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► “He’s great. I am happy about it.”  
   *John Putnam ‘72*

► “I love it. I think it’s great. We have needed an identity like that for a long time.”  
   *Dave Allen ‘76 and ‘79*

► “I think it’s perfect. I watched online when the mascot was unveiled.”  
   *Teddy McNett ‘52 and ‘71*

**STUDENTS**

► “I love that Pioneer Pete brings back the university’s mining tradition. He’s awesome!”  
   *Jennifer Richardson, junior*

► “I love him!”  
   *Samantha Hamer, freshman*

► “I’m glad to finally have a face to represent our school. I really think it helps unify school spirit and gives students more fun ways to show it!”  
   *Shane Hicks, senior*

► “He is quite charming—a great new addition to the UW-Platteville family!”  
   *Hannah Shuler, sophomore*
Greetings,

The UW-Platteville Alumni Association has had a successful 2012. Some fun facts and successes:

- The Alumni Association hosted 45 events in 2012.
- The Alumni Association awarded $10,000 in scholarships for 2012.
- The first annual Evening in Monte Carlo event was hosted in Madison, Wis.
- The second annual Evening in Monte Carlo is being planned for April 27, 2013.
- UW-Platteville’s new mascot, Pioneer Pete, was unveiled at Homecoming 2012.
- The second annual Homecoming Hustle was a success with almost 100 participants.
- UW-Platteville currently has 44,706 living alumni located in all 50 states.
- Wisconsin is home to over 26,000 alumni.
- 3,132 alumni are part of the Alumni Association—1,834 are lifetime members.

Members are the heart of the Alumni Association and we want to help you and your fellow Pioneers stay connected to the university and each other; we need your help in order to achieve this. With only seven percent of alumni part of the association, there is room to grow. Please consider purchasing a membership today (see page 33 for membership card).

With many more activities and events to come, I look forward to seeing you and welcoming you into the association.

Wishing you good health and happiness in the New Year!

Forever. Pioneers.

Andrew R. Skwor ’01
President of the UW-Platteville Alumni Association
Greetings Pioneers,

It was wonderful to visit with many of you during Homecoming festivities in October. Celebrated since 1924, Homecoming is one of UW-Platteville’s most memorable, lasting traditions. This year, thousands of alumni, family, friends, students, faculty, and staff celebrated during Homecoming week.

The university continues to experience growth in enrollment, outreach efforts, infrastructure, and academic programming. This fall, undergraduate enrollment was up over 4.8 percent from fall 2011, with a total on-campus enrollment of more than 7,800 students. When graduate students were included, enrollment rose to more than 8,600.

Student responses to Rountree Commons have been overwhelmingly positive since it opened in August. Construction of Bridgeway Commons, our newest residence hall and dining facility, is well underway and will be completed by August 2013. Rountree Commons and this hall will help accommodate our students and ensure that more students are actively engaged in university campus life, which will increase retention and graduation rates. Both residence halls are the result of the combined efforts of the UW-Platteville Foundation and the UW-Platteville Real Estate Foundation.

I am especially excited about one of our new initiatives, Campus Read. Launched this fall, Campus Read is a program designed to engage the entire university campus as well as community members in a shared reading activity. The program facilitates discussion and learning and helps to broaden understanding of different people, cultures, and eras. The book chosen for the program was “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks,” written by Rebecca Skloot, which incorporates themes that touch on science, medicine, bioethics, human values, race, poverty, faith, gender, and capitalism.

The university takes pride in all of its athletic teams, three of which received national recognition this fall. The men’s soccer team captured the conference title and then won two NCAA Division III playoff games. The Sweet 16 appearance was the first in program history. The football team finished 8-2, its best record since 1976, and was ranked 13th in the final national polls. The men’s cross country team was ranked in the top 25 in the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association rankings. With such team success, Pioneer student-athletes also received weekly recognition from national media outlets such as NCAA.com and D3football.com and on the conference level from the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in various sports.

As we move forward, your continuing involvement and support is essential. I encourage you to join the Alumni Association and participate in special alumni events such as An Evening in Monte Carlo and Homecoming.

Alumni, students, faculty, staff—we are all members of the Pioneer family and are vital to the success of this university. I urge you to stay actively involved and welcome you to return to campus to attend a lecture, sporting event, or theatre or music performance. All of us, working together, can have an impact on the destiny of this exceptional university.

Every day is a great day to be a Pioneer!

Dennis J. Shields
Chancellor, UW-Platteville
Platteville snapshots

Second Street building ravaged by fire

Emergency personnel battled a blaze on Second Street in Platteville all day and into the evening in late August, weeks before the fall semester began. The fire consumed a building that housed several apartments and the Chicago’s Best restaurant, formerly known as Ted’s Place and Windsor Food & Spirits, located across the street from the V.F.W. and Brothers, formerly the Hoist House. Initially, the building was to be torn down because it appeared to be unsalvageable, but upon further review, the structure was saved.

The blaze, which started in a second-floor apartment, displaced 12 UW-Platteville students, although no one was injured. There was a tremendous outpouring of support from the surrounding community as many generously offered up replacements of items lost in the fire. The university was able to secure housing for those students who were displaced before the semester began. Chicago’s Best will be re-opened, according to owners Randy and Karen Grimes.

UW-Platteville to offer entrepreneurship minor

Beginning in the spring 2013 semester, students across all majors at UW-Platteville will be able to minor in entrepreneurship. The minor will complement any major and it will be available to all undergraduates.

“The new entrepreneurship minor will afford another opportunity for our students to be career-ready when they enter the workforce,” said UW-Platteville Chancellor Dennis J. Shields. “These students will learn skills they can utilize in any field, and if they are passionate about becoming an entrepreneur, this will give them the edge they need.”

A seven-member steering committee, which includes representatives from across campus, will be guiding the minor’s progression.

Steering committee member Dr. Susan Hansen, chair of the UW-Platteville Business and Accounting Department, expressed that the skills that will be learned in the entrepreneurship minor will not only be beneficial to students who start their own businesses, but they will also be attractive to potential employers as well. “Entrepreneurship happens within companies, too,” said Hansen. “Companies often want entrepreneurial-type people who can think outside of the box.”

New transportation options being offered

In an effort to help reduce the number of vehicles on campus, UW-Platteville began offering new transportation options this fall.

A shuttle service, which operates seven days a week, began Sept. 1. Routes and schedules can be found at www.uwplatt.edu/go/shuttle. The service is available to students, faculty, staff, and community members. The shuttle is funded through a $30 segregated fee for transportation from students. Staff and others can ride the shuttle for $1 per ride or $30 for a yearly pass. The shuttle is free for students with their university ID.

Seeking outstanding alumni

Please take the time to nominate a deserving alum for one of these prestigious awards.

Awards program nomination deadlines:
- College of EMS: March 15
- Athletic Hall of Fame: March 28
- College of BILSA: April 1
- College of LAE: April 30

For information on where to find nomination forms, please contact Alumni Services at 1.800.897.2586 or e-mail alumni@uwplatt.edu.
Bellinger-Delfeld tweets at White House

Dr. DeMisty Bellinger-Delfeld, ’00 alumna of the UW-Platteville English Program and Instructor in the UW-Platteville Humanities Department, was one of about 200 people selected for a Tweetup, or gathering of Twitter social media users, that was held on the White House grounds in Washington, D.C., during the broadcast of President Barack Obama’s 2012 State of the Union address.

