

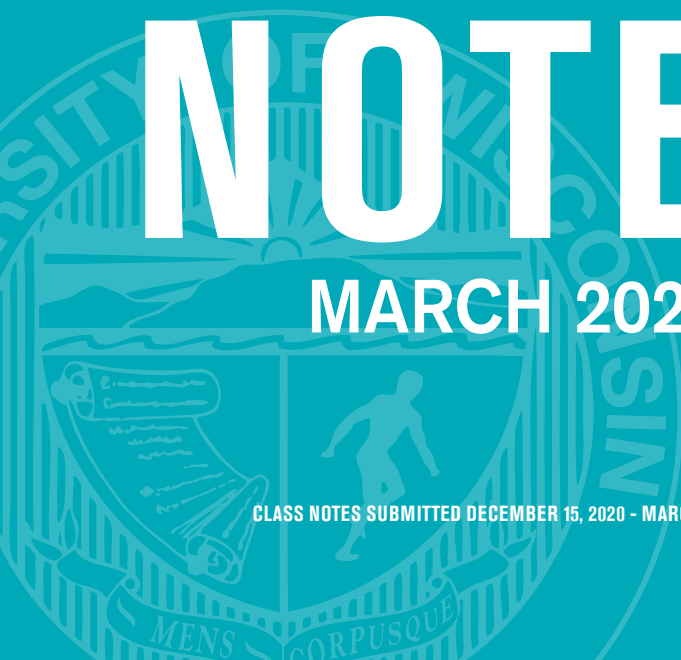


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CLASS NOTES

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Vern D. Seefeldt, East Lansing, Michigan, posted a brief review of the “Motor Performance Study” at Michigan State University. It’s a longitudinal study of the interrelationship between motor development, physical growth and biological maturity of children and adolescents, aged. 2.5 and 17 years of age. He began the study in 1967 and continued it for 41 years. The entire issue of “Measurement in Physical Education and Exercise Science” Vol. 25, issue 1, 2021, is devoted to the study. Seefeldt is a distinguished professor emeritus at Michigan State and a 1991 UWL Graff Distinguished Alumnus.

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E. John “Jack” Rabe, '57 & '64, Lakewood, was recently elected to the Suring High School Alumni Hall of Fame. Rabe was also elected to represent Oconto County Wisconsin on the Munger-Bear Lakes Management District Board of Commissioners, serving as district treasurer.



Gale Tanger

'68

Gale Tanger, Wauwatosa, was inducted into the U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame. Tanger has served as a figure skating judge and official for more than 50 years. The recipient of the International Skating Union’s

prestigious Gold Medal of Honor for outstanding contribution and distinguished service, she is a three-time PSA Official of the Year (2017, '10, '06). Tanger has served on the U.S. Olympic Committee and was the first female chair of the Winter Sports Organizations. She has served at six Olympic Games, including as Team Leader at the 1994 Lillehammer Games. Tanger is a long-time board member of the Wisconsin Figure Skating Club and the Pettit National Ice Center. Others inducted into the class of 2021 were U.S. Figure Skating champion Johnny Weir and the late Sandy (Schwomeyer) Lamb. Tanger is the recipient of the 2003 Graff Distinguished Alumni Award.

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Tom Cook, Fort Atkinson, was named the 2020 inductee into the Wisconsin State Music Association Marching Band Hall of Fame. Cook retired from Fort Atkinson schools in 2014,

following 24 years in the district. Cook started his career teaching in Stockton, Ill., moving to Prairie du Chien in 1984 to form the Blackhawk Brigade High School Marching Band. Along with many marching bands awards, Cook's Fort Atkinson's jazz bands won 21 straight Division I award at WSMA state festivals.

Donald A. Gutknecht is retired and living in Huntsville, Alabama.

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Chris Dreves, La Crosse, is an accounting manager at the HoChunk Nation in Black River Falls.

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Curt Crogan, West Dundee, Illinois, is a plant director at Amcor Ridig Packaging in Itasca, Illinois.

