UNIVERSITY of WISCONSIN LA CROSSE

Dear friends, alumni and distinguished guests:

From our storied beginnings in 1909, when the La Crosse Normal School was founded, to our place of prominence today in 2012 the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse has grown into one of the best public universities in the country. Thus we can be proud of many things – in particular, today's graduating class.

Earlier this year, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked UW-L No. 2 among public universities in the Midwest who offer bachelor's and master's degrees, the highest ranking of any UW institution in this category. And we also now are ranked No. 43 in Kiplinger Magazine's list of the Top 100 Values in American Public Higher Education, further recognition of our strong national leadership in advanced education.

A commitment to excellence exists throughout the UW-L campus, and the accomplishments listed on page five showcase some of our most notable achievements. But the greatest testament to our tradition of academic excellence is the group of outstanding students who make up today's graduating class. Each one of them is a point of pride, and we're so very grateful for that.

So on behalf of the staff and faculty here at UW-L it's my pleasure to thank you for joining us today to celebrate the crowning achievement of the university experience. The future holds great promise for our graduates, and I hope you are as proud of them as we are!

Best wishes,

Joe Gow Chancellor

One Hundred Second Annual Spring Commencement University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Sunday, the thirteenth of May, two thousand twelve

10 a.m. ceremony

College of Liberal Studies | College of Business Administration

2 p.m. ceremony

College of Science and Health

Processional "Pomp and Circumstance" Edward Elgar UW-L Brass Ensemble, student directors Processional Narration......Terry Wirkus, Academic Technology Services Ceremony Welcome Joe Gow, Chancellor Student Address Graduate Speaker | Ka Lia Lo Student Speaker | Cassandra De Haro Presentation of Candidates for DegreesBetsy Morgan, Interim Provost/Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs Robert Hetzel, Vice Chancellor, Administration and Finance Greg Reichert, Assistant Chancellor for University Advancement College of Business Administration.......William Colclough, Dean UW-L Alumni Association Board President

Singing of Alma Mater

The Alma Mater

Morning sun greets many banners Colors dear, flag we love

On its westward way, Float for aye;

Fair to us above all others

Old La Crosse to thee,

Waves maroon and gray.

May we all be ever loyal

To thy memory.

Recessional

"Triumphal March from Aida"......Verdi

Please remain seated during the processional and until all graduates and faculty have completed the recessional from commencement.

Mace Carriers

Letica Pena, College of Business Administration Pat DiRocco, College of Science and Health

Commencement Marshals

Lori Anderson	Scott Cooper	Linda Levinson	Brad Seebach
Tracie Blumentritt	Guy Herling	Mo McAlpine	Will Van Roosenbeek
Carla Burkhardt	Julia Johnson	Nick Nicklaus	Gary Willhite
	Angie Lee	John Palmer	
Name Reader		Terry Wirkus, Acade	mic Technology Services
			Kristine Wirkus

Commencement ushers are members of the Vanguard organization.

Note: Sound-enhancement earphones are available for hearing-impaired guests. Ask an usher if you would like to use the earphones. Please return them to an usher after the ceremony.

A reception for graduates and their family and friends will be held immediately following the ceremony. Please proceed to the Ballroom to meet your graduate.

Master Degree Recipients: Prior to the ceremony, please gather in the Zielke Suite to greet program faculty and be hooded.

Academic Dress

The academic apparel worn by faculty and staff in the processional has its origins in the universities of the Middle Ages. Because the universities grew out of church schools, both faculty and students were regarded as part of the clergy, and wore clerical clothing based on monastic dress.

The head covering developed from the skull cap worn to protect tonsured heads in cold weather. In the universities, the skull cap acquired a point at the top which gradually evolved into a tassel. In Europe, the bonnet with a tassel is still worn, but has been replaced in America by the mortar board cap or tam with a tassel.

The style of the gown may have been borrowed from the Benedictine monk's habit. In the Middle Ages, those with bachelor's and master's degrees could be distinguished by the simplicity or elaborateness of their gowns. The master's gowns were often furred, a decoration surviving as the three velvet bars now used on the sleeves of the doctoral gown.

The hood was originally worn over the head in bad weather, and otherwise dropped onto the shoulders. First worn by faculty and students, the hood is now added to the apparel of those with master's and doctoral degrees. The color of the velvet trim on the hood indicates the scholarly field, for example, dark blue (philosophy), golden yellow (science), light blue (education), pink (music), apricot (nursing), drab (business), and white (arts). The colors of the satin lining are those approved and authorized by the college or university from which the degree was earned.

Medallion Symbolizes Authority

Wearing a medallion or seal of office has been a symbol of authority since the Middle Ages. The seal marked official documents then; heads of institutions were the seal around the neck to keep it in their possession. The chancellor's medallion features a design and materials that reflect UW-La Crosse. The mokume-gane or "wood grain metal" used is a specialty of the campus jewelry studio.

Mace Shows Quest for Truth

Once a weapon in medieval combat, the mace was adopted by universities as a symbol of the power of the quest for truth. The mace is carried in the commencement ceremony by a distinguished senior faculty member. William R. Fiorini, a UW-L art professor, designed and made the medallion and mace, which were used for the first time at the inauguration of Chancellor Judith L. Kuipers in September 1992.

The mace and medallion were given to the University by Mary Hebberd and Ruth Nixon-Davy, professors emeriti. Silver plaques on the medallion box and mace stand acknowledge these gifts.

Symbols of Academic Achievement

Many undergraduate students are wearing items that reflect high academic achievement. Commencement Honors are designated by silver cords, and are worn by students who have at least a 3.50 cumulative grade point average. Those wearing gold cords have earned Commencement Highest Honors with at least a 3.75 average. Members of the Golden Key International Honour Society are wearing a medallion on a blue and gold neck ribbon. The organization is open to the top 15 percent of graduating seniors in various fields of study. Discipline-specific honor organizations are represented by a variety of other cords.

International Flags and Sashes

The international flags displayed on the commencement platform represent the home countries of international students attending the University. Sashes are worn by graduates who studied abroad. Each sash represents the country in which the student studied.

College Banners

The banners used in the processional represent the colleges of the university and the colors indicate the scholarly fields within the colleges. The banners were designed by Arla Wojahn, Educational Technology Center, class of '04 and were produced by Chris Jackson, Mt. Borah, class of '91. They were first used at the inauguration of Chancellor Joe Gow in October 2007.

The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse: Points of Pride

- History Professor Greg Wegner was named the 2011 Wisconsin Professor of the Year. He was selected from college educators across the U.S. by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.
- UW-L ranks No. 2 in the Midwest among public universities offering bachelor's and master's degrees in *U.S.News & World Report's* 2012 America's Best Colleges – the highest ranking among Wisconsin public and private colleges.
- UW-L ranked No. 62 nationally among Kiplinger's Personal Finance February 2012 issue's Top 100 Best Value Schools with "top-flight academics and affordable costs." UW-L has been on Kiplinger's Top 100 for more than a decade.
- G.I. Jobs placed UW-L on its 2012 list of Military Friendly Schools, honoring the top 15 percent of higher ed schools embracing America's student veterans. UW-L's Student Veterans of America chapter has been identified by the national organization as an example of 'best practices' for treating vets on campus.
- UW-L was again chosen to host the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, this time in 2013. The event is expected to attract 3,500 faculty and students from more than 300 colleges and universities nationwide
- The UW-L Water Ski and Wakeboard Team was voted the 2011 National Collegiate Water Ski Association Team of the Year among 72 collegiate teams nationally.
- UW-L's new academic building, Centennial Hall, was selected by the Wisconsin State Department of Facilities as its Best Project of 2011.