Bellinger-Delfeld, who was visiting D.C. for the first time, said she was glad to be able to travel to the nation’s capital for the event, and extended her appreciation to a friend and fellow UW-Platteville alumna for letting her use her frequent flyer miles to alleviate the cost of transportation. Being there to hear the address made all the difference, Bellinger-Delfeld said.

“It was similar to the difference between watching a film in a movie theatre and watching it at home,” said Bellinger-Delfeld. “It was very much a spectator event, and being there with other people made it a lot more interesting and interactive.”

With a total of 80 tweets before, during, and after the hour-long event, Bellinger-Delfeld focused on veterans’ access to mental health care as well as education topics, such as the balance between student tuition costs and fair compensation for faculty and teaching staff.

Social media, Bellinger-Delfeld added, has not only changed how people get their news, but it has also made it much easier, and faster, for citizens to communicate with their government. —Barb Weinbrenner ’09

Bridgeway is underway

Progress continues on the newest residence hall and dining facility. Running parallel to Southwest Hall, the student-named Bridgeway Commons will feature 420 beds and enough dining space for 500. The residence hall/dining facility is scheduled to open in August 2013.
Playing puck for Matt
Tourney brings friends, family, and alumni together in memory of Matt Sisko

The ice hockey tournament brought more than skate bags to Altoona, Wis., last March. Hundreds of friends and family members descended on the Hobbs Altoona Sports Center to remember Matthew Sisko ’02 in a way he would have truly enjoyed: by playing some ice hockey.

“It’s a good memory of Matt; this is what he loved to do, and we all had a lot of fun,” said Rob Karsten ’02, former UW-Platteville Hockey Club team captain.

Sisko, an electrical engineering graduate and 2000–02 hockey club president, married his high school sweetheart Loni (Clay) ’04 after graduation and had two sons: Carter and Mason. Sisko worked for nine years at Energy Management Consultants LLC in Fennimore, Wis., as an electrical engineer and most recently for Affiliated Engineers Inc. in Madison, Wis. He passed away in November 2011 at the age of 32.

An alumni team formed for the event and scored some goals and had a lot of fun despite the sore muscles. For those who knew Sisko well, lacing up skates without him left a soreness all its own.

“Matt was a real good friend and that’s why I’m here,” said Karsten. “This was something that Matt would’ve really enjoyed and it’s unfortunate that I haven’t been able to play hockey with him in a while, and that bothered me while we were out there; this was probably the first time I’ve been associated with UW-Platteville hockey and Matt hasn’t been there.”

There was also a charity silent auction and raffle of items to help raise money for the family—an effort that resulted in more than $26,000.

“We knew the support was going to be great, but I never anticipated this; it was overwhelming,” said Jon Thorsen ’06, former club president. “I’m glad so many of us that played with Matt were able to support the Siskos this weekend. It was a privilege to represent the campus and our club.”

The second annual Sisko Memorial Tournament will be held on March 15–17. If you are interested in participating or learning more, contact clarki@uwplatt.edu. —Ian Clark ’09
WARGOWSKI GIVES LIFE TO DISNEY ANIMATION

Jim Wargowski ’86 is the Senior Media Engineer at Walt Disney Animation Studios in Burbank, Calif. Wargowski has spent 10 years with Walt Disney Animation Studios, previously working at different post production companies, digital effects houses, and in broadcasting.

As the senior media engineer at Walt Disney Studios, Wargowski is the lead of the media engineering group, which is in charge of designing and implementing the equipment systems used to edit and review images created in the animation studio, which includes managing Avid editorial suites, Pro Tools audio mixing suites, digital cinema review rooms and video displays throughout the studio building. “The media engineering group regularly pushes new technologies to their breaking point, and is actually able to influence manufacturers on the design of their products,” said Wargowski. “Disney constantly pushes technology forward, and with each movie we’re developing some new technology that the rest of the industry will latch on to.”

While at UW-Platteville, Wargowski worked at WSUP, UW-Platteville’s student-run radio station, and for TV-5, UW-Platteville’s television station, as a broadcast engineer. “The opportunities available at UW-Platteville in the mid-80s were fantastic,” said Wargowski. “We had a few great instructors in engineering and broadcast-

ing. In everything, we tried to make it as much like the real world as possible. Despite the changing industry landscape, quite a few people from my graduating class are still working in radio and television, and are very successful.”

After graduating, Wargowski moved to California, where he worked in television post production studios, helped edit music videos for Madonna, the Beastie Boys, and Stevie Ray Vaughan, and was a support engineer for the editorial staff of prime time TV shows. He also did some audio engineering, then joined a digital effects house, where he worked as a support engineer for the editorial staff on Star Trek: Nemesis. He then returned to television, working as a staff engineer at WUNC-TV in Raleigh, N.C. Wargowski joined the Walt Disney Animation Studios in 2002.

“It’s funny because as far as the entertainment industry goes, engineering overall is a somewhat thankless job, but I do get some incredible opportunities at Disney,” said Wargowski. “Not many people get to work on a product that a good portion of the world gets to see, and possibly, for better or for worse, becomes part of the world vocabulary and consciousness. I get to watch a project grow from a storyboard idea to a theatrical release, and seeing the world’s reaction is very, very satisfying.” —Molly Markley
Not only did UW-Platteville serve as the site for the 65th annual Alice in Dairyland Finals in May 2012, but a UW-Platteville graduate was selected as “Alice.”

Rochelle Ripp bested four other finalists to be named Alice in Dairyland. She earned an agribusiness degree in communications from UW-Platteville in 2009.

Ripp was active during her time at UW-Platteville. She was a member of the Pioneer volleyball team, National Agri-Marketing Association, and Student Ambassadors. “I took advantage of all the opportunities here, not only to better myself, but to prepare for the future because I knew I wanted to go out and do big things for agriculture,” she said.

“Alice” serves as a spokesperson for Wisconsin agriculture, working for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. She travels throughout Wisconsin, nationally, and internationally to promote Wisconsin products.

Ripp has embraced her role as the state’s agriculture ambassador. “It is such a joy meeting farmers and consumers of all ages across the state and helping them appreciate not only Wisconsin’s $59 billion agriculture industry, but all that those farmers are doing, especially this year with the weather not cooperating 100 percent,” she said.

“I am excited for her,” said Angela Udelhofen, a ’92 and ’01 alumna, who knows what it’s like to stand on the stage and hear her name called at the Alice in Dairyland finals.

Udelhofen, Assistant Chancellor for Admission and Enrollment Services at UW-Platteville, was named “Alice” in 1994 in Tomah, Wis. She also served as co-chair of the steering committee for the 2012 finals. “We were really excited to be offered the opportunity to host the 65th anniversary year,” she said.

Udelhofen was working toward a Master of Science in Agriculture Industries at UW-Platteville when she was selected. Leading up to the finals, Udelhofen practiced her interviewing technique with Barb Karrmann, Richard Schumacher, and Dr. John Cottingham, for whom she worked as a graduate assistant.
Being selected as “Alice” was a great opportunity for Udelhofen. “I traveled the state so intensely and met more people than I ever would have imagined. I learned so much about the state of Wisconsin and the people. The impact of agriculture and tourism on this state and the people in those industries is incredible. They work so hard and give back so much.”

