothfuss**, '00, Stevens Point.

The 23-year-old UW-Stevens Point student, who loves science-fiction and fantasy novels had nothing but positive things to say about Rothfuss' second novel, *The Wise Man's Fear*, which was released March 1.

She used to be Rothfuss' assistant, and he even asked her to read the novel, the second in his trilogy, *The Kingkiller Chronicle*, before it was released.



Stevens Point author Patrick Rothfuss interacts with a customer at his book signing at Bookfinders in Stevens Point. Photo courtesy of Dan Young/*Stevens Point Journal*.

"(His first novel) *The Name of the Wind* came out when the last Harry Potter book came out," she said. "It pretty much made me not want to read Harry Potter anymore, because it's that much better."

Hoerter was one of about 40 people who attended Rothfuss' book signing Saturday at Bookfinders in Stevens Point. Some had their pictures taken with him,

some wanted advice about writing and others just wanted to tell him how much they enjoy his work.

For 37-year-old Rothfuss, Saturday's signing was a "relaxing" event, since he's not used to book signings with less than 300 people. He described this level of fame as "uncomfortable."

"It's fun and it's flattering, but I am from the Midwest, and there's a certain degree of celebrity that I'm OK with, and this is a little bit beyond that. I'm still getting used to it," he said. "I love that people love the books, but I'm nobody special really. The books are kind of the important thing."

But his fame likely will only increase. *The Wise Man's Fear*, hit No. 1 on the New York Times Bestseller list in March for hardcover fiction, and *The Name of the Wind* has been translated to more than 30 languages.

"We just got news about Greece yesterday," Rothfuss said Saturday.

Regardless of how famous Rothfuss gets, he plans to stay in central Wisconsin for the quality and low cost of living, especially now that he has an 18-month-old son.

"I know a lot of people in the community. I'm friends with people at the local bookstores. Everyone says 'When are you going to move to New York?' Why would I want to live in New York?" he said.

Growing up, Rothfuss always loved to read and thought it'd be fun to be a writer, but he never thought of it as a potential career.

After entering UWSP as a chemical engineering student, he moved on to a variety of majors — clinical psychology, philosophy, medieval history, eastern theater, anthropology and sociology.

In his ninth year as an undergraduate, he completed a degree in English. Shortly before he graduated, he finished *The Name of the Wind*, which he had been working on for more than seven years.

After two years of graduate school, he started teaching English at UWSP. During that time, he faced rejection for two years from agents for his first book. Even after finding one, there were several years of revisions.

Finally, after 14 years of work, his first novel was released in 2007 with little to no fan base.

"People say 'Oh, overnight success.' Yeah, overnight after 14 years," Rothfuss said, adding this level of fame is unfathomable.

"When you're 14, you think 'Oh, when I grow up I'm going to be a writer and everyone will want my autograph.' If you're a geek, an author is the equivalent of a rock star for you," Rothfuss said.

Even if someone is lucky enough to finish a novel and sell it, that person most likely still will have to have a day job, he said. Now, luckily, writing is his day job.

"To meet with this level of success, it's nothing any sane person would ever expect. It's sort of like saying 'When I grow up, I'm going to win the lottery.' You just can't plan on something like this," he said.

Rothfuss puts his fame to good use through his Worldbuilders fundraiser.

All proceeds go to Heifer International, which creates sustainable communities by donating animals and teaching recipients how to care for and breed them.

During its first year, Rothfuss matched 100 percent of the donations, which basically emptied his bank account.

"I probably would have gone to jail for tax evasion if I hadn't been very lucky and my German royalties came in right before I had to pay taxes," he joked. "(The fundraiser is) getting bigger and bigger every year. I draw more and more publishers and authors into it. It's definitely bigger than I am."

Rothfuss' story is undoubtedly rare, which is why he urges people to only write if they love it.

"If you're doing it because you hope to be famous and rich, that's the wrong reasons and it will lead you to be miserable. I've seen it happen to a bunch of writers," he said. "If you're goal is to be rich, you should become a commodities broker or a lawyer or a banker. If you want to be famous, you should do something stupid on the Internet."

Doing it as a hobby is the proper mental attitude to have.

"If you enjoy putting words together and creating these worlds, then you can write and you can be happy," he said. "Then you've won."

Oswald keeps UWSP alumni engaged and connected through technology



Ray Oswald

The new president of the UWSP Alumni Association Board of Directors has carried on the leadership skills he learned as a student.

Ray Oswald, '97, Milwaukee, was deeply engaged in the fabric of campus as an undergraduate. Serving in the Steiner Hall Alcohol Awareness Fund Run, going on study abroad trips, being elected as Student Government Association president and receiving the honor of Chancellor's Leadership Award, Oswald demonstrated a passion

for his alma mater that started strong and continues to stand the test of time.

After graduation, Oswald wasted little time before getting involved with the UWSP Alumni Association, and becoming a board member just two years after he walked through commencement to receive his degree in business administration. As an alumnus, Oswald has been involved with his local chapter in Milwaukee, his 10 Reunion Steering Committee, legislative advocacy and as the chair of the Communications Committee on the Alumni Board. This May, he will give the charge to alumni at commencement, coming full circle from his time on campus just over a decade ago.

Oswald is always connected and his use of technology and knowledge of the industry led the Alumni Association forward in becoming one of the first UW campuses to have an online alumni community, The Connecting Point. His efforts to promote UWSP through Facebook, Linked In and Twitter have continued to give alumni cutting edge options to stay connected and engaged.

Working for Fiserv in Milwaukee, Oswald is well equipped in his role promoting technology and communications. As vice president for Business Solutions and Consulting for Fiserv, Inc., he provides support for clients in rolling out new technologies and products. His expertise in transitioning from legacy systems to more up-to-date software keeps him on the road more than half of the year, but he is never out of touch, even sending emails from 40,000 feet to keep alumni connected!

Oswald looks forward to his term as president on the Alumni Board and to keeping alumni conversations flowing through all mediums.

Schreier's new job has her managing some familiar faces



Cheryl Schreier, '79, has had a long career with the National Park Service and now works at Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

Among the famous faces at Mount Rushmore National Memorial in Keystone, S.D., is a familiar face from UWSP.

Cheryl (Antolik) Schreier, '79, Custer, S.D., was named the superintendent for the national memorial last fall, continuing her long career with the National Park Service.

"This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to manage a site that represents our nation's history and cultures," said Schreier. "Once I was here it struck me that I am one of the stewards of this monument. It's an important and humbling job to preserve it for future generations."

As the superintendent, Schreier manages the day-to-day operations of Mount Rushmore and all of its employees and projects. She likens it to being the conductor of an orchestra made up of park interpreters, maintenance workers, law enforcement personnel, a Friends of Mount Rushmore group, the partners of the park who run the gift shop, food services, parking lot and bookstore, and even the wild animals who call the park home. She also collaborates with other parks and organizations such as the Forest Service.

"What I enjoy most is interacting with the visitors, staff members and members of the local community," she said. "I am an ambassador for Mount Rushmore, an iconic national park that represents South Dakota as a state. So it's really fun to hear what people remember about their visits to the park years ago."

Mount Rushmore gets about 3.1 million visitors a year, Schreier says. While many visit during the summer, she recommends fall travel.

"From September to October it's a wonderful time to be here. The leaves are changing and there are warm days and cool nights." Motorcycle enthusiasts may enjoy the trip August 8-14, during the annual Sturgis Rally, she adds. UWSP alumni are welcome to say hello if they visit, she said, by contacting her through the information center at the memorial.

Schreier's long career with the NPS began in South Dakota and has now come full circle after more than 30 years. Her first position was at Jewel Cave National Monument in nearby Custer, S.D., where she worked a summer internship while still studying at UWSP. It was there she met her husband, Bill, now retired from the NPS.

Most recently, Schreier was the superintendent at Herbert Hoover National Historic Site in West Branch, Iowa. She was also the superintendent at Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site in Stanton, N.D., and has served in Death Valley National Park in California, Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming, Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, Pa., the NPS Intermountain Regional Office in Denver, Colo., and Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah.

The skills in natural resource management, biology and environmental education that she learned at UWSP as well as her experiences in the NPS are really paying off and helping her at her job at Mount Rushmore.

"My advice for UWSP students or graduates who want to work for national parks is to apply at the wonderful small natural or historic parks, the places that are less iconic but no less spectacular than Mount Rushmore," Schreier says. "It's a great way to start a career. If you are passionate about preserving natural resources, the National Park Service is a perfect fit."

"I wake up every morning loving what I do," she adds.

Ellis flies to Japan to help with relief efforts

As the chief pilot for United Airlines at O'Hare International in Chicago and Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, **Jeff "Bo" Ellis**, '81, Delafield, works more than 6,000 miles away from Japan.

Even so, after Japan was devastated by a record earthquake and subsequent tsunami on March 11, Ellis flew a 777 airplane to the Narita Airport in Japan on March 13 as part of United Airlines' efforts to provide evacuation for its employees; transport for medical, rescue, scientific and diplomatic experts; and daily shipments of food, water, medical needs, clothing, blankets, tools and equipment. He ran a United Airlines Earthquake Pilot Command Center at the airport, offering support and leadership for United Airlines pilots and crew members. He has since returned to the U.S.

"Needless to say, the events in Japan are catastrophic!" said Ellis. "The people have shown tremendous resolve and strength in the face of the worst natural disaster in their history. I am proud to have played a small part in the recovery effort and I am even more proud of United Airlines and the employees who are rising to the challenge in support of those in need."

As they flew in from the U.S., the United Airlines' crews could see the vast devastation along Japan's west coast, Ellis said. "The view is shocking and ominous," he added. The area where he landed, 115 miles south of the Fukushima Reactor site, was subject to further earthquakes and aftershocks several times a day, as well as daily planned blackouts to relieve Japan's power grid.

A large concern is the radiation dispersal, he said, as well as the wide range of information and reports on the radiation threat level from the Japanese government and the media. The United Airlines crew focused on non-biased nuclear experts' analysis of the threat.