- Wisconsin Distinguished Professor James Wiener in the UW-L River Studies Center received a 2011 Midwest Regional Director's Natural Resource Award from the U.S. National Park Service.
- UW-L Health Professionals/Physical Therapy Professor Gwyn Straker received the Wisconsin Physical Therapy Association's Otto Cordero Lifetime Achievement Award, recognizing individuals who have made sustained and significant contributions to the profession and association.
- The Adapted Physical Activity Council has given the UW-L Center on Disability Health and Adapted Physical Activity its 2012 Program Recognition Award, which recognizes the center for enhancing high-quality physical activity opportunities for people with disabilities.
- Two UW-L Master of Education graduates were Teachers of Year in 2011. Bradley Markhardt, '00, agriculture education teacher at Black River Falls High School, is Wisconsin Teacher of the Year. Katy Smith, '03, an early childhood family education parent teacher at Goodview School in Winona, is Minnesota Teacher of the Year.
- Distinguished Concerts International in New York City invited UW-L's Vocal Jazz Ensemble to participate in its Vocal Jazz Festival at Carnegie Hall in May 2011.
- The Wisconsin Department of Children and Families praised the UW-L Campus Child Center for providing "excellent care for children."
- UW-L is in the top 20 colleges and universities nationwide for the percentage of students who study abroad. (Source: Institute of International Education - Open Doors Report.)



Candidates for Graduation

Associate Degree Candidates

10 a.m. ceremony Alicia A. Brown Amy J. Sloan

Baccalaureate Degree Candidates

College of Business Administration

10 a.m. ceremony

Laurel D. Allison** Saad R. Almesalm Benjamin R. Andersen Kayla M. Anderson Kristen Jo Anderson Alexander A. Anton* Joshua P. Arbanas Karmin R. Arnold**+ Kyle J. Barman*+ Alexander C. Barr* Matthew J. Baumann Nicholas W. Becker Ellyn D. Berg Karl J. Betchner Zachary S. Biel Bruce J. Boeckmann Josh S. Boehning Benjamin M. Boerschinger* Monica J. Bohl

Eric J. Born Joshua C. Box Diane L. Brien** Kelsey M. Brinker* Derek J. Brom Joshua A. Brown Leroy D. Brown Ashley S. Brumm Russell B. Brunner*

Patrick E. Bryan Marcus O. Buchholz** Zachary C. Burch

Shawn R. Burrus

Samuel D. Cable Kayla E. Carlson** Christopher B. Chard Kelly J. Chase* Qian Chen* Shiyan Chen Daniel E. Chipman Taylor C. Christy* Matthew T. Cimpl Brennen T. Clark Paige N. Conforti* Brittany F. Craig

Sulaimon A. Elegbede+

Jeffrey M. Ellis

Jacob A. Duda

Kevin A. Crass

Ryan A. Curwick

Jessica L. Donahue

Jessica D. Elsberry**+ Delane S. Emery John O. Erickson Nicole C. Evers* Megan R. Fallon

Kristin J. Farina* Tyler S. Felber Steven L. Flood Terrell J. Gamble Kyle R. Gassenhuber Kelsey F. George

Kory L. Grey+ Camden A. Halverson

Travis J. Glasrud

Jacob B. Hanson Zachary J. Harazin+ Alison M. Harguth Jennifer M. Heckner

John R. Holt

Caitlin E. Holterman Jonathan L. Holthaus Joseph A. Holtz David Hromadka Jana M. Huisman Rebecca M. Jacobson* Corey A. Jansen*

Jason M. Jensen Mengying Jiang Elizabeth A. Johns Matthew R. Johnson Andrew M. Kane Matthew I. Karls*

Maria C. Jansen**

Erik C. Jensen*

Melanie R. Klitzke James B. Klusmeyer Tyler W. Knobeck** Erin J. Knudson

Andrea J. Klaus

Nicholas J. Koeune+ Benjamin J. Kolo Quint S. Koplitz

Cole T. Lambert Jay T. Larson Garrett J. Lau

Steven Le Jeune

Jack C. Leahy Tyler M. Lebrocq Bethany R. LeCocq

Jonathan A. Leon Sean M. Lewandowski**

Matthew A. Liberacki Blake L. Liermann+

Jenifer K. Linzmeyer Kaylanie L. Lomibao Alan D. Manix+

Stephanie M. Martens Alyssa R. Matson+

Kellyn R. McCormack Zachary W. McKeeth

Nathan E. Melby Robin M. Melville Nathan M. Meuer** Michael J. Miller Ryan T. Miller

Riley C. Moore* Matthew F. Mueller Michael W. Munz

Brianna L. Murray Kyle D. Nelson Matthew D. Nelson

Keegan D. Nesvacil+ Chau M. Nguyen* Dung Nguyen**

Giang H. Nguyen Nam H. Nguyen

Thao Thi Phuong Nguyen**

Logan T. Nienhaus*

Brianna M. Niesen Matthew L. Nighbor** Alyssa T. Nimmo Samuel W. Nolden Kylee B. Noren Patrick T. Nugent James M. Orewiler Megan M. Paetz* Scott J. Pagenkopf Alyssa M. Parr* Zhihuan Peng+ David J. Pergande Mara K. Petrich+ Tra T. Pham Christopher C. Phillips Ashley E. Piotter Danya A. Plansky Bryant R. Poss** Ali M. Probst Jason M. Prochnow James E. Purtell

Rebecca L. Ramsey*

Bryan J. Rastello Jennifer L. Rattray Daniel W. Reineke Daniel T. Richards Joshua J. Roethle Seth D. Rooker Matthew J. Rubenzer Bryant M. Rude+ Jordan A. Rumpel* Alyssa A. Ryan** Andrew G. Sailer Katherine A. Schmitz Laura C. Schmitz Ellyse M. Schneider Mikel L. Schneider Alicia M. Schnorr Hannah R. Schoenberg Sara J. Schoonover David P. Schuette Travis R. Seiltz* Lindsey A. Sjobeck Nicholas W. Skibba+

Joshua S. Smale Nicole M. Sobczak Hailey E. Sommer Aaron W. Sonsalla Jesse P. Sorenson Jonathan L. Steede Matthew S. Story Jonathan M. Stubbe Jessica J. Subach Xiaonan Tang* April R. Taylor+ Vang Houa Thao Sara E. Theis Elizabeth A. Toellner Derek F. Tomesh* Zenas Underwood Karen M. Vadnais* Becky L. Vang Ger Vang James B. Vang Emily A. Vercauteren Jocelyn R. Verick+

Abby J. Videen Jared A. Vike Hoang Vo** Linglong Wang* Shayue Wang Madelyn R. Wargowski Christian J. Wiese Adam J. Wilcox Michael L. Wilson Xun Xu Danielle N. Yager Jiaxue Yang Sony Yang Mai Der Yang-Vue Bryan P. Young Kristopher J. Zachary* Melissa M. Zavadil Yuankun Zhao

Ashley M. Zweep+

College of Liberal Studies

10 a.m. ceremony

Nikolina Adzic* Amy L. Alcott* Trevor J. Allen Erin M. Anderson* Ross C. Anderson Kimberly R. Andring* Andriana C. Angeli Emma A. Angoli** Katherine L. Arista Tonisha N. Atkins Ashley C. Atkinson** Elizabeth Austad Elizabeth A. Bader+ Brett D. Bailey Kasey L. Baker* Lauren N. Bannon Nicole M. Barnes Jason D. Bartsch** Kelsey M. Bauer*+

Francesca A. Bautista Stacy L. Beatse Nicole L. Becker Nicole L. Beistle* Jared D. Bender* Allison C. Benish* Alison R. Benson Kirk T. Benson Kaitlin M. Berg Brianna J. Berhow Megan E. Bernhardt Breeann J. Biederman Brent S. Binder Jacqueline R. Bisson Kayla M. Block Adam M. Blom+ Aiyana D. Bloome Heather M. Boelke** Bethany Boersma*

