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Congratulations

150 years ... and counting. What a journey—from Platteville Normal School to UW-Platteville. What a legacy—thanks to all the alumni and staff who work to create and maintain a positive environment for learning and growing. What a future—with a constantly evolving curriculum, which allows for more career opportunities. UW-Platteville is on track for another successful 150 years.

Did we ever celebrate our sesquicentennial during Homecoming 2016 weekend! On Friday, the various colleges had get-togethers, followed by an awards ceremony. The evening was capped off with food and fellowship at the gala. Saturday, a large crowd attended the parade and visited the alumni tent, and we welcomed 1,900 alumni and students at the luncheon following the parade. A victorious football game and the lighting of the “M” rounded out the weekend.

Congratulations to all alumni and staff. Alumni are the catalyst who ensure the legacy, that is UW-Platteville, continues.

One reason I chose to serve on the alumni board of directors is payback. Payback to a university that provided me with a quality education, with instructors who really did care about me and worked with me to ensure my learning experience was practical and positive. Payback to a university that allows me to smile when I talk about it.

Serving on the board, and now serving as president, has also opened my eyes, and what an eye opener it has been. The dynamic changes, whether it is the sustained growth in student enrollment or the unique classes and majors, we have accomplished this in an orderly manner for the benefit of students and an eye toward the future. And the best part—this process isn’t over.

I encourage you to become more involved with our university to foster its mission and goals by offering your time, talent, and financial resources. Please go online or call 608.342.1811 to check out the opportunities to become an engaged alum and also to find alumni events in your area.

Forever. Pioneers.

Phil Moldrem
UW-Platteville Alumni Board President
Greetings

It is time for a reinvestment in our students, our talent, and our infrastructure. That was the message as I presented my State of the University address and throughout this spring.

Investing in students
UW-Platteville is an affordable and accessible institution. Many of our students are first-generation students and they come from modest means. We need to do everything we can to make sure they can afford their education. To that end, we need to ensure their time here is used efficiently and they earn a degree in a timely manner, in order to reduce their cost of education.

Seventy-five percent of our students receive financial aid and many of our students are Pell Grant eligible. I take very seriously the financial commitment our students make to earn their degree. After all loans, grants, and available financial aid are distributed, many students’ unmet need can still be as much as $5,000–$6,000 annually.

Need-based financial aid is critical in helping students in need.

Investing in talent
I am inspired by the fine work of our faculty and staff. They keep our students engaged and motivated and it’s always great to hear rave reviews from those students.

There has not been a significant pay plan increase from the state level in at least a decade. We repurposed $2 million of our budget over the past six years to assist in retention and recruitment of faculty and staff.

Investing in our talent is a priority as this university moves forward.

Investing in infrastructure
In late 2016, we proposed to the UW System Board of Regents that the second phase of the Boebel Hall renovation project be included in its budget proposal. It is much overdue for an upgrade. The renovation, which would include the second and third floors, is the highest priority renovation project the regents included on their enumeration list. That list was sent to the governor for consideration in his 2017–19 biennium budget. The university spent its own funds to complete phase one.

In addition, with the support of the UW System Regents, we have proposed the construction of a new engineering building, Sesquicentennial Hall. The new engineering facility will replace Ottensman Hall, which was built in 1966. The new generation of engineering education makes it challenging to operate in a facility built in 1966. The construction of Sesquicentennial Hall would continue to attract high-quality engineers who would fill the workforce void for engineers in the state.

We graduate 23 percent of Wisconsin’s engineers. Of our engineering graduates, nearly 80 percent remain in Wisconsin. In our most recent campus study, the average starting salary for industrial engineering graduates was $60,017 and $63,543 for electrical engineering graduates. Additional figures can be found at www.uwplatt.edu/cpdo.

Wisconsin’s workforce benefits greatly from our graduates. Not only do they learn technical skills, which are critical as engineers, but they also learn analytical skills, which are just as important.

As I have traveled throughout Southwest Wisconsin during the last year speaking with industry leaders, they discussed the importance of analytical skills and the need for employees who possess leadership qualities and a high intelligence quotient.

The future presents opportunities for us as we continue to make every day a great day to be a Pioneer!

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Shields, Chancellor
Dairy science major launched

For more than a century, UW-Platteville’s School of Agriculture has prepared students for careers in a growing and diverse field. It continued that tradition last fall when it rolled out the new dairy science major.

The School of Agriculture has offered a dairy science emphasis, as a part of the animal science major, for more than 30 years. Enrollment in this emphasis has grown about 50 percent in the last 10 years. “Agriculture contributes $88.3 billion annually to Wisconsin’s economy, with dairy products being the primary agricultural commodity,” said Dr. Wayne Weber, Dean of the College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture. “As America’s Dairyland, the dairy science major is a timely addition to our strong and strategic program array in the School of Agriculture.”

“Since making a commitment to developing a major and showing we value it, the industry—more than ever before—is excited to work together and do some unique things that we haven’t seen in other states,” said Dr. Tera Montgomery, Associate Professor and Coordinator of the animal science program at UW-Platteville.

Industry partners were crucial in shaping the curriculum for the new major, especially the School of Agriculture’s Advisory Council, which is made entirely of alumni in the agriculture field. “We were really able to bounce ideas off of people who had the level of understanding that we needed, and who are vested in this,” said Montgomery.

Other alumni and companies have also reached out to offer help in the launch of the new major. “A lot of alumni and companies have said, ‘What can we do to help? We want to make sure our company is helping to invest in the future of the industry,’” said Montgomery.

The dairy science program offers a number of hands-on learning experiences for students, especially with the new Adopt-a-Heifer Program. When students enter the dairy science program they are assigned an animal to follow throughout the course of their schooling. They will be responsible for understanding what vaccinations are given, tracking colostrum levels, and more. They will also have the opportunity to make recommendations for decisions on the heifer, such as decisions about breeding. Students will put the recommendations in a presentation form, though the ultimate decision will still rest with the dairy enterprise manager. “These are the types of decisions they’ll make in the real world, so we’re trying to make a microcosm of that experience,” said Montgomery. –Alison Parkins

Since the launch of the new dairy science major, many industry partners have shown their support, recognizing the significant contributions graduates of the program will have on the state’s growing industry.

Badgerland Financial granted the program a $50,000 donation during Homecoming. “We understand the importance of the dairy industry in Wisconsin and believe in the UW-Platteville staff, students, and efforts to make the program successful,” said Rochelle Ripp Schnadt ’09, a representative from Badgerland Financial.

In February, Organic Valley helped celebrate the new major and donated $50,000 to the program. “I think promoting agriculture and education is only going to be something that helps us in the long run, and we want to partner with UW-Platteville on this,” said Jerry McGeorge, Vice President of Cooperative Affairs for Organic Valley.

“We are proud to partner with UW-Platteville on the new dairy science major because we understand the positive economic impact this new program is going to have, not only in the communities that we serve, but for the entire state of Wisconsin,” said Donna Hoppenjan, President and CEO of Mound City Bank in Platteville, which recently pledged $15,000 to the new major.
Reaffirmation of accreditation

UW-Platteville received official notification that its accreditation has been reaffirmed by the Higher Learning Commission. This follows the submission of a comprehensive quality assurance report and a campus visit by a team of HLC peer reviewers last fall.