United Airlines continues to run a command center at Narita Airport but at some point will return to normal operations, he said. Even then, the airline will continue to offer the critical transport needed for Japan and its people.

Those who want to help should contact one of the many valid charities who are currently engaged in the rescue and recovery effort, one of which is United's Mileage Donation program that is partnered with the American Red Cross, said Ellis, a member of the UWSP Foundation Board of Directors.

"Every contribution helps, even if you are just simply one person from Wisconsin like me who seizes the moment to contribute with the hope of making a difference," he said.



Above, **Bo Ellis**, '81, prepares to fly his 777 out of Japan. At left, an aerial view of devastation in Japan.

Zahn publishes his late father's autobiography

Lifelong Wisconsin educator **Melvin Zahn**, '58, a former Pella resident, finished writing his autobiography in February 2007. Sadly, he passed away two months later, before it could be illustrated and published.

His son, **Jim Zahn**, '70, Amherst, has completed that task for him, publishing *A Wonderful, Gentle Teacher* through AuthorHouse. The family hopes to use all the profits from selling the book to establish the Melvin Zahn Memorial Scholarship Fund for the students in the Gresham school district, where his father was principal for many years.

"Publishing his biography has been a labor of love," says Jim, "but we are so pleased that young people who were such an important part of Dad's life will continue to benefit from his efforts, even after his passing. Hopefully this project will continue to generate enough revenue to assist young people who are going on to higher education for many years to come."

A Wonderful, Gentle Teacher describes Melvin's young life, growing up on a family farm in the 20s and 30s, then his experiences in a one-room classroom

during the 30s and 40s and larger schools in Shawano and Menominee counties, including Menominee Nation schools. He spent eight years driving back and forth to Stevens Point Normal School (UWSP) for summer school and weekend classes to earn his bachelor's degree in education, completed a master's degree in educational administration in 1973 and nearly earned a doctoral degree, stopping only to help on his family's farm due to his brother's poor health. He was an elementary school principal for the last 18 years of his career. He and his wife, Idabelle, also raised three children.

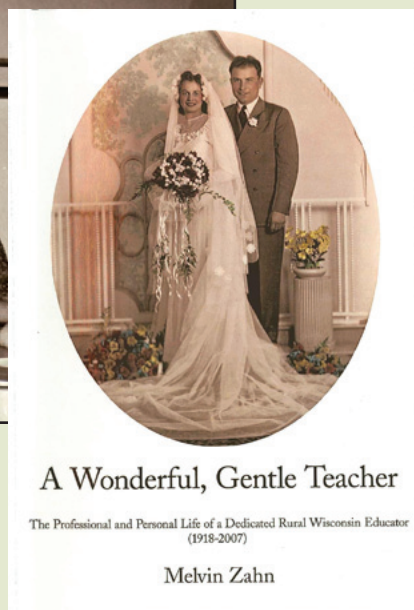
"He was passionate about education and he constantly encouraged, supported and guided his students and the staffs he worked with," says Jim, who carries on his father's work as an educator, having taught in Europe, the Middle East, the South Pacific and most recently middle school mathematics in the D.C. Everest school district. In July, Jim and his wife, **Sherry (Kust) Zahn**, '70, will travel to Hong Kong where they have taken teaching jobs.

"The energy and enthusiasm of middle school students is contagious," says Jim, "and when you couple that with teaching in an American school in places as stimulating as Hong Kong, it is such a professionally and personally rewarding experience! It seems that I may have inherited some of Dad's passion for working with young people, because after 40 years of teaching I still get a great deal of satisfaction in helping young people learn. I think Dad would be pleased."

The autobiography is available through AuthorHouse at www.authorhouse.com by searching under "Melvin Zahn."



Melvin Zahn, '58, teaches in his Gresham classroom.



Alumnus helping China appreciate its wild birds

In a country where bird watching and preservation is not a common practice, **Ximin Wang**, MS-NR '08, Menglun, Yunnan, China, is breaking new ground by creating ways for Chinese people to appreciate and conserve wild birds.

Wang organized a national bird fair in February at the Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden where he works, offering it during the Spring Festival Holiday that celebrates the Chinese New Year.

"Our target audience was not birders," he said, "but the public who might not know anything about birding and birds. They are potential birders in the future and our bird conservation needs their involvement."

The fair included an exhibition of bird photography, bird drawings by local children, birding tours, bird conservation presentations and booths offering birding products that were sold out the first day, said Wang.

"People were so excited by the bird fair and enjoy the birds which they have never seen before, even birds just around them," he said.

Wang has designed a specific bird watching guide for the Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden, as well as a checklist for birders who tour the grounds. He adds that now there is a birding group who gathers regularly at the garden.

"I have birders visiting the garden every week just because I am working here," he says. "My schedule is always full!"

Wang thanked Professor Dan Sivek of the College of Natural Resources and Susan Schuller, an outreach specialist with the Wisconsin Center for Environmental Education, for helping him in with this outreach in China.

"Thanks for taking me to so many birding festivals when I was in the U.S.," he says. "I would never forget it. I did learn a lot from my experience and used the skills in our bird fair."



Ximin Wang, MS-NR '08, (right) with a friend at China's national bird fair, which he organized.

UWSP Athletics



It was another impressive fall and winter for UW-Stevens Point athletic teams. The Pointers have pushed their conference championship total to 149, earning six more this year. The fall season included two conference championships and this winter the Pointers took home four out of nine team championships.

Soccer

The Pointer soccer team won their 15th WIAC Tournament, now having won 15 of the 19 tournaments in WIAC history. The team finished the season 18-2-2 then advanced to the third round of the NCAA Tournament, where they fell to Denison on penalty kicks.

Coach Sheila Miech was named the WIAC Coach of the Year and the Pointers placed Mary Jean Cornelius, Kelly Lloyd, Liz Hunter, Lauryn Semling and Vicki Bieschke on the First Team All-WIAC. Cornelius was also twice named All-American after her efforts in her senior season with the Pointers.

Cross Country

The men's cross country team ran to a WIAC Championship, a third place finish at the Midwest Regionals and a sixth-place finish at the NCAA Championships. Head coach Rick Witt earned his 14th WIAC Coach of the Year award and his fifth in cross country.

At the Division III Championships, the Pointers were led by Terry Witkowski as he ran to a sixth-place finish. He also finished third at the Midwest Regionals.

The women's cross country team finished second at the WIAC meet this season, as well as third at the Midwest Regionals. The women's team also went to the Division III Championships, finishing 21st, with Kelly Haen finishing 44th at the event. Haen was also the WIAC runner-up in the fall.

Football

The Pointer football team finished second in the WIAC for the second straight year, runner-up to eventual national champion UW-Whitewater. The Pointers went 7-3 on the gridiron, winning five out of their last six games after starting the season 2-2. Wide receiver/punter Jared Jenkins earned several All-American honors for his punting skills and was a First Team All-WIAC selection at wide receiver. Joining Jenkins on First Team was Anthony Aker (returner), Jered Fohrman (kicker), Shane Winterfeldt (O-Line), Matt Lunder (defensive end), Peter Petersen (linebacker), and Joe Mleziva (safety).

Tennis

On the tennis court, the Pointers placed fifth at the WIAC Tournament. Monica Preisig, Allison Fortier and Leah Benn placed fifth at the WIAC Tournament as the Pointers accumulated eight total points for their fifth-place finish.

Volleyball

The Pointer volleyball team went 21-13, winning 20 games for the first time since 2007 and increasing their win total by eight from last season.

Morgan Bartkowiak was chosen Honorable Mention All-WIAC and Kaitlin Wolfe was selected to the All-Sportsmanship team.

Basketball

On the hardwood, both the Pointers men's and women's basketball teams continued their WIAC dominance.

On the men's side, the defending national champion Pointers had another successful season, posting a 26-4 record and finishing the season sixth in the nation. They captured their third consecutive WIAC Tournament Championship as well as their third WIAC regular season title in the past five years. The Pointers advanced to the Sweet 16, where they fell on a last second shot to eventual national champion St. Thomas.



Nick Krull, Jerrell Harris and Louis Hurd all were chosen to the first team All-WIAC. Harris was also selected to the All-West Region team by D3hoops.com.

The Pointer women's basketball team also had an impressive season, going 27-3 en route to their fourth straight WIAC Tournament Championship. The Pointers became the sixth team in WIAC history to go 16-0 in league play. They advanced to their third straight Sweet 16, where they were eliminated by George Fox University. Britta Petersen and Andrea Flease both received All-American honors, with Petersen chosen to the State Farm Coaches First Team and Flease named Honorable Mention.

Petersen also was the WIAC Player of the Year, the Central Region Player of the Year and a third team All-American by D3hoops.com. Petersen, Flease and Ashley Averkamp were all selected to the WIAC First Team. Head Coach Shirley Egner became the second coach in WIAC history to reach 400 wins.

Hockey

On the ice, the Pointer men skated to a 13-14-1 record after starting the season 5-10. The Pointers won their second straight WIAC Quarterfinals with a mini-game victory over UW-Eau Claire. They were eventually eliminated by UW-Superior in the NCHA Semifinals by a score of 4-2.

The season was the last for head coach Wil Nichol as he is taking a front-office position for an NHL team. Defensemen Garrett Suter also played his last UWSP season but the Honorable Mention All-NCHA selection will continue playing through a minor league contract with the Cincinnati Cyclones.

The Pointer women's hockey team skated to a 13-11-3 record, identical to their 2009-10 season record. The Pointers fell in the NCHA Quarterfinals to Adrian College in two games, but expectations are high for 2011-12 as the Pointers lost one player and returned their top two scorers in Allie Tanzer and Erin Marvin.

Wrestling

On the mat the Pointer wrestling team had another successful season with a third place finish at the WIAC Championships. The Pointers advanced Ben Engelland, Jordan Schulte, Kris Magruder and Chad Gregory to the NCAA Championships. Engelland brought home a runner-up finish and with that earned his third All-American award. The Pointer grapplers also had five NWCA Scholar All-Americans.

