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UNIVERSITY *of* WISCONSIN  
LA CROSSE

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 2015 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 UW-L No. 3 among public universities in the Midwest who offer bachelor's and master's degrees, the highest ranking of any UW institution in this category. And we also now are ranked No. 43 in Kiplinger Magazine's list of the Top 100 Values in American Public Higher Education, further recognition of our strong national leadership in advanced education.

A commitment to excellence exists throughout the UW-L campus, and the accomplishments listed on page five 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 UW-L 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

**One Hundred Fifth Annual Spring Commencement**  
**University of Wisconsin-La Crosse**  
**Sunday, the tenth of May, two thousand fifteen**

10 a.m. ceremony  
 College of Liberal Studies | College of Business Administration | School of Education

2 p.m. ceremony  
 College of Science and Health | School of Education

**Processional**

"Pomp and Circumstance" ..... Edward Elgar  
*UW-L Brass Ensemble*  
 Processional Narration ..... Terry Wirkus, *Academic Technology Services*

**Ceremony**

Welcome ..... Joe Gow, *Chancellor*  
 Graduating Class Student Introduction ..... Heidi Macpherson, *Provost/Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs*  
*Student Address*  
     10 a.m. Ceremony ..... Katherine Svitavsky  
     2 p.m. Ceremony ..... Sarah Werner  
 Presentation of Candidates for Degrees ..... Heidi Macpherson, *Provost/Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs*  
 Conferring of Degrees and Awarding of Diplomas ..... Joe Gow, *Chancellor*  
*Robert Hetzel, Vice Chancellor, Administration and Finance*  
*Greg Reichert, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement*  
  
     College of Liberal Studies ..... Ruthann Benson, *Dean*  
     College of Business Administration ..... Bruce May, *Dean*  
     College of Science and Health ..... Bruce Riley, *Dean*  
     School of Education ..... Marcie Wycoff-Horn, *Director*  
  
 New Alumni Welcome ..... David Wambach, *Class of '81*  
*UW-L Alumni Association Board Vice President*



Singing of Alma Mater

*The Alma Mater*

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.

Closing Remarks ..... Joe Gow, Chancellor

**Recessional**

*"Triumphal March from Aida"* ..... Verdi

Please remain seated during the processional and until all graduates and faculty have completed the recessional from commencement.

**Mace Carriers**

Kenneth Winter, College of Business Administration  
Robin Tyser, College of Science and Health

Commencement Interpreter ..... Colleen Cudo

Name Reader ..... Terry Wirkus, *Academic Technology Services*  
Kristine Wirkus

Commencement ushers are members of the Vanguard organization.

Note: Sound-enhancement earphones are available for hearing-impaired guests. Ask an usher if you would like to use the earphones.  
Please return them to an usher after the ceremony.

A reception for graduates and their family and friends will be held immediately following the ceremonies.  
Please proceed to South Hall to meet your graduate. A map of the La Crosse Center can be found on page 32.

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### ***Academic Dress***

The academic apparel worn by faculty and staff in the processional has its origins in the universities of the Middle Ages. Because the universities grew out of church schools, both faculty and students were regarded as part of the clergy, and wore clerical clothing based on monastic dress.

The head covering developed from the skull cap worn to protect tonsured heads in cold weather. In the universities, the skull cap acquired a point at the top which gradually evolved into a tassel. In Europe, the bonnet with a tassel is still worn, but has been replaced in America by the mortar board cap or tam with a tassel.

The style of the gown may have been borrowed from the Benedictine monk's habit. In the Middle Ages, those with bachelor's and master's degrees could be distinguished by the simplicity or elaborateness of their gowns. The master's gowns were often furred, a decoration surviving as the three velvet bars now used on the sleeves of the doctoral gown.