“We are extremely pleased to have our accreditation reaffirmed by the HLC,” said Chancellor Dennis J. Shields. “This process presented a valuable opportunity for introspection to ensure that we are continuously evaluating and improving our programs and services in order to provide the best student experience.”

Accreditation is a voluntary process of external review that evaluates programs, colleges, and universities to ensure they are providing high-quality education and services and continuously seek to improve. The process provides assurance to the public that UW-Platteville meets, and will continue to meet, all criteria and regulations. It is also a requirement in order for faculty and students to be eligible for federal grants and other funding.

“I am absolutely thrilled at this endorsement of the quality of UW-Platteville’s programs, faculty, staff, and students,” said Dr. Elizabeth Throop, Acting Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. “Many individuals put in long, hard hours over the last several years in order to demonstrate what we all already know: that UW-Platteville is the place to go for hands-on, rigorous education threaded through with meaningful high-impact practices and strong, powerful co-curricular experiences.”

The comprehensive on-site evaluations occur on a 10-year cycle. UW-Platteville has been continuously accredited since 1951. For more information, visit uwplatt.edu/hlc.

Soils team finds success overseas

Nine students representing the UW-Platteville Collegiate Soils Team recently competed in the first Australasian Soils Competition that was held in conjunction with the Australia — New Zealand Soil Science Society Conference. The contest was held near the town of Wanaka, in the Otago region of New Zealand. The contest consisted of two team-judged sites and one individual site where competitors described and evaluated landscapes and soil profiles to classify the soil and determine appropriate land use based on soil properties. Contestants’ scores were based on the agreement between their descriptions and those of the professional soil scientists serving as contest officials.

The UW-Platteville team was the only United States team that competed. The UW-Platteville A team placed first, while the B team placed fifth out of 13 teams. In the individual competition, UW-Platteville had four individuals among the top six competitors occupying third through sixth place. The team was coached by Dr. Chris Baxter, UW-Platteville Professor of soil and crop science.
New commercial construction lab

Thanks to collaborative efforts with multiple partners, UW-Platteville is now offering a commercial construction laboratory, which launched in fall 2016. The commercial construction lab replaces the residential construction lab.

“This is a multi-phased, 100 percent hands-on experience for students in a commercial construction environment,” said Mark Albers, Associate Professor in the building construction management program at UW-Platteville. He noted that 98 percent of the students in the building construction management program go on to secure jobs in the commercial sector. Skills learned at the lab will translate to both the commercial and residential markets.

The lab is located on land at the former Farm and Fleet site on Highway 80/81, south of Platteville. Use of the land was donated by Joe Jewison with Emerald Earth LLC. Jewison is one of several partners who have come together to make this project possible. Representatives from Hensel Phelps, a commercial construction company, were on site in September 2016 to view how their support could be useful and to interact with the students. All three representatives are UW-Platteville alumni, two of which are currently based in southern California and the other in northern Colorado.

Delta 3 Engineering, a Platteville engineering firm, donated the design services for the all-steel structure. The owners of the business are university alumni.

For the next several semesters, students will be laying the foundation, conducting soil analysis, framing the footings, bending rebar, pouring the footings, and other tasks, to prepare for the construction of the building in the following semesters. “After the next two years, it will be a giant erector set,” said Albers. “We will get as far as we can each semester and then repackage it and start again the next semester.”

Miller recognized

Angela Miller, Executive Director of Diversity and Inclusion, was recently honored with the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents’ Diversity Award. This award recognizes individuals and programs that foster access and success for students who are members of historically underrepresented populations. Each winner received $5,000 to support professional development or continue the program being honored.

“The recipients we selected for this year’s Regents’ Diversity Awards are using innovative, data-driven methods to meet the needs of the state by expanding opportunity for historically underrepresented student populations, making sure no talent goes untapped in our communities,” said Regent Mark Tyler, who chaired the special regents’ committee to determine the recipients. “We are honored to recognize their leadership and dedication to creating partnerships and building relationships that help make our campuses more effective learning, living, and working environments for all.”

Miller also serves as Director of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs at UW-Platteville. Under her leadership over the past five years, OMSA has had a sustainable impact on underrepresented minorities on campus. For example, the cumulative credit equity gap has declined from over eight credits to less than one credit and the grade point average equity gap between underrepresented minority students and majority students continues to decline.

Miller implemented the Academic Enrichment Program, a comprehensive approach to supporting students who are first-generation, low income, underrepresented minorities and/or students with low academic profiles. AEP services include a comprehensive review with non-cognitive assessment in admission, supplemental advising, summer bridge programs, and first-year interest groups.

Miller has led and sustained change in developing strong collaborating partners campus wide, which is evident through several programs such as Paths to Platteville, Pre-College Programs, and the Lois Cooper Scholars Program. She successfully collaborated across campus to lead the SUCCEED program, a three-week residential summer program focused on students of color and first-generation college students, and the DRIVEN Scholars Program, a comprehensive advising model to monitor academic progress and degree completion. Miller has led and contributed to obtaining over $1.3 million in grant funding in her past five years to support underserved student populations and is dedicated to helping faculty and staff across campus engage in diversity and inclusion work.

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Wirtz recognized with prestigious national award

Building on a foundation that started at UW-Platteville, Randall Wirtz, a 1990 engineering graduate, was the recent recipient of a prestigious national engineering award.

The Water Environment Federation—a nonprofit, national association—selected Wirtz for the Schroepfer Innovative Facility Design Medal. The award recognizes the implementation of outstanding solutions for water and wastewater treatment facilities that achieve both economic benefits and environmental objectives.

Wirtz, a Senior Associate at Strand Associates Inc., in Madison, Wisconsin, received this recognition for his leadership of the Dubuque Water and Resource Recovery Center improvements project in Dubuque, Iowa. The project has been praised for providing innovative, sustainable solutions and reducing long-term costs for the City of Dubuque. The project’s upgrades to the wastewater facility include an anaerobic digestion process, whereby waste is converted to agriculture fertilizer and energy is recovered in the form of heat and electricity.

“The project represents complete transformation from a philosophy of just ‘treating waste’ to a philosophy of ‘resource recovering,’” explained Wirtz. “It is not just cleaning water, but it is recovering nutrients and energy, as well as reducing energy that was being used. It represents fundamental sustainability in a real-world engineering project that positively impacts the environment and the people in Dubuque.”

Wirtz served as project manager through all phases of the project from its onset in 2007 through completion in 2014, and acknowledges the City of Dubuque personnel and the Strand team that provided the creative thinking and hard work throughout the project. Wirtz estimated that no less than 40 Strand staff were involved during the design phase of the project alone.

“As soon as we started this project in Dubuque, I knew it would be a project worthy of an award like this,” said Wirtz. “It was a great experience working with the City of Dubuque because they are a very progressive thinking community; they understand the value of sustainability. Quite honestly, they deserve the credit for having a vision, and I just feel lucky that I was able to help them achieve that vision.”

