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THE 17th ANNUAL
EVENING OF EXCELLENCE
April 24, 2018
HOST
Mary Leonard, Theatre Arts

WELCOME
Marie Moeller, Interim Assistant Dean
Mary Leonard

FACULTY AWARDS
Kim Vogt, Interim Dean

FRIEND OF THE COLLEGE AWARD
Kim Vogt

PERFORMANCE
“Fight the Dragons” from Big Fish the musical
John Divney and Owen Scott, with Beth Lakmann on the piano

GRADUATE STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS
Charles Martin-Stanley, Associate Dean

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS
Mary Leonard

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Excellence Awards Committee:

*For Undergraduate Excellence Awards: departments can nominate one student for every 100 majors.
ARIEL BEAUJOT  
**Associate Professor of History**

Associate Professor Ariel Beaujot arrived at UWL in 2012. Since that time, Beaujot has published an impressive 7 manuscripts—including 1 single-authored monograph, 4 single-authored articles, 2 book reviews, and also led 2 public exhibitions. An accomplished scholar in the field of public history, Beaujot has also written for and received in excess of 30 internal and external grants during her time at UWL, many of which supported the 2 public exhibitions and served the La Crosse community and beyond. According to Dr. John Grider, chair of the department of History here at UWL, “Beaujot’s research has established a gold standard for our department—and our region.”

PETER MARINA  
**Associate Professor of Sociology**

Associate Professor Peter Marina joined the Department of Sociology at UWL in 2013 already an accomplished scholar in the area of urban ethnography. Since arriving at UWL, Marina has impressively published 3 single-authored books and has a 4th under contract; additionally, Marina has published 3 academic articles and 5 articles in more public venues, and has 2 academic articles currently under review. In addition to this work, Marina has presented his scholarship at over 15 professional conferences. As a result, Marina was interviewed for Susan Larson’s NPR show “This Reading Life” which aired January 7-9, 2018. Of his work, his colleagues state that Marina has a very productive research agenda and is “a model teacher-scholar.”

ROSE BROUHMA  
**Assistant Professor of Global Cultures & Languages**

Assistant Professor Rose Brougham arrived at UWL in 2013 as a professor of Spanish in the Department of Global Cultures and Languages. Since that time, Dr. Brougham has engaged in service activities at, what her department says, is “far above and beyond what is expected of a pre-tenure faculty member.” Brougham is an involved adviser, departmental committee member, and leader on many working groups and taskforces. Most impressive, however, is her leadership in service as a pre-tenure faculty. She is currently the Spanish language coordinator, the University International Education Committee Chair, is serving on the ACE Internationalization Lab Steering Committee, and additionally is the Chair for the Curriculum & Learning Goals pillar of the ACE Lab committee’s work. Of her service, the chair of the department of Global Cultures and Languages says that “Whenever the department, college, university, or community needs her, she is there and ready to participate; her notion of service, that we are part of a team for a greater good, shines through everything she does.”
TORI SVOBODA
Assistant Professor of Student Affairs Administration
Assistant Professor Tori Svoboda joined the Department of Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education in the fall of 2013. Reviews of Dr. Svoboda's teaching indicate that she is a teacher of the highest caliber. As a student articulates, “Dr. Svoboda is an excellent professor who takes the time to advance each individual student in whatever way suits them best. She has been dedicated to our cohort’s success and is consistently a person of support (whether you are currently in her classes or not).” Svoboda has shown herself to be an educator committed to innovation, respectful of student inquiry, committed to infusing diversity into her curriculum, and dedicated to student success. Of her work, chair Dr. Jörg Viandan states “I cannot think of a more deserving junior faculty member to receive CLS's teaching excellence award.”