UW-Platteville was a lead donor for the 2012 event. “It shows the university’s commitment to the agricultural industry, to southwest Wisconsin, and to Grant County,” said Udelhofen.

A crowd of approximately 250 people, including approximately 26 former “Alices,” attended the finals. The 64th “Alice,” Katie Wirkus, served as the mistress of ceremonies for the finals.

Grant County was the official host of the finals.

The first “Alice” was Margaret Blott McGuire of Highland, Wis. The first selection from Grant County was Jill Makovec of Montfort, Wis. in 2007.

Liz Henry of Dane, Wis., was selected as “Alice” in 1986, the last time the finals were held in Grant County. That event was also held at UW-Platteville.

—Dan Wackershauser ’97

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Alice in Dairyland Rochelle Ripp visits with Steve Kapellan, a judge at the Wisconsin State Fair Cheese and Butter Contest in June 2012.

Among her many responsibilities, Alice in Dairyland Rochelle Ripp promotes Wisconsin agriculture through the media.

Alice in Dairyland Rochelle Ripp speaks with UW-Platteville Chancellor Dennis J. Shields during a recent visit to campus.
Antarctica is the coldest, windiest, driest place on earth and has been called home by many biologists, glaciologists, geologists, oceanographers, atmospheric physicists, chemists, meteorologists, and several UW-Platteville alumni.

Six UW-Platteville alumni, each graduating at different times with different majors, have worked in the South Pole on a $280 million project, the IceCube Neutrino Observatory, for the National Science Foundation.

“Graduating from UW-Platteville means that you have been through a very diverse and rigorous program in the engineering field you’ve studied. Earning a degree from UW-Platteville doesn’t mean that you are limited to working in that geographical area. The possibilities are infinite,” said Jeanne Edwards, who graduated from UW-Platteville in 2004 with her bachelor’s in electrical engineering and was a part of IceCube from November 2004 to January 2005.

IceCube is primarily a physics collaboration, but requires engineering components. Engineers are vital for this operation. They build equipment such as the hot water drill used to carve large holes approximately 1.5 miles deep into the ice and build new computerized telescopes called Digital Optical Modules that are placed in these holes to detect tiny particles called neutrinos.

Since neutrinos are nearly massless and are electrically neutral, they are capable of passing through most matter, including the earth. This makes them excellent messengers that travel from the edges of the universe and stream through the ice at the South Pole that houses the IceCube Neutrino Observatory.

“It was remarkable to learn and understand the science aspect of this project. I learned how physicists are looking at parts of space that hadn’t been explored before and exploring the universe by studying neutrinos,” said Brian Pechan, who graduated from UW-Platteville in 2002 in mechanical engineering and was part of IceCube from 2003-05. Pechan worked with the manufacturing of the sensors and hardware used in the creating of the DOMs.

Because neutrinos are nearly impossible to detect, scientists needed a large volume of area that is very dark and still. They chose the South Pole as the perfect platform for their telescope.

The goals of the project are to examine the properties of neutrinos, learn about violent astrophysical events such as...
as exploding stars, gamma ray bursts, cosmic rays and determine galactic sources of ultra-high cosmic rays.

Work on the project for many people is between November and February. “Everyone thinks about the South Pole being cold and dry, but the thing that is not mentioned is the elevation that you are working at. You are working at an altitude of 10,000 feet. It’s taxing to catch your breath and the work becomes physically demanding even for those who are in great shape,” said Michael Kleist, who graduated from UW-Platteville in 2003, double majoring in engineering physics and mathematics, and is a part of IceCube.

IceCube is operated by the International IceCube Collaboration which includes 39 institutions from 11 countries.

IceCube was preceded by a smaller detector project called the Antarctic Muon and Neutrino Detector Array from 1992–2000. “While I was earning my first undergraduate degree in physics at UW-Madison, I worked on the AMANDA project. AMANDA was a proof of concept experiment which grew into a larger project that is now called IceCube,” said Edwards.

In May 2004, the U.S. Science Board approved the IceCube project and in May 2005, UW-Madison and the National Science Foundation built IceCube and began studying.

UW-Madison is the lead institution for this project. “IceCube is the second largest federally funded project given to a university,” said Tim Murray, who graduated from UW-Platteville in 2002 with an electrical engineering degree and has been involved with IceCube since 2005. Murray assisted in the design and implementation of the cable system connecting the DOMs.

“This project demonstrates that Wisconsin has the educational facilities and students who are capable of completing a project of this magnitude,” said Jerry Marty, a 1969 UW-Platteville industrial technology graduate. “Wisconsin students have the talent for projects that are extremely complex and have never been done before in the most inhospitable locations on earth.”

All of the alumni who worked on the IceCube project at the South Pole attributed their success to the education they received at UW-Platteville. Learn more about the IceCube project and the people involved on Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 7 p.m. in Ullsvik Hall on the UW-Platteville campus.

“I will be looking forward to being together with the other UW-Platteville alumni. It will be interesting to see how our experiences differ and how the passing time has changed how we reflect on our experience,” said Darrell Hamilton, a 1979 UW-Platteville agriculture mechanization graduate. —Eileen McGuine ’11

Cool facts

• The world’s lowest temperature of -128 degrees F was recorded in Antarctica.
• The average time to drill a hole for IceCube is approximately 48 hours.
• The average depth of an IceCube hole is 2,452 meters (1.5 miles).
• The average amount of fuel used to drill each hole is approximately 4,800 gallons.
• The weight of the hose used for the drill is 25,000 pounds.
• The center of Antarctica is the largest desert in the world.

provided by http://icecube.wisc.edu
On Aug. 11, 2012, over 100 people gathered in Ullsvik Hall for the grand opening of UW-Platteville’s North American Manx Museum. After Chancellor Dennis J. Shields’ remarks, Robert Kelly, a generous benefactor of the Manx Museum, cut the ribbon and the museum was officially open.

The North American Manx Museum is dedicated to the Manx, a group that immigrated to North America in the mid-1800s from the Isle of Man, located in the Irish Sea between Ireland and Scotland. The nearest Manx settlement in southwest Wisconsin was at Laxey, a farming area about six miles northwest of Mineral Point, Wis.

Located within UW-Platteville’s museum, the North American Manx Museum is the latest in museum design. Inside the museum, the story of the Manx in North America is illustrated on the walls, including a large 1880s map showing the trade and immigration routes from the British Isles to North America and panels with photographs of both the Isle of Man and Laxey.

Also featured is UW-Platteville Art Lecturer Bruce Howdle’s relief sculpture of Laxey Church. Built in 1855, Laxey Church was the only church in North America constructed completely by Manx immigrants. Next to this are four panels that chronicle the John and Elizabeth Beck family, a Manx family that emigrated from the Isle of Man. John, a lumberman, was able to send his son James to the Platteville Normal School. James eventually became a dentist. His 1920s foot-powered dentist drill is displayed nearby.

The museum also displays various Manx artifacts: an 1860 Isle of Man grandfather clock; an 1819 Manx language Bible; 1910 shoe repair tools and business ledger of David Kelly, a shoe salesman in Dodgeville, Wis.; and a portable hand-carved Manx writing desk. UW-Platteville student Corey Jenny contributed several relief sculptures of Isle of Man scenes.

