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Bill Terry

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Bill Terry,

La Crosse, has been inducted into the La Crosse Area Baseball Hall of Fame. The hall recognizes the significant impact that baseball has made on the La Crosse area. It commemorates those closely associated with baseball, its promotion, success and positive impact on the economy, history and quality of life in La Crosse. Terry was the head baseball coach at UWL for 11 years, starting in 1969. He led teams to a 199-144 record, racking up the third most wins in school history and the 10th most in the conference. His team placed fifth in the NAIA World Series in 1979.

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Charlotte (Anderson) Benedict,

Loveland, Colorado, retired after 35 years of teaching — three years at Washington High, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and 32 in Longmont, Colorado. After retiring she completed 10 years subbing teaching in Longmont and Loveland. Benedict now has a horse-boarding business.

Kathy (Dummer) Morley,

Mesa, Arizona, retired from teaching middle school with 27 years, mainly in Eau Claire. She also taught at UW-Eau Claire in the education department working with juniors and seniors preparing for student teaching. After leaving Wisconsin in 2016, she moved to Arizona and spent time getting acclimated to the climate. This year Morley started subbing in Mesa and some of the surrounding cities in the East Valley area, teaching everything from kindergarten through high school. She says UWL and

UWEC prepared her well. Morley has a daughter living in England with two children. She's also a UWL graduate. Morley's son lives in Milwaukee and has three grown children.

'71 & '78

Larry Scheckel,

Tomah, has retired from teaching, but continues to write. His eighth book, his sixth about science, is scheduled to be published in November. Among his books are: "I Just Keep Wondering," "I Wondered About That Too" and "Seneca Seasons." Find out more about him and his books at:

<https://larryscheckel.com/>



Roxanne Reed Lord

'80

Roxanne Reed Lord,
Yorktown, Virginia, will

join the 2019 USA Powerlifting Master National Team. She was scheduled to lift in Helsingborg, Sweden in June at the IPF World Classic Championship. Last year at the IPF World Classic Championship in Calgary, Canada, Lord won a gold medal and set an American record in the back squat. In Spokane, Washington at the 2018 USA Raw National Championships, she set a new U.S. record in the back squat and earned a silver medal overall. Lord has been lifting for about two years and holds several USAPL Virginia state records, as well as USA Powerlifting national records in back squat for her (M III) age group and (-84 Kg./84+ Kg.) weight classes. She teaches anatomy and physiology at Christopher Newport University in Virginia and coaches CrossFit at CrossFit Oyster Point in Newport News.

'81

John Zurbuchen, Farmington, Utah, is the assistant superintendent

of the Davis School District, which has an enrollment of more than 72,000. His responsibilities include oversight of Human Resources, Family and Student Services, Special Education, Foundation, Safety and Security, Equity, and Strategic Planning.

'82

Catherine (Swanson) Kiener, Port Washington, has been recognized by the Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers for 20 years as a senior center director. Her son, Michael, was married last year and will be attending Marquette Law School in the fall.

'83

Richard Amble, Summerville, South Carolina, received a Master's of Fine Arts from the Academy of Art University of San Francisco in December 2018. He exhibited drone photographs in a solo show at the North Charleston Art Gallery from December

2018-January 2019. He juried into the 2019 Charleston Spoleto Photographic Competition in May at the City Gallery of Charleston, South Carolina. And, he was selected as a winner in the North Charleston Cultural Arts Fest in May 2019.

'85

James D. Guest, Hoffman Estates, Illinois, retired from teaching and coaching in the Palatine Township High School District 211 in May.

Craig G. Hulce, Menomonee Falls, has been named to the CFA Institute Practice Analysis Working Body. The CFA Institute is a global association for investment management professionals. Hulce, a finance instructor at UW-Milwaukee, has been a member since 2004 and has been employed in the investment industry since 1989. He is a doctoral student in finance/financial technology at UW-Whitewater.

'87

Terry Labinski, Waukesha, will be starting 32 years of teaching in the West Allis/West Milwaukee School District this fall. Labinski is the head girls cross country coach at West Allis Hale High School.

'89

Douglas A. Herman, Ramsey, Minnesota, is director of engineering at Anderson Dahlen. His daughter is enrolled in the UWL class of 2020.

'90

Karolee M. Hogden, Winona, has retired as CEO of Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs, California.

'93

Jeffrey J. Fleig, Cedarburg, completed a doctorate in educational leadership and policy analysis from UW-Madison in May 2019. After serving as associate principal and principal at La Crosse

Central High School, he relocated to Cedarburg in August 2016. Since then, he has served as principal at Glen Hills Middle School in Glendale and recently accepted a position as principal at South Milwaukee High School.