INDIVIDUAL INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

KATE PARKER
Associate Professor of English
Dr. Kate Parker, Associate Professor of English, joined UWL faculty in 2012. As her department colleagues state “Kate's service consistently furthers projects which allow under-represented voices to be heard, enriching inclusive excellence both on our campus and in our city.” Indeed, Parker’s work has impacted not just the UWL community, but our larger La Crosse community, as well. Parker has written for and received 7 grants to directly support community-driven initiatives such as the 2016 Big Read—an initiative funded by the NEA to increase both literacy and awareness of social issues surrounding a particular text as a common read for an area community. This is an ongoing project in our community today. Additionally, Parker is a strong advocate for sexual assault awareness on- and off-campus; she led a TED-X talk titled “After: Rape Culture, Feminism and the Limits of Representation”; such social justice work ties into Parker’s teaching, research, and service. Since 2013, she has been an appointed member of the Violence Prevention Committee on UWL's campus and the Co-Advisor of the Rise Above Rape Coalition, a student organization, since 2016. Truly, a paragraph cannot encompass Parker's work for social justice and inclusivity—as her colleagues state, “Her altruism is genuine, stemming from a boundless compassion for others and a desire to make life better for all.”

ACADEMIC STAFF RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR SERVICE

KATHY ELGIN
Senior Student Support Services Coordinator in Psychology
Kathy Elgin has recently been promoted to the position of Senior Student Support Services Coordinator, a promotion that Dr. Ryan McKelley, Chair of Psychology, articulates is an apt “recognition of her performance in her role.” Elgin’s contributions to the Psychology department, and the larger UWL and La Crosse communities, are extensive and innumerable. In 2011, the Psychology Department’s advising was noted by an external reviewer to be “truly a model of excellence.” As the department states, this is largely in part to Kathy’s critical role in launching the Psychology Advising Center, which has reduced faculty workload and increased student satisfaction with their experiences in the department. In 2016-2017, Elgin and the GA she supervises had over 800 appointments with students; she is highly committed to improving her practices, and often attends trainings and presents at conferences. Of her work, her department states that one of Elgin’s greatest strengths is that “She is capable of delivering professionalism with a personal touch.”
ALYSA REMSBURG  
Lecturer of Environmental Studies

Dr. Alysa Remsburg joined the faculty in Environmental Studies at UWL in 2013. Since that time, Remsburg has taught 6 different courses, led multiple independent studies, directed numerous internships, and took students abroad for a course entitled “Ecotourism and Biodiversity Conservation.” Remsburg is a committed teacher-scholar whose well-rounded pedagogical and service work illustrates her clear commitment to environmental studies and to bringing that work to both students and the larger La Crosse community. Of her work, Dr. Sam Cocks, Chair of Environmental Studies, says that Remsburg has created connections that provide absolutely “critical service to the Program” and to the larger La Crosse region.

SHARON SHUGRUE  
University Services Associate II in Music

Sharon Shugrue was nominated for this award by the department of Music. Shugrue began her work at UWL in 2014, and has been applauded by departmental faculty, in particular for her careful work. The department notes her as attentive and willing to go above and beyond in assisting with musical recordings that happen after-hours, often on weekends and evenings. Additionally, the department notes Shugrue’s diligence in archiving such recordings on behalf of the department, as well as assisting musicians and the department with any task necessary—from moving instruments between buildings to ensuring that student recordings are available to them, to ensuring that all performers have all necessary components for successful performances. Of her and her work, her faculty state that Shugrue is a “genuine, caring” individual and colleague who is “deserving of this award.”
CAROLYN MOE
Talent Community Manager at Logistics Health Incorporated

Carolyn Moe is an experienced Community Manager with a demonstrated history of working in secondary and higher education, college administration, human resources/community outreach, and the medical services/government contracting industry. In her early career, Carolyn taught a variety of art mediums to middle schoolers at Brimhall Junior High in Mesa, Arizona after receiving her Bachelors in Art Education from Arizona State University, and her Masters in Secondary Education from University of Phoenix. Carolyn enjoyed working with students of all ages, and started a career in college enrollment and program advisement at Grand Canyon University. She moved to Wisconsin in 2009 and started a career at Globe University as a Student Services Coordinator, and was ultimately promoted to Career Services Director. She worked at Globe University for 7 years and received several accolades including Staff Member of the Year - 2009, Regional Career Services Department of the Year - 2013, and National Acknowledgment for the La Crosse Campus having over 82% of Students Working in their Program Fields Upon Graduation - 2014.