The North American Manx Museum is located next to the Southwest Wisconsin Room in Ullsvik Hall and is open five days a week, Monday and Wednesday–Friday from 9 a.m.–4 p.m., and Tuesdays from noon–8 p.m. —James Hibbard
Teacher becomes the student

In one new teacher’s words

There’s an old saying that goes, “The student becomes the teacher.” However, there is one part that’s often left out, and I realized this missing part in my first year of teaching: more often than not, the teacher becomes the student. There are countless times when teaching that I clarified my own confusion, learned through a mistake, realized through reflection, and improved because I learned. Therefore, it is vitally important, as teachers, that we ditch the myth that we are done learning and embrace the fact that there will be times when the teacher becomes the student.

I am a second-year teacher in a new position, teaching seventh and eighth grade language arts in southwestern Wisconsin. There are several things I’ve learned in the past year. One is that a classroom of students will not tell you that you have spaghetti sauce all over the right side of your cheek. Instead of telling you, they will giggle, make shifty eye contact with one another, and tell everybody within a three-locker radius after class, but they will not tell you. If you have not surmised by now, I was that teacher. Lesson learned.

On a more serious note (although it was a serious amount of spaghetti sauce), I also learned that I need to be open minded enough and willing enough to learn from my students. I also need to accept that some of the things they are going to teach me are not going to be fun. I’ve realized that when it’s a learn-learn situation, it simultaneously becomes a win-win situation. Luckily, for every tough lesson they teach me, they will also teach me that I can make a difference and that I do matter.

Attending UW-Platteville provided me with opportunities to start this ever-growing, ever-changing learning process. I was able to take an active role in my learning rather than a passive seat in the back of the class, network and meet new people—people that have become best friends—through my on-campus jobs, and establish relationships with my professors so that they became more than just teachers, but also mentors. I was able to enjoy Macho Nachos at the Pioneer Haus. All right, that might not have helped me in the learning process, but there is no denying that those were a part of my college experience and a delicious one at that. All of these experiences equipped me with the tools necessary to go into my first year of teaching ready to teach and, as important, ready to learn.

Teachers teach so that students can learn the lessons and transfer that learning into real-world experiences. It’s when that transfer takes place that the student becomes the teacher. All of these experiences and all of these students have shown me that education is a never-ending circle. Regardless of diplomas or degrees, learning is an intricate part of life.

—Molly Finkenbinder ’11

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Before an energetic Homecoming Yell volleyball crowd, UW-Platteville unveiled an updated and stylized version of Pioneer Pete, giving the university an official mascot for the first time in at least two decades. The students responded with chants of “Pioneer Pete! Pioneer Pete!”

“The university is proud to announce this mascot, which embodies the true Pioneer spirit from which our great institution was founded,” said UW-Platteville Chancellor Dennis J. Shields. “We have combined our Pioneer name with our strong mining history in coming up with a representative mascot.”

Pioneer Pete was created after a 2011 survey in which nearly 5,000 students, faculty, staff, and alumni participated. The Pioneer and the miner both scored a 90 percent favorable rank in almost every question. The other finalists, the dog and horse options, both were below 30 percent. The UW-Platteville Image Committee, with 14 females and 12 males representing 14 different constituencies, worked with Torch Creative Inc. to design the new mascot, which features a determined character with a blue helmet and pick axe and dressed in an orange shirt and blue pants. The mascot replaces the curved “UWP” that the athletic department had used.

At least six mascot committees had previously tried to come up with a replacement for older versions of Pioneer Pete, whose old western and unkept appearance was deemed outdated in the late 1980s. Contrary to long-standing beliefs that derailed previous mascot efforts, 92 percent of the 1,964 female respondents found both the Pioneer and miner to be “non-offensive.”

—Paul Erickson
An iconic symbol of the mining tradition and the history of UW-Platteville marked its 75th anniversary in 2012. The world’s largest “M,” located on the Platte Mound four miles northeast of the city of Platteville, has served to help identify the university throughout the years.

Wisconsin Mining School students Raymond “Pat” Medley ’37 and Alvin Knoerr ’37 stomped a large “M” in heavy snow on the Platte Mound in 1936.

The following spring, a classmate of Knoerr suggested they construct a stone “M.” Another student suggested they make it the largest “M” in the country.

The school obtained permission from landowner William Snow to construct the “M,” which is 241 feet high and 214 feet wide.

Shortly after beginning the project, H.B. Morrow, director of the Wisconsin Mining School, approved a field day
for students to help construct the "M." Those students used picks, crowbars, and wheelbarrows to move an estimated 400 tons of limestone to form the "M."

The "M" was completed in the fall of 1937.

The original "M" design was based on the monogram of the Wisconsin Mining School in 1936.

The "M" garnered national fame in the May 23, 1949 edition of *Life* magazine. The multi-page spread highlighted the lighting of the "M" and compared it to others throughout the country.

MTV featured the "M" in November 1987 as 650 students gathered to complete the music television's logo on the mound.

The "M" was also instrumental in influencing the selection of Platteville as the site for Disney's Mickey's Hometown Parade on July 4, 1998. To boost their chances at being selected, members of the Platteville Jaycees recruited approximately 250 people who dressed in black and formed Mickey Mouse's ears at the "M."

Following Snow's death, the 90 acres became the property of L.R. Clausen. He donated the property to the Wisconsin State College and Institute of Technology. In 1971, the name changed to the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

The land remains under the ownership of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, and the property was later named Clausen Park.

The Platteville Mound is one mile long and approximately one-half mile wide, 150 feet high and 450 feet above the city at the summit of the hill.

The "M" is maintained by VECTOR, a student organization on campus consisting of representatives of organizations within the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science. —Dan Wackershauser ’97

**FACTS AT A GLANCE**

- An "M" is the official symbol for the "miners" of the Wisconsin Institute of Technology, formerly the Wisconsin Mining School and currently the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.
- Platte Mound is 150 feet high and rises an estimated 400 feet above the city of Platteville, is one mile long and one half mile wide. It is about five miles from campus.
- Total area of the "M" exceeds one acre and is approximately 24,000 square feet in area.
- The "M" is built on a 45-degree slope of the Platte Mound and can be seen from high points in Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin.
- The legs are about 241 feet high and 214 feet apart. Each leg is 45 feet at the base and 25 feet wide at the center.
Snowy Memorial Park as spring approaches.
In May of 2011, Joe Nolan ’07 received a phone call that would take him on a whirlwind roller coaster ride of hope and risk over the next year and a half. The news: the kidney that his dad had received in 1985 from his sister was going to fail.

“At first, my parents did not want my brother and I to donate,” Nolan said. “But after we all talked it over, my brother Matt and I decided that we would both attempt to donate a kidney to Dad.”

The following months were filled with a myriad of test work as family, friends, and even church parishioners came forward to see if their blood work would be a direct match.

“Throughout that time, Dad’s kidney function was getting worse and worse,” Nolan said. “We couldn’t find anybody who was able to match closely enough to do a direct donation. Dad was on a deceased donor list, which can take up to two and a half years to find a donor.”

The Nolan family knew that they were running out of options for effective treatment. It was during this time that Matt and Joe decided that they would enter into the paired kidney exchange program with their dad. In this program, hospitals matched pairs of people from around the country based on people they could find that were direct matches.

