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Jack Bast and his wife, Carole, have returned to La Crosse after 25 years. Having left with two grown children and several grandkids (one still at UWL), Bast says it was time to return to "God's Country." He retired from Badger Mutual Insurance Co. in 2004 but was retained by them to do lobbying and legislative work in Wisconsin and several western states. He says they are looking forward to enjoying the scenic beauty of the area and again participating with the UWL family.

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Beth A. Killian, Arcadia, has retired from teaching in the Arcadia Public Schools. Since, she has served as the Town of Arcadia Clerk for a two-year term and is currently serving on the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors.

Linda McNamara recently retired from Fairbanks North Star Borough School District where she was a prevention and intervention specialist working with at-risk youth. In addition to retiring, she relocated from Fairbanks, Alaska, to Edgar, Wisconsin, to be closer to family.

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Mark and Karen (Kulp) Flick, both '77, have moved from Golden, Colorado, to Arvada,

Colorado, just a few miles east of Golden. Mark is a videographer with Initial Production Group; Karen is retired.

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Richard Hefner, '81 & '86, Arbor Viata, owns a Snap Fitness franchise and is living in the northern woods of Wisconsin.

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Bill Kirsch, '84 & '92, and his wife, Marianne, right, live with their family in Elm Grove. Both teach in the School District of Waukesha. They are pictured with their daughter Hayley Powers, '16, center, at her "White Coat" ceremony at the Medical College of Wisconsin, which signifies the beginning of medical school. Hayley started in the Medical Science Training Program (MSTP) in June and is pursuing an MD/PHD.

Laurie (Docken) Marsh, Galesville, visited her final continent in June and July 2016. She traveled to South Africa with sister-in-law Carol Schmidt and brother-in-law Bob Schmidt, who earned his "7 Continents Marathon" medal. Marsh attempted the

extreme Big Five Marathon and had a qualifying time for and medaled in the half. Officials had to change the race route because a mother lion was feeding her cubs near the original course. A herd of kudus and blue gnus joined the race. "Seeing elephants, rhinos, Cape buffalo, cheetahs, lions, giraffes, dassies, elands, spring bucks, blaze bucks, mongooses, hippos, seals, whales, African penguins and more made the trip a success," she says. Marsh says hot air ballooning over the savannah and cage diving with eight different Great White Sharks made it a pinnacle of all of her world travels.

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David Bernatz, Merrill, is general manager of Fairbridge Inn and Suites in Thorp. He is the head coach of the Medford Senior Legion Baseball and an assistant coach for Medford High School's baseball team. His son, Lloyd, a sophomore at Rainy River Community College, has a 4.0 GPA and is playing baseball for the college.

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Rodney Nordeng, Rose Creek, Minnesota, completed his third master's degree in December 2015, a Master of Arts in Servant Leadership from Viterbo University in La Crosse.

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Kristine Iwinski, Franklin, has been named a director to the United Lutheran Program for the Aging (ULPA), the governing body of Luther Manor, a life-plan community for seniors in Wauwatosa, Grafton and Mequon. Iwinski, vice president of the PNC Bank Financial Services Group in Milwaukee, will serve a three-year term.

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Samuel Anantadjaya, Serpong, Tangerang, Banten, Indonesia, has been appointed dean of the faculty of Business and Social Science at International University Liaison Indonesia, which is located in Serpong.

Luis I. Arroyo, Milwaukee, has been promoted to the firm's partnership at Michael Best & Friedrich LLP in Milwaukee. Arroyo is a member of the Labor and Employment Relations Group representing employers in a range of labor and employment matters, particularly in the areas of employee defection and recruitment.

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James E. Harris, Keene, New Hampshire, retired from Mo-nadnock Regional High School in June 2003. He worked for five years at Cengage Publishing editing testing programs

and high school and college textbooks. He is suffering from Parkinson's disease and cardiac failure.

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Aric Dutelle, Oshkosh, has released "An Introduction to Crime Scene Investigation, Third Edition." It is the only non-hardcover Crime Scene Investigation textbook in the market to be presented in full-color and contains nearly double the figures of most of its competition. This text leads in contributions from various CSI professionals across the U.S. The 17 experts who have contributed to the "Views from an Expert" portion hail from local, state, federal and private investigative and forensic fields.

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Ivan Weiss, Jr., Stillwater, Minn., accepted a new position in mid February, switching from the financial field to construction. He is now vice president of Weber Consulting Associates Inc. and Weber Inc., a general contractor and construction management company.

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Julie Nagorski, Minneapolis, has been named to the Minnesota

Super Lawyers & Rising Stars of 2016. Nagorski works with real estate at Dewitt Mackall Crouse & Moore S.C.

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Angela (Grant) Kulzer, Hudson, researched for a Biotech company for six years in Minneapolis. She switched careers and did sales and recruiting for scientific professionals in 2005 before moving into recruiting technology professionals in 2006. In 2013, after being a part of a large layoff, she and her husband started a firm. The company, RiverLink Staffing Inc., is a woman and veteran owned company located in Minnesota, doing staffing nationwide for clients in various fields, including but not limited to, technology, finance, sales and scientific.

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Kristin Kalpinski, Janesville, graduated in May 2016 with a master of social work from UW-Madison. She currently works as a child protective services social worker for Rock County.

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Toby and Kristi (Parker) Garrod, both '06, live in Savoy, Illinois. Toby finished his doctorate in electrical engineering from UW-Madison in May 2015. He worked at MIT Lincoln Laboratories in Lexington, Massachusetts, and recently moved to the Champaign area with his wife and two sons to work at Epiworks.

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Steven Gates and Alyssa Gates, '13, live in Little Chute with their two daughters.

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Leiah Emmerth, Elkhorn, traveled to Europe following graduation and then worked for a year at Gundersen Health System in La Crosse. In January 2015, Emmerth moved to Memphis, Tennessee, to attend a physician assistant master's program at Christian Brothers University. Emmerth plans to graduate in May 2017 and move back to Wisconsin.

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Alisha Boerner, Apple Valley, Minnesota, is attending graduate school at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities for biomedical engineering.



Sorority sisters return for reunion

UWL alumnae from 1971-77 who were members of Delta Zeta sorority, met in the La Crosse area for a reunion in August. Their fun-filled weekend began with a tasting event at the Pearl Street Brewery. Saturday was filled with events such as a campus tour, golfing, lunch downtown and dinner at Piggy's. The dinner featured a philanthropic project which raised more than \$1,000 for the recently begun "Go Baby Go" program at UWL. Sponsored by the Occupational and Physical Therapy departments, students modify motorized cars for young children with mobility issues. The program was brought to UWL in April when two area children received the first cars built by UWL students.

FACULTY/STAFF REMEMBERED

BILL VAN ATTA

William "Bill" Davidson Van Atta, Sr., La Crosse, died Sept. 11, 2016, at his home. He and his wife, Ann, '76, settled in La Crosse in 1967. She died in March. Van Atta was a tenured professor in exercise and sport science until retiring in 1993. He helped found the YMCA swim team, which he coached through the late 1970s, and had a love for scuba diving, certifying many UWL students. He is survived by his seven children.



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