Currently, Carolyn Moe works at LHI as a Talent Community Manager in the Human Capital Department since November of 2014. Her role includes the facilitation of new hire orientation, and as an aide in training new employees. She has on boarded and orientated over 650+ new hires since her inception at LHI. Additionally, the main part of her role assists with community outreach, and sourcing of candidates, especially Veterans, College Students/Graduates, and LHI Interns. Presently, over 92% of LHI interns from varying departments continue on at LHI as full-time employees upon completion of their internship. Carolyn is a key ambassador in continuing to help LHI strive for 20% of the LHI workforce to be a Veteran or Veteran Spouse. She has made many new connections with community organizations and colleges for LHI, including the UWL College of Liberal Studies, and continues to help guide veterans, students and interested candidates towards various careers at LHI.
SOPHIA ENGELMAN  
Student Affairs Administration  
Decorah, Iowa  
Sophia is being recognized by the SAA faculty not only for her strong intellectual work, but for the high quality of her contributions that often go beyond the volume that is expected. The faculty in SAA appreciate how Sophia is simply “all in” when it comes to her growth and development in the program, and Department Chair Dr. Jörg Vianden noted that Sophia’s engagement with the research and literature of her final capstone content area is more like that of a doctoral than a master’s student. Sophia is a full-time Assistant Director of Resident Life at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, and a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society. She will graduate in May 2018 with her Master of Science in Education.

LINDSEY ARTYMIUK  
School Psychology  
Antigo, Wisconsin  
Lindsey is an Education Specialist with the School Psychology Program and earned her Master of Science in Education in May 2017. She is currently a Graduate Assistant with the Upward Bound Program at UWL and a part-time School Psychologist with the Wabasha-Kellogg School District in Wabasha, Minnesota. She coached participants and led teacher and parent book studies for her capstone project titled “Improving Adult-Student Relationships: Ongoing Teacher and Parent Book Studies.” Lindsey’s goal is to be a full-time School Psychologist and to help students succeed academically, behaviorally, and emotionally. She will earn her Ed.S. in May 2019.

JESSICA TRAMPF  
Student Affairs Administration  
Berlin, Wisconsin  
Jessica is a second-year candidate in the SAA program at UWL. She has been a Graduate Assistant Academic Advisor in Psychology at UWL for the past two years where she guided 300+ psychology and pre-professional students through degree requirements and registration. At Minnesota State College Southeast, she served as an Admissions Intern in Enrollment Services, and redesigned a success seminar for academic probation students with the Learning Resource Center. Jessica was also a co-facilitator for the First Year Experience Course at UWL and the Finance and Records Coordinator for the SAA Organization. She will earn her Master of Science in Education in May 2018.
KRIStin Reque
Department of Sociology
Kaukauna, Wisconsin

Reque will receive her Bachelor’s degree in Sociology with minors in Criminal Justice and Ethnic and Racial Studies in May 2018. Kristin is a Sociology Honors program scholar and won 1st place in the Wisconsin Sociological Association Undergraduate Paper Competition for her work “A Need for Needles: A Qualitative Examination of La Crosse County Injection Drug Use and Harm Reduction Strategies”; she has been on the Dean’s List every semester of her attendance. To add to her academic successes, Kristin has been extremely active in her time at UWL—she has completed three independent large-scale research projects, was the La Crosse County Justice Support Services Data Analyst Intern, is the Head Writer of the COMPASS NOW report for the Great Rivers United Way, was a research assistant on two major research projects for Dr. Nick Bakken and Dr. Lisa Kruse, and was a teaching apprentice for SOC 225 and 350. Dr. Nicholas Bakken, Associate Professor of Sociology, says Kristin “is the most thoughtful, promising, and talented student” he has worked with in his years at UWL.
ARCHAEOLOGY & ANTHROPOLOGY

JAELYN ROLAND
Department of Archaeology & Anthropology
Warrens, Wisconsin
Jaelyn will graduate in May 2018 with a bachelor’s degree in Archaeology – emphasis in Cultural Anthropology – and a minor in History. She is the recipient of the UWL Foundation Davies Scholarship and a UWL undergraduate research grant. She was nominated for student employee of the year in 2017 and has also conducted ceramic analysis at the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center and the Minnesota Historical Society.

ASHLEY SCHWARTZ
Department of Archaeology & Anthropology
Lodi, Wisconsin
Ashley will earn her bachelor’s degree in Cultural Anthropology with minors in International Studies and History in December 2018. She was an English Teaching Assistant at the Sa Nguan Ying School in Suphanburi, Thailand, and a Volunteer Teaching Assistant in the Pirwa After-School Program in Huancarani, Bolivia. She is an executive member and officer of the UWL Archaeology and Anthropology Club and was the recipient of an undergraduate research grant in Spring 2017.