“Some moments in this journey made you feel really great, and at other moments, fear, doubt, and worry would creep in,” said Nolan. “But the support that I received from my friends, my family, and my wife Kim was amazing.”

RISK AND HOPE
One family’s journey of kidney donation and recovery

Joe and Kim ’08 Nolan
After a period of anxious waiting, Nolan received word from the transplant center in May 2012 that they had found a match and he and his dad would be part of a five donor, five recipient chain. The surgery was scheduled for June, less than a month away.

“The night before the operation was the hardest night of our lives,” Nolan said. “All the buildup of emotions bubbled over for both of us. We always kept positive, but everything we were feeling poured out at that point.”

Post-surgery found Nolan in recovery and his kidney on an express flight to New York where it would help a 25-year-old man. In the afternoon of the same day, his father underwent his surgery from the kidney of a 28-year-old donor on the East Coast. Both surgeries were successful and without complications, and his father’s transplanted organ is very healthy and functioning very well, according to Nolan.

“Throughout growing up, I could always count on my parents to be there for me,” Nolan said. “I couldn’t imagine watching my dad live on kidney dialysis for the rest of his life. He’s my father; I couldn’t imagine not donating if I were able.” —Angela O’Brien

Kim and Joe Nolan, brother Matt, and their parents.

Hockey club update:

Coming off an impressive 2011-12 season (15-5-2), the hockey club’s plan to expand for the 2012-13 season was realized. With 37 players, the club split into two teams, providing even more opportunities for people to play.

The club also plans to continue hosting an annual alumni game at the end of every season. For more information on how to be a part of this season’s game, contact Coach Adam Nelson ’08 at nelsona@uwphockey.org.
The Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference is celebrating 100 years of history, tradition, and success during 2012–13. Three UW-Platteville legends were inducted into the first-ever WIAC Hall of Fame class including Rob Jeter, Bo Ryan, and Patricia Collins.

“UW-Platteville has been a part of this elite conference that has had more national championships than any other conference in DIII,” said Athletic Director Mark Molesworth.

The WIAC is comprised of nine universities. Since its inception in 1913, the WIAC has claimed 94 NCAA Division III championships.

“The administration and coaches are the big reasons the WIAC has been able to sustain such a high level of success. The schools in the WIAC do not operate under a win-or-get-fired mentality and the approach to athletics as part of the overall curriculum is a healthy one. The level of success speaks for itself,” said Ryan.

The ceremony was held in August 2012 and also honored 15 UW-Platteville alumni who were selected for WIAC all-time teams.

A pioneer of women’s athletics during the late ’60s and early ’70s, Collins positively impacted the history of athletics for women in Wisconsin. She began women’s athletics at UW-Platteville in 1966 and served as UW-Platteville’s first women’s athletic director. Collins was one of the women who began the Wisconsin Women’s Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, established in 1971.

Collins, who is equally proud of her teaching as her athletic accomplishments, was inducted into the UW-Platteville Arts and Letters Hall of Fame in October 2012.

"WIAC teams' success is due to the combination of great coaches and support from the Wisconsin communities,” said Jeter, a member of UW-Platteville’s men’s basketball team who led the squad to the 1991 NCAA Division III national title and an All-WSUC first team selection in 1990 and 1991.

“I’m proud to represent both UW-Platteville and the WIAC conference,” said Ryan, UW-Platteville’s head men’s basketball coach from 1985–99, with four NCAA Division III national titles and eight conference first-place finishes. “There is a high level of respect for UW-Platteville and the WIAC.”

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The Athletic Hall of Fame welcomed three new members on Dec. 1, 2012. These inductees were chosen for outstanding athletic performance as students and extensive contributions to UW-Platteville athletics.

John Schmidt entered the Hall of Fame for his outstanding achievements in men’s track and field in the high jump. Schmidt was a four-year letter winner and co-captain for UW-Platteville for the 1995 and 1996 teams. A multiple qualifier for NCAA Division III Championships, Schmidt was a two-time all-American, finishing third at the NCAA Division III indoor championships in 1996 and eighth for the outdoor championships. Schmidt was the WSUC high jump champion in 1994 and 1995. He still co-holds the school record of 6 feet 9 and 3/4 inches with Mike Gratz and Ace McCarty.

As a member of the UW-Platteville women’s track and field team, Tammie (Corley) Fick captured 26 school records between 1994 and 1995. Fick was also a four-year letter winner and co-captain in the 1994-95 season. She was an NCAA Division III All-American in the 100 meter dash in 1995 and was a three-time national championship participant. Fick was named to the U.S. Track and Field Coaches Association All-Academic Team in 1995. She was highly recognized in the WWIAC and earned UW-Platteville Woman of the Year Award for the 1994-95 academic year.

Dr. Michael Viney ’74 and ’79 twice served as interim athletic director and directly oversaw Pioneer athletic programs as vice chancellor for Student Affairs. He was a member of the management team that assisted in the construction of the stadium renovation, new outdoor track, fitness center, baseball field, softball field, new gym floor, and bleachers. Viney aided in the growth of staff and increased funding for the athletic department. He also served as the master of ceremonies for the Athletic Honors Banquet for 15 years.

—Eileen McGuine ’11

UW-Platteville alumni inducted into the WIAC all-time teams include Merrill Brunson ’02 and Ben Hoffmann ’98, men’s basketball; Ryan Kleimenhagen ’05 and Tyler Sigl ’09, men’s cross country; Chris Charnish ’72 and Michael Hintz ’88, football; B.J. Gottschlich ’11 and Jim Jianette ’85, men’s soccer; Tom Olson ’69, men’s swimming; Paul Conlin ’93, Kleimenhagen, Chip Schneider ’98 and Sigl, men’s track and field; and Marcia Taddy ’09 and Keri (Wells) Meverden ’99, women’s track and field.
Kari Nuszkiewicz, a single mother of four, was struggling to find the time to pursue a graduate program that held a deeper meaning to her as a victim of domestic violence.

“I dedicated myself to obtaining knowledge that would keep my daughters and myself safe. But more importantly, I found the resources to prevent other women and children from going through the same experience or guide them if they had,” she said.

Already holding a bachelor’s degree in child psychology, Nuszkiewicz earned a master’s degree in criminal justice with an emphasis in victim and offender services in 2012 through UW-Platteville Online. She and the 1,000 graduates before her are the reason that throughout its 35-year history, UW-Platteville’s Distance Learning Center has stayed true to its belief that working adults should be able to advance their education without putting their lives on hold.

“Many of our students spend as much time in a car or airplane as they do at home,” said Dawn Drake ’83, Executive Director of Alternative Delivery Systems at UW-Platteville, “and they’re entitled to pursue a degree of the highest quality.”

UW-Platteville helps students achieve their goals through a variety of scholarships. Nuszkiewicz earned the $500 Dawn Drake Excellence in Distance Education Scholarship that recognizes the important role that distance education has played in Drake’s life. It also signifies the sacrifices distance learners make to successfully juggle their education, career, and family.

“I put a lot of effort into my studies with the hope of obtaining the scholarship, making my daughters proud, and easing the financial burden of school,” Nuszkiewicz said. “There are many grants available to single mothers who return to school for bachelor’s degrees. However, there aren’t many opportunities for those who have accomplished that, yet find it necessary to move forward to pursue a master’s degree.”