Casey A. Bohlman Jacob R. Boll** Kelsie K. Bolz* Katherine M. Bourgeois** Brian S. Boyea David S. Brandt** Sarah J. Branson** Samuel G. Bratz Emma E. Bremer** Melissa K. Bremer** Trinity Breuer* Danielle R. Brey** Aaron M. Brock+ Adia A. Brooks** Devon L. Broome Brittany L. Brown Micah J. Brown Angela M. Brunett* Brianna J. Brunker*

Larisa A. Brusky Jaleesa L. Burdick Kristen M. Burke Kelsey E. Burkett Sarah M. Camann Cassie S. Carley** Emily R. Carlson Angela M. Carrimon Brendan C. Carroll+ Katie A. Cerniglia Elizabeth M. Charnell Marisa M. Christiano* Jenalee K. Christopherson* Chassitti C. Clark Megan M. Clark* Suzanne K. Clum** Daniel J. Collins Annie K. Confer+ Abby G. Curley*

College of Liberal Studies continued

Sean M. Dalpra Zachary T. Daniels Abebe O. Dashew* LaVonne M. Daveler Jacqueline E. David Rourke D. Decker Tiara G. Delapp Ericka V. Dibelius** Jillian J. Dickson-Igl* Daniel J. Dodge Sara C. Donahoe* Thomas J. Donar* Danva K. Dravis* Erin K. DuBois** Kelly J. Ehleiter Amanda R. Engelien** Laura A. Enriquez Celia M. Erdman* Anna L. Erickson** Jennifer L. Faber* Kevin D. Fanshaw* Caitlin C. Farrell** Sarah K. Fender Amanda R. Fink* Tylor J. Fischer Jasmine E. Fitzsimmons Jesse S. Fletcher Miranda J. Flock** Seth J. Forecki Holly A. Freeman Stephanie M. Friedman Jessica L. Gable Alyssa N. Gajewski** Megan L. Galdes* Amy J. Garinger Chelsey M. Gates Brittany V. Gaustad Sam M. Gavic Corey B. Geary Rachel L. Gerke Gretchen V. Gerrard* Brett M. Gerspach Megan K. Glidden

Grant D. Goettl Courtney J. Gonzales Taylor M. Goodine* Gerald C. Goodwin+ Kathryn B. Gorman Joseph M. Graves Amber L. Gray Kelsey Greenwood Kelsey O. Griffin* Ericka A. Grimm AnnaMarie E. Gross* Samantha L. Guess Sarah N. Guthrie Rebecca L. Hafermann Marie A. Hallett Victoria M. Halverson* Laura T. Hanna Sarah D. Hansen Breanna L. Hanson Erik L. Hanson** Herbert H. Hanson Jill A. Harden Kailey N. Hardyman Bruce T. Hart Natalie V. Harties* Wade A. Hassel* Mackenzie K. Hautala** Sarah E. Havens Amber N. Hawley Chad J. Heemstra* Emily R. Helseth Hannah L. Henderson* Alyssa L. Hengel Austin P. Hernandez+ Brittany J. Herricks Katherine M. Hess* Kate L. Hessefort Jessica T. Hetchler Ellen M. Hildebrand* Stephanie A. Hoch+ Russell T. Hoeldtke Benjamin R. Hoffman

Sarah J. Horstmann RoseAnna J. Howerton*+ Qixi Huang** Xiaofei Huang Jenna M. Hudziak Kahlynn M. Hunt** Samantha M. Husman* Hailey A. Hyland Zachary B. Iler Thomas M. Isaacs* Sarah L. Jacobson** Holly S. Jarrett Rebecca A. Jeanes* Christina C. John** Alex M. Johnson Brent H. Johnson Chelsea J. Johnson* Danielle C. Johnson* Darcy J. Johnson Janae L. Johnson** Katie M. Johnson Luke J. Johnson Mitchell L. Johnson** Robert D. Johnson Elizabeth A. Jones* Sarah M. Jones Danica F. Joosten Leann M. Karl Megan N. Kasten** Zachary A. Kaszynski Kristen L. Kauphusman Abigail Kelley* Kathryn J. Kelly Kara A. Kenzler Kelsey L. Kilroy** Jessalyn M. Kimball* Emily S. King* Eric R. King Joseph A. Klinge* Trisha M. Kluck* Allen J. Knappenberger Evan A. Knoespel Ryan R. Knudtson**

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Megan H. Holm*

Lloyd A. McKinney+ Brianne R. McManus* Ann I. McQuilkin Madeline R. McRae Danielle M. Mejchar Mikaela C. Mendez-Smith Adam J. Mesman** Tyler J. Messman* Rachel A. Messmer Elicia M. Meyer Austin T. Mickschl Cassandra E. Miller Elizabeth Miller+ Steven J. Miller Carissa M. Mindt Philip H. Minia Nora E. Minster* Jamie J. Miskinis Sean A. Mobley John S. Moilien+ Tanya L. Molzahn Nicholas R. Mompier Zachary M. Morin Lindsey K. Mueller* Rhonda K. Neeley Nicole M. Neidlein Ryan J. Nell Jennifer L. Nelson* Holly D. Neumann Van Q. Ngo Erin L. Nichols Katarina Nikezic Olivia E. Ninmann Douglas O. Nogrady Kirsten E. Norby* Christine R. Nowak+ Stephen C. Oelke Kristen A. Olson+ Bijun Ou* Alex K. Parker* Simon W. Payne** Samantha M. Peacock*

TaraLee J. Pederson**

Candice L. Pierce Tina L. Pierce Ashlev E. Piotrzkowski Anne M. Plunkett+ Ryan J. Pomerening Kelli D. Ponce Brian S. Popp** Kelly R. Porlier Adeili M. Potts+ Levi Q. Powers Danielle R. Prins Katelin V. Quick** Emily S. Rackers Kayla M. Raduka** Sean I. Rafajko* Michaela M. Randall Kaitlin A. Rawlsky Thomas J. Reader* Caitlin M. Reed Mary K. Regan Anastasia E. Riberich Jenifer J. Roberts* Odin K. Robinson Steven J. Romenesko* Toni L. Ross Courtney R. Rucker* Hannah L. Ruff* Mitchell D. Running Matthew J. Runtas Mary K. Ryan* Trent A. Saari* Kaitlyn M. Saindon Kristine E. Salonek Ashley M. Salzman* Jeremiah C. Samuelson Brooke A. Sanchez Ashley E. Santolin Abby E. Saunders Kayla R. Schaller Samuel A. Schaus Mary L. Schlangen Jamie L. Schleich

Jessie E. Schlender+

Colin C. Schmidt Robert M. Schneider+ Scott A. Scholze Jennifer J. Schroeder Kyle P. Schroeder* William L. Schultz, Jr Megan J. Schulz* Joshua A. Schumann Vanessa L. Schwartz** Frank J. Schweiger+ Jessica Schweigert Kayla M. Sell Logan Shea Samuel A. Shilts Brian F. Shonat Naomi M. Sill* Nicholas R. Sinram* Amy P. Slinkman* Timothy J. Smith** Sarah E. Sodemann Kevin Sommerfeld** Angela M. Spagnoli Janel L. Spicer Shaundel M. Spivey Sigrid G. Splinter* Rosanne L. St. Sauver** Kelly Stadum Scott E. Staehler Carla M. Stenulson Christopher Y. Steuerwald+ Mia R. Stickelmaier+ Kelly L. Stipetich* Brittany A. Strauss* Sarah J. Swanson** Troy D. Syrjanen Harmony K. Szarek** Julie A. Szymanski* Leigh E. Taddeucci Alexandra K. Taube+ Kayla J. Tetzlaff* Drew A. Thompson Sierra Y. Tiegs** Jessica M. Tomaszewski**