After graduating from UW-Platteville, Wirtz continued on to receive his master’s degree and Ph.D. in civil/environmental engineering from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. Reflecting on his time at UW-Platteville, Wirtz recalled the professors as having the largest impact on his future. “You always knew the professors there had your best interest at heart; they truly did care and always took the time to meet with students,” said Wirtz. Now, the Pioneer tradition is continuing in Wirtz’s family as his son is currently attending UW-Platteville, studying mechanical engineering.

“When you are going through school, you really don’t know what you’re going to be doing when you get out—it is impossible to comprehend what engineering really is until you just do it for a living,” said Wirtz. “So one of the most rewarding things you can imagine is working really hard at something and receiving the acknowledgment that you did a good job, on a national level. That’s pretty humbling.” –Alison Parkins
Hollywood comes calling

Bresnahan’s book brought to the big screen

—Jason Nihles
The Hollywood version of UW-Platteville alumna Coach Kathy Bresnahan’s 2011 Iowa State champion volleyball team will soon be coming to a big screen near you.

Filming of Live Like Line, a movie based on Bresnahan’s upcoming book of the same name recently concluded in Vancouver, British Columbia, and is on track to hit theaters this year.

The movie chronicles the tragic death of Caroline “Line” Found and the Iowa City West volleyball team’s emotional journey toward the 2011 state championship despite the stunning loss of their standout leader.

Found, the starting setter and an honorable mention All-State selection on West’s 2010 state championship team, died in a moped accident Aug. 11, 2011, just before the start of her senior year. To compound the tragedy, 12 days later Caroline’s mother, Ellyn, died of pancreatic cancer two days before the Trojans’ season opener.

“Caroline Found was such a unique young woman, one of those student-athletes who come along about once every 15 years; a personality that lights up the school,” said Bresnahan. “She loved to make others laugh, feel good about themselves, and feel included. She embraced everyone and had a way of making you feel as if you were the most important person in the world when you were with her.”

“Her death shocked the community and my players were devastated and reeling with grief. Volleyball without Caroline was unfathomable. It was painstakingly difficult to go to practice and step on the court that symbolized Caroline; that symbolized loss. How those 16- and 17-year-old girls pushed through was the most incredible act of strength, determination, and resolve that I have ever witnessed in sports. They refused to let Caroline down. They had to have a state championship for her, even though it was not anything I would let them say out loud. I would always emphasize ‘we should play like Line,’ but never ‘let’s win for Line.’”

Bresnahan also flew to Vancouver twice last summer to watch filming.

“It was weird watching her play me,” said Bresnahan. “A couple times it hit me that OMG, this is Helen Hunt, an Oscar winner, playing me. But for the most part, she was such a regular person that I never really thought much about it.”

“The whole thing was a surreal experience. It was like going through a wormhole and watching your life unfold in a different reality. Every single item on the set was eerily duplicated; from clothing and jewelry we wore to reproducing our gym as well as the state tournament venue. Even the sport court and scoreboards used at the state tournament were exact replicas.”

While Bresnahan admits the movie isn’t an exact replication of all the actual events, the coach said scriptwriters stayed true to the major details of the story.

“The story line varies in parts so that was weird,” she said. “There were times I wanted to jump up and yell, ‘but that didn’t really happen.’ But all in all, the director and producers did a fantastic job of conveying the emotion of the season and I think audiences will love the movie; just bring lots of tissues.”

As expected, the team struggled early in the season after Found’s stunning death, losing its first two matches. But with Found’s best friend, senior Kelley Fliehler, stepping into her role at setter, a position she’d never played before, West started winning once again. The Trojans put together a 17-match winning streak, which including two wins over Dubuque Wahlert, the number one ranked team in Iowa’s 3A class at the time.

“I was fortunate enough to go to L.A. and spend some time with Helen prior to shooting,” said Bresnahan. “She is a quality person and dedicated to her craft, the consummate professional. She would even call me from Vancouver to go over scenes in order to correctly get in the same mind set as I would have been in at the time. She had me talk to her vocal coach, video tape how I walked, and record every single one of her lines in the movie. She wanted to get it right.”

Award-winning actress Helen Hunt will be playing the role of Bresnahan. Hunt, 52, has won four Emmys and four Golden Globes, and the 1998 Academy Award for best actress in a leading role in the movie As Good As It Gets.
The Women of Troy ultimately went on to repeat as Iowa’s state champions, defeating nationally ranked Iowa City High in the 4A championship match, coming back from a two sets to none deficit, and surviving three match points in the decisive fifth set.

“What I learned from those girls was that love is an amazing motivator,” said Bresnahan. “Our mutual love for Line and each other carried us through that season and beyond. To this day we are whole when we’re together. No one that didn’t stand on our court that season will ever understand fully what we went through and our bond will never be broken.”

Bresnahan and Caroline’s father, Ernie Found, began to draw interest from Hollywood film producers after HBO’s Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel did a story on Caroline and the team in the fall of 2012.

“After HBO’s Real Sports aired our story, many film producers contacted Ernie and me about making this into a movie,” said Bresnahan. “As they flew into Iowa City and visited with us, Ernie and I realized it was too soon to consider a movie. The wounds were too fresh.”

Another year passed and others in their community talked about writing about their season, according to Bresnahan, people who hadn’t even been to a single match that year.

“Writing the book was an attempt to tell what really happened from our perspective,” said Bresnahan.

When LD Entertainment, one of the first groups that flew out to talk about a possible movie, got wind of Bresnahan’s endeavor, they purchased the option for the book before it was even close to being completed.

“I’m a coach, not a writer, so getting the book to this point took hundreds of hours and revisions until we’re now at the point that KCI Publishing in Stevens Point, with great editing by Betsy Thorpe, is ready to publish,” said Bresnahan. “You have to remember, this isn’t my story, so it took a long time for every senior on that 2011 team to read the manuscript and add their suggestions. I hope I did a decent enough job of portraying that amazing journey so the reader is inspired to push through their darkest hours. And I hope I did justice in honoring Caroline Found.”

Bresnahan has established the Live Like Line Foundation to financially help kids participate in activities so they can feel included. “Just like Line always did,” said the coach. “I’m very proud that proceeds from the book will help make that dream a reality for many young people in our community.”

Bresnahan compiled a record of 671–205 in her 26 seasons on the bench. She led West to eight state tournaments, including back-to-back titles in 2010 and 2011. She was also named Prepvolleyball.com’s 2011 National Coach of the Year.

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Kathy Bresnahan
Volleyball Coach, Iowa City West
Michelle M. Rahm ’89 has taken her business degree around the world by going on to earn a graduate gemologist degree through the Gemological Institute of America. In an effort to expand her knowledge, Rahm attended a three-week mineralogy conference in Madagascar in June 2014. The Malagasy people and striking poverty in Madagascar affected her so much that she decided to return on her own to provide clothing and toiletries to over 560 children. Today, she continues to give back to the country that has had such a profound impact on her through a nonprofit organization she founded, GemsOfMadagascar.org.

The mission of this organization is to support economic, spiritual, social, and human development through community-driven projects, education, and relationship building in the name of Jesus Christ. In association with other nonprofit organizations, its goal is to create lasting change ensuring a better future for children in Madagascar. In July 2016, GemsOfMadagascar.org completed a clean water system that feeds into eight villages and a school, giving drinkable water to approximately 1,600 people.

