

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

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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 2020, 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 UWL tops in the UW System for universities with undergraduate and master's programs — the top ranking among UW comprehensive campuses for 20 years in a row. We also rank in *Kiplinger* magazine's list of Top 100 Values in American Public Higher Education, and in Business Insider's ranking of No. 20 out of 24 colleges in return on investment — the only Wisconsin university in the national rankings. All show our strong national leadership in higher education.

A commitment to excellence exists throughout the UWL campus, and the accomplishments listed on page 4 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 UWL, 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

**FIFTY SIXTH ANNUAL WINTER COMMENCEMENT  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-LA CROSSE  
DECEMBER, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY**

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION  
COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
COLLEGE OF ARTS, SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND HUMANITIES  
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH**

***Speakers***

Welcome ..... Joe Gow, *Chancellor*  
Student Address ..... Peter Go  
New Alumni Welcome ..... Tim Behling, '88  
*Chair, UWL Alumni Association Board of Directors*

***Mace Carrier***

Stephen Brokaw, College of Business Administration

***Due to COVID-19, no physical Winter 2020 Commencement was held.***



Even more reasons to be a proud UW-La Crosse graduate ...

- **U.S. News & World Report** named UWL the **No. 1 regional university in the state and the No. 6 regional university in the Midwest** among schools with undergraduate and master's programs for 2021. It's the 20th consecutive year UWL earned a top ranking. UWL also finished among "Top Performers on Social Mobility," which assesses how schools assist students with Pell Grants.
- **UWL is No. 1 in awarding physics bachelor's degrees nationwide**, according to the American Physical Society. UWL awarded an average of 35 degrees annually between 2015-17, making it No. 1 among bachelor's degree-granting institutions on the American Physical Society list.
- **Physics Professor Shelly Leshner has been named a 2020 American Physical Society Fellow.** In the national citation, colleagues recognized her for "advocating on behalf of the essential role of physics in society, and for demonstrating the importance of physics education for all students."
- **Exercise and Sport Science Professor Carl Foster has been named to the U.S. Speed Skating Hall of Fame.** He was inducted for contributing to the sport after three decades as an exercise physiologist for Team USA.
- **UWL has received a \$1.25 million U.S. Department of Education grant** to improve educational services for children with disabilities nationwide. The grant aims to better prepare state and nationally licensed adapted physical educators and school psychologists so they can enhance assistance and results for children with disabilities, ages 3-21.
- Financial and business news website **Business Insider says when it comes to giving students the most bang for their buck, UWL is among the best nationally.** With a 69.7% ROI, UWL placed 20th out of the 24 colleges that cracked the list — the only Wisconsin university ranked.
- The career expert website **Zippia has listed UWL one of the nation's best "total package" schools.** UWL not only earned the top ranking in Wisconsin — it came in at No. 6 nationally.
- **StateUniversity.com has ranked UWL the No. 2 public university in Wisconsin in 2020** — out of 50 private and public institutions in the state. The website, devoted to college and university information, included rankings for the top 2,000 U.S. colleges and universities.
- **UWL's Jail Literacy Program has received the 2020 Eisenberg Award** from the State Public Defender Board. It's given annually for providing a substantial impact on criminal justice and the indigent defense community. Established by English Department faculty in 2015, the program offers sessions on poetry, fiction, nonfiction, memoir and more.
- **The NCAA has awarded UWL bids to host the 2021 and 2024 NCAA III Wrestling Championships, and 2026 NCAA III Women's and Men's Outdoor Track & Field Championships.** UWL has hosted numerous other national championships throughout the years.
- **UWL is No. 13 among four-year public institutions nationally with the highest five-year repayment rates for Pell Grant recipients.** Eighty-two percent of students receiving Pell Grants in the 2010 or 2011 fiscal years had paid toward their principal five years later. And, UWL students who began repaying federal student loans during 2015 have the lowest loan default rate (1.6%) over a three-year period among all other UW System institutions (5.1% average.).
- **UWL retains and graduates a higher percentage of its students than any other comprehensive university in the UW System.**
- **December 2020 grad Lilli Minor was named the 2020 National Student Employee of the Year** by the National Student Employment Association. The peer health advocate loves her job because she can help "make the world a more equitable and healthy place."
- **Political Science and Public Administration Department Assistant Professor Shilpa Viswanath has been named a 2020 Section for Women in Public Administration Rising Star**, given to someone with less than five years of academic or professional public service.
- **Associate Lecturer in the History Department Kyle C. Lincoln, a historian of Medieval Europe, has received the 2019 Lone Medievalist Prize for Teaching.** The international award honors his unique approach to teaching Medieval History.
- **A staff member has received a national lifetime achievement award.** Criss Gilbert, office manager and testing coordinator in Counseling & Testing, was honored with the lifetime achievement award at the National College Testing Association conference for his dedication and commitment to excellence in testing, service to the organization, and contributions to NCTA and testing.
- **The largest single gift ever to UWL — \$2.1 million — in fall 2019 is a "game-changer"** for the College of Business Administration and the region. It establishes the Menard Family Midwest Initiative for Economic Engagement and Research, which provides students more opportunities to learn economics through hands-on experiences and community engagement.
- **The Therapeutic Recreation Program received the Program of Merit for Health Professions designation** from The Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education in 2019 — the first health professions program to receive the honor. And, the program received the 2019 American Therapeutic Recreation Association Excellence in Education, recognizing a clinical agency or college that has distinguished itself through outstanding contributions to the profession.
- **UWL is ranked among the nation's top Military Friendly Schools for 2020-21.** UWL earned a bronze rating among "Large Public" colleges and universities for its commitment, effort and success in creating sustainable and meaningful benefit for the military community.
- **Three sport clubs earned national honors in spring 2019.** The Archery Club won the gold medal for Mixed Bowhunter Team. The Bowling Club took second place in its league. And the Men's Volleyball Club team earned third place in its Division II league.
- **2017 graduate Timothy Fallon was one of 110 nationwide to receive the Elijah Watt Sells Award** from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants in 2019. It cites outstanding performance on the CPA exam by obtaining a cumulative average score above 95.50 across all four sections and passing all four on the first attempt.