Swimming and Diving

In the pool the Pointer men's swim and dive team captured its 12th consecutive WIAC Championship. Luuk Dekkers and Sam Davy took home individual titles for the Pointer men, while the 400 relay team of Davy, Matt Olp, Joey Clapp and Ryan Farmer also won a WIAC Championship.

The Pointer women swim and dive team won their second straight WIAC Championship, with Lauren Alexander, Kelly Kading and Andrea Wagner winning WIAC championships and Kading setting a new league mark in the 200 breaststroke. The Pointers recently competed at the 2011 NCAA Division III Championships, the men coming in 11th and the women finishing in 33rd place.

Indoor Track and Field

Both the Pointer men and women's teams finished sixth at the WIAC Indoor Track and Field Championships and both produced All-Americans this season. The men's 4x400 meter relay team earned All-American status as well as Brian Thill in the pentathlon and David Litsheim in the 800-meter run.

The Pointer women distance medley relay team of Kelly Haen, EJasmine Haines, Sarah Glunn and Claire Roberts took home All-American honors as well.



Swimming and Diving Alumni Meet Oct. 8

Mark your calendars for the UWSP Swimming and Diving Team biennial Swimming and Diving Alumni Extravaganza Homecoming weekend, October 8.

The meet itself will be at 11 a.m., with a bonfire and grill-out at Coach Al Boelk's house later that afternoon and evening. Directions and more plans will be posted later. Only alumni will be allowed to participate in the meet, but those who do not participate are encouraged to come by the pool to be recognized and be included in an alumni photo. The event had more than 150 alumni participate in 2009. The goal for this fall is more than 200.

To sign up, please fill out the form at http://athletics.uwsp.edu/sb_output.aspx?form=6. Signing up does not require swimming in the meet. Information is also available on Facebook at www.facebook.com/uwspathletics. Please share this information with other swimming and diving alumni.

O'Brien retires as athletic director



Frank O'Brien

The longest-tenured athletic director in the history of UWSP Athletics and in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) retired in January.

Frank O'Brien spent 20 years at the forefront of one of the nation's most successful NCAA Division III programs. He began at the university in 1980 as a residence hall director, student activities adviser and assistant director

of residence life. He was then a strength and conditioning coach for the men's hockey team before becoming the Athletic Department's business manager and associate director. He assumed the role of director in 1991.

"Frank's leadership has embodied the Pointer commitment to put our students first," said Chancellor Bernie Patterson. "Our program has matured to national prominence during Frank's tenure. We'll continue to connect our future winning seasons and championships to his legacy, but above all else we'll associate our student-athletes' successful lives with the culture of excellence Frank and his staff have built at UW-Stevens Point."

"I can't think of a major athletic event over the past 20 years that Frank O'Brien has not attended, home or away," said Marty Loy, dean of the College of Professional Studies and a former UWSP head wrestling coach. "Frank is a coach's coach, a hard worker, full of integrity and someone who cares about his coaches and our student-athletes. Frank will be missed by our UWSP community, our alumni and area business people, all of whom he has established relationships with on behalf of Pointer athletics."

O'Brien was commissioner of the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) for six years and was instrumental in the development of women's hockey as a varsity sport in the NCAA. The NCHA women's playoff trophy was named the O'Brien Cup in 2006 in his honor. He has also been active in the NCAA championships committees.

In 1999, O'Brien was recognized by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics as one of four in Division III to receive the Athletic Director of the Year award. O'Brien also received UWSP's Academic Staff Excellence Award and the HPERA Service Award.

In the community, O'Brien has served on the board of directors for Wisconsin Special Olympics, Stevens Point Youth Softball Association, Kiwanis Club, the Central Wisconsin Sports Commission and the Community Parks Improvement Committee. He also served as the UWSP training camp coordinator for the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars inaugural training camp.

"It has been a great pleasure to serve as director of Athletics at UW-Stevens Point," O'Brien said. "I will always remember the relationships I have developed over my 20 years here with student-athletes, coaches, colleagues and members of the community. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as their athletics director."

A Bedford, Mass. native, O'Brien received bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology from James Madison University and an M.B.A. from UW-Oshkosh. He and his wife, Renee, have two daughters, Megan and Hannah.

Rory Suomi, chair of the Department of Health, Exercise Science and Athletics, is interim director of Athletics while a national search is conducted.

Under Frank O'Brien's tenure, UWSP posted:

- 13 straight top-25 finishes in the United States Sports Academy Director's Cup standings as a top athletics program, with six top-ten finishes in the 15-year history of the Director's Cup. The Pointers have been the top WIAC finisher in seven of the 15 years.
- 80 WIAC conference championships
- Final Four appearances for 15 of the 20 UWSP athletic teams

Athletes win national award for community service

Pointer athletes have brought yet another national trophy to their university, this time for giving of themselves in community service projects.

The Jostens Trophy for the National Association of Division III Athletics Administrators, given to scholar athletes within the NCAA Division III for overall community service, was presented to UWSP in February at a men's Pointer basketball game.

"This award is a fitting tribute to a program that has earned a national reputation not only for athletic excellence, but for the many ways our Pointer athletes give back to our community," said Chancellor Bernie Patterson.

Last year alone, Pointer athletes from all teams logged more than 1,000 hours of community service such as building houses, reading to children, filling sandbags during flooding and in numerous other ways. Patterson gave much of the credit for this tradition of service to recently retired Athletics Director Frank O'Brien.

Community service is a priority for Pointer students as a whole, as more than 1,900 students volunteered locally and on service trips last year. Close to 7,000 additional hours of time was given, which, measured in dollars, comes to more than \$143,000.



Athletes go pink for cancer research

Three Pointer teams wore purple, gold and pink this season to raise funds for cancer-related charities.

The Pointer football team raised \$20,400 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation and Bill Schroeder's Circle of Friends Foundation after they wore pink and white jerseys for a home game, then sold the game jerseys as well as pink T-shirts. The Put a Check to Cancer hockey games have raised more than \$8,000 in two years, with \$4,600 raised this year by the men's hockey team. More than 1,200 fans participated in a "Black Out" home game, with the team wearing special black

and pink game jerseys. Proceeds from auctioning off the jerseys, a sale of pink flowers and a 50/50 raffle benefited the Cancer Services Fund through the Saint Michael's Hospital Foundation.

The women's basketball team has raised more than \$3,600 for Project Embrace, a local breast cancer charity that gives comforting blankets to people who have been diagnosed with cancer at St. Michael's Hospital in Stevens Point. The team raised money through silent auctions, brat frys, community fundraisers at restaurants, 50/50 raffles and a Miracle Minute at a basketball game.





Golden Iris Reunion set

It's nearly time to register for the Golden Iris Reunion that will take place during Homecoming weekend, Oct. 8-9. Created for UWSP alumni who are celebrating 50-plus years since their graduation, these events are for the classes of 1956 through 1961.

The Golden Iris Reunion Planning Committee is creating a special weekend of events. Committee members include **William Clark**, '61; **Dale Schallert**, '60; and **William Scribner**, '59. Please check with the Alumni Office, 1-877-POINT01 (1-877-764-6801), for more details. We look forward to welcoming you back to campus!



Delta Zeta alumnae reunions

Alumnae of the UWSP Delta Zeta-Zeta Chi chapter met for a reunion last summer in Door County. Pictured in the back, from left, are **Sue Patterson Hoffman**, **Pat Farley**, **Lynn Chadek**, **Diane Conrad**, **Kathie Jung Vavra** and **Kathy Hering Donarski**; in the middle, from left, are **Wanda Underwood Bembenek**, **Ruth Ann Heeter**, **Ann Pearson Santos**, **Glenna Neilson Schumann**, **Deb Will Willey** and **Cindy Mueller Roman**; and in the front, from left, are **Lois Miller Cahoy**, **Lynn Schmid Tetzloff** and **Sue Biersteker Mattice**. Not pictured is **Kathy Van Ryan Wawrzniak**.

Plans for the next reunion, set in Stevens Point in 2013, are underway. For more information, go to <http://dzzxalums.webs.com> or contact **Kathie (Jung) Vavra**, '71, Sturgeon Bay, at kjrv@yahoo.com.

2000-2010

Tracy Butler, '10, Marshfield, is attending UWSP to earn a master's degree in speech-language pathology.

Matthew Case, '10, Stevens Point, is a video editor and assistant for Focus Point Photo.

Mike Dellemann, '10, Lake Placid, N.Y., is training at the Olympic Training Center in Lake Placid in order to try out for the USA Bobsled and Skeleton Team this summer.

Jessica DeMille, '10, Park Falls, is a speech-language pathologist in the Chequamegon school district.

John Farber, '10, Wauwatosa, is a crew leader and arborist for Hoppe Tree Service in Wauwatosa.

Caitlin (Hardie) Locy, '10, Onalaska, is the arts education coordinator at Viterbo University in La Crosse. She was married in August.

Marlee Keyzers, '10, Lexington, S.C., is attending Columbia International University Seminary to earn a master of divinity.

Melissa (Dyszelski) Miller, '10, and her husband, **Andrew Miller**, '08, Wisconsin Rapids, are Marshfield Clinic AmeriCorps service members for Mead Elementary Charter School. "All my experiences at UWSP have helped shape who I am today and now, as an AmeriCorps service member, I am able to help give opportunities

to those currently at UWSP," says Melissa. "It's a unique feeling and I love it."

Amanda (Pavelski) Nelson, '10, Waupaca, is a family and consumer education teacher for the Appleton school district. She married Daniel Nelson in June.

Nancy Schuster, MSE '10, Plover, is a physical education instructor and APE specialist in the Stevens Point school district. She has coached girls' volleyball at Stevens Point Area Senior High School for 10 years. She and her husband, **Steve Schuster**, '02, have two children.