The hood was originally worn over the head in bad weather, and otherwise dropped onto the shoulders. First worn by faculty and students, the hood is now added to the apparel of those with master's and doctoral degrees. The color of the velvet trim on the hood indicates the scholarly field, for example, dark blue (philosophy), golden yellow (science), light blue (education), pink (music), apricot (nursing), drab (business), and white (arts). The colors of the satin lining are those approved and authorized by the college or university from which the degree was earned.

### ***Medallion Symbolizes Authority***

Wearing a medallion or seal of office has been a symbol of authority since the Middle Ages. The seal marked official documents then; heads of institutions wore the seal around the neck to keep it in their possession. The chancellor's medallion features a design and materials that reflect UW-La Crosse. The mokume-gane or "wood grain metal" used is a specialty of the campus jewelry studio.

### ***Mace Shows Quest for Truth***

Once a weapon in medieval combat, the mace was adopted by universities as a symbol of the power of the quest for truth. The mace is carried in the commencement ceremony by a distinguished senior faculty member. William R. Fiorini, a UW-L art professor, designed and made the medallion and mace, which were used for the first time at the inauguration of Chancellor Judith L. Kuipers in September 1992.

The mace and medallion were given to the University by Mary Heberd and Ruth Nixon-Davy, professors emeriti. Silver plaques on the medallion box and mace stand acknowledge these gifts.

### ***Symbols of Academic Achievement***

Many undergraduate students are wearing items that reflect high academic achievement. Commencement Honors are designated by silver cords, and are worn by students who have at least a 3.50 cumulative grade point average. Those wearing gold cords have earned Commencement Highest Honors with at least a 3.75 average. Members of the Golden Key International Honour Society are wearing a medallion on a blue and gold neck ribbon. The organization is open to the top 15 percent of graduating seniors in various fields of study. Discipline-specific honor organizations are represented by a variety of other cords.

### ***International Flags and Sashes***

The international flags displayed on the commencement platform represent the home countries of international students attending the University. Sashes are worn by graduates who studied abroad. Each sash represents the country in which the student studied.

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

- UW-L is the state's top and No. 4 public university in the Midwest among institutions providing undergraduate majors and master's programs, according to *U.S. News & World Report's* 2015.
- Biology Professor Scott Cooper received the 2014 Wisconsin Professor of the Year Award from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. History Professor Victor Macias-González received the award in 2013 and History Professor Greg Wegner received the honor in 2011.
- The UW System Board of Regents recognized UW-L's Mathematics Department with the UW System 2015 Regents Teaching Excellence Award. It's the only department in the state to be honored this year. It's not the only time UW-L's teaching staff has received awards from the Regents. UW-L's Biology Department earned the board's department teaching excellence award in 2013 and Mathematics Professor Jennifer Kosiak won a regents' individual teaching award in 2012.
- The women's track & field team won the NCAA III national indoor title in March. It was the first national indoor title for the Eagles, who hold five second-place finishes for indoor competition and three outdoor titles.
- The women's gymnastics team won the 2015 National Collegiate Gymnastics Association Team Championship in March. It was the 16th national title for Eagle gymnasts, a record unmatched by any other university. All 16 have come under Head Coach Barb Gibson who was named 2015 NCGA Coach of the Year. UW-L hosted the national meet, the fourth time for the university
- For the second year in a row, UW-L received the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine, honoring universities with outstanding commitment to diversity and inclusion.
- Senior Thatcher Rogers earned the most prestigious award an undergraduate archaeology student can receive for research – the Institute for Field Research Undergraduate Student Paper Award from the Society for American Archaeology. He presented the research at the largest professional archaeology organization in the world's annual meeting in San Francisco in April.
- UW-L student-athletes posted the highest combined GPA among the nine Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference institutions in 2013-14, finishing with a cumulative 3.240 GPA. The Eagles also recorded the highest number of student-athletes with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or better (348, approximately 62 percent of the student-athlete population).
- UW-L again reached record enrollment in fall 2014 with 10,558 undergraduate and graduate students – about 130 more students than fall 2013, also a record.
- The American Institute of Physics ranked UW-L No. 2 in the nation for the number of physics degrees it awards annually among bachelor's degree granting programs from 2010-12.
- The Wisconsin State Council on Affirmative Action presented the UW-L Eagle Mentoring Program with the 2014 Ann Lydecker Educational Diversity Award, given to the UW System campus that has made the most measurable demonstration of initiatives and practices toward the recruitment and retention of a diverse student body.
- Kiplinger's Personal Finance listed UW-L among its 25 Best College Values Under \$30,000 a Year in 2015. For the second year in a row, UW-L is the only Wisconsin campus to make the national rank. UW-L is also among Kiplinger's top 100 colleges and universities in the country for delivering academic quality and affordability.
- UW-L has been named host of the 2017 NCAA III Wrestling Championships and the 2018 NCAA III Women's and Men's Outdoor Track & Field Championships.
- UW-L's "It Make\$ Cents!" financial literacy program received the 2013 Wisconsin Financial Literacy Award from the Department of Financial Institutions.
- Biology Professor Roger Haro received the 2014 UW System Board of Regents Diversity Award.
- UW-L ranks No. 30 nationally for students studying abroad. UW-L has the fourth largest international student population among Wisconsin colleges.
- The UW System College Readiness Math MOOC – a Massive Open Online Course developed by UW-L faculty and staff – won the 2013 Desire2Excel award, a national honor for collaboration.