ART

ASHLEY DECHANT
Department of Art
Tomah, WI
Ashley will graduate in May 2019 with a bachelor’s degree in Art and a minor in Photography. She served in the United States Air Force for five years after graduating from high school and then decided to enroll at UWL where she discovered her passion for the visual arts. In the summer of 2015 she was awarded an undergraduate research and creativity grant. This grant funded Ashley’s work in taking a 12-foot fishing boat down the Mississippi River to New Orleans to bring awareness to life on the river.

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

KATHERINE EISENHAUER
Department of Communication Studies
Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin
Katherine will graduate in May 2018 with majors in Communication Studies – emphasis in Interpersonal Communication—and Spanish, as well as a minor in Psychology. She studied abroad at the Spanish American Institute of International Education in Seville, Spain during the winter of 2017; her current undergraduate research project is titled “Where Should I Put My Cell Phone: An Expectancy Violations Approach to the Presence of Cell Phones in Romantic Relationships.” She is a member of Lambda Pi Eta and the Vice President of Publicity for the Golden Key International Honour Society.
MAI NUE LOR  
Department of Communication Studies  
Holmen, Wisconsin  
Mai Nue will earn her bachelor’s degree in Communication Studies – emphasis in Interpersonal Communication – and a minor in Ethnic & Racial Studies with a Hmong Studies certificate in May 2018. She presented her senior thesis—“How First-Generation College Students Communicate with their Parents”—at the 2017 Communication Studies Department Senior Capstone event. She was a student panelist for the Great Lakes Affiliate of College and University Resident Halls where she spoke about diversity and inclusivity in residential hall experiences. She is also a peer advisor for the Asian Latina African Native American Womyn organizations and is a member of Lambda Pi Eta.

ABBY MURPHY  
Department of Communication Studies  
Prescott, Wisconsin  
Abby graduated in Fall 2017 with her bachelor’s degree in Organization and Professional Communication Studies with a minor in Business Administration. Her senior research thesis was titled, “Investigating College Students’ Political Affiliation and Opinion Disclosures,” and she presented on a panel at the 2018 Central States Communication Association President’s Undergraduate Honors Research Conference. She is a member of Lambda Pi Eta, and Eta Phi Alpha, and currently works at Mueller Photography in La Crosse.

ELLIE PETERS  
Department of Communication Studies  
Prior Lake, Minnesota  
Ellie graduated in Fall 2017 with a bachelor’s degree in Organizational and Professional Communication and a minor in Professional and Technical Writing. During her time at UWL she was a facilitator for the Women Moving Ahead Conference where she assisted over 100 women in confidence building for speaking engagements. She also collaborated with professors to facilitate and lead small-group discussions for the Speaking Anxiety Workshop and the Visual Aids Workshop. She was a lead peer consultant with the UWL Public Speaking Center and an intern with Post Consumer Brands in Lakeville, Minnesota.

ENGLISH  
EMILY MOOTZ  
Department of English  
Neenah, Wisconsin  
Emily will earn her bachelor’s degree in English Education with minors in Professional & Technical Writing and Ethnic & Racial Studies in May 2018. Emily is currently an intern student teacher at James Madison Academic Center in Milwaukee, WI where she is creating lesson plans for six sections of 9th grade reading intervention classes. At UWL she was the social media assistant for The Big Read, a tutor and teaching assistant with Upward Bound, and a writing tutor at the Writing Center. Emily was also a student delegate at South-Central University of Nationalities in Wuhan, China, where she met with students, professors and delegates to discuss education systems in China and the United States.