“As a graduate gemologist, I came to love Madagascar because it is one of the world’s top suppliers of gems and minerals,” Rahm stated. “But to me, the true gems of Madagascar are the children. [They’re] so beautiful, curious, kind, and faithful. Together, we can make a difference in the future of these precious children.”

In addition to working with GemsOfMadagascar.org, she runs her own businesses: JewelryImpressions.com and OurCustomWeddingRings.com.

Rahm attributes some of her success to having gone through the business curriculum at UW-Platteville. This gave her the confidence and skill set to become a middle manager upon graduation and to own her own internet company by the age of 31.

“I love my career because I work mostly on custom engagement rings, which involves developing personal relationships with my clients,” she said. “I can be creative and share my knowledge while helping couples create the ring of their dreams.”

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Computer dating not a new trend

When people tell you that trying to find a companion online is a new fad, don’t believe them. The University of Wisconsin-Platteville actually unveiled a computerized version of a blind-dating program on April 17, 1970. Yes, this experience was pioneered at a spring computer dance sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers in 1970.

According to an article published in a vintage edition of the *GEODE*, “More than 80 students signed up for the fun and mystery of seeing what date the computer would select for them.” The computer program was the “brainchild” of Tom Burke, a 1971 civil engineering graduate, with the assistance of Mary Bjustrom and others. In addition, the student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers was heavily involved.

The program was used to match participants and could process from 40 to 300 applicants. The program could take up to 45 minutes to run at peak load.

According to Burke, prior computer dances before 1970 were a crude, card sorting routine to match up couples. “The ‘computer program’ that evolved was the next generation of programming development,” he said. “It matched questionnaires to generate the best matches based on sorting criteria and answers selected in the questionnaire. It was much more elaborate than the crude card sorting used in prior years.”

“Once the word got out that a computer was being used to match the students there was pretty strong acceptance of it,” Burke said.

Burke doesn’t recall if any love connections were made because of the computer program that evening. Coincidentally, he later learned that his date for the dance was his future wife’s roommate.

Technology and the way people find each other has certainly progressed over the years. Burke was there at the very beginning. “I may have been way ahead of my time,” he joked. “It has been interesting to see how technology has advanced and how people now meet each other.”

The *GEODE* article noted that ASCE members were working on having an inter-varsity dance with Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa, utilizing the computer program.
According to a 2015 Pew Research Center report, the share of 18–24 year olds who use online dating has roughly tripled from 10 percent in 2013 to 27 percent today. It’s safe to say, those numbers have risen significantly since that fateful evening on campus in 1970.

One couple who matched prior to 1970 was Phil and Karen Grover, both sophomores at the time. They met during a blind date event that utilized the IBM card system. The event was held Dec. 1, 1967 in the Rendezvous Room of Ullsvik Hall. “We got our IBM cards back with the punches in them,” said Karen Grover. “They lined everyone up and we paired off.”

“It was a weird experience,” said Grover. “It was a fun thing and I love to tell the story because it’s so relevant now.”

Grover still has her IBM card from that night, which cost $1. “I had quite a bit of fun,” she said. “My husband and two of his friends and the other two girls, we all hung around together that night and went out to Steve’s for pizza.”

“My husband didn’t call me until January,” she said, explaining after finals they took a break during Christmas and then returned to campus. “I told him I had a big test the next day, so to call me after the finals were over and after Christmas. He said if I wouldn’t have said that he wouldn’t have called me back.”

They were married two years later, in 1969. They will celebrate their 48th anniversary in August.

That event was the first time Karen and Phil met, even though they both took classes in Rountree Hall. She was an art major and he was a geography/history major. “It was funny that we clicked,” she said. “We are totally different people.”

—Dan Wackershauser
President McKinley visits Ipswich

From the Archives:

President McKinley’s train arrived at Ipswich at 1 p.m. He spoke for a few minutes, and was followed by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson, who spoke briefly. Within 10 minutes, the train sped away.

One of the persons in the crowd that day was William Dudley, the Normal School’s biology and chemistry professor. Dudley brought his camera and took the accompanying photograph of President McKinley. Although he took only a snapshot, Dudley captured the difficulty and feel of taking a photograph in a crowd. The president is at the handrail of the car, speaking. The man standing in the doorway is Secretary Wilson, waiting to speak. Dudley made

A presidential visit is always exciting, and McKinley’s brief whistle-stop on Oct. 16, 1899, was no different. McKinley’s visit was part of a campaign swing to promote his policies and local candidates.

Sometime in early October, Platteville Mayor James Cabanis had received word that McKinley’s train would stop at Ipswich, where the president would briefly speak. Mayor Cabanis quickly formed a committee whose charge was to persuade the president’s party to stop in Platteville. Committee members included Martin Rindlaub, editor of the Grant County Witness; Platteville Attorney Richard A. Goodell; and Duncan McGregor, president of the State Normal School.

Unfortunately, the Platteville stop fell through, so the committee did the next best thing and arranged for Platteville residents to travel to Ipswich via railroad. The committee contracted with the Chicago and North Western Railway Company to run three trips of four passenger cars each from Platteville to Ipswich. The cost was 22 cents per person, round trip. To secure the trains, the committee deposited $100 to “guarantee” the railroad’s expenses.

On Oct. 16, everything was ready. Fliers around Platteville announced that schools and businesses would be closed and three trains would leave that morning for Ipswich at 10 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. As the Platteville Journal reported, “about 2,000 people, about 1,500 of whom were from Platteville, gathered at Ipswich to see President McKinley.”
$20 by selling copies of his photograph. He donated the money to the Normal School’s Athletic Association.

(Research for this article would not have been possible but for materials in the archives. In 1998, Richard and Mary Goodell, children of aforementioned committee member Richard A. Goodell, donated a large collection of university and family related materials to the archives. Among the items, Goodell’s collection contains Dudley’s photograph, the flier, a McKinley banner, and the First National Bank $100 receipt securing the three trains. Many thanks to Thomas Bosch ’65 for suggesting this article subject.) –James Hibbard, Archivist

Join the club:
Golf outings bring back alumni

Nothing brings out good stories, laughs, and high-fives like a UW-Platteville alumni golf outing. The golfers have so much fun that they almost forget they are also supporting a good cause.

Hundreds of alumni and friends participate in the outings to help support various groups or departments. Here are some of the upcoming golf outings. For more information, check the uwplatt.edu website or contact alumni@uwplatt.edu.

Aug. 5
Pioneer Men’s Basketball

Sept. 15
ASCE Benchmark

If you would like more information or to request disability accommodations, contact Development and Alumni Engagement at alumni@uwplatt.edu or call 1.800.897.2586.
Telepresence robot promises new campus connections

With alumni in all 50 states and 25 countries around the world, the UW-Platteville Distance Learning Center is at the heart of exciting and innovative developments. Our programs give students the opportunity to work with different software programs, communication platforms, and other online resources that prepare them for work in virtual environments. Whether our graduates are presenting at international conferences or coordinating projects around the globe, they can call on their experiences in the online classroom to help them excel.

