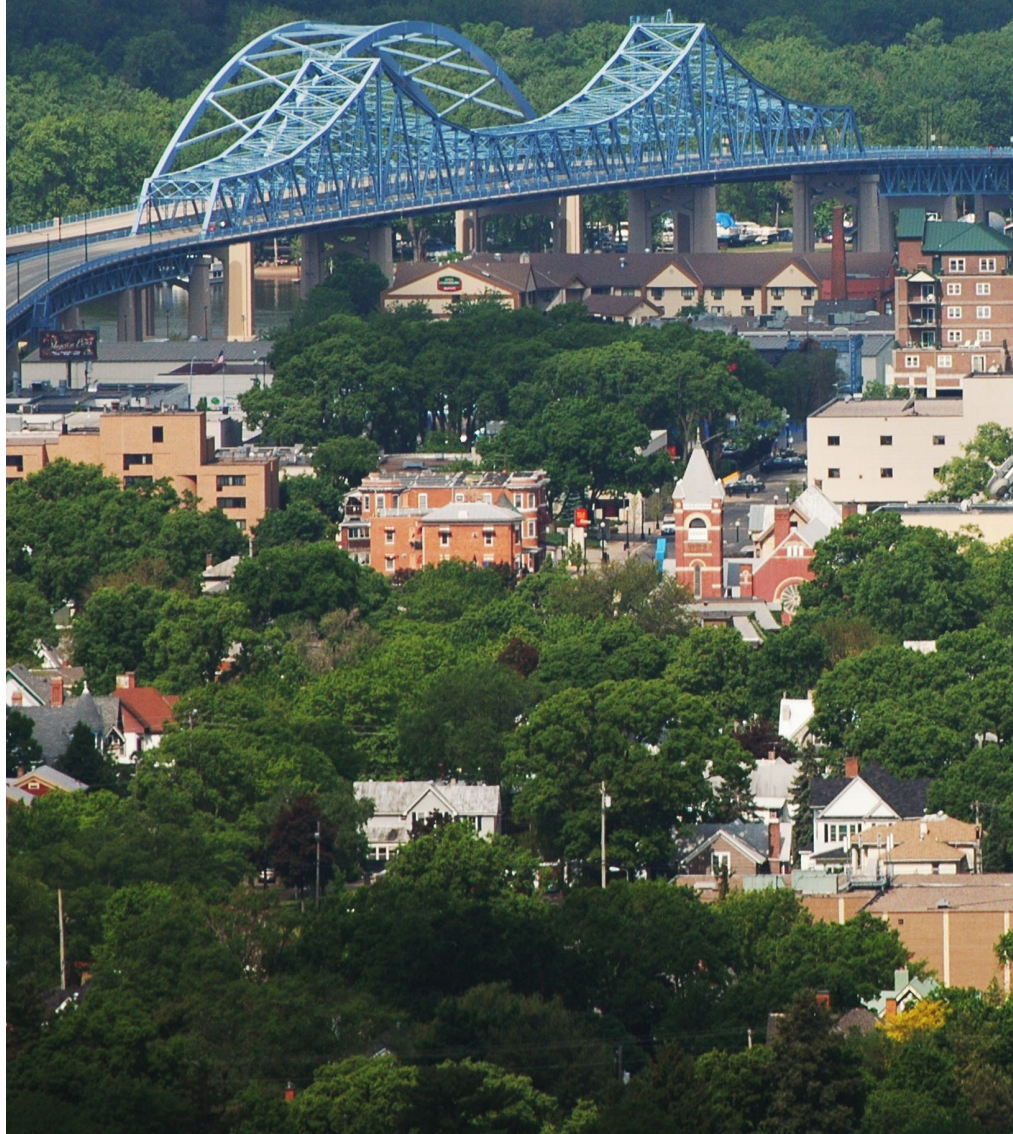


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Purpose: to identify established and emerging resources which reflect our area’s diversity and uniqueness; to build welcome and connections, increase participation and citizenship, and strengthen economic and community development efforts

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Partners in WorkGroup:

Franciscan Skemp Healthcare
Gundersen-Lutheran Medical Center
La Crosse County
La Crosse School District
NAACP-La Crosse Chapter
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Viterbo University
Western Technical College

Special thanks to the Campus Climate Office at UW-La Crosse for their research of community resources.