PAYTON YAHN  
Department of English  
Viroqua, Wisconsin  
Payton will graduate in May 2018 with a bachelor’s degree in English – emphasis in Rhetoric and Writing – and a minor in International Studies. Payton is a 2+2 Program tutor where she works closely with Chinese exchange students to
improve their writing skills across a variety of disciplines. She presented an independent research project at the Undergraduate Research Symposium in 2017 at UWL. Payton has been published in *The Catalyst*, and has self-financed her college tuition, at times working full-time in addition to undertaking a full academic load.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

**JUDITH ARNEY**  
*Department of Environmental Studies*  
*Madison, Wisconsin*

Judith will earn her bachelor’s degree in Biology with a minor in Environmental Studies in May 2018. She is the co-founder of the Food Recovery Network Program and a student senator for Students Advocating Potential Ability, both at UWL. She received a University of Wisconsin MiniGreen Fund Grant and a UWL Green Fund Grant. She was the co-president and outreach coordinator for Students for Sustainability at UWL, and currently has a sustainability internship with Chartwell's.

**ETHNIC & RACIAL STUDIES**

**ZAHNAH PEGGS**  
*Department of Ethnic & Racial Studies*  
*Oconomowoc, Wisconsin*

Zahnah will graduate in May 2018 with a bachelor’s degree in Business Management and a minor in Ethnic & Racial Studies. She is the president of Delta Sigma Pi and represents the fraternity at sponsored events and meetings with advisors and alumni. At the UWL Innovation Lab she researched and developed a wearable technology to deter sexual predators and then collaborated with the Small Business Development Center to create a business plan for the product. She is currently a system operations support intern with American Transmission Company in Waukesha.

**GLOBAL CULTURES & LANGUAGES**

**FAITH BRISTOW**  
*Department of Global Cultures & Languages*  
*Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin*

Faith will earn her bachelor’s degree in Biology Education with a minor in Chemistry Education and a certificate in Russian Studies in Fall 2019. Faith was a Language Ambassador for the Global Cultures & Languages department and was able to connect with students interested in learning Russian and other languages to get them resources they needed to learn. She participated in a study tour to China and taught middle school students in Luoyang, La Crosse’s sister city, for a month. She was also a translator to World Services La Crosse and helped translate in Russian for delegation party and host families.

**AMY WEBER**  
*Department of Global Cultures & Languages*  
*Brookfield, Wisconsin*

Amy will graduate in May 2018 with a bachelor’s degree in Political Science and minors in International Studies and Chinese. She is the co-chair on missions for Colleges Against Cancer in La Crosse, and planned and organized an on-campus Relay for Life activity. She is a Native American Student Association Senator and an Eta Phi Alpha Member. She was an intern for Widening the Circle in La Crosse as well as having studied abroad in Hangzhou, China at Hangzhou Normal University, where she studied Mandarin Chinese and Chinese culture.
HISTORY

KATRINA BJORNSTAD
Department of History
Cashton, Wisconsin

Katrina will earn her bachelor’s degree in History – emphasis in Public and Policy History – and a minor in Political Science in May 2018. She is a researcher for Hear, Here, La Crosse, and a project manager for History Hunt at the La Crosse Public Library Archives. Katrina is in the process of publishing “The La Crosse History Hunt – 100+ Things to Do in La Crosse,” and she is the author and researcher of “Leaping for Independence: Lesbian Community Building in La Crosse in the 1980s,” which she presented at UWL in 2017. She is the secretary for Phi Alpha Theta, and the recipient of the UWL Foundation Davies Scholarship and the International Education and Engagement Scholarship.

MILITARY SCIENCE

STEFANO FABIANO
Department of Military Science
Kenosha, Wisconsin

Stefano will graduate in May 2019 with a double major in Political Science and Public Administration. He enrolled in Military Science in his sophomore year and currently serves in the Wisconsin National Guard. Highlights of his ROTC involvement include Ranger Challenge competition and color guard events. He currently serves in the student organization of Cadet Club as the president and stays active through flag football and soccer intramurals.

MUSIC

RILEY BOWMAN
Department of Music
Spring Valley, Wisconsin

Riley will earn her bachelor’s degree in both Marketing and Music Performance – Vocal emphasis – in May 2018. She is a member of the UWL Jazz Orchestra, Chamber Choir, Concert Choir, Collegiates Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and was a selected performer for UWL honors recitals in 2016 and 2017. She attended a stage performance workshop at Berklee College of Music in Boston, and a vocal workshop at McNally Smith College of Music in Saint Paul. She also studied abroad at Massey University in Wellington, New Zealand, where she produced a music video and created promotional marketing tools that function for the video. She has received numerous UWL Music scholarships, an International Engagement Scholarship, and is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma.