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## **Candidates for Graduation**

### **Associate Degree Candidates**

10 a.m. ceremony

Amanda R. Annala	Jeremy J. Nelson
Hunter J. Christenson	Brett S. Presnal
Brittni Feigl	Veronica J. Steinmetz
Jordan Nash	

### **Baccalaureate Degree Candidates**

#### **College of Business Administration**

10 a.m. ceremony

Michael L. Adamski	Nathan W. Budack	Christopher R. Eberle	Lindsey M. Harreld
Yazeed A. Alsaghir	Bridget L. Cahill	Katelynn M. Elsing	Chelsea M. Hawkins
Bradley Anderson	Megan M. Cahill*	Thomas A. Erickson	Hailey E. Haxton
Tucker Apold	Skylar S. Cameron	Erica L. Euch	Hayley L. Hayes*
Steven M. Appenzeller	Adam D. Cavey	Amanda J. Everly**	Benjamin G. Heinz
Zachary L. Arndt**	Yuan Chao*+	Brian J. Fellers	Allison Heinzelmann
Haley M. Austin**	Cassandra C. Chase	Melissa E. Finco	Angela M. Heller+
Carly A. Bach	Pearl R. Chess*	Sig S. Finley	Alexandrea R. Hemmele
Amanda K. Back	Katie A. Clark	Cassandra J. Firari	Brooke Hemstead
Amberlyn I. Baines	Cody D. Colson	David C. Flickinger	Paige Hennig
Katie K. Bakunowicz	Andreux T. Comstock	Joseph W. Fontanazza	Brady R. Hoopman
Ryan Bartels+	Patrick B. Conway	Jessi L. Fortun*	Cara H. Hughes
Hannah J. Bartelt*	Maxwell K. Cummings	Lucas J. Frauenhoff	Austin R. Janssen**
Dillon J. Bean	Elena F. Curtis*	Haley M. Fritz**	Jayden Johnson
Justin A. Behrendt	Julia T. Dales	Hei Yeung Fung*	Reid K. Johnson
Alexander B. Beier	Paige N. Darnick	Samantha N. Gambino	Kyle T. Jones
Jennifer M. Benash	Connor C. De Bruin	Anna R. Gevelinger*	Joshua D. Jorandby
Ashley K. Benick*	Cody J. Dillon	Benjamin J. Gierszewski	Brandon M. Kahl
Adam H. Benson*	ANH T. DO	Andrew J. Glaser	Maxwell P. Kaiser
Vincent D. Bialk*	Joseph R. Domina	Joseph J. Gosz	Hannah M. Kalina
Amanda C. Block+	Yesenia Donjuan Gonzalez	Danielle K. Graeve**	Sean R. Kellerman*
Kelli L. Blum	Mitchell D. Dosser	Joshua D. Gran	Kelsey G. Kemp
Chris J. Bournelis	Mackenzie R. Doty	April M. Gwin*	Kevan J. Kent
Michael L. Brooks	Matthew D. Drummond	Brittany Hadden	Cody J. Key**
Courtney K. Brusoe	Madeline R. Duffy	Matthew B. Haffemann	Cody A. Kincaid
Zachary S. Bucheger*	Robin A. Earleywine	Peter J. Hanson	Jared W. Kindschi+

