



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-LA CROSSE

# CLASS NOTES

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**Harland Prechel**, College Station, Texas, is a professor of sociology at Texas A&M University.

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**Penny Kroening**, Montrose, Colorado, is the executive director of the Wisconsin Health and Physical Education Association.

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**April (Conway) Greenwell**, Seattle, Washington, is a research administrative manager for the Office of Nursing Research at the University of Washington School of Nursing in Seattle.

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**Anne Rocheleau**, Oak Creek, has retired from teaching in the Racine Unified School District.

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**Mark F. Devine**, La Crosse, has retired and owns his own business, Mark F. Devine Fine Art Photography. [See some of his work.](#)

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**Frank Buzzanca**, Minocqua, is a marketing automation manager at Academic Impressions in Denver, Colorado.

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**Dean Leisgang**, Seymour, is director of communications for CESA 7 in Green Bay.

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**Joseph Stuber**, Otsego, Minnesota, is a fire equipment operator for the City of Saint Paul.



Rachel Albrecht, '06

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**Rachel Albrecht**, La Crosse, has been named the new vice president for Ambulatory Services at Gundersen Health System in La Crosse.



Liselotte Kuster, '06

**Liselotte Kuster**, La Crosse, has been selected for the 2022 American Association

of Teachers of French-Wisconsin Chapter's Teacher of the Year Award. The award recognizes an AATF-WI member's outstanding contributions to world language education as exhibited through dedication, excellence in teaching, professional growth, including but not limited to self-education, formal education, publications and leadership.



Andrew Troxel, '08

**Andrew Troxel**, Prairie du Sac, head football coach at Richland Center High School, is the 2023 recipient of the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association (WFCA) Marge and Dick Rundle Positive Influence of Coaching Award. Troxel was nominated by a local community member with multiple letters of recommendation and testimonies, including letters from parents, colleagues, community members and former athletes. The criteria: must be an active high school head football coach; positive influence reflected in community service, mentoring and

role modeling measured by the lives touched and changed; nomination accompanied by examples and personal testimonies. The award was first given in 2008; Troxel is the 16th recipient. Troxel will be recognized with the 2023 Hall of Fame Class and other coaching award recipients at the 2023 WFCA banquet in the spring in Middleton.

## '08

**Elizabeth (Van Koningsveld) Reischl**, Brown Deer, is the manager of Walk MS with the National MS Society, Hartland.

## '13

**Ashleyn Przedwiecki**, St. Paul, Minnesota, has launched a new social enterprise. Lum Collective is an event design agency working to bring sustainability and social good into the event industry. It will focus on reducing waste and making a positive impact with events and weddings. [See its homepage.](#)



These employees from Performance FoodService in La Crosse recently posed for this photo. They're all UWL graduates.

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**Cadi (Baldwin) Doyle** was named the 2022 Adapted Physical Education Teacher of the Year in Virginia.

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**Aaron Voldberg**, Mesa, Arizona, has been promoted to manage the residential communities for two campuses, Arizona State University-Downtown Phoenix and Arizona State University-Polytechnic in metro Phoenix.

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**Tyler Leslie**, Madison, is a project manager for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

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**Haley (Radewan)**, '22, and Ethan, prospective '23, Hutchinson live in Poynette. Haley is a project manager at North American Mechanical Inc.

**Christina Mehrkens**,

La Crosse, is the executive assistant for the La Crosse Area Builders Association in Onalaska. She's enjoying the life of coming home to no homework!

# In Remembrance Alumni

1943 – Elynn Ash, La Crosse.

1952 – Margaret (Skemp) Gavahan, Hartland.

1956 – Nadine (Day) Sieber, Oshkosh.

1956 – Mary “JoAnn” Hubley, Waukesha.

1957 – Kenneth “Ken” Abraham, La Crosse.

1958 – Wayne Kollath, Johnston, Iowa.

1959 – Sandra “Sandy” (Crane) Kapellas, La Crosse.

1961 – Sharon (Dill) Hunter, Black Rivers Falls.

1962 – Virginia “Ginny” Harvey, Clinton.

1962 – Donald “Don” Vinger, La Crosse.

1964 – Paul “Tom” Skogen, Onalaska.

1968 – Janet (Sordahl) Schipper, Viroqua.