Clark Ausloos, '08, Perrysburg, Ohio, is back in the Midwest after several years in New York City where he worked for Inside Broadway teaching music, dance and acting to English as a second language students in Brooklyn. He also worked for Annie's Playhouse in New Jersey teaching dance, musical theatre, acting, voice, piano, monologue and audition techniques. He is an actor, choreographer and member of the Actors Equity Association. He now operates Next Stage Studios for youth in Perrysburg (one of his instructors is **Lindsay Fischer**, '09) and taught a musical theatre workshop in his hometown of Fond du Lac. He also choreographs regionally with Rocky Mountain Rep and Derby Playhouse and directs in the Toledo area. Clark is also a nationally certified personal trainer.

Natalie Klahorst, '08, Pewaukee, is a behavioral specialist for Rogers Memorial Hospital in Oconomowoc, treating those with anxiety and eating disorders. "What I learned from UWSP about family dynamics and the world around me has allowed me to address everyone of my residents/patients in a humanistic way. My positive experience at UWSP still shines through me to this day and because of that I am able to impact and change the lives of people who are struggling."

Jennifer Drews, '06, Milwaukee, is a seventh grade teacher in the Milwaukee school district.

Kevin Stangler, '06, Chicago, is a performer in the national tour of *The Fiddler on the Roof*, playing Perchik the tailor. He has also been in the national tours of *The Outsiders*, *Don Quixote de la Mancha* and *Mornings of April* and

Aquinas Club planning 2012 reunion

The UWSP Aquinas Club, founded in 1959, will hold a reunion for former members in the summer of 2012. The club became Theta Delta Phi from 1964 until 1966 then was Sigma Pi until the late 70s. Some members were in all three organizations, the largest number in Sigma Pi after 1966. Contact **Tom McCarrier**, '71, Stevens Point, at tjmccarrier@yahoo.com for more information.

May. He also works in Chicago theater, improv and film and is a member of The New Colony theater company.

Sarah (Kleman) Lynch, '05, Hatley, is a registered dietician for Ministry St. Clare's Hospital in Weston.

Laura Osnes, last attended '05, New York, N.Y., and **Andrew Cao**, '04, Astoria, N.Y., are in the Broadway revival of **Anything Goes**, which opens at the Stephen Sondheim Theatre April 7. Osnes has the role of Hope Harcourt and Cao plays Luke. The show also features Sutton Foster and Joel Grey. Osnes has appeared on Broadway in **Grease** in 2007 and **South Pacific** in 2009 and 2010. Cao played Curly in the National Asian Artists Project's all-Asian production of *Oklahoma!* in New York City last October.

Michele Vollmer, '04, Madison, is a credit associate at U.S. Cellular and ballroom instructor at the Social Life Dance Center. She married Jorge Lopez on Oct. 10, 2010, at the state capitol, with a wedding party that included **Tami Peters**, '03, Milwaukee, and **Kelly (Tamm) Thompson**, '03, Maple Grove, Minn.

Raymond Reser, '03, Amherst Junction, is the new director of UWSP's Museum of Natural History, having served as its interim director for two years. He also directs UWSP's Central Wisconsin Archeology

Center. Reser earned a doctorate in archeology and paleo-archeology from the Australian National University in Canberra.

David Michael Holmes, '02, Brooklyn, N.Y., and **Jonathan Barsness**, '01, Brooklyn, N.Y., founding members of the Toy Box Theatre Company, are looking forward to celebrating the company's tenth season in 2012 as they transition from a one to a two-show season. Last fall, the company produced an original adaptation of Georg Buchner's *Woyzeck*, which was written and directed by Jonathan, featured Michael in the title role and also featured **Ryan Reilly**, '03, Chicago, in the cast. It has become their most successful production to date. Now the company is gearing up to produce their second show of the season, the world premiere of playwright David Caudle's *The Short Fall*. To transition into the two-show season, Toy Box is in the midst of a \$20,000 fundraising campaign through Kickstarter.com. For more information on the company and to see samples of their work, visit toyboxtheatre.org.

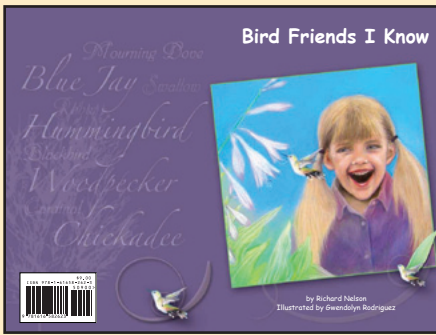
Jessica (Blazek) Jacques, '02, Green Bay, and her husband, Joe, welcomed their daughter, Jordyn Rose, in August. She joins big sister Julia Irene. Jessica is the assistant director of Alumni Outreach at St. Norbert College in De Pere.



Derek Prestly, '10, Minnetonka, Minn., plays Peter in the musical *bare* at the Illusion Theater in Minneapolis through Minneapolis Musical Theatre. The show examines the societal pressures facing today's youth. Last fall, Derek was in *Evil Dead: The Musical*, another production of Minneapolis Musical Theatre.



Dan Schmidt, '06, Clintonville, director of the Clintonville High School Band, led his students in the UWSP Homecoming parade last October. "Personally this is a great opportunity to give back to the university as UWSP has been critical to my development as a musician," Dan said last fall.



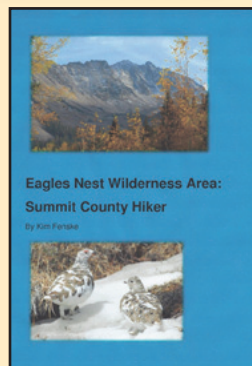
Richard Nelson, '92, Cadiz, Ky., has published a children's book, *Bird Friends I Know*, in hopes to inspire his children and others to learn about the birds in their own backyard. It follows nine common birds through the four seasons, capturing their traits and personalities with illustrations by

Gwendolyn Rodriguez. The book, available for purchase at <http://birdfriendsiknow.com>, focuses on children ages three to eight but will appeal to bird lovers of all ages, he says. Richard, recently elected to the Trigg County Fiscal Court as a magistrate, is a writer and contributing editor for the non-profit Family Foundation of Kentucky and his articles regularly appear in the *Kentucky Citizen*. He earned a master's degree at Regent University. He, his wife, **Kari Nelson**, '93, and four children reside on a farm where they raise cattle, llamas and chickens and he operates a taxidermy studio.



Frank Hammen, '98, San Antonio, Texas, a technology applications teacher in San Antonio, received a master's degree in educational leadership and policy studies from the University of Texas at San Antonio last fall and his principal certification last spring. He married Candace Everett in June. "I thank UWSP for all it has given me academically, socially and emotionally," he writes. "My bond with UWSP will always be strong."

Kim Fenske, '90, Copper Mountain, Colo., has published a digital hiking guide, *Eagles Nest Wilderness Area: Summit County Hiker*, which describes ten of the most popular hikes in the Gore Range of mountains in Summit County, Colo. It is being sold as an e-book by Barnes and Noble PubIt! Fenske was a wilderness ranger and wildland firefighter in the Eagles Nest Wilderness Area with the U.S. Forest Service. He was also the Backcountry Report columnist and photographer for the *County Cable* and served on the executive boards of Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness Area and Sierra Club. He has also worked as an attorney in low-income housing development and environmental regulation and served on the staff of the Wisconsin State Assembly Environmental Resources Committee.



Mary Cwikla, '02, Morris, Ill., coordinates the Weitendorf Agricultural Education Center at Joliet Junior College. She earned a master's degree in management from Bellevue University, last June. She took her grandchildren to the Central Wisconsin Environmental Station for family camp and still loved it, recalling the two weeks she spent there before going to Europe for six weeks while studying at UWSP.

John Blick, '02, Chicago, has been the executive director of a neighborhood chamber of commerce in Chicago (www.OLDTOWNCHICAGO.ORG) for nearly three years and is also the managing director of the Dog and Pony theatre company (www.dogandponychicago.org). He also acts when he has the chance and was in The Real Inspector Hound with Signal Ensemble (www.signalensemble.com) last fall.

Andy Richman, '02, Madison, is in his second season as the offensive quality control coordinator for the Wisconsin Badger football program. Previously he was a graduate assistant at Louisiana Lafayette, tight ends coach at Western Kentucky, defensive line coach at Denison University, running backs and tight ends coach at Reedley College, defensive line and tight ends GA at Eastern Kentucky and an offensive line coach at UWSP. He earned a master's degree from Eastern Kentucky.

Tara Short, '02, Las Vegas, Nev., founded and directs Green Edventures, a teen eco-adventure company in which she leads teens on trips to Alaska and Baja, Mexico, to experience conservation and climate change firsthand through projects with the local community. Find Green Edventures on the Web at www.greenedventures.com, on Facebook under "gogreenedventures" or @greenedventures on Twitter. "I get to take teenagers to the places I only dreamed about as a child," she says. "I hope these experiences connect them to wild places and motivate them to be active environmental citizens."

Anthony Vaccarello, '02, Chicago, is vice president of Client Services and Strategy at Terrapin Blue in Chicago. He was previously employed at BusBank as director of Supplier Relations. He is married to **Hilliary (Murphy) Vaccarello**, '02.

Jaime (Carter) Houghton, '01, Au Train, Mich., is an audit manager for Makela, Toutant, Hill & Nardi, P.C. in Marquette, Mich. She is married to **Brian Houghton**, '01.

1990-1999

Jenny Balisle, '98, Berkeley, Calif., featured her multi layered oil paintings in a solo exhibit, *Gesture*, at HANG ART in San Francisco in March. Her work is inspired by patterns in natural and manmade environments and is created by manipulating oil paint by pooling, wrinkling,

scraping and chemical reactions that take 2-3 years to cure. Jenny has a master's degree from the Academy of Art College in San Francisco, where she is an instructor. She has exhibited in Brazil; Oakland, Calif.; Chicago, Ill.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Fresno, Calif.; and Cambridge, Mass.

Lisa (Johnson) Bakker, '97, Chicago, had a baby boy, Frans Luke, in May.

Amy Waring, '95, Billings, Mont., is a National Environmental Policy Act planner for the USDA Forest Service at Custer National Forest.