Yet, for all the advantages online learning presents, our distance alumni can struggle to feel a connection to the campus. With this in mind, we are pleased to announce the addition of a telepresence robot to our office.

According to Dawn Drake, Executive Director of Alternative Delivery Systems, the telepresence robot will allow alumni—as well as students, faculty, staff, and other stakeholders—to have a physical presence on campus through virtual means. Drake envisions conducting virtual tours, attending meetings and events, and more with the robot in tow.

“We want to use the newest and most advanced technologies to allow our alumni to fully interact with campus in a very real way,” Drake said. “Members of the Distance Education Alumni Board have used the device to attend meetings around campus and share their thoughts and opinions in real time. The engagement has been incredible and we are continually looking for new ways to incorporate technology into our operations.”

The division has been testing the device to ensure it can easily navigate the campus before making it widely available for use. Cleo Magnuson, an Instructional Designer for the division who works remotely, piloted the robot during the fall 2016 graduation reception. After only a few minutes of use, she was able to easily navigate the robot and take part in the celebration in a unique way.

“By using the telepresence robot, I could literally move around the room in Platteville and talk to the graduates. All the while, I was at home in Atlanta, Georgia,” Magnuson said. “I had logged in to a website to move the robot around the room and speak to the students and their families. It was exciting to meet the students who take online courses at UW-Platteville.” Magnuson later used her experience to help write operation instructions for others.

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LaMere runs into record books

“Really,” said the two-time NCAA III cross country and track national champion. “My whole race strategy is to get away. I don’t really have a kick; I’m not really that fast, I can just run for a long time.”

LaMere ran away from his competition throughout 2015–16. During his junior season, the Green Bay, Wisconsin native:

• Won the 2015 NCAA III cross country championship, setting records for fastest time (23:38) and largest margin of victory (39 seconds) in the 8,000-meter meet history
• Set the NCAA III national record for fastest time ever in the 10,000-meter track run, (28:36) while beating every other collegiate runner at the prestigious Stanford Invitational
• Won both the 2016 NCAA III outdoor track 5K and 10K national championships, successfully defending his 10K championship
• Competed for Team USA in the under-23 North American, Central American, and Caribbean Championships in El Salvador

He followed up with an encore performance in the fall, winning the 2016 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, NCAA III Midwest Regional, and NCAA III national championships.

“What sets Ian apart is he has an unrelenting determination to keep doing better,” Cross County Coach Tom Antczak said. “He made himself into an elite runner.”

Because of his remarkable year, LaMere earned the 2015–16 United States Cross Country and Track and Field Coaches Association Athlete of the Year Award. He is just the fifth Pioneer ever named national athlete of the year, joining Merrill Brunson after the 1998–99 basketball season, Ryan Kleimenhagen for his 2005 indoor track performances, Marcia Taddy for both her 2007 indoor and outdoor track seasons, and Tyler Sigl for his 2007 cross country year.

With another year of competition as a Pioneer, LaMere doesn’t take time yet to reflect on his place in school history.

“I try and keep looking ahead,” he said. “Like in the 10K, I think ‘I broke that record, now I want to look toward something like worlds or USA championships for track and USA trials for cross country.’ There’s always something to look forward to.”

And usually a whole trail of runners behind. – Paul Erickson
“Success in life often requires that you keep an open mind. Communicate with people who are unlike yourself; hear their perspective and priorities. Getting to know and understand others provides the opportunity to grow, achieve deeper awareness, and contribute in new and meaningful ways. Fully embrace, celebrate, and most of all respect that all of us are part of the rich tapestry of this great nation.”

Dr. Theodore Goodfriend, Principal Speaker, BILSA
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“One little secret to happiness: gratitude. Just think of what we all have to be grateful for. We live in this country; we live in a beautiful state; we have a great university system; we have parents, friends, relatives; we’re not dodging shells and bombs. We are extremely lucky and you are very lucky to have graduated from this university.”

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“So as we start this new journey in our lives, I hope you remember the times that are too amazing to put into words. The times when friends seemed like family and we never wanted college to end. I also hope you remember the times that pushed you outside your comfort zone; the times that made you wish this day would come a little sooner. Remember the times when we taught each other how to be a human, how to be compassionate, and how to be a friend.”

Kristen Kopp, Senior Speaker, LAE
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Chancellor Dennis J. Shields
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Distinguished and Outstanding Alumni honored

UW-Platteville’s Distinguished and Outstanding Alumni Awards acknowledge individuals who have demonstrated career success. UW-Platteville honored its 2016 recipients at the University Awards and Recognition Ceremony during Homecoming.

Distinguished Alumni

Dr. Mark Meyers

Dr. Mark Meyers, UW-Platteville Professor of civil engineering, graduated from UW-Platteville in 1981 with a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering. He earned his master’s and doctorate degrees from the University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Meyers returned to UW-Platteville in 2000 to teach civil engineering. Prior to that, he worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineering in the St. Paul District as the senior geotechnical engineering specialist for 12 years.

Meyers continues to be engaged with the university. He serves on the EMS Alumni Board and is a Lifetime Member of the Alumni Association.

Outside of work, Meyers volunteers in his community, is a registered Professional Engineer in Wisconsin, and was recently named an American Society of Civil Engineering Fellow.

Dr. Charles Schwab

Dr. Charles Schwab graduated from UW-Platteville in 1969 with a bachelor’s degree in animal science. He earned a master’s degree in dairy science and a joint doctorate in dairy science and nutritional sciences, all from UW-Madison. He became a professor in the Department of Animal Sciences in 1975 at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, New Hampshire.

Over his 34-year career as a professor at UNH, Schwab was recognized for his dedicated service to teaching and outreach activities. He also led the development of several new programs to enhance experiences for undergraduate and graduate students.

He has published more than 160 papers and established and became the executive director of the Feed Analysis Consortium. He took an early retirement from UNH in 2009 to establish Schwab Consulting LLC.

He is a member of the UW-Platteville School of Agriculture Advisory Council and a strong supporter of UW-Platteville’s Boscobel High School Community Scholarship Program, Agricultural Development Fund, and various other UW-Platteville funds.
John Busby
U.S. Army veteran, Lifetime Member of the Alumni Association, and 1976 alumnus John Busby graduated with a bachelor’s degree in biology. He earned his D.D.S. in 1978 from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and his master’s in business management in 2006 from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. He currently is the Dental Director for Molina Healthcare and President and Managing Partner for Affiliated Dentists S.C. in Madison, Wisconsin.

He served as the director for the UW-Platteville Foundation board of directors for 10 years. He is also the current Chairman of the UW-Platteville Capital Campaign and formerly served as director of the Alumni Association. Busby has also established two scholarships for UW-Platteville students interested in pursuing a career in dentistry. He is the originator and sponsor of the dental internship program for these students.

Richard Byrd
Richard Byrd, 1977 alumnus and UW-Platteville Alumni Association Lifetime Member, graduated from UW-Platteville with a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice. Since then, he has earned numerous awards such as the UW-Platteville Outstanding Alumni Award in 1989, UW-Platteville College of Liberal Arts and Education Professional Achievement Award in 2008, and Presidential Distinguished Rank Award in 2009—the highest award a senior executive member can receive from the President of the United States.