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Current: July 2008

African American

Arts/Culture/Entertainment

UW-L Kwanzaa Celebration

Civic and Advocacy

African American Mutual Assistance Network (AAMAN)

317 4th Street South, Suite 307

La Crosse, WI 54603

608.397.2199

www.aaman.us

Educational, spiritual, marketing and self-help network

Camp AAMAN

317 4th Street South

Suite 307

La Crosse, WI 54603

608.397.2199

www.aaman.us/ELT.html

Summer youth camp for boys and girls, ages 4-12

Martin Luther King Observance

Jubilee Center

1703 Main Street #122

La Crosse, WI 54601

608.782.1394

Jubileecenter@gmail.com

Community planning committee

NAACP, La Crosse Chapter

P.O. Box 1312

La Crosse, WI 54603

askingroberta@aol.com

Meetings: 3rd Thursday of every month -7 p.m.

Franciscan Spirituality Center, 920 Market Street

Education

La Crosse School District: Cultural & Family Connections Programs:

807 East Avenue South

La Crosse, WI 54601

608.789.7628

Dempsey Miller (DMiller@sdlax.k12.wi.us)

Programs include:

African American Drums

African American Forum

Boyz II Gentlemen

Reconnecting the Village

ROSEBUDS

African American

UW-La Crosse Multicultural Student Center:

1725 State Street

La Crosse, WI 54601

608.785.8142

Barbara Marin-Stanley (martin-s.barb@uwlax.edu)

Programs include:

Asian, Latino, African, Native American Women (ALANA)

Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

Black Student Unity (BSU)

Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

Empowered Life Temple

317 4th Street South

Suite 307

La Crosse, WI 54603

608.787.6283

www.aaman.us/ELT.html

Pastor David M. Smith

Hmong American (also see: Asian American)

Arts/Culture/Entertainment

Hmong New Year Celebration-Veterans Memorial Park

N4668 County Road VP

West Salem, WI 54669

Civic and Advocacy

Hmong Elder Caregivers Network

La Crosse County Aging Unit

400 4th Street North, Rm 2260

La Crosse, WI 54601

608.785.9710

thao.va@co.la-crosse.wi.us

Hmong Mutual Assistance Association

1815 Ward Avenue

La Crosse, WI 54601

608.781.5744

www.lacrossehmaa.org

Thai Vue (executive director)

Hmong Professional Networking

1837 Franklin St

Onalaska, WI 54650

608.386.4438

Thai Vue

Hmong American (also see: Asian American) (cont.)

Education

La Crosse School District:

Cultural and Family Connections Programs

807 East Ave South
La Crosse, WI 54601
608.789.7628
Toyang@sdlax.k12.wi.us
Tony Yang

UW-La Crosse:

1725 State Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

ASO (Asian Student Organization)

608.785.8225
Thomas Harris

HOPE (Hmong Organization Promoting Education)

lo.lyne@uwlax.edu
Lynette Lo
Meetings: Thursdays 6:00 p.m.- Diversity Center

SASO (South Asian Student Organization)

608.785.6946
pandit.lali@uwlax.edu
Lalita Pandit
Meetings: Every other Tuesday

Faith Communities

Agape Asian Ministry ELCA

St. Paul Lutheran Church
420 West Ave South
La Crosse, WI 54601
608.385.3642
agapeasian@aol.com
Rev. Houa C. Moua (Pastor)

Hmong Faith Alliance Church

2127 Pine Street
La Crosse, WI 54601
608.784.8711
Rev. Cher Fue Yang

Asian American (also see: Hmong American)

Education

La Crosse School District:

807 East Ave South
La Crosse, WI 54601

Central High School-Chinese Club

608.789.7628
Toyang@sdlax.k12.wi.us
Tony Yang

UW-La Crosse:

1725 State Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

**Chinese New Year Celebration –
organized by UW-L International Education**

ALANA (Asian, Latina, African, Native American Women)

608.785.8228
Meetings: Thursdays 6:00 p.m.- Diversity Center

ASO (Asian Student Organization)

608.785.8225
Thomas Harris

KOSMOS (Korean Student Organization)

608.785.6657
park.yang@uwlax.edu
Yangil Park

SASO (South Asian Student Organization)

608.785.6946
pandit.lali@uwlax.edu
Lalita Pandit
Every other Tuesday

VSA (Vietnamese Student Association)

608.785.8444
ngo.dung@uwlax.edu
Tuan Tran

Faith Communities

Agape Asian Ministry

420 West Avenue South
La Crosse, WI 54601
608.385.3642
agapeasian@aol.com

Asian American (also see: Hmong American) (cont.)

Onalaska United Methodist Church

212 4th Avenue North
P.O. Box 37
Onalaska, WI 54650
608.783.3380 ext. 23
www.onalaskaumc.org
Rev. Hyun-Suk Kim
Youth programs for Korean students

Native American

Arts/Culture/Entertainment

La Crosse 3 Rivers Pow Wow

UW-L NASA and Ho-Chunk Nation
Earth Day weekend
www.uwlax.edu/mss

Education

Ho Chunk Learning Center

724 Main Street
La Crosse, WI 54601
608.785.7473
Rikki Blair

Rethinking Thanksgiving Dinner

UW-L NASA and Ho-Chunk Nation
Thursday before Thanksgiving
wolf.guy@uwlax.edu

UW-La Crosse:

1725 State Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

ALANA (Asian, Latina, African, Native American Women)

608.785.8228
Meetings: Thursdays 6:00 p.m. - Diversity Center

NASA (Native American Student Association)

608.785.8838
wolf.guy@uwlax.edu
Guy Wolf
Meetings: Thursdays 5:00 p.m.
Office of Multicultural Student Services

Latino/a and Hispanic

Education

UW-La Crosse:

1725 State Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

ALANA (Asian, Latina, African, Native American Women)

608.785.8228

Meetings: Thursdays 6:00 p.m. - Diversity Center

LASO (Latin American Student Organization)

608.785.8225

vanderhy.cons@uwlax.edu

Constance Vanderhyden

Meetings-Thursdays 7:30 p.m. - 257 Cartwright Center

Spanish Club

608.785.8327

kuderer.dona@uwlax.edu

Donald Kuderer

Viterbo University:

900 Viterbo Drive
La Crosse, WI 54601

Spanish Club and Latin American Studies Institute

jejambrina@viterbo.ed

Jesus Jambrina

Faith Communities

Mary, Mother of the Church Parish

2006 Weston Street
La Crosse, WI 54601
608.788.5485

Spanish Masses: 1st Sunday of every month - 12:30 p.m.

Middle-Eastern

Education

UW-LaCrosse:

1725 State Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Muslim Student Organization

608.785.6862

khandker.wahh@uwlax.edu

Wahhab Khandker

Middle-Eastern

Faith Communities

Islamic Society Othman Bin Affab

1722 State Street, #5
La Crosse, WI 54601
608.784.7167
Daoud Jandal, President
Friday Prayer at 1:20 p.m.

LGBT

Arts/Culture/Entertainment

Pride Fest

Community planning committee
Annual celebration

Civic and Advocacy

LGBT Resource Center for the Seven Rivers, Inc.