Tyler Marchant, '95, Stevens Point, was nominated for the Joe A. Callaway Award for Outstanding Direction for his Off-Broadway production of *Freud's Last Session* (www.FreudsLastSession.com). The award is the highest honor bestowed on directors of New York City Off-Broadway shows as determined by fellow professional directors. *Freud's Last Session*, which premiered in July 2010 under Tyler's direction at the Barrington Stage Company in Massachusetts, marked its 200th performance Off-Broadway and it's 300th performance overall in February, making it the longest running show Off-Broadway this season and the longest running show at the Barrington stage. Tyler also recently directed the world premieres of *40 Days* by Laura Eason and the musical *Anne of Green Gables* at the Lucille Lortel Theatre in Greenwich Village, New York. This summer he

will be traveling again to the Barrington Stage Company to direct *Going to St. Ives* by Lee Blessing. He also continues to serve as an assistant professor of theatre and dance at UWSP.

Cynthia Krenzel Doggett, '93, Pella, Iowa, visited UWSP in February to present a master class, lecture and recital. A clarinetist and associate professor of music at Central College in Pella, Cynthia performs regularly around the U.S. and internationally.

Steven Dwyer, '93, Minneapolis, Minn., a senior project designer for HGA, won the national 2011 American Institute of Architects Young Architects Award. He is involved in several professional committees and activities and has served as an adjunct assistant professor at the University of Minnesota-School of Architecture. He earned a master of architecture from the University of Minnesota.

Jeff Hamill, '92, Menomonee Falls, teaches anatomy and physiology for Milwaukee Area Technical College. He ran his own chiropractic office for 10 years. He and his wife, Dawn, have a son.

Daniel Breining, '92, Stevens Point, authored *Western Cultural Symbols in Latin American and Chicano Literature: An Historical and Semiotic Analysis* through Edwin Mellen Press of New York. Daniel is an associate professor of Spanish at UWSP, where he has taught since 1999. He also advises the Language

House and leads study abroad programs at the University of Valladolid in Spain and in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Teresa (Colvin) Fitzgibbons, '91, Hilton Head Island, S.C., is a freelance writer for a number of local and regional publications and teaches secondary English part time at a private school. She and her husband, James, have a son.

1980-1989

Vincent Barker, '88, Appleton, is a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. He was promoted in October and is currently assigned as the assistant chief of staff G4 at the 85th Support Command in Arlington Heights, Ill.

Sue Kissinger, '85, MS-NRS '01, Mosinee, received the Advising Excellence Award from the Wisconsin Academic Advising Association. Sue coordinates the UWSP College of Natural Resources (CNR) Advising Center and CNR Scholarship program and directs the Student Success Center, which she created in 2003. She and her husband, **Don Kissinger**, '85, have a son, Ben, who will graduate from the CNR in May.

Tim Lee, '84, Davie, Fla., is an urban forester in Davie and supervises the landscape division. In 2010 his Urban Forestry division was named the state's Outstanding Urban Forestry Program. UWSP provided excellent training for a career in forestry, writes Tim.



Jacob Dye, '01, Denver, Colo., and his wife, Camille, had a son, Noah Mackean, last May.

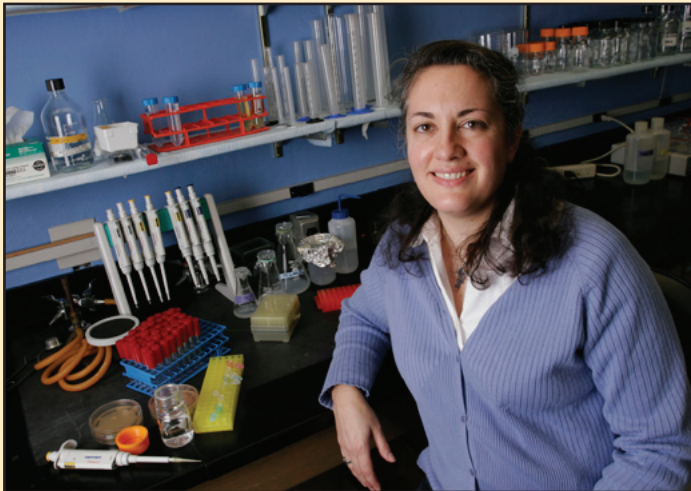


Lesley (Hofstede) Zylstra, '99, Milwaukee, her husband, Dave, and daughter Nia welcomed Marisol Jane in January. Lesley is a teacher in the Milwaukee school district.

Mark Hartzheim, '89, Minocqua, is a broker associate with First Weber Group. He was previously a designated broker with Rynders Development Company. He has been a Minocqua Town Board supervisor since 1996.



John McCormick, '84, Minneapolis, Minn., is senior vice president, finance, and chief financial officer of Lifetouch, Inc., a leader in school photography and yearbook publication. He is married to Lisa.



Marilee Ramesh, '87, Salem, Va., an associate professor of biology at Roanoke College, was recently featured on the cover of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* scientific journal with a team of researchers who are studying the genome assembly and annotation of mushroom DNA. Marilee began the research while on sabbatical as a visiting scholar at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill then continued the work at Roanoke with two undergraduate assistants.

Wesley "Jay" Worth Jr., '81, Fond du Lac, has worked in the insurance field in the Fond du Lac area since 1982, first in claims and more recently in information technology. He received the UW-Madison project management certificate in 2006. He and his wife, Kate, have two children in college.

1970-1979

Michael Hansen, '79, Stevens Point, was appointed to the U.S. Section of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission by the Obama administration. An expert in walleye and lake trout, Michael has served the commission previously. Hansen also was a consultant for the Discovery Channel's program *Dirty Jobs* on a segment that aired last fall about the control of sea lampreys.

Christine Thomas, MS-NRS '79, dean of UWSP's College of Natural Resources, was elected secretary of the seven-member Wisconsin Natural Resources Board, which she has served on since 2004 and was chair of from 2007-2010.

Marge (Niespodziani) Andersen, '78, Stevens Point, was named one of six Registry Commissioners for Wisconsin. The registry is an early childhood education recognition system for professional credentials. Marge has worked at UWSP's Helen R. Godfrey University Child Learning and Care Center for 28 years. She and her husband, **Kurt Andersen**, '78, have a daughter, **Evelyn Andersen**, '08, Stevens Point.

Rebecca Boehm Shaffer, '78, Decorah, Iowa, has taught horn and brass methods as an adjunct professor of music at Luther College in Decorah since 2009. She holds additional degrees from UW-Madison and the University of Northern Colorado.

Robert Wise, '77, Appleton, is a professor of biology at UW-Oshkosh, where he was recently honored with the Edward M. Penson Distinguished Teaching Award. He created a comprehensive teaching guide for all biology laboratory instructors and laboratory manuals and concept maps for his students and includes undergraduate and graduate students in his research projects. He earned a master's degree at Duke University. He is married to **Nancy (Elsner) Wise**, '78.

Michael Kesselhon, '74, Neenah, has owned and operated Little Miracles day care (<http://discoverlittlemiracles.com/index.html>) in Neenah with his wife, Roxane, for many years.

Steven Novak, '74, Endeavor, is an accountant for Del Monte Foods in Cambria.

Jerome Briski, '72, Greenwood, has been dairy farming with his wife, Gay, since 1974 and contribute to the making of prize-winning Black River bleu cheese. The couple has two girls. Jerome enjoys hunting, fishing, trapping and gardening.

Stephen Junge, '71, Wausau, is interested in hearing from fellow classmates. Contact him at cyte60@gmail.com.



Perry Cook, '83, Stevens Point, was selected for Waukesha South High School's Wall of Fame. A professor of education at UWSP, he was named Wisconsin's Outstanding Teacher Educator of the Year by the Student Wisconsin Education Association. He has also taught in Redlands, Calif., and at the University of North Dakota. He holds a doctoral degree from UW-Madison.

1960-1969

Susan Heikkinen, '65, Tomahawk, is a self-employed kitchen and bath designer.

Karen (Roth) Reinhard, '65, Woodstock, Ill., retired in 2008 after a career as a teacher in Portage, Wis.; Fresno, Calif.; and Woodstock, Ill. She and her late husband traveled extensively in the U.S. and overseas. She enjoys gardening, cooking, sewing, theater and volunteering.

1950-1959

Donald Rank, '59, Lewiston, Mich., is retired. He served on the Tee Lake Property Owners Association for 17 years, testing the water quality and meeting with Michigan DNR personnel regularly to discuss lake problems and solutions. He also writes to the DNR and U.S. Forest Service about proposed oil and gas drilling to make sure environmental impact statements are prepared first. He is married to Janice.

Marvin "Bwana" Elliott, last attended '53, Cape Coral, Fla., is a retired 25-year Vilas County detective who also served as a fishing guide in the Eagle River area for 53 years and wrote for the local paper. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany after attending UWSP.

Nancy (Pautz) Krause, '53, Sturgeon Bay, is a retired Beloit teacher. She and her husband, Gerald, volunteer at The Crossroads Historical Village in Sturgeon Bay. Their son, **Andrew Krause**, '83, Menomonie, is married to **Barbara Brandner**, '83, Menomonie, the daughter of Nancy's UWSP classmate, **Buelah (Huettl) Brandner**, '55, New Franken.

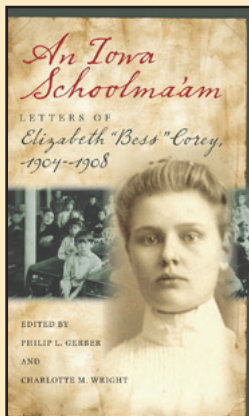


Mary (Sheedy) Adamski, '78, Eden Prairie, Minn., was named to the Top Women in Finance list, as chosen by Minneapolis-based Finance and Commerce, Inc.

Mary is senior vice president-financial consultant for RBC

Wealth Management in Minneapolis and is a President's Council member with her firm as one of its top brokers. She also volunteers with Loaves and Fishes, the Ovarian Cancer Run, the Minnesota AIDS Walk and Friends of the Mississippi River. She is married to Lance Ihnger.