For more information, visit www.GoUWP.com, call 1.800.362.5460, or e-mail disted@uwplatt.edu.
—Denise LaBudda
The name David Herro and the word “success” go hand in hand. The UW-Platteville alumnus is known worldwide as a master investor.

Recently featured in Fortune magazine, Herro manages $26 billion, working at Harris Associates as a Chief Investment Officer of International Investing and Portfolio Manager. He attributes his professional development to his experience at UW-Platteville. “My four years at UW-Platteville were the instrument in making me who I am today,” said Herro.

“Economics professors like Dr. John Simonson and Dr. Bushra Migally were two mentors who got me interested in economic theory,” said Herro.

A 1983 UW-Platteville graduate with a business economics comprehensive degree, Herro went on to UW-Milwaukee to pursue his doctorate with the intention of teaching economics on a collegiate level. He never finished and left with his master’s degree in economics. “My very first job was in Des Moines, Iowa, with Principal Financial Group, then called Bankers Life. They were a mutual life insurance company who wanted to get into international equity investing,” said Herro. “I started their international investment program and in 1987 they gave me $20 million to invest. At the time, I couldn’t believe they gave me that much. That was really my big break.”

After three years in Des Moines, Herro was recruited by the state of Wisconsin Investment Board to get Wisconsin into international investing. “They wanted to put 10 percent of its equity assets overseas. I initiated their international group,” said Herro.

In 1992, he was hired by Harris Associates in Chicago where he began the Oak Mark International fund, which started from zero and now boasts $9.5 billion in assets. “There are very few funds with the same manager with a successful record for this long of time. For that, I am extremely proud,” said Herro.

“The best reason to invest overseas is to have greater access to undervalued companies. Why limit yourself to just one stock market? When you buy anything from a car to a washing machine, rarely is just one retailer visited. The same should be true for your investments,” he told moneymasters.com.

Herro’s advice to other alumni who would like to invest in equity vehicles or mutual funds is to “not get consumed by day-to-day, week-to-week or month-to-month price movements because you are investing in little pieces of businesses. The business value is often quite stable, but the price of those businesses is not. Do not worry about big day-to-day price movements. Invest for the long haul.”

“Also, look for quality managers or quality businesses that are out of favor for short-term reasons. Buying quality at a low price and investing for the long term is the recipe to make money,” said Herro. —Eileen McGuine ’11
Each year, the UW-Platteville College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture; College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science; and College of Liberal Arts and Education Alumni Chapters hold recognition banquets to honor outstanding alumni, recognize the achievements of faculty and staff, and express appreciation for the dedication of friends.

Each LAE recipient is photographed with their nominator. Pictured are: 1. Julie Julius ’96 with Elizabeth Gates; 2. Roxanne Sundin ’74 and David Allen ’76; 3. Darlene Masters and Paula Schuenberg of Family Advocates with Elizabeth Gates; 4. Pat Collins with Walter Iselin; and 5. Evelyn Martens with Teresa Burns, Melissa Gormley, and Laura Beadling.

Pictured left to right: Ryan Weigel ’96, Bruce Kroll ’89, Stuart Chipres ’99, Nancy Weygant Berg ’80, Rochelle Ripp ’09, Dr. Andy Walton, Cathi Walton, and Dr. Robert Walton

Pictured left to right: Robert Stenstrom, ’75, Civil Engineer; Roy Shaver, Faculty Emeritus; Robert Hansen, Faculty Emeritus
Alumni enjoy free apple cider doughnuts from the UW-Platteville Alumni Association and warm beverages before the parade.

UW-Platteville Alumni Association and SNAP Fitness Homecoming Hustle

UW-Platteville Rangerette Reunion with current members

UW-Platteville Criminal Justice Reunion included a Q&A panel

UW-Platteville Student Ambassador Reunion

Face painting at Homecoming luncheon
In the fall 2012 issue, we asked for your best “M” memories, and you responded. Want to submit one of your own? We’ll publish them in future issues.

I’ve had the privilege of admiring our historic, unique “M” my entire life. It is an integral part of my childhood, when it was singularly pristine and bold adorning the mound unaccompanied by today’s homes, steps, and towers that have slowly encroached. As a Platteville native, my family and guests would often drive out, climb halfway up and just sit and stare at the infinite horizon with miles of countryside landmarks and individual farms on the landscape. So much of southwest Wisconsin’s history has been lost to development but [the “M”] still proclaims and reminds us of our mining heritage and the absolute beauty of the counties where it resides.

My childhood in Platteville was filled with many unparalleled adventures, but the “M” has served as a source of pride and beacon and beckons me to 85 W. Madison, where my late mom, Zelma, would greet me, traveling from Madison, Wis.; Green Bay, Wis.; Cincinnati, Ohio; or Peoria, Ill. Summer and winter it would be my landmark and I still get shivers from its grandeur. The “M” will remain forever in my heart and mind as it does with countless citizens and UW-Platteville alumni.

Submitted by Carolyn Schuldt ’64, English Lifetime member of the UW-Platteville Alumni Association and former Alumni Association board member
At this point I’m not sure if the event being related took place in the fall of 1946 or the spring of 1947, but at any rate, the war was over and many newly married veterans, including me, were back in school. A temporary housing area for the married students filled the old Teacher’s College football field with government trailers, relocated to Platteville from the [Badger Ordnance Works] in Baraboo, Wis. Under the direction of Russell Davidson, the city Director of Public Works, a mixed team of Mining School and Teacher’s College veterans spent the summer of ‘46 building walkways and a laundry house, plus winterizing the trailers. It is likely that not a single one of the teacher and miner residents of the trailer camp would have ever thought that some day the two schools would be one. In fact, only four years before, the miners had been accused of blowing up the Teacher’s College goalposts with dynamite the night before their Homecoming; and earlier in 1946 there had been an incident involving an airplane belonging to the Teacher’s College. One evening the airplane somehow wound up in the middle of East Main Street. But when messengers from the team of miners working at Platte Mound to ready the world’s biggest “M” for lighting that night reached the camp with word that “vandals” had kicked over most of the oil-can lights and spilled the kerosene, the news spread from trailer to trailer in minutes. In less time than it takes to tell this story, two convoys of pick-ups and other vehicles had been organized and were on their way, bearing teams of both teachers and miners. One convoy headed for local businesses to pick up empty oil cans; the other headed directly to Platte Mound with a supply of kerosene. From a near disaster, the situation became a classic example of friendship, cooperation, and fraternity, and to this day forms my best memory of the “M”—lit by a team of united veterans in a moment of triumph!

Submitted by Alfred “Skip” Harvey ’47, Mining
1959


1962


1965

Math graduate Jane Howell is currently serving on the board of directors of the newly organized Wisconsin Mathematics Education Foundation, whose mission is to support excellence in mathematics education for students and teachers in the state of Wisconsin. Howell taught math at Platteville Middle School from 1965 to 1999.

1969

Steven Mitschele, English alumnus with a minor in journalism, recently completed a master’s degree in English literature and literary theory at the University of Kansas. He currently works as a substitute teacher in Topeka, Kan., and serves as a volunteer GED tutor for reading skills at the women’s correctional facility there.