303 Pearl Street
La Crosse, WI 54601
608.784.0452

YWCA GALAXY (Gay Alliance of La Crosse Area Youth)

3219 Commerce Street
La Crosse, WI 54603
608.781.2783
aschroeder@ywcax.org

Education

UW-LaCrosse:

1725 State Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Pride Center, Cartwright

608.785.8870
pridecenter@uwlax.edu
www.uwlax.edu/pridecenter

RU (Rainbow Unity), Cartwright

608.785.8887
vanroose.will@uwlax.edu
Will Van Roosenbeek
Meetings: Thursdays 7:00 p.m.
257 Cartwright Center/Diversity Center

LGBT

La Crosse School District:

807 East Avenue South

La Crosse, WI 54601

Central HS – Gay and Straight Alliance

608.789.7980

dhunter@mail.sdlax.k12.wi.us

Dirk Hunter

Persons with Disabilities

Arts/Culture/Entertainment

Special Olympics WI- South Central Area

608.789.7596

Kerry Gloede

YWCA A-PRO (Adaptive Physical Recreation Opportunities)

3219 Commerce Street

La Crosse, WI 54603

608.781.2783

mkwolf@ywcalax.org

Civic and Advocacy

Aging & Disability Resource Center of La Crosse County

300 4th Street North

La Crosse, WI 54601

608.785.5700

800.500.3910

608.785.9787 TTY

adrcntr@co.la-crosse.wi.us

American Society on Aging

1910 South Avenue

La Crosse, WI 54601

608.775.3697

www.gundluth.org

Lori Van Lin

ARC La Crosse, Inc

1035 Green Bay Street #4

La Crosse, WI 54601

608.782.4799

608.782.4760 Citizen Advocacy

Promotes quality of life for people with disabilities

Persons with Disabilities

Independent Living Resources (ILR)

4439 Mormon Coulee Road
La Crosse, WI 54601
608.787.1111
608.787.1148 TTY
www.ILResources.org

La Crosse County Aging Unit

400 4th Street North #2260
La Crosse, WI 54601
608.785.9710
Elderly Benefit Specialists

Mental Health Coalition of the Greater La Crosse Area

PO Box 3724
La Crosse, WI 54602
mhc@mentalhealthlacrosse.org
www.mentalhealthlacrosse.org
Community coalition of advocates for mental health and providers of mental health services

NAMI Wisconsin (National Alliance on Mental Illness) La Crosse

608.784.7532
608.788.3241
800.236.2988

Education

UW-La Crosse:

1725 State Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Adapted Physical Education Club

608.785.8691
felix.emma@uwlax.edu
Emmanuel Felix

Disability Resource Center

165 Murphy Library
608.785.8691
608.785.6900
ability@uwlax.edu

Persons with Disabilities

SAPA (Students Advocating Potential Ability)

608.785.8535

link.thom@uwlax.edu

Tom Link

Meetings: Mondays 6:30 p.m. - Diversity Center

Viterbo University:

900 Viterbo Drive

La Crosse, WI 54601

Disability Services

Murphy Center 332

608.796.3194

Jane Eddy

Wisconsin Technical College (WTC):

304 6th Street North

La Crosse, WI 54601

Disability Services

Academic Resource Center Room 154

608.785.9875

Faith Communities

Roncalli Newman Center Signed Mass

1732 State Street

La Crosse, WI 54601

608.784.4994

www.lacrossedeanery.com/signed (for schedule)

Every other weekend 9:00 a.m. Mass

(alternating with Mary, Mother of the Church Parish)

Mary, Mother of the Church Signed Mass

2006 Weston Street

La Crosse, WI 54601

608.788.5483

www.lacrossedeanery.com/signed (for schedule)

Every other weekend 8:00 a.m. Mass

(alternating with Roncalli Newman Center Parish)

Women's Resources

Civic and Advocacy

League of Women Voters of the La Crosse Area

P.O. Box 363
La Crosse, WI 54602
608.791.1191
www.lwvlacrosse.org
Nancy Hill (president)

Education

CLOVER-Colleges of La Crosse Opposing Violence through Education and Outreach

UW-La Crosse

608.785.5126
www.uwlax.edu/clover
Ingrid Peterson
Mao Kong

Viterbo University

608.796.3809
www.viterbo.edu/interpersonalviolence.aspx
Jessica Woods
Mao Kong
608.789.8033

Western Technical College (WTC)