Charlotte Wright, '79, Iowa City, Iowa, has edited *An Iowa Schoolma'am: Letters of Elizabeth "Bess" Corey*, a collection of letters written by a one-room school teacher that describe, in colorful and honest detail, what teaching was like in rural Iowa from 1904 to 1908. The book was published by the University of Iowa Press, where Charlotte is a managing editor. She is the author of *Plain and Ugly Janes: The Rise of the Ugly Woman in Contemporary American Fiction*. Both books are available at www.uiowapress.org.



Theron Meyer III, '74, Eau Claire, is retired after working more than 32 years as a professional soil scientist in Idaho, most recently for the U.S.D.A Soil Conservation Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service. He also spent a summer working in Alaska. Since his 2009 retirement, Theron says he's "Gone fishin'!" He is married to Carol.



David Helmrick, '79, Troy, Mont., a forest service officer for the Kootenai National Forest, was recognized with the Regional Forester Honor Award for Law Enforcement and Investigations due to his work on creating a communications system that links Forest Service agents and officers in northwest Montana with emergency response entities. David says, "The background we received and attitude taught to us at UWSP shows we can do anything."

Vickie (Thompson) Carson, '77, Glasgow, Ky., the public information officer for Mammoth Cave National Park, received an Emmy Award from the Ohio Valley Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for her part in helping coordinate "*Mammoth Cave: A Way to Wonder*," a documentary about the park in a partnership with WKYU-PBS in Bowling Green, Ky. It can be seen on PBS stations across the country and may also be purchased through the Friends of Mammoth Cave National Park and WKYU-PBS.



"I coordinated locations and arranged for assistance from park staff, who played an integral role in the project," said Vickie. "We went everywhere—down ropes, on the river, and off trail in the back country. Mammoth Cave is a beautiful place and the high definition footage captures its every detail."

In Memoriam

Faculty and Staff

William Davidson

William Davidson, professor of communication, died March 11 at age 70, shortly after being diagnosed with a rare form of lung cancer.

Davidson came to UWSP in 1968 and was instrumental in developing the communication studies program. He directed Communication 101 for more than 15 years and the Division of Communication graduate program for 16 years. He and his wife, Grace, led semester abroad trips to Australia and New Zealand. He also authored two communication texts and brought his good friend, famed Russian poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko, to UWSP as well as helped edit a collection of his poems.

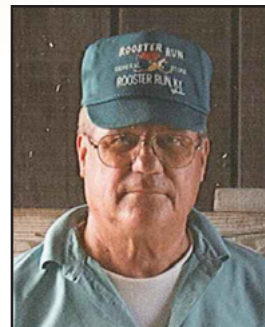
A native of Elkhart, Ind., he earned his undergraduate degree at Goshen College and a master's degree and Ph.D. at the University of Kansas. In addition to Grace, he is survived by a daughter.



Leo Garski

Leo Garski, Stevens Point, retired staff member of Facilities Services, died December 10 at age 82.

Garski worked at UWSP from 1970 to 1990, first in the Learning Resources Center then in Steiner Residence Hall. He also served in the U.S. Army.



His wife, Gerry, who survives, is also retired from UWSP but works part time in Continuing Education. A son also survives.

Conrad Kelly

Conrad Kelly, a retired producer and director with the Department of University Telecommunications, died March 10 at age 64.



Kelly was honored several times for his video projects, including a UWSP foreign student recruitment video in Japanese, one for the home economics centennial and another on the Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners of the Americas. He was also active with Native American programs and International Programs at UWSP, helping lead more than 12 study abroad trips. He was a member of the International Television Association's state chapter and received numerous awards from the organization. He retired in 2007 after 27 years at UWSP.

He attended UWSP then served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. He then earned a bachelor and master's degrees from UW-La Crosse. He and his wife, Ethel, enjoyed traveling and camping. She survives, as does a daughter and grandson.

Jane Kangas

Jane Kangas, Stevens Point, former lecturer in the Division of Interior Architecture, died November 22 at the age of 38 as the result of a car accident.

Kangas taught at UWSP from 1999 until the fall of 2009, when she resigned to be a stay-at-home mom of her three daughters.

She also was a substitute teacher in Pittsville and did freelance art work and recently completed a master of fine arts degree in illustration from the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. She was involved in the American Cancer Society and Relay for Life.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Peterson, and three young daughters. An educational fund has been set up for the girls. Contact Afra Sumeir-Zmolek at afrasumeir@gmail.com for more information.



Joel Mickelson

Joel Mickelson, Plover, professor emeritus of English, died Feb. 18 at age 85.

Mickelson came to UWSP in 1958, teaching the first journalism class taught at UWSP as well advising *The Pointer*. He developed an American Studies program from 1964 to 1986 and felt one of his major contributions to the university was bringing faculty from different disciplines together to teach a class.

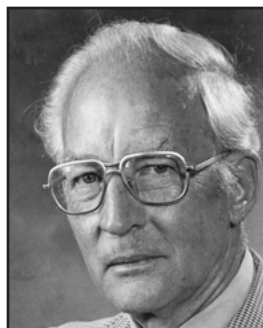


Prior to coming to UWSP, he was in the Army Air Corps in the South Pacific and Japan during World War II. He earned degrees at the University of Minnesota and the University of Pennsylvania. He taught English at Augsburg College and the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis. He served locally as the chair of the American Red Cross, as cultural director of the Sons of Norway Club and as a member and leader with the LIFE program. His wife, Lois, two sons and five grandchildren survive.

Bernard "Friday" Wievel

Bernard Wievel, Stevens Point, a professor emeritus of conservation, died October 16.

He came to UWSP in 1947, joining Fred Schmeeckle and Walter Sylvester as one of the founders of the program that would become the College of Natural Resources. He served as chair of the department for more than 10 years and was an assistant to the new dean for a short time. He directed the camp at Trees for Tomorrow in Eagle River, coached the tennis team and was an assistant football coach. He was also the faculty representative for the State University Conference for 20 years. He retired in 1977.



He served in the U.S. Army during World War II then earned a degree at UW-Platteville and a master's degree and Ph.D at Iowa State. He is survived by his wife, Jessie, three sons and a daughter.

Keith Sanders

Keith Sanders, a former chancellor of UW-Stevens Point died January 12 at the age of 71, due to complications from pulmonary fibrosis.



Sanders served in higher education for half a century, including five years as UWSP's chancellor from 1989-95. While at UWSP he supported the recruitment of culturally diverse students, faculty and staff and worked to reach strategic planning goals.

He then became senior vice president and chief operating officer for UW System. Previously he was an assistant professor of speech at George Washington University in Washington D.C. and a professor of communications at his alma mater, Southern Illinois University, where he also served as dean of the College of Communication and Fine Arts, executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education and Board of Trustees. He is survived by his wife, Carol, and a son.

In Memoriam

Alumni and Friends

Debbie Schmude, '08, Plover, died in an automobile accident Oct. 22 at age 27. She had been pursuing a master's degree in counseling. Debbie was a member of Phi Omega sorority at UWSP, serving as president for one year.

Sara Luck, '05, Richmond, Va., died Nov. 20 at age 28 after battling adrenal cancer. She was a registered dietician in Richmond. She is survived by her fiancé, Yves Denton.

Chad Shipley, '05, Cedarburg, died Oct. 13, at age 28.

Brock Dibble, '04, Redgranite, died Sept. 2 at age 29. He worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Ludington, Mich., the Indiana Department of Natural Resources and at the University of Georgia. He enjoyed the outdoors, sports and fishing.

Victor Rozmenoski, '00, Chicago, Ill., died June 15, 2009, at age 33.

Joyce Trzinski, '98, Stevens Point, died Dec. 24 at age 59. She worked as a nurse's aide and is survived by two sons, a daughter and five grandchildren.

Craig Crofoot, '89, Madison, died Sept. 3 at age 51.

Jill Van Dien, '87, Stevens Point, died Dec. 10 at age 45 after a short illness. She coached gymnastics at Stevens Point Area Senior High School for two years and recently worked as a pharmacy tech for Kmart. She is survived by her fiancé, Steve Shifflett.

Stuart Bergmann, '83, Kenosha, died Oct. 17 at age 49 after battling brain cancer. He had worked for the Boy Scouts of America since 1984, most recently as scout executive of the Southeast Wisconsin Council BSA. He was a member of the Downtown Racine Rotary Club, was active in his church and enjoyed many sports. He is survived by his wife, Lisa, a son and three daughters.

Keith Henning, '79, Wausau, died Dec. 27 at age 54 after a six-year battle with cancer. He was a computer programmer and systems analyst with several insurance companies, most recently with United Health Care, UMR. He enjoyed outdoor recreation and competed in marathons and cross country ski races. His wife, Susan, a son and daughter survive.

Gary Erman, '77, Ocala, Fla., died April 22, 2009, at age 65. He was a former longtime Plover resident who moved to Florida with his wife, Mary, in 2007. She survives, as do three stepchildren, a step-granddaughter and step-great-grandchild.

Naomi Nash, '77, Wisconsin Rapids, died Nov. 8 at age 81. She was a dietitian and consulting dietitian at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison, Riverview Hospital in Wisconsin Rapids and Waupaca Hospital. She also developed and taught the dietetic technician program at Mid-State Technical College. Her husband, Lawrence, two daughters, a son and five grandchildren survive.

Richard Newby, '77, Knoxville, Tenn., a Stevens Point native, died Feb. 16, after battling cancer. He repaired instruments at Rush's Music in Knoxville. His wife, Sandy, survives.

William Wright, '77, Stevens Point, died February 17 at age 59. He worked as an advisor and coach at UWSP from 1986 until he retired in 2009. Among the programs he touched were the track and field team, Black Student Union, annual Gospel Choir Fest, University Activity Board and Upward Bound program. He holds the UWSP shot put record at 59 feet and 9 inches and made the Olympic trials in 1980.