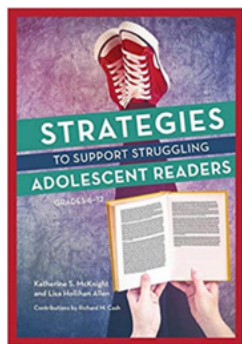


Peggy Seegers-Braun

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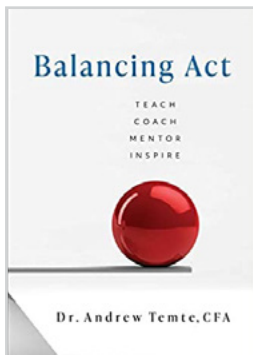
Peggy Seegers-Braun, Waukesha, has received the 2020 Bruce D. Whitehead Distinguished Service Award from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA). She was honored in January at the virtual National Athletic Directors Conference conducted jointly by the NIAAA and National Federation of State High School Associations. Seeger-Braun is in her 33rd year as athletic director at Divine Savior Holy Angels High School in Milwaukee, where she has also been a multi-sport coach and physical education instructor. It's the only athletic administration position Seegers-Braun has had after spending her early years as a coach

and teacher at University School Milwaukee. Seegers-Braun's roles with the NIAAA over 33 years have included the Awards Committee, Ad Hoc Mentoring Committee, National Athletic Directors Conference workshop facilitator and state moderator and delegate. Seegers-Braun has held titles in the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association (WADA), including past president, president, president-elect, vice president, WADA Board District VII Representative, District VII Gender Representative, 2018 WADA Conference chair, co-chairperson for the Strategic Planning Committee and WADA liaison to the Officials Advisory Committee and the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control. She has been president of the Greater Metro Conference four times, served on its By-Law and Appeal committees, and been a liaison for several sports.



'87

Lisa (Hollihan) Allen, Green Bay, works with grades 6-12 literacy intervention for the West De Pere School District. She recently co-authored a book, "Strategies to Support Struggling Adolescent Readers, Grades 6-12."



'88

Andrew Temte, La Crosse, has written his first book, "Balancing Act," which was scheduled to be released April 6. [\[Order it.\]](#)



Susan (Cramer) Williams

'89

Susan (Cramer) Williams, '89 & '90, Greendale, has been named a 2021 Teacher Fellow by the Herb Kohl Educational Founda-

tion. The Kohl Teacher Fellowship program recognizes and supports teaching excellence and innovation in Wisconsin. Awardees are chosen for their ability to inspire a love of learning in their students, and for leadership and service within and outside the classroom. Williams has been a school psychologist for 28 years, with 23 years in Greendale at Highland View Elementary School.

'97

Steven, '97, and **Heather (Heuton)**, '98, **Durham** live in Appleton. Steven works for Frito Lay; Heather is a teacher with the Menasha Joint School District.

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Michael Cibulka, Bothell, Washington, is a senior manager for data engineering at JJ Keller & Associates, Appleton.

'03

Jarrett Buckholz, Minneapolis, Minnesota, has taken a new position of director of operation-North America for APG Cash Drawer in Fridley. He says it has been an interesting experience not only with the new position, but navigating the challenging business climate during COVID-19.

'11

Alison Helleberg, Fond du Lac, is vice president of business development at United Manufacturers Inc./Farris Gourmet Popcorn & Treats in Fond du Lac.



Steven T. Huybrecht

Steven T. Huybrecht has moved to San Francisco to work at the VA San Francisco Medical

Center where he was hired as its first onsite chiropractor.

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Sara Peters, River Falls, is a communications coordinator for UW-River Falls.

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Christian Wendland, Redondo Beach, California, is a program manager for Optum in El Segundo, California.

'17

Jess Austin, Sweet Briar, Virginia, spent a year interning within Educational Operations for Disney Internships & Programs, which houses all of the Walt Disney Company's educational internship offerings for college students. In late 2018, Austin moved back to Lynchburg, Virginia, to become assistant director of Student Life for Sweet Briar College, a small, private, liberal arts college for women. In July 2020, Austin was

promoted to director of Student Engagement at Sweet Briar, overseeing orientation and all student involvement areas.

'18

Sarah Wanek married Erik M. Johnson in December 2020. They live in Rock Hill, South Carolina, where Sarah is an enrollment services specialist at York Technical College.