608.386.1895
Sylvia O'Brien
Mao Kong
608.789.8033

UW-La Crosse:

1725 State Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Organization for Campus Women

Boortz.carm@uwlax.edu
www.uwlax.edu/ocw
Carmen Boortz

Self-Sufficiency Program

608.785.8733
www.uwlax.edu/ssp
Amy Sullivan
Prepares low-income parents for college

Women's Resources

Violence Prevention Services

306 Wimberly Hall

UW-La Crosse

608.785.5126

peterson.ingr@uwlax.edu

Ingrid Peterson

WSSA (Women's Studies Student Association)

www.uwlax.edu/wssa

Sandi Krajewski

Other Ethnicities

Arts/Culture/Entertainment

Irish Fest

P.O. Box 215

La Crosse, WI 54602

www.irishfestlax.org

Annual festival in August

Norskedalen Midsummer Fest

Coon Valley, WI

608.452.3424

www.norskadalen.org

Scandinavian celebration of the longest day of the year

Oktoberfest

1 Oktoberfest Strasse

La Crosse, WI 54601

608.784.3378

www.oktoberfestusa.com

Late September/Early October

Education

UW-La Crosse:

1725 State Street

La Crosse, WI 54601

German Club

608.785.8322

olson.audi@uwlax.edu

Audie Olson

Other Ethnicities (cont.)

Le Cercle Francais

(608)785-8321

rusterho.barb@uwlax.edu

Barbara Rusterholz

Other Faith Communities

Baha'i of La Crosse

1303 Green Bay Street

La Crosse, WI 54601

608.784.7024

City Neighborhood Church – Evangelical Free (Christian)

514 South 8th Street

La Crosse, WI 54602

608.782.4494

www.citychurchlax.com

Pastor Chris Crye

Ethnically diverse Christian worship

Diamond Way Buddhist Center

1620 South 16th Street

La Crosse, WI 54601

608.784.1566

lacrosse@diamondway.org

<http://www.diamondway.org/lacrosse/index.htm>

Empowered Life Temple

317 4th Street South

Suite 307

La Crosse, WI 54603

608.787.6283

www.aaman.us/ELT.html

Pastor David M. Smith

Meets at 3 Rivers School, 901 Caledonia Street,

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Sunday mornings

Hope United Church-nondenominational, social justice emphasis, open and affirming, (Christian)

901 Caledonia Street

La Crosse, WI 54601

(3 Rivers School)

608.526.6993

Rev. LeRoy Sua

Sunday services at 10:00 a.m.

Other Faith Communities

Islamic Society Othman Bin

1722 State Street
La Crosse, WI 54601
608.784.7167

Friday prayers at 1:20 p.m.

Sons of Abraham Congregation

1820 Main Street
La Crosse, WI 54601
608.784.2708

Saturday services

St. Elias Eastern Orthodox

716 Copeland Avenue
La Crosse, WI 54601
608.782.8641

Sunday services

UW-La Crosse:

1725 State Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Diamond Way Buddhist Club

608.785.8427
miller.davi@uwlax.edu
David Miller

Muslim Student Organization

608.785.6862
khandker.wahh@uwlax.edu
Wahhab Khandker

International/Global

Civic and Advocacy

Amnesty International #581, La Crosse Chapter

1138 Cliffwood Lane
La Crosse, WI 54601
608.787.0639

Joan Schoenfeld

Meetings: 1st Wednesday of every month 7:30 p.m.