Briana Tong* Lindsay M. Van Norman+ Devon M. Van Tyn* Melany A. Vanden Langenberg* Diana Vang+ Pa Houa Vang Thong Vang Brittany A. Verbanac Brittany L. Vogt** Angela C. Voigt Kevin D. Votaw** Choua Vue* Molly M. Wagner Carley E. Wahl Emma E. Walesh* Emily A. Ware Katie L. Wargolet* Ian M. Watts** Shaohua Wei Caitlin E. Wentzel Joni M. Wethall Andrew J. White* Eric D. White* Cadi L. Whyte Carissa S. Wiersma** Nathaniel J. Willaert Kyle D. Williams Megan Williams Angela K. Wishard*+ Jessica L. Wohlhoefer+ Anna R. Wooden* Megan A. Woodward** Heidi L. Wysocki** Mao Xiong Heaven Y. Yang Maikia Yang Courtney A. Zahn Bryan A. Zannotti Morgan H. Zavadil** Bryan M. Zdroik+ Ryan R. Ziegler Paul W. Zimmer*

College of Science and Health

2 p.m. ceremony

Kaitlin A. Achsel** Corey J. Adams Heather L. Aderman*+ Jessica L. Adler Emam M. Albarnawi Allison M. Albers Sarah L. Albertson Christopher J. Allison Liesl Amon Andrew J. Anderson David L. Anderson Tyler J. Anderson* Abigail C. Arenz Christopher M. Ashbeck Greg Aspenson* Sara R. Avery* Benjamin J. Axell Dylan J. Bahr Maureen A. Baker Katherine Balfany* Jaimie L. Ballweg* Alexander J. Bangs Adam M. Barta* Melanie J. Bates* Emily M. Bauer** Laura A. Becker** Lindsey M. Becker** Kaylee E. Beckwith** Shauna R. Beisker Patrick X. Bell Christiane J. Berdan* Kelsey M. Berg + Jared M. Berger Brandon H. Berning Jaclyn M. Bero Rebekah Kathryn Bickel** Kristina L. Bjerke Alicia A. Block+ Rachel Elizabeth Boldt* Janelle Marie Boll** Bronson T. Bomkamp*

Nicholas J. Brengosz Brett M. Brockman Jens C. Brown Christopher D. Bryant* Laura V. Buchholz+ Rachel A. Budelier* Pamela E. Buntin** Jeremiah J. Burish Tyler D. Burmeister* Harlan W. Burnett Jessica M. Burnham Gabrielle A. Busch Heather M. Bushman Leah R. Calawerts*+ Anthony R. Campbell Ariel A. Canzoneri Shannon E. Carlin+ Abby S. Carlon* Rita K. Carlson Thomas E. Carter Brittany A. Check**+ Sasha M. Chihak* Mallory D. Christopherson William L. Close Danielle D. Cloutier Elizabeth C. Collins** Patrick A. Copp Adam J. Cordova** Kurt M. Costigan Mickayla M. Cottor Angela Cramer+ Jessica P. Crelly*+ Kyle J. Crosby April M. Crowder*+ Sarah E. Cummuta-Gerbig Sarah L. Curtin Allison Davies*+ Whitney M. Davis Carly A. De Bruin* Kathryn M. DeBruyne**

Marc A. DeSardi Jacqueline J. Deviley+ Adam C. DeZeeuw+ Amanda K. Dietzen* Andrew P. Doyle Tiffany Draeving** Alexandra E. Dymoke Ashley D. Eide* Kayla J. Eilenfeldt+ Thomas D. Eisenhauer+ Stephanie L. Ellingen Zachary R. Ellis William R. Emery Amanda M. Emmrich* Bonnie L. Erickson** Alexa R. Ernst Andrew T. Ernst** Jay A. Fanta+ Cole K. Farley David J. Farrow Alyssa A. Fedor* Nathan T. Fekete Jacob W. Ferris Christopher J. Fischer Zachary A. Fischer** Molly J. Flanagan Ryan P. Flood+ Krista R. Flynn Greta R. Foley Bethany M. Forseth Danielle J. Frank Erin C. Fraundorf* Eric M. Frawley Nissa K. Fredrich Benjamin M. Froehling Kaitlin N. Fuchs* Joshua W. Funk* Sasha R. Gajewski Mari R. Galle Bret L. Galligan Kenneth R. Gast Michael S. Gates

Nadine E. Geraldson Angela H. Gerlach*+ Ali F. Gerow Kathryn M. Gestach Blaise N. Geyer* Jennifer Gibb* Eric M. Giese+ Tyler J. Gilbertson Christopher M. Glodosky Alison M. Glodowski*+ Kelsey A. Gnewikow Mallory E. Gohl**+ Whitney J. Graf Christina M. Gray Stephanie M. Gray Amanda J. Gresl* Kelli A. Grilley+ Jana J. Groeschel** Kaitlin Gromacki Dana C. Groom Brandon M. Groth** Alexander M. Gueldenzopf Brianna M. Gunnerson+ Ye Guo Robert E. Haeger Adam J. Haggerty Trever L. Hallock** Shelly A. Hampton* Jennafer L. Handel* Chase D. Hanson Leah A. Harms Michael W. Harper** Ashley J. Harrop*+ Shawn R. Hart+ Levi A. Hartman** Brittany L. Hei*+ Sophie G. Helgren Sarah A. Helmer Rae Henning* Jacilyn A. Herman* Scott D. Herman Timothy J. Herman*

Nicholas J. Higgins+

Cassandra L. Deharo*

Katherine R. Dercks**+

Joshua A. Demorett

Melanie A. Gearhart**

Tessa L. Boorman

Melanie A. Braunschweig

Haley A. Hinze* Abby R. Hitchins Kaylee N. Hoeft Mackenzie Hoeft-Novak+ Natalie M. Hoel Robert Hofschulte Hannah E. Hokenson Matthew J. Holbach**+ Hannah R. Hollermann** Kavlin J. Holthaus John L. Hood Nathaniel D. Hoover* Beniiman C. Horn Courtney M. Horvat* Amy J. Houghton*+ Stephen J. Houk** Carli L. Hron* Hanna M. Hubbs** Amy K. Hunsader*+ Cody S. Hunt** Ashley N. Huntley* Emily L. Hyland+ Seth I. Ide Amanda M. Inman* Brittany L. Innes** Selman Ismaili, Jr Bekken R. Jagusch Branden L. James Matt J. Jessessky Caitlin S. Jezwinski*+ Rachael E. John Eric T. Johnson** Samantha M. Johnson Thomas J. Jorgenson+ Kevin D. Kaczkowski Chelsea N. Kaderavek Daniel J. Kaiser Lauren T. Kaiser Joseph M. Kaisersatt Alyson M. Kelsey* Sarah A. Kemmerick** Kelsey S. Kizlik* Kelly E. Klawonn*+ Theresa M. Klees Kendra J. Klein* Kate A. Kleiva*+

Drew J. Kluge Anna E. Klusendorf** Allison A. Kluz Jonathan M. Knight Joel J. Knuesel*+ Zachary E. Koba+ Chelsea A. Kok+ Brian J. Kolbe Kayla L. Konen* Joseph W. Kotnour+ Daniel S. Kremer Kyle A. Kreul*+ **Brett Krueger*** Matthew J. Krueger* Victoria N. Kucera + Andrew A. Kupinski** Andrea E. Kurz Brooke M. Kuster**+ Jacquelyn D. Kuta Diane M. Ladell Jennifer M. Lambrecht Kasey Lane Kelly M. Lange+ Kevin P. Larsen** Timothy J. Larson+ Rachel A. LaValley+ Luke W. Lavarda Matthew D. Lawcewicz Abigail F. Lee Courtney N. Leeman Erika R. Lefebvre**+ Ashley K. Lehrer+ Stephen R. Leitheiser+ Rebecca L. Lemminger+ Jonathon J. Lennartz Sarah A. Leschisin Katherine E. Lesnar Kathryn M. Leute Joshua R. Lewandowski Jennifer C. Lewis+ Nickolas C. Lewis*+ Grace M. Lind+ Yang Liu Spencer J. Loch