PHILOSOPHY

EMMA GUTHRIE
Department of Philosophy
Richfield, Wisconsin

Emma will graduate in Summer 2018 with a double major in Philosophy and English – emphasis in Rhetoric and Writing – and a minor in Legal Studies. She is a writing tutor and a philosophy/logic tutor at the UWL Murphy Learning Center, and was an intern for Justice Annette Ziegler at the Chambers of Wisconsin Supreme Court. She led a resume writing workshop for the Golden Key Honors Society, and was a UWL Writing Center representative for a graduate school application writing workshop. She is a member of the UWL Philosophy Club and Pre-Law Society, and an officer and newsletter editor for the Golden Key Honors Society.

POLITICAL SCIENCE & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

ALICIA QUINONES
Department of Political Science & Public Administration
Rochester, Minnesota

Alicia will earn her bachelor’s degree in Political Science with a minor in Pub-
lic Administration in May 2018. She is a representative of the Latin American Student Organization on the Student Senate at UWL, and serves on the Diversity Organization Coalition and Joint Multicultural Affairs Committee. She is a McNair Scholar, as well as an executive of the Latin American Student Organization where she creates cultural exchange between other ethnic groups at UWL and brings together Latin American students. She is also a member of the Political Science and Public Administration Association and was an intern with the Greater La Crosse Area Diversity Council where she authored articles about events and board members for a community newsletter.

JACOB SCHIMMEL
Department of Political Science & Public Administration
McFarland, Wisconsin
Jacob will graduate in May 2018 with his bachelor’s degree in both Political Science and Public Administration. He is an economic development intern with the city of La Crosse where he helped lay the groundwork to establish a women’s small business development loan program. He is the student body and student association president at UWL and works with administration and legislative offices as the official voice of students. He was the governmental affairs director at UW System student representatives in Madison where he led all in-person advocacy efforts in Madison and Washington D.C. on UW system issues. He is the chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee, and the co-chair of the Joint Sexual Violence Action Committee.

PSYCHOLOGY

MORGAN BARBER
Department of Psychology
Waterford, Wisconsin
Morgan will earn her bachelor’s degree in both Psychology and Spanish in May 2018. She is the on-site coordinator and programing and planning chair for the Parents Raising Resilient Children/ACT Program at Gundersen Health System. She was a research assistant with Trauma Informed Schools Research where she utilized surveys to evaluate the needs of students, parents, and schools as a whole. She studied abroad in Costa Rica with the San Joaquin de Flores Intensive Language and Culture Summer Program, and is a member of Psi Chi and the Psychology Club.

NICHOLAS GLODOSKY
Department of Psychology
La Crosse, Wisconsin
Nicholas will graduate in May 2018 with a bachelor’s degree in Psychology and minors in both Sociology and Statistics. He is currently an intern with the La Crosse County Public Defender’s Office where he interviews individuals who have been arrested to determine their eligibility for a public defender. At UWL he is a research assistant, a member of the Psychology Honors Program, and a statistics tutor. He is a member of Psi Chi, the Psychology Club, and Venture Crew.

CLAIRE HOWARD
Department of Psychology
Waukesha, Wisconsin
Claire will earn her bachelor’s degree in Psychology with minors in both English Literature and Sociology in May 2018. She is a Gundersen Hospital Behavioral Health Unit Volunteer and works with teenagers admitted into the unit, as well as a Coulee Council on Addictions Volunteer where she works with individuals suffering from
addictions to talk about next steps and support systems. At UWL she has been a Vanguard, a teaching assistant in Psychology and Sociology, a Resident Assistant and a Writing Center tutor. She is a member of Eta Phi Alpha, Psi Chi, and Alpha Kappa Delta.

FELIPE PINCHEIRA-BERTHELON  
Department of Psychology  
Madison, Wisconsin
Felipe will graduate in May 2018 with a bachelor’s degree in Psychology and a minor in Spanish. He is a McNair Scholar and presented his research project titled “Multilingualism as a De-Stressing Factor” at the Seven Rivers Undergraduate Research Symposium. He is a First Year Research Exposure Mentor, a Spanish tutor, and a language conversation partner. He also volunteered with the Kane Street Garden Hunger Taskforce and harvested and distributed food for households in need. In the summer of 2017, Felipe studied health psychology abroad in Brescia, Milan, and Florence, Italy.