International/Global

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse

3710 East Avenue South
P.O. Box 266
La Crosse, WI 54601
608.782.0710
1-888-212-HELP (toll free)
www.cclse.org

Immigration/Refugee Resettlement

LFIS (La Crosse Friends of International Students)

Rick Smith
507.643.6095

www.uwlax.edu/oie

Coordinates Friendship Family Program for community and international students

Education

Multicultural Faculty and Staff Organization (MUFASO)

UW-L Research and Resource Center for Campus Climate
1725 State Street
La Crosse, WI 54601
608.785.5094
campusclimate@uwlax.edu

Education Faculty and Staff network

UW-La Crosse:

1725 State Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Amnesty International

608.785.6644

Robert Freeman

Meetings: Tuesdays 6 p.m. - 3rd floor Cartwright Center

International Student Organization

608.785.8016

isouwl@yahoo.com

www.uwlax.edu/iso

Office of International Education

116 Graff Main Hall

608.785.8016

www.uwlax.edu/oie

International/Global

Viterbo University:

900 Viterbo Drive
La Crosse, WI 54601

Global Education Office

608.796.3050
globaled@viterbo.edu

SOAHR (Student Org. Advocating for Human Rights)

608.796.3491
mvbird@viterbo.edu
Maribel Bird

Intercultural Understanding Resources

Civic and Advocacy

Awareness Through Performance

Various dates
UW-L Office of Campus Climate
www.uwlax.edu/campusclimate

Chamber of Commerce of Greater La Crosse

Intercultural Network

712 Main Street
La Crosse, WI 54601
608.784.4880

Great Rivers 2-1-1

2-1-1 (toll-free, voice/TTY)
608.775.6335
mmreckas@gundluth.org
www.firstcallforhelp.com

Mary Mundt Reckase

Access point for people to obtain complete and current information on over 3,500 community and human service programs

Jubilee Center

1703 Main Street #122
La Crosse, WI 54601
608.782.1394

jubileecenter@gmail.com

Resource center for community justice and organizing projects

Intercultural Understanding Resources

School District of La Crosse Cultural and Family Connection Programs

807 East Avenue South
La Crosse, WI 54601
dhunter@sdlax.k12.wi.us
Dirk Hunter

Women of Color Support Group for Survivors of Domestic Violence – Houston Co. Women’s Resource Center

Hokah, MN
507.894.2676 business line
866.367.4297 crisis line

Education

ACT 31 Conference

UWL Hmong and Native American Student Associations

School of Education, and Delta Pi
Early spring
www.uwlax.edu/mss

UW-La Crosse:

1725 State Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

ALANA (Asian, Latina, African, Native American Women)

608.785.8228

Meetings: Thursdays 6:00 p.m. - Diversity Center

DOC (Diversity Organization Coalition)

608.785.5094

Goodenough.aman@uwlax.edu

Amanda Goodenough (Advisor)

Meetings: Mondays 5:45 p.m. - Diversity Center

Office of Affirmative Action and Diversity

235 Graff Main Hall

1725 State Street

La Crosse, WI 54601

608.785.8541

Intercultural Understanding Resources

Office of Multicultural Student Services

243 Graff Main Hall

1725 State Street

La Crosse, WI 54601

608.785.8225

stewart.barb@uwlax.edu

Barbara Stewart (Director)

Resource & Research Center for Campus Climate

227 Graff Main Hall

1725 State Street

La Crosse, WI 54601

608.785.5094

Selected Businesses, Services, and Products

Asian Market

510 Lang Drive

La Crosse, WI 54603

608.784.0534

Chia's Transportation Services

1310 Red Cedar Court

Onalaska, WI 54650

608.397.9650

Xao Chia's Lee (Manager)

Direct Income Tax Service

Onalaska, WI 54650

608.385.6443

Allen Chong Yang (Owner)

Hmong Adult Day Services, Inc.

1100 Kane Street

Suite 120

La Crosse, WI 54603

608.782.5603

Shoua BT. Lee (Manager)

Indochinese Grocery Store

704 La Crosse Street

La Crosse, WI 54601

608.785.1566

Selected Businesses, Services, and Products

Margaret's Hip Hop Fashion

1134 Gillette Street
La Crosse, WI 54603
608.782.3610

Specializing in youth and adult fashion

Rosemary's Family Dining

1124 Gillette Street
La Crosse, WI 54603
608.783.1271

Specializing in southern home-style cooking

Southeast Asia Grocery Store

1400 Liberty Street
La Crosse, WI 54603
608.785.7707

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