Emily Lockhart*

Neil A. Lofy

Alex D. Long Brittany M. Long Nicole M. Long* Connor C. Lonning Spencer R. Lorrig+ Anna K. Losinske** Tacara M. Lovings Wesley S. Luchterhand** Kayla S. Luedeman Alecia R. Luedke*+ Jessie Lundev Jesse J. Lynch* Benjamin L. Madsen Logan J. Mahlum Katherine R. Malterer Daina M. Mandel+ Garrett T. Manderfield Anthony L. Mane, Jr Christopher J. Mann Brian J. Markert+ Jennifer N. Marsh Travis L. Marten+ Ashley A. Mathis*+ Christopher L. Matt Matthew A. Mauseth* Alexander J. Maxinoski Daniel S. McConnell Clint D. McCullick+ James J. McDermott Macey E. McDowell* Kelly A. McGlynn Patrick A. Melby+ Emily R. Mell Jake S. Merrill Becky S. Meulemans** Heidi M. Meyer* Hannah E. Mickelson Amanda S. Milde Laura E. Milkie Jared C. Mills Ashley A. Minnis Kailynn P. Mitchell Sara L. Mitchell* Eric M. Montie Katelyn M. Morgan** Jordan L. Mortensen*

Christy J. Moses* Matt P. Motiff+ Megan M. Muehlenbruch*+ Brett T. Mueller* Ryan P. Murphy Kylie J. Myers+ Joel R. Narveson** Sean Naughton*+ John M. Nehls** Sena M. Neilitz Bethany L. Nelson** Erik J. Neuens Emily A. Newell* Christa R. Newren+ Jenna R. Newton Karrie S. Nicholson* Derek A. Niemuth Jason J. Noble+ Aaron C. Norris Kelsey B. Nuernberger Michelle L. Nyberg Stephanie A. Obbink* Andrew R. Ollila Elizabeth A. Olson Teddy T. Ostrowski Krista L. Otis Amber L. Parker+ Christopher A. Parks Tyler D. Parks+ Andy J. Peitz+ Jaclyn A. Peterson Jared J. Peterson Stephani R. Peterson*+ Kristine M. Phillips+ Jennifer A. Pielhop+ Jordan R. Pinney+ Nick Piotrowski+ Kaitlin M. Popp** Shannon E. Potts* Laura M. Price*+ Ryan S. Priebe Hannah M. Pritchard Lacev M. Probst+ Michael L. Pruse Amy F. Quade Michelle Radloff

College of Science and Health continued

Lisa Raetzman Priti K. Rana** Allissa A. Rankin* Kate H. Raplinger** Michael P. Rask Erik L. Rasmussen+ Julie B. Rath Jeffrey L. Reamer, Jr Shawn M. Reinen Daniel T. Rendler Kyle S. Retzki** Matthew A. Reyburn* Brian H. Rich Kristin M. Ristow*+ Larson E. Roeder*+ Blake R. Roemer+ Nichelle L. Roessler*+ Alyson B. Rogers**+ Trisha M. Rosbeck*+ Andrew C. Rosekrans+ Emily M. Rosenbecker Emily E. Ross Brittany A. Rud** Samantha I. Runingen* Alexis M. Rusch* Steven M. Russell Reece L. Rykal Brent A. Sacia Andrew D. Saether Adam J. Salwey** Kara M. Sauer Theodore L. Savage Ryan M. Schaller Mallory J. Schaus Katherine R. Schiller Leah E. Schiller David W. Schimenz* Ezra C. Schlotthauer Amanda L. Schmidt*+ Melanie J. Schmidt** Michael J. Schmitz+ Joshua P. Schneller**

Stacey M. Schnering**

Katelyn A. Schommer** Jeffrey D. Schoonover+ Paul W. Schroeer-Hannemann Katrina K. Schuch* Andrew D. Schuelke* Ashley A. Schuldes** Jacob J. Schultz Brittany N. Schwartzlow Dustin S. Schwobe* Abigail A. Schyvinch+ Kelsie M. Seibel Andrew J. Seidlitz+ Marcus R. Sepnafski** Geneva W. Sergenian Andrew Severn** Tyler S. Shaker Jane L. Sherman* Jamie L. Shervev** Jenna J. Shircel** Tyler M. Shirel** Sarah A. Shudlick Elizabeth M. Sisko* Scott A. Skoog Kristyn T. Skotzke Britton L. Slowey* Aaron P. Smith Rachel J. Smith* Charles K. Spanbauer Nicholas D. Springer Samuel W. Stanley Elizabeth M. Stark** Allison K. Steder Jeffery D. Steele+ Sarah L. Stefonik+ Ryan M. Steinhoff* Carrie A. Stella Alison N. Stenzel*+ Jill M. Stenzel+ Nicollette M. Stenzel+ Jennifer M. Stepaniak Kristina J. Stevenson+

Hannah M. Stofflet Natalie A. Stoll* Crystal M. Stundahl** Molly J. Stuyvenberg+ Megan E. Sullivan*+ Allison N. Surber+ Adam E. Suttner Abby L. Swanson* Jonathan D. Swanson Corinn L. Tanel Samantha J. Tarmann* Carolyn E. Temanson** Megan M. Thiel+ Daryl L. Thomas Joshua S. Thomas Kathryn C. Toberman Ngoc Thi Hong Tran Kahlil Z. Trocme+ Katie L. Tucker Brianna M. Upp+ Brady R. Vaassen Jorge P. Valdivieso Kacie L. Van Calster Jessa J. Van Every+ Stacie M. Van Handel* Jessye M. Van Rensselaer+ Katie E. Van Wyk* Jaron J. Vandelaarschot Jonathan T. Vannatta** Kyle R. Vara Christine E. Vick Rachel K. Vik* Ross C. Von Glahn* Ahren Von Uhl+ Trang H. Vu Mai Vue+ Shoua Vue Rachelle M. Wall* Brandon E. Walzer Britney R. Wandling** Jacob T. Wardon Travis K. Warmka**

McKenzie R. Watzka Lauren W. Webb Alexander J. Wegner William W. Welacha Katherine M. Wenman Elizabeth J. Wenzel** Jennifer L. Werner* Amber L. Wesela*+ Melissa M. Wheeler** Bergetta L. Wichmann+ Kaela N. Wickersham+ Joel R. Wickesberg Marcie M. Wiederholt*+ Brianne M. Wienkers** Ryan J. Wilder** Jenna L. Willems**+ Teesha M. Willinger+ Mark D. Wilson Carly R. Windschitl* Ellery M. Winghart* Rochelle J. Wink* Morgan M. Winkler** Kelsey A. Witt Kai Wu* Mai Xiong*+ Pengsue Yang+ Yang Yang* Paul W. Yerhot** Christopher T. Yingling+ Vince C. Zander Kurt F. Zehel Britney A. Zeimentz+ Beniamin D. Zellmer Emily A. Zellmer Kayla M. Zelm* Tai-Shan Zen** Yu Zena Calvin M. Zenz* Andrew J. Zink* Yiwei Zou Trisha G. Zwiers

Ashley C. Stitt

Hayley M. Watson

Honors Program Candidates

University Honors

Mallory D. Christopherson Carly A. De Bruin* Erin C. Fraundorf* Maria C. Jansen** Megan N. Kasten** Sara L. Mitchell* Sean A. Mobley Archaeology Department Honors

Emma E. Bremer**
Erin K. DuBois**
Amber N. Hawley
Chad J. Heemstra*
Mitchell L. Johnson**
Megan N. Kasten**
Cynthia A. Kocik**
Simon W. Payne**
Mitchell D. Running
lan M. Watts**