From 1996–2004, Byrd was the special agent in charge for the treasury inspector general for the Tax Administration. Byrd retired as the commissioner of the Wage and Investment Division for the IRS.

Byrd is a consistent supporter of the UW-Platteville Foundation, was a keynote speaker at the UW-Platteville 33rd Criminal Justice Career Day, and a 2015 UW-Platteville commencement principal speaker.

Outstanding Alumni

Dr. Christopher Mayne
Dr. Christopher Mayne is an Assistant Professor at Viterbo University in La Crosse, Wisconsin. He earned his bachelor’s degree in biology and chemistry from UW-Platteville in 2003 and his Ph.D. in genetics from UW-Madison in 2008.

Mayne is conducting research on autoimmune disease and genetic regulation of immune responses. He received the National Multiple Sclerosis Society’s Young Investigator Award.

Outside of work, Mayne volunteers as a board member of the Local Lupus Alliance, and judge for Badger State Science and Engineering Fair, and various science outreach events.

To nominate an alum visit: www.uwplatt.edu/alumni/distinguished-alumni

2015 Distinguished and Outstanding Alumni Awards

Distinguished Alumni:
Gary David, 1977
Curtis Hanson, 1967
Carol Weber, 1989
Dr. William Ayen, 1967

Outstanding Alumni:
Douglas Stephens, 2001 and 2004
Matthew Holler, 2005
Matthew Heer, 2003
Matthew Larse, 2006

Counselor Education Program Reunion

Alumni of the Counselor Education Program are encouraged to meet at the Alumni Tent during the Homecoming parade. This invitation is extended to supervising teachers of UW-Platteville counselor education interns. Contact Sandie Brick-Margelofsky, UW-Platteville Development Officer, with questions at brickmas@uwplatt.edu.
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Dr. David Krugler, Professor of history, recently made his fiction debut with *The Dead Don’t Bleed*. Published by Pegasus Books, the novel is a World War II spy thriller set in Washington, D.C. in 1945. Wisconsin Public Radio recently selected Krugler’s book for its Chapter a Day program, to be read on air.

Larson awarded National Science Foundation grant
Dr. Evan Larson, Associate Professor of geography, was recently awarded a $76,270 grant from the National Science Foundation. The project, “Documenting Ojibwe Land Use Through Tree-Ring Analysis of Culturally Modified Trees in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness,” aims to advance understanding about the interplay between people and the natural environment to further understand what factors led to the development of current landscape patterns. Through this work, Larson and his team are helping to redefine the meaning of wilderness to more completely integrate the influences of people in what are often considered “pristine” environments.

Larson’s grant is specifically funded through two programs at NSF, the geography and spatial sciences program and archaeology program, suggestive of the interdisciplinary nature of his research.

Faculty awarded nearly $128,000 in applied research grants
UW-Platteville faculty have been awarded three separate applied research grants from the WiSys Technology Foundation—a quarter of all of the applied research grants distributed across UW System’s campuses this year. Combined, the grants total nearly $128,000.

The funded projects included:
- Dr. Wei Li – Computer Aided Engineering of Semiconductor Quantum Dots: Design and Non-Destructive Characterization
- Dr. Muthu Venkateshwaran — Development of Materials Capable of Controlled Delivery of Volatile Organic Compounds to Plants for Defense against Pathogens
- Dr. Hal Evensen — Nanoscale Vacuum-channel Field Effect Transistors from Aligned Carbon Nanotubes
Jeff Weisensel ‘82 was re-elected to his third term to city council in Rosemount, Minnesota, this past election. He serves his community in 2017 as Vice Mayor, liaison to the Youth Commission, and chairs the Port Authority. On a national level, he was re-appointed to the National League of Cities Community and Economic Development policy committee advocating on local economic issues and to NLC University Fellows serving to educate local elected officials.

Dr. Kitty Kautzer ‘85 has been appointed as Provost of Academic Affairs for Herzing University, an accredited private nonprofit institution with 11 campuses in eight states and an online division. Kautzer, who most recently served as Herzing’s vice provost, provides strategic leadership on all educational affairs, including curriculum development, assessment of student learning, instructional delivery, and library resources and services. Kautzer also oversees academic policy, registration, support services, and faculty management. She received a Master of Science in Education and Doctor of Education from Northern Illinois University.

Jody Boquist ‘87 was named Office Managing Shareholder at Littler Mendelson’s Chicago office. Littler Mendelson is a labor and employment law firm that represents management. Boquist represents employers nationwide in federal and state courts, as well as administrative agencies such as the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Department of Labor, and Illinois Department of Human Rights. Boquist’s practice focuses on multiple aspects of labor and employment law, including class and collective actions, discrimination, harassment and retaliation defense, wage and hour, unfair competition, breach of contract, and arbitration matters. She supports clients in the transportation, finance, insurance, health care, consulting, retail, and legal industries.

Thomas Dillon ’64 has been named a U.S. Masters Swimming Relay All-American for 2016, having been a member of the 400-meter medley relay team in the 280–319 aggregate age group, with the fastest relay time in the United States for long course (50-meter pools) competition for 2016. He has been a nationally competitive swimmer since 1999 and has accumulated a total of 18 national top 10 relay finishes in U.S. Masters Swimming competitions.

Michael T. McEnerney ’70 is now a Regent for the University of Hawaii. He is serving his second year in a five-year term.

Dale Kivi, ’80, MBA, received the 2016 Wisconsin Health Information Management Association’s Distinguished Service Award and was selected to chair a 2017 national medical coding productivity and accuracy survey for the American Health Information Management Association Foundation. He also serves on the For the Record magazine editorial advisory board, which is dedicated to the medical records industry. He is also an Ironman triathlete.

John Fico ‘82 recently became an Adjunct Professor at Florida Polytechnic University, in Lakeland, Florida, where he teaches Six Sigma applications and engineering and technology project management courses in STEM-focused undergraduate degree programs.

David de Leon ‘87 was named Vice President of Wisconsin Operations for Alliant Energy. In his role, de Leon will lead the company’s Wisconsin energy delivery and generation operations. He has been with Alliant Energy for 30 years and previously managed several generation facilities and served in numerous project engineering positions.

Kurt Barnard ’88 joined GRAEF as a Market Area Leader/Senior Project Manager in Green Bay, Wisconsin. GRAEF is a Wisconsin-based engineering, planning, and design firm.

Julie Holcomb ’90 joined Oshkosh Door Company as Human Resource Manager in March. After earning her bachelor’s degree in business administration from UW-Platteville, Holcomb earned her MBA from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. She is a member of the Fox Valley Society for Human Resource Management.

Doug Crowley ’97 recently received the Associate Principal of the Year Award in Wisconsin. He’s an Associate Principal at DeForest Area High School. In addition to his bachelor’s degree, he also earned his Educational Administration certification and his Master of Science in Education from UW-Platteville.

Elizabeth (Gade) Tremelling ’02 is an Administrative Program Manager at UW-Platteville’s Academic and Career Advising Center. In November 2015, she married UW-Platteville alumnus Gregory Tremelling.