BRITTANY RAVEN  
Department of Psychology  
Grayslake, Illinois
Brittany will earn her bachelor’s degree in Psychology with minors in both Criminal Justice and Ethnic & Racial Studies in May 2018. She is the recipient of the Midwest Exchange Scholarship for Academic Excellence, and is a member of the Psychology Honors Program. She presented her undergraduate research at the 125th Annual APA Convention in Washington, D.C., and has been a French conversation partner and foreign language tutor at UWL. She is currently a Direct Support Professional at Legacies, LLC.

SUSIE SCHOENROCK  
Department of Psychology  
Edgar, Wisconsin
Susie will graduate in May 2018 with a bachelor’s degree in Psychology and minors in both Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies and Legal Studies. She has been a desk coordinator, summer assistant and resident assistant with the Office of Residence Life at UWL. She was also an intern at Hope Academy where she planned and implemented an annual fundraising event that raised over $7,000 to support the education program for teenage mothers. She is currently a teaching assistant at the YWCA Childcare Center. Her current research project, funded by a UWL undergraduate research grant, is titled, “A Separation of Church and State: When Religious Values and Political Beliefs Conflict.”

ERIK STONECIPHER  
Department of Psychology  
Kewaskum, Wisconsin
Erik will earn his bachelor’s degree in Psychology with minors in both Environmental Studies and Philosophy in May 2018. He is an intern and volunteer at New Horizons Shelter & Outreach Centers where he has received training on handling crisis, trauma, victimization, and actively listening to survivors. His student research at UWL has involved working with Dr. Suthakaran Veerasamy and redeveloping his Religious Identity Development Scale. Erik will be attending the State University of New York at Albany beginning this May to pursue his MS in Mental Health Counseling. His research and coursework will be conducted on identity development, social justice, and intersectionality.
SOCIETY

HALEY INGERSOLL
Department of Sociology
Manawa, Wisconsin
Haley will graduate in May 2018 with her bachelor’s degree in Sociology and a minor in Psychology. She was an intern at Stepping Stones in La Crosse where she coordinated forensic interviews in cases where child abuse was suspected. At UWL she was the president of Active Minds, an organization advocating against mental illness stigma; additionally, she was part of the UWL Mental Health Promotion Task Force where she provided a student’s perspective regarding various department’s mental health policies and their impact on students. She received an undergraduate research grant and has had two research assistantships in the Sociology department. She is also a member of Alpha Kappa Delta, Eta Phi Alpha, and the Sociology Club.

LUCY PUTNAM
Department of Sociology
Madison, Wisconsin
Lucy will earn her bachelor’s degree in both Computer Science and Sociology in May 2019. She is the Computer Science Club president, and the founder and president of Womyn in Computing. She is also a member of CODERS and Black Student Unity, and has been a teacher’s assistant and a peer advisor on campus. She is currently the building manager of the student union at UWL, where she shows leadership by coordinating with all departments to ensure events are running smoothly, solving problematic situations and responding to emergencies.

THEATRE ARTS

JOHN DIVNEY
Department of Theatre Arts
La Crosse, Wisconsin
John will graduate with a bachelor’s degree in Theatre Performance and a minor in Stage Management in May 2018. He has had ten years of both ballet and tap dance training and was a dance teacher at the La Crosse Dance Center where he created lesson plans and choreographed dances. He is a proficient singer, has experience in the scene shop, and has performed in Singin’ in the Rain, All Shook Up, Company, and Chicago at UWL, as well as The Little Mermaid with the La Crosse Community Theatre, and The Nutcracker with the La Crosse Dance Centre. He studied abroad in London during the summer of 2017; his goal is to be consistently working as a professional actor in ten years.

WOMEN’S, GENDER, & SEXUALITY STUDIES

MARY FRANITZA
Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Racine, Wisconsin
Mary will earn her bachelor’s degree with a major in Spanish and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies in 2019. She is a desk coordinator with the UWL Office of Residence Life where she conducts meetings and professional development opportunities. She also works as a childcare classroom assistant at the Young Women Christian Association. Previously she was a leadership director and adventure counselor with the Girl Scouts of Wisconsin.