



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-LA CROSSE

# CLASS NOTES

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## '64

**James M. Jevens**, Surprise, Arizona, and his wife, Joan, a retired Delta Airline employee, are enjoying world travel and visiting their children. They live in a retirement community with a mix of fun games and meeting people. They enjoy going to theater venues and cocktail hour with friends in Sun City Grand. "Everyday I'm alive is new to me," he says.

## '69

**Louis Levy**, Nebraska City, Nebraska, recently returned from Beijing, China, where the international school she helped establish now has more than 3,000 students.

## '87

**Linda Mulroy-Bowden**, Platteville, is excited to add proud UW-La Crosse parent to her title along with alumnus. Her daughter, Erin, is a junior majoring in

biology with a chemistry and gerontology minor. In addition, she is following her mom's residence life tradition and serves as a senior staff member in Drake Hall. "It's so fun to see her thrive as a member of an outstanding housing program," says Mulroy-Bowden, who is director of Student Life and Development and Title IX Coordinator at UW-Platteville.

## '95

**Lisa Currie**, New Orleans, Louisiana, completed a second master's degree in May, this one in human sexuality education from Widener University in Chester, Pennsylvania. She is continuing in the same academic program to obtain a doctorate. In October, Currie accepted a new position with Tulane University as the interim associate director for Gender and Sexual Diversity and relocated to New Orleans along with her elderly, but still feisty, cat, Bink. Currie says this latest move represents a new

direction for her more than 21-year career in student affairs. Previously, she had focused on health promotion, a long career built upon the foundation of her UWL graduate work in college student development and an assistantship with the Reach and Share peer education program, then located in the Counseling Center. Currie's more recent academic pursuits sparked a desire to change functional areas within a career field she loves and has found very rewarding.



**Jessica Schoonover**

## '98

**Jessica Schoonover**, Trempealeau, Director of Shirley M. Wright Memorial Library in Trempealeau, was named Librarian of the Year by the Wisconsin Library Association.

Schoonover was cited for having an impact well beyond the village boundaries through outreach and collaboration with area libraries, businesses and schools. According to WLA, Schoonover's "numerous achievements and accomplishments demonstrate outstanding leadership for the betterment of libraries." Schoonover, who has served as SWML library director since 2012, received the award at the association's annual convention in La Crosse in October.

## '00

**Paige Rohman**, Bloomington, Minnesota, was recently appointed chief of staff for University Services at the University of Minnesota. University Services encompasses the operations of the U on the Twin Cities campus and across the system. Operations include facilities, capital projects, public safety, health and safety, campus planning, real estate, and auxiliary

services with over 3,700 employees and \$420 million in budgets.

**Tim Walston**, Kirksville, Missouri, has been named dean of the School of Science and Mathematics at Truman State University, the state's only public liberal arts and sciences university. Walston has been working at Truman for 12 years and is looking forward to the new opportunity. Walston says during his interview, he highlighted the benefits he gained studying at UWL, particularly the importance of UWL's public mission that has been instrumental in his deciding to spend his career teaching and being an administrator at a public university.

## '02

**Travis Dodge**, Menomonee Falls, and his wife, Amanda, had a daughter, Alexandria Faye, born June 20, 2018. He works for Direct Supply in Milwaukee.

## '04

**Dayle (Soine) Bugalski**, Waukesha, is running a successful virtual business with capabilities to work from home.



**Stacy L. Kelly**

**Stacy L. Kelly** recently joined the Labor & Employment Law Practice Group of Plunkett Cooney in the Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, office. Kelly primarily focuses her practice in the areas of labor and employment law, with particular expertise in litigation involving academic institutions. Kelly has worked in higher education administration on various-size campuses with university systems and athletics conference offices for over 12 years. She has extensive experience with educational policy and NCAA Division I, II and III rules compliance.

Kelly counseled universities and colleges on the investigation and adjudication of student and employee conduct matters, compliance audits and rules education programs. Along with a degree from UWL, Kelly holds a bachelor's from Wartburg College in 2002 and a law degree from the University of North Carolina School of Law in 2017.