Karissa Patefield ’03 is Campus Director for Student Affairs at Central Arizona College – Superstition Mountain Campus in Apache Junction, Arizona. She is responsible for the day-to-day operations for registration, admissions, advising, financial aid, business office, and student leadership.
Henry Dean '06 completed his general surgery residency at Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa, in June 2016. He is now a General Surgeon at Sauk Prairie Health Care in Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin.

Alisha (Slowey) Richard '08 married Andrew Richard on July 16, 2016. Alisha is a Resident Director for UW-Platteville’s Department of Residence Life and Andrew is a high school Business Teacher in Lancaster, Wisconsin. The wedding reception was held in Ullsvik Hall on the UW-Platteville campus, and the couple made it out to the “M” for some photos.

Annie Brown '10 spent time last summer studying the diverse desert and marine landscapes of two richly diverse biosphere reserves through ecological and social field methods in Baja. She is a Teacher at Wells Elementary School and lives in Marysville, Washington. She took the graduate course in pursuit of her master’s degree from Miami University’s Global Field Program.

Frank Koscheka ’13 is the Director of the Project Management Office of Northwell Health System in New York, which employs over 1,500 with 150 project managers. Koscheka writes that his Master of Science in Project Management from UW-Platteville helped open the door for this opportunity.

Brendan DeBusk ’14 is Lead Design Engineer for Chef’n Corporation in Seattle, Washington. The company designs kitchen tools that are distributed through large companies including Williams-Sonoma, Target, and more.

Future Pioneers

Jim and Sheri (Vande Voort) ’02 Scott welcomed Lily Elizabeth on July 15, 2016. She was 9 pounds, 1 ounce, and 21 inches long. She is loved by her big sisters, Hannah and Addy, and her big brother, Kaden. Jim and Sheri are both professional engineers in Colorado.

Philip Hoff ’00 and his wife Kathleen welcomed their first daughter, Lauren McDaniel Hoff, on Aug. 23, 2016.

Bridget (Klinkner) ’10 and John Spraggon ’11 welcomed their fourth child, Herman Paul Spraggon on Nov. 27, 2016. He joins older siblings Josephine, 4; Lillian, 3; and Emmett, 20 months.

Rachael (Lehr) ’06 and Ryan ’07 Staab welcomed Bennett Edward Staab on Aug. 12, 2016. He was 6 pounds, 8 ounces, and 19.25 inches long. He joins big brother Oliver, age 3. The Staabs currently reside in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where Ryan is a Mechanical Engineer with RespirTech, and Rachael works in business intelligence for Target Corporation.

Joe ’07 and Kim ’08 and ’13 Nolan welcomed Lillian Betty Nolan on Feb. 29, 2016. Lilly is also the granddaughter of Kenneth Whitmore ’74 and great niece of Bruce Whitmore ’71. The Nolans reside in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. Joe is employed by Church Mutual Insurance as a Broker Specialty Underwriter and Kim is a Counselor through the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Heather (McKinney) Rutkowski ’03 and her husband, Steve, welcomed their son, Mason James Rutkowski, on May 15, 2016.

Holly (Kaiser) Clendenen ’06 and Matt Clendenen had a son, Kellen Matthew, on June 21, 2016. Kellen joins big brother Carter and big sister Kennedy. Holly is the Executive Director of the Southwest Tech Foundation and Real Estate Foundation in Fennimore, Wisconsin, and Matt owns and operates Tri-State Handyman Services.
In memoriam

1938
Ann M. (Turk) Metcalf, Platteville, Wisconsin

1939
Dorothy E. Simon, Sheboygan, Wisconsin

1940
Catherine M. (O'Shaughnessy) Riemennapp, Fennimore, Wisconsin
Marietta C. (Wunderlin) Tarrell, Fennimore, Wisconsin
Helen M. (Clark) Devlin, Mount Hope, Wisconsin
Genevieve M. (Kies) Culver, Platteville, Wisconsin

1941
Ruth I. (Goke) Huttenburg, Onalaska, Wisconsin
Adele E. (Aupperle) Stimart, Lancaster, Wisconsin

1943
Marion V. Arthur, Platteville, Wisconsin
Ruth M. (Underwood) Taylor, Madison, Wisconsin

1944
Phyllis R. (Hernon) Egan, Cuba City, Wisconsin

1945
Marjorie E. (Lindsey) Davies, Reedley, California

1946
Ruth J. (Staskal) Baumeister, Mount Horeb, Wisconsin

1949
Norma J. (Andrew) Groom, Cassville, Wisconsin
Walter T. Hannan, Livingston, Wisconsin
Leo E. Hanson, Gays Mills, Wisconsin
Elizabeth L. Johnson, Livingston, Wisconsin
John H. Biddick, Madison, Wisconsin

1950
Wilma (Johnson) Gilman, Dodgeville, Wisconsin
Harold Faherty, Platteville, Wisconsin
Virgil A. Butteris, Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin

1951
Harold S. Johnson, De Witt, Iowa
Marian D. “Prudie” Weigel, Janesville, Wisconsin

1952
Winona (Ihm) Baeten, The Villages, Florida
Joanne T. (McCluskey) Schlatter, Waupaca, Wisconsin

1954
Lewis C. White, Columbus, Wisconsin
Donald R. Giese, Dixon, Illinois
Darleen M. (Magee) Grim, Shalimar, Florida

1955
Robert L. Branyan, Columbia, Missouri

1956
Stanley J. Hartung, Apple Valley, Minnesota
Gerald “Jerry” Cooper, Richland Center, Wisconsin
Robert E. Lewis, Platteville, Wisconsin
Fred J. Bittorf, Appleton, Wisconsin
Roger J. Clements, Alpena, Michigan
Larry L. Luckey, Bakersfield, California

1957
Norma J. (Roesch) Hasken, Dickeyville, Wisconsin
Roger R. Sandmire, La Crosse, Wisconsin
Carl E. Lang, Thiensville, Wisconsin
Darryl W. Bausman, Freeport, Illinois
John “Jack” S. Reese, Monroe, Wisconsin

1958
John “Jack” D. Harr, Sparta, Wisconsin
Harold R. Matteson, Las Cruces, New Mexico
Charles “Chuck” Amera, Madison, Wisconsin
Corliss J. “Corky” Deets, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin
Monica I. (Pink) Eversoll, Bowling Green, Kentucky

1960
Elmer T. Fuller, Union Grove, Wisconsin
Sandra J (Gilbertson) Einerson, Sun Prairie, Wisconsin
Joyce L. (White) Wehrmann, Minnetonka, Minnesota
David L. Koller, Mount Horeb, Wisconsin
Thomas E. Cherrier, Salida, Colorado
Helene M. (Beck) Ederer, Madison, Wisconsin
Marc E. Karrmann, Dubuque, Iowa

1961
Peter D. Udelhoven, New Braunfels, Texas
Karen K. (Stickler) Knoble, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin
Richard G. Millman, Pompano Beach, Florida

1962
Hugh E. Hosking, Madison, Wisconsin
James R. Nalepinski, Lancaster, Wisconsin
Michael A. Aldag, Houston, Texas
Jon R. Howell, Lansing, Michigan