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\*Commencement Honors    \*\*Commencement Highest Honors    ~ Winter 2021    + Summer 2020

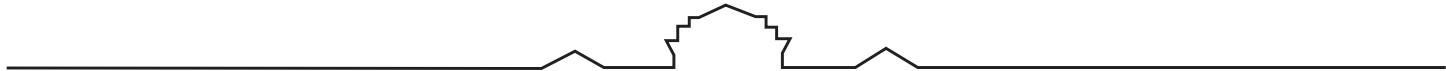
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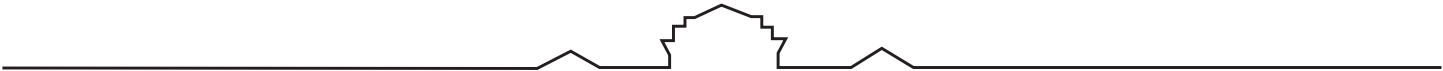
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Master of Science

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Biology: Aquatic Science
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Clinical Exercise Physiology
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Aidan L. Donahoe
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Amber L. Patterman~
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Katrina L. Schultz
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Ben T. Steinolfson
Kayetan J. Wozniak

Data Science
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Matthew C. Bozelka
Arun K. Gribta
Lee S. Kostick
Ryan S. Loos
Dmitry Martynenko
Sanzida Parvin

Darvish Shadravan
Jason R. Vander Weele
Adam L. Vonder Haar

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Heather A. Harris

Healthcare Administration
Katherine E. Johnson

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Michael Asare-Sawiri
Pierre R. Beaunegre
Abbey R. Bennett
Zachary M. Casto
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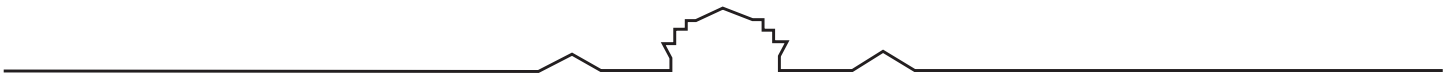
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Cory M. Tuzzo
Brandon Van Asten
Michael S. Wheatley
Brandon Williamson
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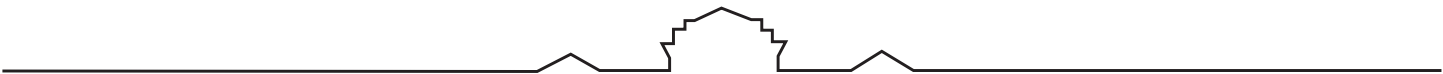


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Taylor S. Nelson		Lauren P. Cody-Moore
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Elise B. Sime	Robin K. Rivas	Thomas W. Fuller
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Morning sun greets many banners  
On its westward way,  
Fair to us above all others  
Waves maroon and gray.

Colors dear, flag we love  
Float for aye;  
Old La Crosse to thee,  
May we all be ever loyal  
To thy memory.