

Statement of Congressman Ron Kind
In Support of H. Res 730, Resolution Honoring the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Madame Speaker, I rise today to honor the University of Wisconsin La Crosse as they celebrate their centennial anniversary. Representing such an exceptional university, located in my hometown, with a rich history of academic achievement is a great source of pride for me. For the past 100 years, the faculty, staff, and students of UW-La Crosse have worked hard to make the university one of the most highly regarded public institutions of higher education in the country. This year, U.S. News and World Report ranked UW-La Crosse second in its rankings of top Midwestern Universities.

Founded in 1909, the University is located in La Crosse, Wisconsin, on Wisconsin's central western border, alongside the Mississippi River and surrounded by picturesque bluffs. The campus's visual beauty has been a main draw for many students and faculty throughout the years. From its inception, the college has expanded its academic curriculum, and now has 88 undergraduate programs in 44 disciplines and 26 graduate programs. The University of Wisconsin La Crosse is providing students with a high-quality education that allows them to excel in the competitive, global economy.

Representing western Wisconsin, I have always treasured the strong emphasis that is placed on higher education. All of the six universities located in the district have superior technology, science, and math programs that will place graduates in the innovative industries of the future. The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse is no exception to this; it is a leading public university that excels in academics, athletics, and quality of life for students. UWL also has an extremely diverse student body that enhances student's cultural awareness and learning experience. The university is a member of the International Student Exchange Program and has made partnerships with other universities around the world. Currently, students from 42 different countries are enrolled at UWL.

I can attest first-hand to the high caliber of graduates that UW-La Crosse produces because throughout my time in Congress, I have employed many of them. Currently, I have seven graduates from UW-La Crosse on my staff: Erik Olson, Loren Kannenberg, Shannon Glynn, Steve Sipe, Brad Smith, Karrie Jackelen, and Mark Seitz. It is clear that UW-La Crosse prepared them well for their careers after graduation.

I would like to congratulate all of the UW-La Crosse faculty, staff and students from the past 100 years for a century of academic achievement. UW-L wouldn't be the success that it is if it wasn't for your hard work and dedication. The university has achieved so many great things over the past 100 years, I know that the faculty, staff, and students of UW-La Crosse will achieve even more over the next 100 years.