Economics Department Honors

Dung Nguyen

Political Science/Public
Administration Department Honors
Adia A. Brooks**
Jillian J. Dickson-IgI*
Gretchen V. Gerrard*

Psychology Department Honors

Sarah J. Branson**
Kelly J. Ehleiter
Kelsey Greenwood
Sarah L. Jacobson**
Angela Y. Ko
Alyssa J. Martinson*
Vanessa L. Schwartz**
Sigrid G. Splinter*

Sociology Department Honors

Danielle R. Brey** Marla R. Kuchler*

Graduate Degree Candidates

Doctor of Physical Therapy

2 p.m. ceremony

Jordan S. Bjorhus Stephen R. Bodine Jessica M. Bollinger Nate Bothfeld Carrie A. Broz Lori B. Brunner Emily N. Carroll Kimberly M. Check

Mao Cheng Eric R. Christensen Elizabeth B. Chrobak Robin G. Constantino Liane M. Corwith Chelsea L. Craig Elizabeth N. Dobbins

Jennifer L. D'Orazio Alicia H. Duerst Michael R. Erickson Sara J. Frederickson

Jocelyn C. Frey
Kimberly J. Gehrke
Katlin E. Genthe
Angela M. Guist
Amanda M. Harke
Christopher Hart
Angela K. Holan
Chelsey S. Koehler
Megan E. Kramp

Lisa A. Lallensack

Thi X. Le

Patricia D. Mans Katelyn A. Manske Krysta A. Millis Christina M. Mixdo

Christina M. Mixdorf Brehn Pagel Isaac Petrowitz Megan D. Plante Chelsey A. Schadler Britni L. Schickert Jessica M. Schultz Anna P. Stoecklein Tiffany R. Switlick Matthew M. Thom

Education Specialist Degree Candidates

10 a.m. ceremony

Angela S. Goethel
Maureen Hampton-Trim
Melanie S. Hill
Claire E. Knoll
Allison M. Kolberg
Ashley E. Morris
Emilie A. Ratter
Stephanie L. Polzar
Marie T. Schmidt
Jenna K. Semling
Raechel Torf

Michelle Anderson

Kelly T. Blackburn

Master of Business Administration

10 a.m. ceremony

Michael S. Allen+ Adam J. Binsfeld+ Shu-Wei Chang+ Pai-Hsiang Chen+ Mark E. Collom Shasha Du+

Samantha M. Harrison+

John P. Hoeft Yi-Wen V. Hou+ Meng-Hsin Hsieh+ Hatem A. Jandal Hsiao C. Lai+

Kongnyuy H. Lambiv+

Yue Li+
Yang Liu+
Sandra Matson
Sarah Moeschl+
Michelle M. Noronha

Xiaowei Qu+
Aaron M. Reinert
Katherine R. Rick+
Ryan T. Sullivan
Zachary R. Tevis
Charles H. Wilfer+

Ke J. Xia+ Yishu Xie+

Master of Science

2 p.m. ceremony

Biology

Benjamin Walker Liza R. Walleser Rebecca L. Werren

Biology: Aquatic Science Concentration

Alissa M. Ganser Katri H. Laukkanen Rebekah L. McCann

Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology Concentration

Tim Demmer

Biology: Clinical Microbiology Concentration

Katherine A. Josephson+ Kelly E. Rock+

Biology: Nurse Anesthesia Concentration

Robert A. Bisenius Sara J. Dickenson+ Lisa Golden Adam J. Krause Peter J. Kucharas Justin Maslowski Gabriel A. Morrison Lee L. Webber

Tiffany A. Baker

Exercise and Sport Science:

Human Performance

Ashley E. Brown Kasey Crawford Sarah J. Hudson+ Mark Isaacson Allison M. Seifert Justin T. Soukup Timothy J. Suchomel Exercise and Sport Science:

Physical Education Teaching

Andre Bailey+ Kimberley A. Brasil+ Casey E. Ebeling+ Judith A. Ellis+ Melissa D. Fromm+ Ali J. Jaafar+ Allison M. Livelsberger+

Jeremy D. Marzofka Matthew M. Maurer Erin A. Siebert+ Rachel L. Smith+ Nicholas J. Williams+ Ashley E. Zimmerman Dana T. Zimmerman

Health Education:

Community Health Education

Lauren E. Gibbs Yolanda L. Grimmius Jamie Klonowski Jiin-Yu Wu

Medical Dosimetry

Gregory R. Kohlhapp Kathryn B. Sytsma Shun Hsin Tsai Jon T. Wells Lisa C. Wojtowicz

Occupational Therapy

Katherine D. Rasmussen

Physician Assistant Studies

Michael Breunig Kyle J. Burkhamer Ivy L. Elsbernd Elizabeth A. Froelich Adam C. Grimm Jennifer Hildahl Kristine L. Jensen Jaklyn K. Kumm Hilary B. Nelson

Dayna K. Niesen Maureen A. Ovans Kirsten D. Pethan Anna C. Rengel Heather L. Rich Emily M. Rueter Karen A. Squillace Rachel Stamm Khou Xiong

Catherine D. Zomok

Recreation Management

Yutong Bo Eric D. Cheney+ Anna R. DeMers Gina M. Diliberti+ Jeanine Dillig Wan-Chun Fang Holly M. Femal+ Alex Gion+ Kelleen R. Gorenc+

Catherine J. Hines David J. MacDonald+ Laura C. Mooney Karyn D. Peterson Casey J. Pivonka Amy Schmied+ Katie A. Ulezelski+