Thomas Grueser, '75, Dyersburg, died Sept. 22 at age 58. He was a sales associate at Lowe's and worked as a YMCA executive director for 23 years. He was involved in many civic groups, served as president of the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs and worked with Habitat for Humanity. His wife of 23 years, Suzanne, and a son survive.

Vern Kenas, '74, Menomonie, died Oct. 12 at age 62. He owned a farm in Lucas Township and was a project manager and engineer, working for Bechtel Power Corp., Northern States Power Co., A.S. Steam Line project and Hydro Redevelopment project. He retired from Xcel Energy after 20 years as a senior consultant. He also taught Junior Achievement in Eau Claire and Menomonie. His wife of 25 years, Margaret, a daughter and son survive.

Donald Wachowiak, '74, Waupaca, died Jan. 22 at age 58. He worked at Consolidated Papers Inc (now New Page) for 30 years before retiring in 2008. He was an officer of UWSP's Paper Science Foundation. His wife of 38 years, Cathy, two daughters and four grandchildren survive.

Violet (Mueller) Keats, '73, Stevens Point, died Oct. 27. She taught in Milwaukee, Madison and Stevens Point and did post-graduate work at UW-Madison. She also served as the reading/language arts coordinator for the Stevens Point schools. In retirement she worked with UWSP student interns in the school district. She was involved in many reading organizations and the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra Guild and enjoyed traveling in the U.S. and abroad with her husband, Norman. He survives, along with two sons and five grandchildren.

Sharon "Shari" Kitowski, '73, Adams, died Sept. 24 at age 59. She taught in Auburndale then in Adams-Friendship for 30 years, retiring in 2010. She also loved traveling and cooking.

James Woller, MS '73, Stevens Point, died Jan. 29 at age 85. He served in the U.S. Army in Germany during World War II, including the Battle of the Bulge, and earned the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, Combat Infantry Badge and a belated Bronze Star. He worked for the U.S.

Soil Conservation Service in Appleton, Stratford and Stevens Point, and was the district conservationist for Portage County for more than 25 years, retiring in 1975. He was involved in many civic groups in Stevens Point. His wife of 57 years, Betty Lou, survives.

Timothy Estabrook, '72, Rhinelander, died Dec. 31, 2008, at age 59. He served in the U.S. National Guard and was president of Estabrook Insurance for more than 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Renee, and two sons.

Violet (Dye) Premo, '72, King, died Dec. 9 at age 78. She taught in Westfield, retiring in 1994 after 24 years of teaching. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard, and is survived by three sons and two daughters, 16 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Paul Fonferek, '70, Green Bay, died Aug. 13 at age 63 after a short illness. He worked in fork lift sales for many years. Two sons survive.

Leon Lange, '69, Clarksville, Tenn., died Oct. 24. He was retired from a Department of Defense school at Fort Campbell, Ky., and was also an adjunct instructor at Austin Peay State University. He is survived by his wife, **Kathleen (Golla) Lange**, '69, a son and four grandchildren.

Mary 'Kathy' Opall, '69, Wausau, died August 23 at age 64, having battled multiple sclerosis for 18 years. She was a kindergarten teacher in Wausau for more than 25 years and was the first girls tennis coach at Wausau West High School. She was president of the Wausau Education Association and the Wausau Hospital Center Volunteers and also volunteered for Meals on Wheels and the MS Society. She was also active in her church. She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Al, and a son and daughter.

Mae (Maguire) Fuller, '65, Stratford, died Dec. 3 at age 94. She farmed and raised her children with her husband, Bob, then earned her degree and taught in Eau Pleine and Stratford schools, retiring in 1980. Her husband preceded her in death and she is survived by two daughters, three sons, 11 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

Rose (Derezinski) McIlhone, '63, Waukesha, died Nov. 15 at age 70. She was a school teacher then a home economist and parish office worker for St. Mary Catholic Church in Waukesha. She was the president and a member of Christian Mothers. Her husband, John, preceded her in death and she is survived by two daughters, a son and two grandchildren.

Virginia (Schmidtke) Peterson, '72, ME '84, Naples, Fla., and Wautoma, died Oct. 22 at age 64. She taught elementary school in Deerfield and Nekoosa then earned an educational specialist degree at UW-Stout and was the director of the drug and alcohol program for the Nekoosa school district. After moving to Wausau she was a school counselor at G.D. Jones Elementary School until her retirement in 2000. She was a member of churches in both Naples and Wautoma. She is survived by her husband, Roger, two sons and four grandchildren. A son preceded her in death.

Dora (Kittel) Schilling, '63, Wausau, died Jan. 1 at age 96. She taught in one-room schoolhouses then elementary schools for 40 years, retiring in 1975. She enjoyed reading, puzzles, needlework, crafts and gardening. Her husband, Arvin, and a son preceded her in death. Two sons, a daughter, nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren survive.

Harriet (Slack) Reid, '62, Watertown, died Oct. 27, at age 70. She taught in Menomonee Falls and Anchorage, Alaska, then headed the art program and created an all-day kindergarten program at Calvary Baptist Christian School in Watertown, where she taught for 32 years. She is survived by her husband, George, two sons and two granddaughters.

Cornelia "Connie" (Weckwerth) Teske, '62, Westfield, died Dec. 20, 2009, at age 93. She was a teacher for more than 36 years and was principal of the old Westfield Elementary School. She was active in her church and was an organist for over 50 years. Her husband, Harvey, a son and grandson preceded her in death. Two daughters, eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren survive.

B. Kay (Chesebro) Tremel, '62, Brookfield, died Sept. 17 at home. While at UWSP, Kay was a member of Newman Club and the Omega Mu Chi sorority and a cheerleader and Homecoming Queen candidate. She taught English at D.C. Everest High School in Schofield and in the Elmbrook school district in Brookfield. She is survived by her husband, **Jim Chesebro**, '58, a daughter, son and five grandchildren. Her brothers, **Donald Chesebro**, '58, and **Robert Chesebro**, '60, were also Pointers.

Anna (Zick) McMahon, '61, Green Bay, died Sept. 11 at age 92. She taught in Lone Rock and New Lisbon and was a high-school librarian until she retired in 1979. She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Emmett, and is survived by a son, **Hugh McMahon**, '68, Fort Atkinson, as well as two daughters, eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

In Memoriam

Alumni and Friends

Martha (Wruck) Polacek, '61, Westfield, died April 28 at age 71. She taught in Montello then in Westfield for over 35 years. In retirement she was a substitute teacher. She also ran an ethnic bed and breakfast in Westfield for over 20 years. Her husband, Ron, preceded her in death and she is survived by three sons and two grandsons.

Richard Stroede, '61, Defiance, Ohio, died of cancer on May 8 at age 70. He earned a master's degree at UW-Madison and a Ph.D. from Walden University in Minneapolis. He was an associate professor at Defiance College for 40 years, serving as department chair, division chair, faculty chair, associate academic dean and retired as vice president for Academic Affairs in 2004, acting as college president for one summer. He earned many awards for teaching excellence and earned the college's highest recognition, the Pilgrim Medal. He also founded and led many music and performance groups at the college. In Defiance he was active in community theatre, civic boards and cultural councils. He built and played a variety of instruments and composed various works. He is survived by his wife, Emily, a son, daughter, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Richard Walkush, '60, Waupaca, died Jan. 1 at age 72. He enjoyed raising show pigeons, woodworking and carving, outdoor sports and puzzles as well as spending time with his grandchildren. His wife, Nancy, one daughter, three sons, 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive.

Kenneth Winn, '60, King, formerly of Stevens Point, died Oct. 24 at age 78. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon at UWSP. He enjoyed working with children in a reading program in Stevens Point.

Charlotte (LaRue) (Sylvester) Butler, '58, Cleveland, Ohio, died in Madison on Nov. 1 at age 89. She taught in Kimberly. Her late husband, Walter Sylvester, taught at UWSP from 1947 until his death in 1957. She then married Leo Butler, who survives.

Donald Chesebro, '58, Wisconsin Rapids, died Nov. 17 at age 76. He served in the U.S. Army and was a music teacher in Wisconsin Rapids for 35 years, retiring in 1994. He also was a professional musician, playing in national, regional and local bands including the Don Chesebro Band. He directed the Wisconsin Rapids City Band for many years and worked with the Lincoln High School Ethnic Band. He is survived by his wife, Marlene, two daughters and two sons.

Janet (Bird) Hutter, '57, Oregon/Monona/Janesville, died Nov. 12, 2009, at age 74. She was a kindergarten teacher in Nekoosa, Janesville and Madison and was active in her church. She is survived by two sons, a daughter and five grandchildren.

Patricia (Isherwood) Menzel, '56, Fox River Grove, died Dec. 15 at age 75. She taught first grade for 34 years, 23 of which were in Arlington Heights, Ill. She was a gourmet cook and active in her church. She and her husband, Gerald, traveled extensively. He survives as do two sons, a daughter and five grandchildren.

Ronald Kubisiak, '55, Wisconsin Rapids, died Sept. 6 at age 76. He was a conservation warden for more than 39 years in Wisconsin Rapids, Gilman and Necedah. He received the Haskell Noyes Award as the Outstanding Conservation Warden of the Year in 1977. He was a skilled marksman, woodworker and outdoorsman and enjoyed watching Wisconsin professional sports teams. He is survived by his wife, Carol, three sons, two daughters and 10 grandchildren.

Gene Anderson, '53, Fort Myers, Fla., died Feb. 18 at age 80 after battling cancer. He served in the U.S. Army, worked as a certified public accountant then joined Forward Communications in Wausau as its chief financial officer from 1966 until his retirement in 1988. He is survived by his wife, Clare, two daughters, a son and six grandchildren.

Phyllis (Caskey) Schmidt, '53, MS '76, Marathon, died May 14. She taught elementary school in Laona, Marshfield, Oshkosh, Madison, Wausau and Marathon and was a reading specialist. In retirement she was involved in educational groups and her church. She is survived by her husband, **Wayne Schmidt**, '58, two sons and a daughter.