1975

The National Association of Professional Women named sociology graduate Mary Albert-Fritz Woman of the Year in 2012. Albert-Fritz resides in Brighton, Ill., where she specializes in family law and estate planning and is an active member in numerous professional organizations.

1976

In June 2012, sociology alumnus Ken Pazdernik had his book published. *The Secret Bigotry of Liberalism* is an analysis of liberal political ideology.

1977

The new Principal and Chief Academic Officer at the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy is sociology and psychology alumna Diana Sharp. She began her duties on July 1, 2012, after holding several leadership roles at Harper College in Palatine, Ill., University of Illinois at Chicago, UW-Madison, Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis., and other institutions.

1978

Stanley L. Welton, civil engineering alumnus, was promoted in August 2012 to Principal in the Denver, Colo., office of international engineering firm Thornton Tomasetti.

Criminal justice alumnus Michael Payne has served as a Deputy Medical Examiner with the Racine County Medical Examiner’s Office for the past two years after retiring from the Racine Police Department after 30 years of service.

1980

Criminal justice graduate Brian M. Bopes, who has been employed as Juvenile Court Officer III for the state of Iowa for 30 years, was recently promoted to the position of Juvenile Court Officer IV. He will supervise both the Clinton and Jackson County offices of Juvenile Court.

**ATTENTION, COACHES:** The John Barth Foundation would like to honor all UW-Platteville alumni conference champion coaches at its annual breakfast, held in Madison during the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletics Association boys state basketball tournament during March. For more information on the breakfast, e-mail Jim Meyers at jjumeyers@aol.com.
1981

Gary Goldberg, mining engineering major, has been promoted to President and Chief Operating Officer of Newmont Mining in Greenwood Village, Colo. He is responsible for worldwide operations, projects, health, safety and loss prevention, security, solutions and innovation, and business excellence.

Perry Hubert, a civil engineering major, has worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers his entire career in positions of increasing responsibility. He is currently the Chief of the Engineering and Construction Division of the Corps’ South District in Kandahar, Afghanistan, where he is responsible for overseeing a $700 million program to improve the infrastructure and security of Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. Hubert is a registered Professional Engineer in Wisconsin.

1984

Broadcasting alumnus David Weigel was honored with EMD Serono’s 2011 President’s Standing Sales and Leadership as well as global 2011 SHINE award for Outstanding Sales Excellence. EMD Serono is the biopharmaceutical division of Merck KGaA of Darmstadt, Germany, where Weigel is a Key Account Manager in New England.

1988

Physical education major Scott Arneson was inducted into the George Martin Hall of Fame in October 2012. The hall of fame recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the sport of wrestling.

1990

Criminal justice graduate Kristy De Blaey was recently appointed to the newly created position of Communications Manager at the Sheboygan County Sheriff’s Office, where she has direct oversight of the dispatch center. Prior to this position, she spent 22 years in the patrol division as a deputy, corporal, and sergeant.

2012-13 UW-Platteville Alumni Association Membership Campaign

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1995

Greg Monson, industrial technology management major, brings over 18 years of manufacturing, continuous improvement, and leadership experience to his new position at Flambeau Inc. as an Operation Manager of the Baraboo, Wis., injection molding facility. He lives in Reedsburg, Wis., with his wife, Alison, and their children, Brock, Danika, and Caleb, and volunteers as a coach for the Reedsburg Youth Football program.

1996

Political science alumnus Todd J. Schmidt was chosen as In Business magazine’s Professional of the Week for his work as village administrator and economic development director of the village of Waunakee, Wis.

1997

Jennifer Bennerotte, technical communication management graduate, was named the 2012 Edina Business Person of the Year by the Edina Chamber of Commerce. She is Communications and Technology Services Director for the city of Edina, Minn., where she has worked since 2000 and where she oversees the city’s communication and information technology staff and projects.

Fond du Lac, Wis., resident and psychology alumnus Darin M. Preston had his book published in November 2011. Sequence 77 is contemporary fiction that delves into the realms of history and scientific technology.

1998

Suzi (Yenchsky) and Rich Hemler, ’06, were married on May 19, 2012. Suzi is the District Administrative Assistant for the Portage Community School District. Rich is a Technology Education Teacher and SkillsUSA Advisor at Portage High School.

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1999

Geography and German alumna Virginia Emmons McNaught was one of 30 national finalists for the White House Fellows Class of 2012-13. The fellowship is the nation’s most prestigious program for leadership and public service.

2000

Melissa Sternhagen, civil engineering and Spanish graduate, was the 2012 recipient of the Clemson University College of Engineering and Science Byars Prize for Excellence in Teaching Engineering Fundamentals. An anonymous quote from one of her nomination letters states, “The degree to which Professor Sternhagen’s teaching skills have assisted Clemson students has been incalculable.”

2001 and 2002

Adam Draeger ’02 and Erin (Rischette) Draeger ’01, both engineering physics graduates, moved to Arvada, Colo., in April 2011. Erin joined Raytheon Corporation and is currently the Human Systems Integration Team Lead for the GPS OCX program. Adam left the engineering field to pursue professional brewing and is currently Head Brewer for the Yak & Yeti Restaurant and Brewpub in Arvada. Their children are Julia, Raven, and Anna.

2004

Jennie Hartzheim, early childhood/elementary education alumna, is now the First Year Experience Coordinator at UW-La Crosse.

2007

In summer 2012, early childhood/elementary education alumnus Shawn Zeeh wrote, illustrated, and published his children’s book, Tucker Farm, Under the Big Top, which tells the story of farm animals who go in search of greener pastures only to discover that the grass is not always greener on the other side.
1931 Helen Mellor, Platteville, Wis.
1937 Lawrence A. Roe, Madison, Wis.
1938 Aletha E. Myers, Barneveld, Wis.
1939 Ruth A. (Thompson) Hanson, Onalaska, Wis.
1940 Charlotte Dempsey, Fennimore, Wis.
Mary L. Berglund, Middleton, Wis.
1942 Lois E. (Bowers) Rens, Watertown, Wis.
1944 Rachel M (Walter) Abplanalp, Mount Horeb, Wis.
1946 Avis V. Lawinger, Weston, Wis.
1947 Chester Majeski, Green Bay, Wis.
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1949 Alice Manning, Rock Island, Ill.
Donald C. Sewall, Hillsboro, Texas
1950 Owen Ayres, Eau Claire, Wis.
Richard G. Wainwright, New Glarus, Wis.
1951 L.J. Leitl, Platteville, Wis.
1953 Edward B. Westphal, Yukon, Okla.
1954 Joseph Todd, Tomah, Wis.
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1959 Philip Jeske, Clintonville, Wis.
1960 Edmund Erickson, Chetek, Wis.
Bonnie G. Gift, Fennimore, Wis.
1961 George A. More, Cincinnati, Ohio
1962 Irene F. (Otani) Nishida, Kula, Hawaii
1963 James C. Knox, Madison, Wis.
1964 James G. Belongia, West Bend, Wis.
Ronnie G. Brandt, Green Bay, Wis.
Shirley Mae McKy Garner, Richland Center, Wis.
1965 John M. Taylor, St. Petersburg, Fla.
Donald L. Julson, Lake Mills, Wis.
1966 Pauline (Bernice) Faulkner, Ontario, Wis.
1967 Jack Murdough, Greendale, Wis.
Donald N. Reinke, Canyon Country, Calif.
1968 Candace I. Sedgwick, Platteville, Wis.
Sharon Callaway, Stevens Point, Wis.
1969 Helen Marie Peirnot, DeForest, Wis.
1971 Steven W. Abing, Rock Falls, Wis.
Craig C. Chitwood, North Fond du Lac, Wis.
Larry S. Smith, Redwood City, Calif.
Steve A. Clark, Neenah, Wis.
1972 Monte C. Hamilton, Schaumburg, Ill.
1973 Donald Ferris, Sun Lakes, Ariz.
William C. Steva, Postville, Iowa
Daniel W. Bennett, Jackson, Wis.
1974 John “Tim” Helgeson, Reedsburg, Wis.
1975 Harley Monson, Hayward, Wis.
Mary Nash, Prairie du Chien, Wis.
1979 Gail M. (Halverson) Rhoades, Denver, Colo.
Sandra Levey, Soap Lake, Wash.
1981 Gary L. Jessen, Platteville, Wis.
Donald Braun, Rosselle, Ill.
1982 Bobette A. (Becker) Sajion, Zimmerman, Minn.
1987 David J. Schonhoff, Reeseville, Wis.
1991 Stewart M. Burdick, Madison, Wis.
1995 Wendy K. Garrity, Prairie du Chien, Wis.
1999 Orville “Obie” Eells, South Wayne, Wis.
2005 Kevin D. Schaefer, Madison, Wis.
2010 Alan N. Sulzer, Madison, Wis.