Therapeutic Recreation

Ashley M. Lawinger Trevor M. Redlin Lisa N. Savarese

Master of Public Health

2 p.m. ceremony

Alexandra E. Price

Master of Software Engineering

2 p.m. ceremony

Paul Benzschawel

Peter Bougie Tianqi Cai

Rajagopal Chandrasekaran

Connor Doyle Ke Gong

Qi Lai

Jason M. Lefebyre Craig K. Lenz

Chen Lin

Jacob A. Schroeder

Fan Wang Yiwen Wang

Tingting Wu

Yao Xiao

Jun Zhao

Wei Zhao

Yehua Zhong

Yongying Zhong

Master of Science in Education

10 a.m. ceremony

School Psychology

Cory Cooper Paul Fitts Jaden Ganser

Emily Gorski

Kevin Lewandowski

Sarah Payne

Megan Pulvermacher

Andrea Tirabassi Emily Van Eyll

Angelica Wegman

Katie Wiersma

Special Education

Kathryn A. Carroll+ Brianne L. Frawley+

Charissa L. Knepper+

Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education

Jenna Alsteen+

Richard B. Anderson, Jr

Emily A. Ascher+

Ryan J. Banaszak

Kristan M. Bartley+

Brianna Cacchione

Amy Chisnell+

Lydia M. Dworshak

April A. Farmer

Kara L. Good

Jessica L. Hacker

Julie A. Hallman

Jennifer M. Hooke

Jill R. Hopper+

Jessica L. Joanis

Jennifer L. Johns+

Heidi A. Johnson

Nora J. Kanzenbach+

Jeffrey J. Keenan+

Michelle A. Kipp

Andrew H. Lam

Frank A. Lanko+

Ka Lia Lo

Theresa M. Martin+

Andrew J. Meyer

Taumi D. Miller

Danielle M. Mortag

Melissa S. Murray

Miranda J. Panzer

Julie Pitel

Katy A. Rand+

Melvyn G. Rousseau+

Joshua D. Rybaski

Allison S. Rygh

Jennifer Schoenecker

Kara J. Scholten+

Shane D. Springer

Bradley S. Stepan+

Steven R. Strope

Lisa J. Taylor

Kari E. Thiel+

Brian A. Turk

Andrea M. Wagner

Jennifer E. Weber

Collin A. Zimmerman

Master of Education -Professional Development

10 a.m. ceremony

Andi J. Cloud+

Gregg J. Farrell

Phanat Lor+

Jacob I. Sciammas

Hannah E. Walleser+

Master of Education-Professional Development – Learning Community

10 a.m. ceremony

Hudson
Janet L. Anderson

Paula Berth

Tabetha M. Gramberg

Karen J. Hable Karen Hull

Abigail E. Marish

Mary M. Roberts

Amanda J. Schmidman Richard J. Stewart

Tony L. Thielke

McFarland

Bryan J. Buechel

Adam Coyer Jessica R. Erdahl

Julie R. Flood

Katherine L. Gavle Amanda B. Heath

Linda J. Heimstreet

Elisabeth A. Lundeen Stephen J. Mulich

Jamie Prahl

Sarah J. Quade

Christopher J. Raines

Alisa A. Schepp Katilyn B. Schrader

Linda A. Wyman

Erin R. Young

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Lori Aschenbrener

Matthew B.Boberg

James E. Brueggeman

Melissa K. Carrie

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Jason P. Cognac

Sheri E. Finnigan

Joel R. Frazee

Jonas C. Gleiss

Susan L. Heesch

Heather M. Johnson

Mary M. Mick

Susan R. Moser

Sarah Mumaw-Flury

Jenna Olson

Susan R. Summerfield

Jennifer L. Thil

Nicole Zwiefel

2012 Graduate Academic Achievement Awards

Richard Anderson
College of Liberal Studies
Master of Science in Education

Katie Bauer College of Science and Health Master of Science Alexandra Price
College of Science and Health
Master of Public Health

2012 Outstanding Graduates

The Murphy Awards for Academic Excellence

recognize the university's top two graduating scholars, as chosen by the Scholarship and Awards Committee. A grant from the Murphy Foundation created the awards in 1980. Marjorie P. Murphy, then foundation president, cited a desire to recognize outstanding and exceptional scholastic ability. Recipients receive \$2,000 and \$1,000, respectively.

Sean Harrington graduated with a bachelor of science degree in Physics and Mathematics. While on campus, he was a member of the UW-L cross country and track & field teams being selected as team captain for two seasons for cross country and one for track, a cross country representative in the Student Athletic Advisory Committee, a Mathematics and Physics tutor for the Mathematics and Physics Departments, and a member of the Physics Club and Sigma Pi Sigma - National Physics Honor Society. While an undergraduate, he was very involved in scientific research, investigating single-photon detection funded by campus and state fellowships. Currently, he is a research scientist at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Boulder, Colo, researching superconducting nanowire single-photon detectors. Harrington will be pursuing his Ph.D. in Materials at UC-Santa Barbara researching electronic and photonic materials. His professional goal is to advance current electronic and photonic technologies.

Hoang Vo graduates with a bachelor of science degree in Information Systems and Finance. During his four years at UW-L, he served as Chief Financial Officer and Student Court Justice of Student Association, President of the International Student Organization, the Aikido Club, and Information Systems Association, a member of Golden Key International Honour Society and Beta Gamma Sigma. He worked as a Mathematics and Statistics tutor, Web designer in Academic Technology Services and technician in Cartwright Center. He has been a Meritorious Winner of the International Mathematical Contest in Modeling for three years. In 2010, he received the Wall Street Journal Award, the Lloyd Meiners and Wells Fargo Merit Banking scholarships. In 2010, he was awarded the Barbara & Carl Wimberly scholarship. Following graduation, he will pursue a doctorate in Computer Science and Informatics at Emory University. His ultimate goal is to become a researcher and also a teacher like his parents.

The Jake and Janet Hoeschler Award for Excellence

recognizes a College of Business Administration graduate for academic accomplishment and qualities of leadership demonstrated in campus and community activities. Janet Hoeschler, a 1940 graduate, established the award in 1992 to signify a partnership of business and the university. The award extends the Hoeschlers' belief in excellence, education, philanthropy and the La Crosse community. Recipients receive \$1,500.

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The Strzelczyk Award in Science and Health

recognizes an outstanding senior in the College of Science and Health for academic achievement and service to the campus and community. Robert, a 1954 graduate and Judy Strzelczyk endowed the award in 1996. Also, they have provided funding for physical therapy research projects, research equipment, student loans, and four full-time tuition scholarships. Recipients receive \$1,000.

Crystal Stundahl graduates with a bachelor of science degree in General Biology with a minor in Spanish. On campus, she was Secretary of the UW-L Circle K International Club, a tutor for the Microbiology Department, a member of the Eta Phi Alpha Honors Society and UW-L Biology Club, and an undergraduate research assistant. She was employed by UW-L Rec Sports and was also a past member of the UW-L Women's Club Volleyball Team. Following graduation, Stundahl will begin a 12-month internship in Clinical Laboratory Science at Fairview Health Services in Minneapolis, Minn., as part of her second undergraduate degree from UW-L. Upon completion of her internship, Stundahl plans to work for a few years as a clinical laboratory scientist, after which she will consider attending graduate school in a health and science related field.



2012 Outstanding Graduates

The John E. Magerus Award for the Outstanding Graduating Senior from the College of Liberal Studies

recognizes an outstanding graduate for academic accomplishments, leadership, and involvement in the campus and community. The award is named for Magerus, who retired in 2004 after 28 years of teaching and serving as an administrator for the college. Recipients receive \$1,000.

Vanessa Schwartz graduates with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology. On campus, she was a member of Eta Phi Alpha Honor Society, Psi Chi International Honor Society, was an office assistant in the Art Department and a tutor, research assistant, and a teaching assistant in the Psychology Department. Vanessa was in the Psychology Honors Program as well as the McNair Scholars Program where she completed undergraduate research funded by a UW-L grant. The research project is titled, "Risky Business: The Influence of Affect on Risk-Perception and Risk-Taking." Off campus, she volunteered at New Horizon's Shelter and Women's Center as a children's advocate and worked as a line therapist providing in-home services for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Following graduation, Schwartz will begin graduate school at UW-Madison in the Educational Psychology Department. She will be pursuing her Ph.D. in School Psychology. Her professional goals include becoming a licensed school psychologist and working in both public schools and an autism resource center.

The UW-La Crosse Graduate Thesis Award

recognizes the best graduate thesis annually, based on originality, impact and written quality. Associate Professor Tom Kuffel and his wife, Mary, '80, created the award in 2006 to not only recognize scholarship, but also encourage more participation in thesis programs and others to fund awards that recognize scholarly work. The recipient receives \$1,000.

Leslie Svacina graduated with a M.S. Ed. in Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education. Her thesis, titled, "From internship to classroom: A study of academic self-efficacy," allowed her to research the relationship between students internship experiences and their academic studies. During her time at UW-La Crosse she completed graduate assistantships and internships with Career Services, University Centers, MBA Program and Western Technical College Alumni Association. She now is pursuing her interest in career and academic advising as a first-year adviser in the UW-Stout Advisement Center in Menomonie.

2012 Alumni Awards

The Maurice O. Graff Distinguished Alumnus Award recognizes alumni who have achieved honor and distinction with recognition and reputations that extend well beyond the immediate environments in which they live and work. "I'd like to have the awards recognize persons who have come from a broad range of UW-L programs, and from a broad range of ultimate occupations," said Maurice O. Graff, vice chancellor emeritus in establishing the award. "I believe that merely 'doing one's job,' even though doing it in an outstanding manner, should not be enough to merit one of the awards.

The recipients should be widely known and recognized for their accomplishments outside their immediate work-service area." Graff was a professor and administrator from 1941-1972.

Robert Arnhold has impacted persons with disabilities nationwide.

The Slippery Rock University professor who earned a master's in adapted physical education from UW-L in 1980 has done much more than research and teach about those with disabilities. He's advocated for them for decades.

Arnhold was called to help revive programs for Camp Shriver, a Special Olympics initiative founded by Eunice Kennedy Shriver that focuses on developing sport skills friendship building. His students assisted Special Olympics coaches with volunteer training.