'95

Brenda (Thiel) Schneider, Chilton, received a 2019 Herb Kohl Teacher Excellence Award. She majored in psychology with a child/youth care emphasis. Schneider says Emily Johnson and Betsy Morgan supported her in pursuing a career in school counseling. She is beginning her 21st year as a counselor in the Valders Area School District, where her husband, Jesse Schneider, '05, also works. They have three children, ages 18, 16 and 13. Their oldest daughter earned the Herb Kohl Student Excellence Scholarship this year. "I would not be the professional I am today without the experiences and education I acquired at UWL," she says.

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Libby Thorson, Laramie, Wyoming, is a sexual misconduct investigator at the University of Wyoming.



Jenna Alsteen

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Jenna Alsteen, Waunakee, was recently featured in an article and on the cover of In Business magazine, Madison's leading publication of business and industry. The article featured her thoughts on professional and continuing education. <https://www.ibmadison.com/In-Business-Madison/August-2019/The-post-boom-groom/>

'13

Arie Bachmann, La Crosse, studied desert and marine landscapes through ecological and social field methods in Baja. Bachmann is an ESL teacher at Evergreen Elementary School in Holmen.

Kathryn O. Johnson, Arlington, Virginia, has started a new job as speechwriter for the GSA Administrator at U.S. General Services Administration in Washington, D.C. Johnson previously worked at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management as digital content manager/speechwriter.

Samuel H. Schmidt, Kingston, Pennsylvania, is an assistant professor of sport management Wilkes University in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He was recently engaged to UWL alumna, Linh Nguyen, '14.

'14

Gina (Montilino) Gathje, West St. Paul, Minnesota,

got married in April and is celebrating three years at the College of St. Scholastica as an Extended and Online Program Advisor. Gathje was elected to Staff Council and began serving this summer.

Joey T. Writz, La Crosse, started his own small business in 2018, Driftless Region Vector Control. It provides vector-borne disease abatement services and educational outreach in western Wisconsin and south-eastern Minnesota.

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Whitney Hedge, Chicago, accepted a new position this spring as assistant director of Orientation and Student Development at The University of Chicago.

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Trent Rasmussen, New Richmond, is an educational consultant with CESA No. 11 in Turtle Lake.

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Dylan Chown, Black River Falls, is a licensed insurance agent with the New York Life Insurance Co.

Samantha L. Harding, Streamwood, Illinois, will attend the University of Illinois at Chicago in fall to earn a master's in social work. She will also be interning at UCAN, where she will work with teens transitioning out of Department of Children and Family Services care.

Holly Milejczak, La Crosse, is a patient services representative at Aspen Dental in Onalaska. Milejczak is applying to dental school for graduate studies.

Cierra N. Neitzel, Madison, is a student recruitment specialist at UW Extended Campus in Madison.

In Remembrance

- 1939** — Lois (Bratberg) Dawes, La Crescent, Minnesota.
- 1942** — Patricia Perrodin, Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- 1946** — Gloria Lancaster Barclay, Casper, Wyoming.
- 1953** — Robert H. Steuck, La Crosse.
- 1955** — Ann (Morgan) Strong, Bloomington, Indiana.
- 1957** — William W. Schuette, Woodstock, Illinois.
- 1958** — Patricia Schaller, Sheboygan.
- 1959** — James Hynek, West Salem.
- 1959** — John G. Larson, Eau Claire.
- 1959** — Don Staats, Onalaska.
- 1960** — Jan Bartelt, Madison.
- 1960** — Sharon Sawusch, Park Ridge, Illinois.
- 1963** — Joan Cook, Sparta.
- 1964** — James Clappier, Brookfield.
- 1968** — Richard Kerska, Stafford, Texas.
- 1971** — Verna Doyle, Wilton.
- 1971** — Paula Klein, Los Angeles.
- 1973** — Arletta Pearson, Warrens.
- 1978** — Kenneth W. Pritchard, Madison.
- 1981** — Cynthia (Raphoon) Watson, Germantown.
- 1984** — Cathy Kerska, Stafford, Texas.
- 2003** — Robyn (Martinson) Barclay, Winona, Minnesota.