## '05

**Jennifer Mulyck**, Winona, Minnesota, is a regulatory systems specialist at RTP Co. She reports that her oldest child recently married, while the middle child is in middle school and the youngest is in 3rd grade.

## '06

**Sara M. Olson**, Flagstaff, Arizona, was named one of "20 under 40" by the Arizona Daily Sun. Olson is the assistant director of Residence Life at Northern Arizona University.

## '09

**Ellanora Kraemer**, Winona, Minnesota, finished a doctorate in athletic training in 2017 from Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions. This is Kraemer's second year as an assistant professor at Winona State University.

## '11

**Robin A. Gore**, Malibu, California, is living in sunny California in Malibu where it is consistently 72 degrees. "Goodbye winter!" Gore is working as the director of Housing at Pepperdine University and finishing the last leg of a doctorate degree from Edgewood College, in Madison.

**Hope (Eike), '11, and Ryan, '10, Schaefer** live in Neenah. Hope took on a new role as executive director of Girls on the Run of Northeast Wisconsin in May 2018. Girls on the Run is an education and empowerment program

for girls in grades 3-8 with a mission to inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum that creatively integrates running. For the fall season the group welcomed 432 girls in its six-county region.

## '13

**Colin Burns-Gilbert**, Sparta, is the Integrated Learning and Programs Coordinator at Viterbo University in La Crosse. He and his wife, Allissa, are the proud parents of a six-month-old daughter, Sydney Marie.

## '14

**Cathy Godfrey**, Henderson, Nevada, was recently promoted to the director of Student Involvement at the Touro University of Nevada. She is getting ready to celebrate her 10-year anniversary with the university. This is her first director's position.

# '15

## **Bryan, '15, and Grace**

**Ann Baker**, Gregory, Michigan, welcomed their first son, Lucas Anthony, in June. "Becoming a parent has been a life-changing experience," notes Bryan. In November, he was reassigned as a new member of the Prevention & Community Engagement unit within the Division of Public Safety & Security at the University of Michigan, while continuing to serve as the DPSS Liaison to Student Life. The creation of the new unit will allow for better collaboration and improved access to safety and security resources across the University of Michigan community.

# '16

## **Megan Pierce**,

La Crosse, is in her third year of working in the UWL Residence Life department. This is her first year serving as the Reuter Hall Director. "This has added a lot of fun and

new challenges working in an apartment-style residence hall serving returning, transfer and international students," Pierce says.

# '17

**Tia Fuhr**, Taylor Ridge, Illinois, has moved back to the Quad Cities area, where she grew up and has started a position in student life at Augustana College. "I never expected to work in student life or with Greek life, which I work a lot with now, while in grad school, but I am really enjoying it," says Fuhr.

**Darren L. Ward**, River Falls, is working at UW-Stout as a first-year advisor concentrating on freshmen in the construction, engineering technology and various engineering programs. Additionally, Ward is the point person for two different mentorship programs.

# '18

## **Jessica (Trampf)**

**Beier**, Grand Junction, Colorado, reports that she has a "new job, new town, new marriage, new everything." Beier is an academic success coach at Colorado Mesa University.

## **Leah R. Burger**,

Indianapolis, started her first full-time position in June as an area coordinator for two residence halls in Marian University's Office of Housing & Residence Life in Indianapolis.

## **Michelle Dankle**,

Indianapolis, Indiana, started her first professional position as a Student Success Advisor at Indiana University-Purdue University of Indianapolis in early July. Dankle currently advises freshmen and sophomores who are pre-business, pre-public and environmental affairs, and pre-philanthropy majors. She recently adopted a two-year-old mini Australian Shepard, whose name is Lady.

**Dane Mattila,** Cambridge, moved to the Madison area in July and began working as an academic advisor in the College of Engineering at UW-Madison.

**Megan Olson,** Brookings, South Dakota, recently received a new position, academic advisor, at South Dakota State University.

**Hailey Warner,** Wausau, reports she is “loving my first year teaching.” Warner says she is extremely grateful for all of the opportunities she was provided from UWL.