1963
Ronald B. Disch, Greendale, Wisconsin
John L. Forseth, Arena, Wisconsin
Larry P. Slick, Rockford, Illinois
Stephen M. Barr, McFarland, Wisconsin
David G. Reise, Suring, Wisconsin

1964
Mable W. Kypke, Muscoda, Wisconsin
Gail A. (Harvey) Kemper, DeForest, Wisconsin
Jean M. (Smith) Earleywine, Freeport, Illinois
William B. O'Brien, North Branch, Minnesota
Jean L. (Baxter) Malone, Lady Lake, Florida
Herbert E. Feil, Randolph, Wisconsin

1965
Robert L. Rehfeld, Galena, Illinois
Alfred J. Semerad, Rushford, Minnesota

1966
Francis M. Gichia, Middleburg, Florida
John C. Bradley, Dodgeville, Wisconsin
1967
Ronald H. Hoffland, Madison, Wisconsin
Michael E. Cullen, Fort Myers, Florida
Dennis R. Grace, Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin

1968
Brett M. “Woodsy” Wood,
Arlington, Virginia
Gary L. Kersten, Davenport, Florida
Stephen A. Vencel, Bemidji, Minnesota
Mary Weisner (Merwin)
Stevens Point, Wisconsin
Evelyn A. Edge, Davenport, Iowa
Velda J. “Hollenberger” DuCharme,
Eastman, Wisconsin

1969
Jeff J. Trumy, Waukesha, Wisconsin
Ruby D. Andrews, Appleton, Wisconsin
John E. Hill, Madison, Wisconsin

1970
Lorraine M. Hanson, Gays Mills, Wisconsin
Bruce E. Avery, Dubuque, Iowa
Donald A. Clark,
South Milwaukee, Wisconsin

1971
Lavonne M. Carl, Stitzer, Wisconsin
John W. Garner, Prescott, Arizona
William G. Burwitz, Browntown, Wisconsin
Thomas A. Banfield,
Pompano Beach, Florida

1972
Roberta L. (Borroughs) Dillman,
Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin
Elizabeth “Betty” A.
Timm, Monroe, Wisconsin
Jane E. Dubert, Maquoketa, Iowa
Lee A. Robinson, Freeport, Illinois
Robert L. Nachtigal, Blue River, Wisconsin
Gary C. Witte, Mount Horeb, Wisconsin

1973
Carol M. (Ellis) Christiansen,
Fennimore, Wisconsin
Jeffrey F. Setz, New Berling, Wisconsin
Roland L. Sardeson,
Mineral Point, Wisconsin
Vern D. Lewison, Fennimore, Wisconsin

1974
Sandra J. (Foley) Gaylord,
Madison, Wisconsin
Bernard J. Statz, Baraboo, Wisconsin

1975
Sharon L. Paynter-Cleaves,
Madison, Wisconsin

1977
Daniel A. Johnson, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

1976
John D. Wolter, Clinton, Wisconsin
Jeffrey P. Nelson, Tubac, Arizona

1979
Priscilla Lawhorn, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Christopher Peterson,
La Crosse, Wisconsin

1980
David F. Fry, Dodgeville, Wisconsin
Jayne M. (Swiderski) Fischer,
Leesburg, Florida
Susan M. Babb, Pewaukee, Wisconsin
David L. Ingwell, Rewey, Wisconsin

1981
Dani G. (Eastlick) Crase,
Belmont, Wisconsin
Elizabeth “Liz” (Gunka) Gallenbeck,
Horicon, Wisconsin

1984
Jerome T. Hendrickson,
Blanchardville, Wisconsin
Douglas D. Wolf, Lancaster, Wisconsin

1985
John “Jay” F. Leinfelder,
Bolingbrook, Illinois

1987
Joanne E. (Schumann) Neuendorf,
Lancaster, Wisconsin

1988
Douglas P. Schoenike,
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

1990
Donna M. (McBain) Hansen,
Wausau, Wisconsin

1992
Charlane H. Meyer, Stoughton, Wisconsin

1998
Daniel A. Bark, Lancaster, Wisconsin

1999
Sharon I. Stekel, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin

2002
Kirk M. U’ren, Mineral Point, Wisconsin

2003
Jeffery D. Carter, Marion, Iowa

2004
Jennifer M. Steiner,
Cottage Grove, Wisconsin

2015
Lyle C. Spangler,
Richland Center, Wisconsin
Paul R. Schneller, Sauk City, Wisconsin

Employees
Sarah “Helen” Bloom,
Platteville, Wisconsin
Frank R. Eshelman, Platteville, Wisconsin
Francis Kenneth “Kenny” Fure,
Platteville, Wisconsin
Zachary R. Gevelinger ’12,
Platteville, Wisconsin
Thomas S. Goltry, Platteville, Wisconsin
George E. Hammes, Platteville, Wisconsin
Bevery “Bev” A. Hannan,
Livingston, Wisconsin
Walter T. Hannan, Livingston, Wisconsin
David L. Ingwell, Rewey, Wisconsin
Francis L. Klein, Platteville, Wisconsin
Gilbert John Krueger,
Walnut Creek, California
Dr. Calvin L. Myrbo, Arcadia, Florida
Keith W. Pickel, Platteville, Wisconsin
Helen L. Reynolds, Platteville, Wisconsin
Donald W. Seitz, Platteville, Wisconsin
Thomas “Jeff” Starling, Globe, Arizona
John J. Tippett, Rewey, Wisconsin
Clifford G. VanNatta,
Platteville, Wisconsin
Richard A. Voelz, Mount Horeb, Wisconsin
Betty J. Wruck, Platteville, Wisconsin

Friends of the University
Theodore W. Anderson,
Lancaster, Wisconsin
Calendar of events

Madison Mallards Tailgate and Baseball Game
Thursday, Aug. 3 | Warner Park | Madison, Wisconsin

Quad Cities River Bandits Tailgate and Baseball Game
Thursday, Aug. 3 | Modern Woodmen Park | Davenport, Iowa

PAS: Turtle Island Quartet
Friday, Dec. 1 | 7 p.m. | Center for the Arts

Holiday Gala
Friday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec. 9, | 7:30 p.m.
Center for the Arts

Fall Commencement
Saturday, Dec. 16 | Williams Fieldhouse

Homecoming – “Going Global”

University Awards Ceremony
Friday, Oct. 13 | 4:30 p.m. | Center for the Arts

Homecoming Hustle – In memory of UW-Platteville Alumni Kirk U’Ren and Jennifer Steiner
Runners’ 5K | Walkers’ 3K
Saturday, Oct. 14 | 7:15 a.m.
Outdoor Track, Williams Fieldhouse

Alumni Association Homecoming Parade Tent
Saturday, Oct. 14 | 9 a.m. | 385 W. Main St.

Alumni Association Luncheon
Saturday, Oct. 14 | 11 a.m. | Velzy Commons, Ullsvik Hall

Homecoming Football Game
UW-Platteville vs. UW-Oshkosh
Saturday, Oct. 14 | 2 p.m. | Ralph E. Davis Pioneer Stadium

“M” Lighting
Saturday, Oct. 14 | 9 p.m. | Platte Mound

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