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Jennifer and Mike Hansen CBA EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD RECIPIENT Nilakshi Borah

Nilakshi Borah, an Associate Professor of Finance at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (UWL), has dedicated ten years to shaping the minds of future finance professionals. With a sincere passion for teaching, she fosters meaningful connections with her students, thriving on intellectual exchange and growth within her classroom.

Borah's teaching philosophy revolves around engaging students with diverse and thought-provoking finance topics, encouraging practical application of knowledge to real-world scenarios. She finds fulfillment in witnessing her students' curiosity and enthusiasm as they delve into complex financial concepts and challenges. By creating strong, inclusive, and supportive relationships, Borah stimulates students' interest, fostering a positive learning environment where critical thinking, learning from mistakes, and personal growth are encouraged.

At UWL, Borah's teaching portfolio includes undergraduate courses such as Financial Modeling, Multinational Financial Management, Principles of Financial Management, and Problem and Cases in Finance.

Continuously seeking to enhance her pedagogical approach, she incorporates innovative teaching methods and stays informed about the latest developments in finance education. Driven by a commitment to academic excellence and student success, Borah provides practical insights and mentorship during student internships, empowering them to navigate the complexities of finance.

Beyond the classroom, Borah actively engages in collaborative initiatives and interdisciplinary teaching. Her impact extends beyond traditional undergraduate courses to graduate-level instruction in the UW consortium MBA program and UWL MBA program.

Before joining UWL in 2014, Nilakshi Borah served as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Finance at St. Cloud State University in Minnesota. During her tenure there, she honed her teaching skills and expanded her expertise across various finance domains. Her academic journey commenced with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in India, followed by an MBA from New Mexico State University and a doctorate degree from Louisiana Tech University.