Barbara Nottleson Taylor, '52, Atlantic, Iowa, died Jan. 4 at age 78. She earned a bachelor's degree from Winona State University then taught in Rosholt. After moving to Rochester, Iowa, she became an editor and photographer for a newspaper for city employees as well as a retail shop owner, substitute teacher and math center aide. She was involved in several civic organizations and in her church. She is survived by two daughters, a son and two grandchildren. Her husband, **Curtis Taylor**, '54, preceded her in death.

Marilyn (Bobbe) Loberg, '50, Oshkosh, died Aug. 28, at age 81. She taught home economics in Weyauwega and Winneconne then coordinated home economics at Fox Valley Technical College for 35 years. She was active in her church and enjoyed many hobbies, Packer games and the outdoors. Her husband of 59 years, Merlin, a daughter, two sons and seven grandchildren survive.

George Phillip, '50, Stevens Point, died Aug. 16 at age 86. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a fighter pilot during World War II, retiring from the Air Force Reserve in 1983 with the rank of major, three overseas bars, a victory medal and American Theatre ribbon. He taught in Red Granite then was a sales manager for General Foods Corp., retiring in 1983. He was active in his church and enjoyed outdoor sports. His wife of 61 years, Geraldine, three daughters, a son, 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren survive. A son preceded him in death.

Margaret (Hull) Johnson, '49, Eau Claire, died June 28 at age 83. She taught in Clintonville, Wisconsin Rapids and Oak Creek then raised her children. She was active in the South Milwaukee city marching band for many years. After moving to Eau Claire, she served as a UW-Eau Claire campus librarian. She was also active in her church and traveled to all 50 states and to Europe and Asia. Her husband, Rodney, and a son and daughter survive, as does a sister, **Virginia (Hull) Cade**, '49.

Martha Henshaw, '48, Levittown, Pa., died Jan. 4 at age 85. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Jon, as well as three daughters and three sons.

Beatrice (Dahlke) "Pete" Strunk, '44, died Oct. 14 at age 84. She was a teacher for 49 years and also taught CCD at St. Bernard's Parish. Her husband, Arnold, survives.

Cecilia (Winkler) Welch, '41, Stevens Point, died Nov. 25 at age 100. She taught in Beaver Dam and Stevens Point for more than 37 years, was a community volunteer and a member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas and the Stevens Point Area Retired Teacher Association. Her husband, Henry, preceded her in death. Her nephew, **John Winkler**, '69, Melbourne, Ky.

Ula Mae (Knutson) Bullington, '40, Madison, died Nov. 24 at age 91. She was a Morse code operator during World War II and trained members of the Army Air Corps. She later earned a master's degree at UW-Madison. She taught English at Madison West High School then ran the Turtle Lake Motel in Turtle Lake with her husband, Chester, retiring in 1980, then returning to Madison after her husband's death. Her three daughters and a son survive as well as 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Raymond Wiersig, '40, Manitowoc, died April 3, 2005, at age 85. He was a teacher and coach in Argonne, Pardeeville, Sparta, Algoma and Two Rivers, then operated C. Schlei Dray Line of Manitowoc until his retirement in 1983. He enjoyed playing and watching sports, especially the Green Bay Packers and Chicago Cubs. He was a member of the Elks Lodge and Bank of Two Rivers Board of Directors. His wife, Mary, preceded him in death, and he is survived by a son, daughter and four grandchildren.

Joyce (Sullivan) Benson, '39, Stevens Point, died Jan. 27 at age 92. She taught in a one-room schoolhouse in rural Portage County for a number of years, then owned and operated a hardware store with her husband in Ripon. She was active in civic groups in Ripon and enjoyed travel with her husband, who preceded her in death. Two daughters, a son, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren survive.

Alma (Miller) Riegert, '34, DePere, died August 7 at age 104. She earned a master's degree in library science after attending UW-Madison, UW-Oshkosh and St. Norbert College. She taught in Enterprise then Elcho, where she was a librarian, drama coach and yearbook adviser for many years. She held a life membership in the Wisconsin Education Association and enjoyed travel, reading and gardening. Her husband, Peter, preceded her in death.

Cedric Vig, '33, Rhinelander, died Oct. 31, at age 98. He was a principal in Ashland and Rhinelander before serving as superintendent of schools in New Richmond and Rhinelander. In retirement he developed and taught at Nicolet College's Institute for Learning in Retirement. He was a longtime columnist for the *Rhinelander Daily News* and two other Wisconsin newspapers, writing about the natural world. He also published two books and was active with Treehaven and Trees

for Tomorrow. He was instrumental in creating one of the state's first school forests and has an outdoor classroom named in his honor in the town of Pelican. In 1983 he was named a UWSP Distinguished Alumnus and in 2005 he was inducted into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame. His wife, Marvel, a son, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive. He was preceded in death by a son.



2011 EVENT CALENDAR



UWSP Alumni Association events are shown in purple.
Check Web links for more information.

MAY

Albertson Medallion Awards
Friday, May 20
Dreyfus University Center

Spring Commencement
Saturday, May 21,
10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Specht Forum/Sundial
(weather permitting)

Monoprint exhibit
May 26-June 2
Carlsten Gallery, NFAC

UWSP Summer Session
Three-week session,
May 31-June 17

JUNE

Monoprint exhibit
Reception
June 2
5-7 p.m.
Carlsten Gallery, NFAC

Summer exhibit: Animals in Art Work by UWSP alumni
June-August
Carlsten Gallery, NFAC

Youth summer camps
June-August
Central Wisconsin
Environmental Station
www.uwsp.edu/cnr/cwes

BOW Fly Fishing workshop
June 3-4, Waupaca
www.uwsp.edu/cnr/bow/wihome

Chicago Field Museum outing with Mary Hennen, '87
Saturday, June 4,
10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Behind-the-scenes tour, lunch

Walk Wisconsin
Saturday, June 4
Stevens Point Green Circle
www.walkwisconsin.com

Special Olympics Summer Games

June 9-11, UWSP campus
www.specialolympics.wisconsin.org

Behind-the-Scenes with alumna at the Green Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
Saturday, June 11,
10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Live animal program, tour, lunch

UWSP Alumni Event at Coors Field, Denver, Colo. Rockies vs. Tigers
Saturday, June 18, 2-9 p.m.
Social, stadium tour, game

2011 National Wellness Conference
June 18-21, UWSP
www.nationalwellness.org

Camp COFAC - Music Camp COFAC-Studio Art
June 19-25
www.uwsp.edu/cofac/fineartscamp

Summer Session
Four-week session,
June 20-July 15
Eight-week session,
June 20-August 12
Four-week session,
July 18-August 12
www.uwsp.edu/summersession

The Stone Cellar Brewery Tour, Appleton
Thursday, June 23, 6-8 p.m.

BOW Montana Rocky Mt. Adventure
June 23-29
Horseback riding, ranch living
www.uwsp.edu/cnr/bow/montana.aspx



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Behind-the-Scenes at Lambeau Field, Green Bay
Saturday, June 25
Stadium tour and appetizer networking social

Madison Concert on the Square
Wednesday, June 29,
5:30-8 p.m.
Social, concert

July

Family Camping Weekend
July 8-10
Central Wisconsin Environmental Station
www.uwsp.edu/cnr/cwes

Wisconsin Rapids Rafter Tailgate
Tuesday, July 12

Milwaukee Brewery Boat Tour
Saturday, July 16, 1-6 p.m.
Cruise, reception. Must be 21 to register.

Founders Day
July 21

Harmony Specialty Dairy Foods with owner and Ron Bredl, '79, Stratford
Friday, July 22, 5-7:30 p.m.
Behind-the-scenes tour and garden reception

BOW Love of Loons workshop
July 24-26, Woodruff
www.uwsp.edu/cnr/bow/wihome

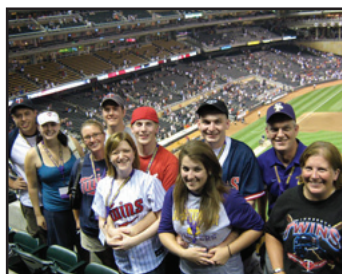
2011 American Suzuki Institute, session one
July 31-August 6, UWSP
www.uwsp.edu/cofac/suzuki



August

Family Camping Weekend
August 5-7
Central Wisconsin Environmental Station
www.uwsp.edu/cnr/cwes

2011 American Suzuki Institute, session two
August 7-13, UWSP
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Twin Cities Alumni at Twins Game
Friday, August 19,
4:30-10 p.m.
Social, Twins game

BOW Annual Summer Workshop
August 26-28
Treehaven Field Station
www.uwsp.edu/cnr/bow/wihome

Lotto's Log Cabin
Saturday, August 27
Eagle River

September

Fall semester begins
Tuesday, September 6

Waupaca Alumni at Waupaca Country Club
Thursday, September 15,
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Elk research presentation, reception

BOW Rock Climbing Workshop
Sept. 30-Oct. 2, Baraboo
www.uwsp.edu/cnr/bow/wihome

October

Homecoming 2011
Saturday, October 8
UWSP campus

2011 Awards Ceremony
Saturday, October 8
Distinguished Alumni Council Trailblazer, Alumni Service, Lifetime Achievement & Hansen Awards
Dreyfus University Center

Golden Iris Reunion Events
Classes of 1956-1961
October 8-9
Dreyfus University Center

Department of Theatre and Dance *The Playboy of the Western World*
October 14-16 & 19-22
First Nighters

UWSP Athletic Hall of Fame
Saturday, October 15
Dreyfus University Center

Wilderness Resort Alumni Weekend, Wis. Dells
Oct. 23-25



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Save the date!

2012 alumni events:

February
Chicago Lyric Opera

March
California Wine Tour

May
Communicative Disorders 50th Reunion

August 3-4
Aquinas Alumni Reunion

Future Trivia dates

2012	April 20, 21, 22
2013	April 19, 20, 21
2014	April 11, 12, 13
2015	April 17, 18, 19
2016	April 15, 16, 17



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