1970 – Thomas “Tom” Tronick, Boone, Iowa.

1971 – Jarlan “Jay” Hesselberg, Onalaska.

1972 – Robert Kasperek, La Crosse.

1973 – Maureen O’Brien, Eau Claire.

1974 – David Katz, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

1975 – Walter “Wally” Goeglein, Whitewater.

1977 – Steve Stach, Holmen.

1978 – Francis “Frex” Furlano, Stoddard.

1979 – DuWayne Gronning, Viroqua.

1979 – Susan (Skelly) Stein, Beloit.

1983 – William “Bill” Juen, Appleton.

1985 – Anthony “Tony” Mackesey, Baraboo.

1986 – Dale Statz, Harshaw.

1988 – Peter Weess, Winona, Minnesota.

1992 – Kathleen (Pierce) Jeffery, Wabasha, Minnesota.

1994 – Kristi (Shaw) Cadwell, La Crescent, Minnesota.

2002 – James Adducci, La Crosse.

2011 – Alyson Haugen, Holmen.

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## Faculty & Staff

### Kristi Cadwell

Kristi Cadwell, 63, died Oct. 31, 2022, in La Crosse. Cadwell, '94, taught classes in clinical exercise physiology and doctorate in physical therapy curricula, and worked the university's La Crosse Exercise and Health Program from 1997 until retiring in 2015. She received her Master of Science Adult Fitness/Cardiac Rehabilitation from UWL. Cadwell earned the Award of Excellence Award from the Wisconsin Society for Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation, one of the most prestigious awards given in the profession. [See her complete obituary.](#)

### Thomas Claflin

Thomas “Tom” Claflin, 83, died Sept. 23, 2022, in Onalaska. Claflin and his family moved to La Crosse after he earned his doctorate from the University of South Dakota in 1966, serving in the Biology Department until retiring in 2001. He taught countless students who benefited from his vast knowledge of water ecology, with time spent in the classroom, on a houseboat on the Mississippi or in northern Wisconsin at the Pigeon Lake Field Station. In 1969, he was one of four founding members and president of the Mississippi River Research Consor-

# Faculty & Staff (continued)

tium and in 1993 received its most prestigious award, the “Friend of the River.” In 1972, he founded and was first director of the UWL River Studies Center, which provided a platform for students and researchers to gain hands-on experiences studying the health of freshwater systems, rivers, lakes, streams and ponds. He served as chair of the Faculty Senate for three terms and as department chair. The River Studies Center in the Prairie Springs Science Center was dedicated and named for him. He is survived by his wife, Louise, three children and grandchildren.

[See his complete obituary.](#)

## **Alyson Haugen**

Alyson Haugen died Oct. 11, 2022, after a year-long battle with breast cancer. Haugen received her Master of Public Health from UWL in 2011 and had taught in the UWL Public Health/Community Health Education Department since then. She was also instrumental in getting the Healthcare Administration program launched.

[See her complete obituary.](#)

## **Francine Marie Victoire Klein**

Francine Marie Victoire Klein, 73, died Nov. 18, 2022. Born in Strasbourg, Klein continued university studies in Germany, earning a master’s in translation at the University of Heidelberg. She translated at the 1972 Munich Olympics, where her recitation of the Olympic Oath in French was heard worldwide. In 1988, she and her husband, Eric Kraemer, and children moved to La Crosse where she began teaching German and French in the Modern Languages Department. In 2005, she received her doctorate and was hired fulltime, becoming a distinguished lecturer before retiring in 2016. She was involved in university committee work, Faculty Senate, advising the International Students Organization, and co-coordinating the International Film Festival. She is survived by her husband and children.

[See her complete obituary.](#)

## Tom Volk

Tom Volk died Nov. 28, 2022. Volk joined UWL's Biology Department in 1996 and remained on the faculty until his death. He was a world-renowned scientist – a mycological rock star with an international audience. Volk demonstrated his strength in many ways. He was physically strong in surviving multiple bouts with cancer, heart

failure and a heart transplant. He was a strong advocate for broad training in and understanding of biology. He was strong enough to be himself, whether it was blue hair or earrings, kilts or multiple colorful tattoos, he showed students it was okay to be different. [Read tributes to Volk.](#) See more about his journey in this biographical video, ["Professor with Two Hearts."](#)

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