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## A wedded reunion

Alums return to celebrate with fond memories



When **Lauren Sedbrook and Conner Hutchinson, both '14**, got married in August, they knew they wanted to return to campus where they met in O.O. White Hall and started dating in 2011. When they invited their close friends and family, the event quickly turned into a UWL reunion.

The UWL alumni attending — ranging three generations — gathered for a photo in the new Student Union, where the happy couple held their reception.

Guests, who came from as far as Seattle, New York and Florida, returned not only for the wedding but for fond memories of their time here as students as they revisited campus.

Lauren and Connor moved to Milwaukee after graduation to pursue their careers. When it came

to planning their wedding, they knew that they wanted to come back to La Crosse.

They live in Milwaukee, where Connor is a Bay View High School chemistry teacher, and Lauren is an information technology project manager at Johnson Controls.



# In Remembrance

- 1943** — Vernon Des Jarlais, Neenah.
- 1946** — Jeanne M. Skorstad, Blair.
- 1950** — Bernie Goltz, Grangeville, Idaho.
- 1951** — Mildred (Gilbertson) Kelley, Conover, North Carolina.
- 1951** — James H. Van Tassel, Kettering, Ohio.
- 1952** — William Grode, La Crosse.
- 1952** — Robert Linse, La Crosse.
- 1954** — Gloria Norman, Rochester, Minnesota.
- 1957** — Brian D. Taugher, Oshkosh.
- 1957** — Russell Gaarder, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- 1959** — Patricia Fleming, Greenfield.
- 1960** — Sheila L. Brewer, Moline, Illinois.
- 1960** — Ken Kavanaugh, La Crosse.
- 1960** — Roland Solberg, La Crosse.
- 1961** — Victor F. Johnson, La Crescent, Minnesota.
- 1963** — Edward Ristow, Colfax.
- 1964** — Charlotte Foryan, Grafton.
- 1964** — William A. Thomsen, Indianapolis.
- 1965** — Karen M. (Lee) Buckholtz, St. Bonifacius, Minnesota.
- 1969** — Marilyn Stark Ondell, La Crosse.
- 1969** — Regina Snyder, La Crosse.
- 1971** — Dennis Engh, Woodbury, Minnesota.
- 1971** — Robert D. Giesler, Cashton.
- 1971** — Mary Kolbusz, Green Bay.
- 1972** — Michael T. Collins, Long Grove, Illinois.
- 1974 & '86** — Denise Young, Sparta.
- 1975** — Allen Bostad, Princeton.
- 1976** — Virginia (Ritchie) Bell, La Crosse.
- 1976** — Kathleen Scheetz, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- 1988** — Barry McNulty, Waukesha.
- 1991** — Thomas Deyo, La Crosse.
- 2016** — Erin Matthews, La Crosse.
- 2017** — Rose Franke, Milwaukee.

# Faculty & Staff Remembered

**Richard A. Falb**, 98, Cottage Grove, died Oct. 25, 2018. Falb spent the last 10 years of his professional career teaching advertising and public relations at UWL in the '80s. Before teaching he worked in public relations and advertising for agencies, companies and commodity organizations and wrote articles for commercial and professional journals. He is survived by two daughters.

**Mary I. McLellan**, 86, Holmen, died Nov. 20, 2018. McLellan, who began working at UWL in 1963, developed and directed the undergraduate fitness and sports management programs until retiring in 1996. She taught gymnastics, swimming, sport management, badminton, evaluation and other activities. She was adviser to the UWL "Gymnastiques," a rhythmical gymnastics performing group, and was inducted into the Wisconsin Gymnastics Hall of Fame in 2000.

**Bruce Lee Mouser**, 81, La Crosse, died Dec. 7, 2018. Mouser taught history on campus from 1968-96. His teaching and research specialty was African history, although he also taught Asian history and historiography. He and his family spent a sabbatical semester in Sierra Leone, West Africa, in 1979, and he worked with the Midwest Universities Consortium for International Assistance in 1986 teaching American history for two years in Malaysia.

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