Campus retirees

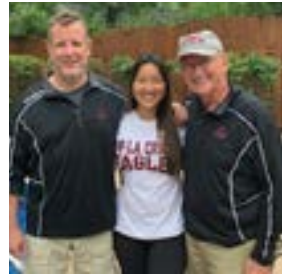
Here's a list of those who retired from July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

- Donna Anderson**, Economics
- Rita Anderson**, University Centers
- Samuel Arentz**, University Centers
- Barbara Bechtum**, Student Health Center
- Sarita Mei-Huei Chang**, Student Health Center
- Mark Flottmeier**, '83, Human Resources
- Barbara Gander**, Educational Studies
- April Handtke**, '82, Residence Life
- Debra Holtschlag**, Sociology & Criminal Justice
- Madeline Holzem**, Human Resources
- Scott Holzem**, '78, Business Services
- Randall Kahn**, Counseling & Testing Center
- Michelle Kern**, Student Health Center
- Glenn Knowles**, Economics
- Eric Kraemer**, Philosophy
- Paul Krause**, '89, Upward Bound
- Mary (Angie) Lee**, '70, Student Life
- Cecilia Manrique**, Political Science/Public Administration
- Jeffery Nestingen**, Custodial Service
- Charissa Niedzwiecki**, Communication Studies
- Audie Olson**, Global Cultures & Languages
- Randall Page**, Landscape Services
- John Ready**, '80, Art
- Marc Alan Rott**, Microbiology
- Linda Shepard**, Business Services
- Sandra Sieber**, '91, University Advancement
- Maureen Spencer**, Finance
- Karen Terpstra**, Art
- Garth Tymeson**, Exercise & Sport Science
- Jon Voshart**, Residence Halls
- Deanna Wachter**, History
- Theodore Anslem Wantoch**, Power Plant
- Robert Wolf**, Finance

Living the legacy

When a student started school this fall, she continued a family tradition of attending UWL. Jessica Voitik, center, joins her grandfather, Roger Schlies, '60, right, in coming to UWL.

Along with her grandfather, she's pictured with her father David Voitik. Grandpa Rog is "so proud to have his granddaughter following him to La Crosse."



Faculty & Staff

Charles Eugene Haas

Charles Eugene Haas, 93, died July 15, 2019, after brief stays at Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center and Hillview Healthcare Center in La Crosse. He earned a bachelor's from UW-Superior in 1948 with a double major in English and history and began his teaching career as an English teacher in Cameron. In 1956 he received a master's in English at the University of Iowa. He received a doctorate from the University of Denver in 1964. He taught in the UWL Speech Communications Department until retiring in June 1993. He

is survived by his wife, Shirley; and a daughter. Memorials may be made to the UWL Foundation. <https://www.uwlax.edu/foundation/about-giving/how-to-make-a-gift/>

Robert Mullally

Robert "Bob" Roy Mullally, 90, Onalaska, died Aug. 4, 2019. He earned a bachelor's from St. Cloud State University, a master's from Northern Colorado University, Boulder, and a doctorate from the University of Wyoming, Laramie. In July 1967, he came to UWL as director of Student Activities and Assistant Professor of College Student Personnel.

He supervised student organizations, lectures and concerts, student activities, campus-wide food service, bookstore, textbook rental service and the student center. He was also responsible for supervising and directing the remodeling of Cartwright Center. As a professor he supervised the intern program and taught the course, "American Higher Education." He retired in 1989. Mullally was active in the community, including serving as Oktoberfest Festmaster in 1981. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mary Ann, and his four daughters.

Donald R. Staats

Donald "Don" R. Staats, 87, Onalaska, died July 8, 2019 at Gundersen Health System in La Crosse. After graduating from La Crosse Central High School, he joined the U.S. Army. Following military service, he attended UWL, graduating in 1959. He returned in 1965 to begin working in the Dean of Men's Office. He especially enjoyed his work as veterans advisor in the Dean of Students Office until retiring in 1991. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, and his four children.

Robert H. Steuck

Robert "Doc" H. Steuck, 88, La Crosse, died June 23, 2019, at his home. After graduating from Bay View High School, Milwaukee in 1949, he moved to La Crosse to attend college, not realizing that it would become his permanent residence. Among his favorite student memories were curling and traveling to Tampa, Florida, in 1951 and wearing No. 44 for UWL in the Cigar Bowl. After graduating in 1953, he earned a master of science in health education from the University of Illinois, Urbana, in 1954. He then served in

the military until 1956 when he returned to his alma mater to begin an education career. He studied counseling and guidance in 1957 at UW-Madison and earned a doctor of education from Colorado State College, Greeley, in 1963. Steuck enjoyed teaching at UWL until retiring in 1993. He is survived by his wife, Joan, and six children.

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