Lost Alumni Those people listed as “Lost Alumni” either graduated from or attended what we now know as UW-Platteville.
If you have an address or contact information for any of the alumni listed below, please contact Alumni Services at 1.800.897.2586 or send an e-mail to alumni@uwplatt.edu.

1970 James Becker • Kathleen Casey • Ann Chitwood • Eric Cummins • Claire (Uphoff) Eggum • Thelma Gempeler • Kamal Gidwani • James Haagenson • Dennis Hafer • Lorraine Hanson • James Kress • Diana (Reed) Mendenhall • Isao Minami • Allan Motter • Donna (Whalen) O’Donal • Ruth Rebelein • William Rockweiler • Sandra (Olson) Santiago • Walter Schneider • Mary Sweeney • Marcia (Neuenschwander) Teale • James Wallendal • Lyle Wilde • Robert Zweifel

2. Big sisters Julia (4) and Raven (2) welcomed their new sister, Anna, on May 5, 2012. Anna was born at 1:52 p.m. and was 9 pounds, 4 ounces, and 22 inches long. Adam ’02 and Erin (Rischette) Draeger ’01 are excited to welcome little Anna to the family.

3. Kallie Christine Gasior born June 4, 2012 to Craig Gasior ’04 and Angie (Kramer) ’02.

4. Owen Walker Jenkins was born May 6, 2012, at 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and 20 inches long. Owen’s parents, Brian ’09 and LeAnn (Meudt) Jenkins ’09, are raising their baby boy in Dodgeville, Wis.


7. Dan ’01 and Sarah (Sichmeller) Salmon ’02 welcomed daughter Hattie Irene on March 1, 2012. She joins big sisters Maggie (5) and Lucy (3).


9. Cody ’07 and Lacy (Droessler) Sime ’05 announce the birth of their third child, Garrett Gracson Sime, on June 9, 2012. He joins sister Gracie Anne and brother Grant David. Cody is employed at Seneca School District as the K-12 art education teacher. Lacy is employed at Knapps Development in Prairie du Chien, Wis., in the finance/payroll department.

10. Olivia Marie Sprotte, daughter of Daniel ’02 and Christine Sprotte, was born on July 25, 2012.

11. Cora Joy Warner was born Dec. 12, 2011 to Derek ’01 and Kelsey (Long) Warner ’02. Cora joins big brothers Caleb Adam (5) and Seth Emmanuel (3).
JANUARY

Saturday, Jan. 26
Sunshine State Social - Fort Myers, Fla.

Women’s Basketball Alumni Day
UW-Platteville campus

Sunday, Jan. 27
Sunshine State Social - St. Petersburg, Fla.

Monday, Jan. 28
Sunshine State Social - The Villages, Fla.

Tuesday, Jan. 29
Bringing the Universe 2 Wisconsin
UW-Platteville campus

Wednesday, Jan. 30
Retirees Breakfast
Special Program: Bringing the Universe 2 Wisconsin
UW-Platteville campus

Thursday, Jan. 31
Everyone Communicates, Few Connect
UW-Platteville campus

FEBRUARY

Thursday, Feb. 7
Card Making 101: All Things Love
UW-Platteville campus

Tuesday, Feb. 12
Post Career Fair Social
Steve’s Pizza Palace, Platteville, Wis.

Couples Cooking Class
UW-Platteville campus

Thursday, Feb. 21
Nearly Naked Run: Give back, get nearly naked
Donate your gently used clothes to those in need.
UW-Platteville campus

If you would like more information about any of our upcoming events go online at alumni.uwplatt.edu or call us at 1.800.897.2586.

Nearly 40 alumni joined us at The Villages in Florida last year. We hope to see even more this year.

In October, our card making class was about cards for every occasion, but in February we focus on LOVE!

In February we’ll be hosting our fourth cooking class and this time it’s about making meals for two.
At last year’s annual Cubs vs. Brewers spring training game in Arizona, we saw victory go to the Cubs. Join us this year to see who comes out ahead.

MARCH

Friday, March 1
Arizona Social - Tempe, Ariz.
Wisconsin-Style Fish Fry

Sunday, March 3
Arizona Social - Mesa, Ariz.
Cubs vs. Brewers Game– Hohokam Park

Monday, March 4
Arizona Social - Tucson, Ariz.

Friday, March 15
An Evening in Monte Carlo
Early Bird Registration Ends
Register before this date, receive 500 bonus playing chips

Saturday, March 16
Pioneers go to American Pickers
LeClaire, Iowa

Thursday, March 21
Kohler Plant Tour
Kohler, Wis.

APRIL

Wednesday, April 3
Retirees Breakfast
Special Guests: Performers from the Spring Musical
UW-Platteville campus

Thursday, April 11
Engineering, Mathematics, and Science
EXPO Post Social
Steve’s Pizza Palace, Platteville, Wis.

Wednesday, April 17
Graduating Seniors New Member Social
UW-Platteville campus

Wednesday, April 24
National Collegiate Soils Teams and Alumni Banquet
Holiday Gardens, Potosi, Wis.

Saturday, April 27
An Evening in Monte Carlo
The Madison Concourse Hotel, Madison, Wis.

An Evening in Monte Carlo has blackjack.

An Evening in Monte Carlo has craps.

An Evening in Monte Carlo has a silent and live auction.
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April 27 | 7 p.m. | The Madison Concourse

Shake off the winter blues ... roll the dice in Monte Carlo!

Eat, drink, and socialize while trying to beat the odds at blackjack, poker, roulette, and craps—and when you stop to woo Lady Luck, place a few bids at our live and silent auctions!

All proceeds will benefit the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Alumni Association.

We hope you will join us for this elegant and exciting event.

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Register before March 15 and receive 500 bonus playing chips.