Support for UWL Caregivers

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Dear campus community members,

The COVID pandemic challenged our community in unprecedented ways this spring and now continues to do so into the foreseeable future. In a short time, we have seen an increased threat to our health and well-being and experienced a change in our work conditions and demands, all while social resources such as child and elder care, PK–12 education, food access and other health and social programs became limited when they were needed most.

As we move toward the fall, we recognize that faculty, staff, and students will continue to juggle care for themselves and others with the demands of their work, while coping with significantly depleted physical, emotional, social and financial resources. And we are committed to finding ways to support our community during these challenging times.

Our talented and dedicated Human Resources staff have very kindly created a Childcare and Caregiver <u>support page</u> on our UWL website to help provide resources, links, and guidance on this important topic. They will also be hosting webinars (for both supervisors and employees) designed to help us all to better balance work and life obligations.

As we continue to prepare to begin an unprecedented fall semester here at UWL, the members of the campus leadership team and I hope you all are staying safe and healthy. We have never been more grateful for the outstanding contributions you make to our university, and we remain committed to supporting you in any ways we can.

Take good care,

Joe

Joe Gow, Chancellor University of Wisconsin-La Crosse