'20

Riley D. Reed, La Crosse, is a supply chain analyst with Fastenal Co. in Winona, Minnesota.

Morgan E. Theobald, Green Bay, has started a new position at UW-Green Bay as a graduate admissions recruiter.

In Remembrance

- 1954** — Ruth (Spaulding) Fransted, Rosebush, Michigan.
- 1956** — William Burns, Menomonie.
- 1956** — Arlo Coplan, Greendale.
- 1957** — Jerome Sweeney, Sandusky, Ohio.
- 1958** — Ann Jerdee, Milwaukee.
- 1958** — Neil C. Koeneman, Oshkosh.
- 1960** — La Vonne Coleman, Whitewater.
- 1960** — Carol Zimprich, Briggsville.
- 1961** — Lawrence Otto, La Crosse.
- 1962** — William “Bill” Hubbard, Monroe.
- 1962** — Larry Jorgenson, Madison.
- 1963** — Richard “Dick” Johnson, Alexandria, Virginia.
- 1964** — Alan Hedman, Mukwonago.
- 1966** — Herman Dustman, Jr., La Jolla, California.
- 1966** — William “Bill” Welch, Onalaska.
- 1969** — Judith Anderson, London, Tennessee.
- 1969 & '70** — James “Jim” Finn, Onalaska.
- 1970** — Almon “AC” Fortney, Viroqua.
- 1970** — Jeffrey Kirst, Eden Prairie, Minnesota.
- 1970** — Charles “Chuck” Moore, Ellison Bay.
- 1971** — Michael Bruha, Holmen.
- 1971** — Patricia Young, Ocean City, Maryland.
- 1972** — Terrie (Lagerbloom) Kidder, Green Bay.
- 1973** — Janet Nugent, Rochester, New York.
- 1976** — David Amborn, West Salem.
- 1976** — Margaret “Maggie” Ayers, Sugar Grove, Illinois.
- 1979** — Constance “Connie” Erickson, La Crosse.
- 1982** — Diann Allsen, Madison.
- 1982** — Thomas Franc, Bethel, Alaska.
- 1987** — Patrick Mohr, Chanhassen, Minnesota.
- 1992** — Michael “Mike” Schroeder, Fitchburg.
- 1993** — Brenda L. (Murawski) Mathias, Kenosha.
- 1997** — Eric Dick, St. Paul, Minnesota
- 2004** — Sheila Olson, Wheeler.

Faculty & Staff

James 'Jim' Edward Finn

James “Jim” E. Finn, 75, Onalaska, died Jan. 4, 2021. Finn attended UWL and received a bachelor’s degree in 1969 and a master’s in 1970. His career began at Viterbo University in La Crosse, but he returned to UWL in 1976 as associate director of Financial Aid. He became director of Financial Aid in 2000 and retired in 2005. He is survived by his wife, Donna, their daughter and son and their families. Memorials may

be given to the UWL Foundation or Viterbo University.

[See a complete obituary.]

Charles Moore

Charles Moore, 71, Ellison Bay, Wisconsin and Georgetown, Kentucky, died Jan. 10, 2020 in Georgetown. Moore, '70, graduated from Central Michigan University in 1982 with a Doctor of Psychology. He taught in

the UWL Psychology Department from 1982-2007 and was granted professor emeritus status when retiring in 2007. Moore's professional appointments included the Tomah VA Medical Center, Mayo Health System Medical Staff, and Franciscan Skemp Healthcare. He was on the Wisconsin Psychology Licensing Board from 1989-97, serving as chair from 1995-97. He was on the La Crosse County Family and Children's Services Board from 2003-05. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and their daughters and their families.

[See a complete obituary.]

Donald E. Socha

Donald Socha, 70, died Dec. 4, 2020, in La Crosse. Socha received a Bachelor of Arts, master's degree and doctorate from the University of Virginia. From 1985 until retiring in 2011, he taught French and Spanish in the UWL Modern Languages Department, along with serving as its chair. Socha also chaired the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. He is survived by his wife and two children. **[See a complete obituary.]**

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