Arnhold was also key in helping Slippery Rock University establish the Storm Harbor Equestrian Center. The one-of-a-kind facility caters to those with mental and physical disabilities by using horses in their therapy, which offers physical and psychological benefits.

His expertise has landed Arnhold national leadership roles in advocating for persons with disabilities. He often heads to Washington, D.C., to advocate for getting people involved in physical activities.

"Robert is one of only a handful of experts in the U.S. who specializes in the areas of legislative issues for health and wellness among persons with disabilities, and horseback riding as a therapy for persons with disabilities," notes UW-L Professor Garth Tymeson.

Robert W. Arnhold

- Respected professor.
- Advocate for people with disabilities.
- Recognized internationally and nationally for work in adapted physical education.
- Successful grant writer, obtaining more than \$2.5 million for adapted physical initiatives.
- Long-time professor at Slippery Rock University.
- Earned a master's in adapted physical education from UW-L in 1980; bachelor's in physical education and health from Temple University (1977) and doctorate in adapted physical education from Texas Women's University (1988).

The Parker Multicultural Alumni Award recognizes outstanding multicultural alumni who have graduated from UW-La Crosse and have significantly contributed to or advanced multicultural understanding. History Professor James Parker, Ph.D., initiated the award in 1997.

It was the mid-70s when **Gregory Banks** came to campus. He was among the first students recruited into a newly designed pre-collegiate program aimed at making UW-L's student population more diverse.

Banks excelled at that role, recalls Professor Emeritus of English Robert Treu. "Gregory performed ably both as a student and as an advocate for a number of multicultural issues." recalls Treu.

Professor Emeritus of History William Pemberton remembers Banks as a leader among his peers and in the classroom. "He had an unusual ability to take remote historical forces, understand how they applied to his life, and then use his excellent verbal ability to show his classmates how such abstractions shaped their lives."

Banks worked with the Social Security Administration in La Crosse, Eau Claire and Madison. He eventually became a policy research analyst at UW-Madison before becoming a Madison Metropolitan School District administrator.

Banks was forced to retire early when he was diagnosed with ALS. But, his impact remains. "Greg cared deeply for all the people he came into contact with," notes friend and fellow alum Bill Coleman. "His humanitarian spirit was immediately apparent in his sparkling eyes and his affectionate nature."

Gregory Banks

- Worked with the Social Security Administration in La Crosse, Eau Claire and Madison.
- Served as a policy research analyst at the UW-Madison Center for Health Systems Research and Analyses.
- Served as administrator for the Madison Metropolitan School District.
- Member of Madison Mayor's Commission on People with Disabilities;
 Madison's Affirmative Action Commission.
- Diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis in 1996. Died Sept. 30, 2011.
- Graduated with a bachelor's in political science and public administration from UW-L in 1981; attended The Robert M. La Follette Institute of Public Affairs in Madison.

The Rada Distinguished Alumnus Award

The idea for the award came after Ron Rada and his wife, Jane, attended the university's alumni award ceremonies for many years. "It was inspiring for us to see graduating students recognized for excellence and to see alumni honored for long, outstanding careers and service to their professions and communities," said Ron Rada, emeritus professor. In 2002, they established the award to recognize alumni who are in the early to mid stages of their careers and making exceptional contributions to their professions and communities. The award provides another point on UW-L's continuum for recognizing excellence in the various career stages of alumni – from those just embarking on their careers to those who have demonstrated excellence in the mid and latter stages of their careers. "We believe these types of awards also honor family, friends, faculty, and colleagues who were influential in the success of the recipients," said Rada, a professor and administrator from 1975-2006.

Thomas Harris has done much to advance diversity on campus – and in the La Crosse community.

Harris came to campus as a hall director in 1990. After three years, he moved into the Residence Life Office to advise the Residence Hall Association Council and National Residence Hall Honorary, provide leadership development and serve as a liaison with Multicultural Student Services.

Retired Assistant Director of Residence Life Ruth Kurinsky says Harris quickly became highly respected by students, colleagues, administrators and those in the community. "People actively sought opportunities to work with and learn from [him]," notes Kurinsky.

Former La Crosse Mayor John Medinger calls Harris a friend, as well as a key contributor to the betterment of the community. "He has influenced and made life better for countless individuals over a long period of time," notes Medinger. "He continues to do that today."

Thomas Harris

- Distinguished professional in the field of student affairs.
- Leader of efforts to pursue racial equality and social justice.
- Honored by the Wisconsin United Resident Hall Association, a student-run leadership organization, when it renamed its top adviser award the "Thomas Harris Advisor of the Year."
- Founder and president of the 7 Rivers Region Diversity Collaboration Initiative Inc.
- Assistant Director of the UW-L Multicultural Student Services Office since 2003; worked in the UW-L Residence Life Office from 1990-2001.
- Graduated with a bachelor's degree from UW-Stevens Point, 1988;
 earned a master's in college student personnel from UW-L, 2011.

2012 Honorary Degree recipients

David Skogen

Onalaska native Dave Skogen grew up excelling in sports and dreaming of coaching. While he didn't end up coaching athletes, he's become a team leader among supermarket staff for more than 50 years.

Skogen worked in the meat department of his family's Skogen's IGA in Onalaska. In 1974 when the store began to expand, he stepped into store operations. He's been a leader in the family business since, which has expanded into 16 Festival Foods stores statewide.

Skogen has achieved success in his business. He was named IGA International's "Retailer of the Year" in 1989, and in 2005 received the honor of "Wisconsin Grocer of the Year."

He's been successful in the community as well. Skogen has served with many non-profit and service organizations throughout the area.

Skogen and his wife Barb, a '67 UW-L graduate, have been leading philanthropists. Among the projects they have supported: YMCA, United Way, Boys and Girls Club, Onalaska First Lutheran Church, and the UW-L Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex and Centennial Hall projects. The Association of Fundraising Professional – Upper Mississippi Valley Chapter named them "Outstanding Philanthropists" in 2007.

Donald J. Weber

Don Weber's Marine battalion in Vietnam had the motto "Whatever it takes." Weber placed that motto on a plaque in UW-L's Veterans Hall of Honor. Under that line, he added, "Exemplify our Motto." Weber has.

Weber has led numerous creative health service programs for more than a quarter century. His latest is Logistics Health Inc., which has become a world-class leader in military medical and dental readiness.

Under Weber's direction LHI has grown from a handful employees to more than 900. In 2012, the U.S. Department of Defense gave LHI the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Freedom Award, the department's high honor given to an employer.

Weber's connection to the military – he served in Vietnam from April 1967 through May 1968 and earned a Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars – remains strong. Not only does his company assist veterans, it honors them. He generously supported the UW-L Veterans Memorial Field Sports Complex and its Hall of Honor, and an on-going program that provides scholarships for UW System veterans.

Weber and his wife, Roxanne, have established the Weber Family Foundation and are involved in various community service projects Weber received the La Crosse Tribune's Person of the Year honor in 2006 and the La Crosse Area Chamber of Commerce's Community Service Award in 2012.

Retiring Faculty And Staff

Russell Stockel, University Centers, 2003

Karen Hansen, Continuing Education & Extension, 1991

Katherine Ghelfi, Residence Life, 2008

Jeannie Hanley, Counseling & Testing, 1995

Phillip Bice, Accountancy, 1981

Patrick DiRocco, Exercise & Sport Science, 1989

Margaret Finders, English, 2006

Leticia, Pena, Management, 1992

Sara Sullivan, Psychology, 1987

Gregory Wegner, History, 1989

Joseph Toce, Chemistry, 2005

Kathryn Kiefer, Admissions, 1988

Virginia Kreyer, Academic Affairs, 1979

Rhonda Olafson, Residence Life, 2006

Albert Gedicks, Sociology and Archaelogy, 1985

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