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Molle A. Klein*	Michaela M. Meyer	Andrew J. Robson	Luke D. Thornton+
Karissa M. Klister+	Abby R. Michaelson	Shane G. Rockweiler	Seth M. Tormoen
Eric A. Knudson	Eric C. Michals	Amber K. Rodriguez	Karley J. Travis
Michael R. Knudtson	Kyle W. Miley	Nathan P. Routhier*	Yen H. Trinh*
Kelsey J. Koenig	James R. Miller	Joshua T. Rowles	Gary M. Trkula
Kaitlyn Kohler	Trenton A. Mock	Sean P. Royer	Alex M. Umhoefer*
Benjamin W. Koll	Elizabeth A. Moeller	Ricci L. Rudesill	Haley P. Underwood
Nicholas P. Korom	Peter Molnar*	Becca A. Ruesch	Mitchel S. Van Remortel
Jacob A. Kowaleski	Matthew A. Monsoor	Brian Rumpf	Brittany L. Van Rossum
Alexander C. Krason	Adrian F. Moreno	Anthony G. Rybold+	Paul M. VanCampenhout
Jeffrey W. Kresse*	Hayley L. Mortensen	Brandon J. Salzman**	Marcus E. Ver Hage*
Alexander J. Krupski	Kayla B. Moser**	Jordan L. Schaetzel	Lucas P. Virnig
Kyle B. Kubichek*	Mai Pa Moua+	Cecelia K. Scharping	Holly M. Vogelsang
Carly L. Kubly	Justin M. Mudlaff	Kevin A. Schewe	Jennifer E. Volz
Dylan J. Kunz	Megan K. Murphy**	Jenna K. Schmidtknecht	Avery J. Waldera
Marvin C. Labre+	Kaden L. Nauman	Nicholas J. Schuetz	Samantha P. Wallace*
Lucas M. Lampert	Dylan J. Neitzel	Rebecca S. Schulenburg**	Jacob D. Wallerius
Sarah A. Lang	Alexandra C. Nelson	Isaac R. Schulte	Liuping Wang**+
Kalia Lee	Brady C. Nelson	Gina M. Schultz**	Shaohua Wei*
Xiang Li+	Briana C. Nelson	Ashley C. Scray+	Maci K. Weiser
Yanni Liang*	Wade T. Nelson	Zachary T. Shannon	Megan M. Wetterlin
Catherine P. Lie	Kyle D. Noble	Jacob R. Sharon*+	Christina M. Wimmer
Freeman Linde**	Trenton A. Norton	Riley P. Shields	Scott M. Winters
Ethan Lindeman	Hannah J. Olevson	Lee A. Shipley	Carlyn A. Witt
Jacob M. Lisiecki	Ryan M. O'Malley	Hayley Short	Gretchen M.
Kendall J. Lisiecki**	Maria A. Ormberg	Nicholas R. Skanavis	Wojciechowski
Adam Livingston	Valerie J. Paulus**	David C. Sloan*	Nianli Xia
Samuel G. Lord	Trey D. Pickarts	Jacob A. Smith	Xin Xie+
Kelsey L. Lorenz	Nicholas Podpeskar	Kyle Sobotta	Yer Xiong
Jennifer L. Luedtke	Luke L. Potts	Hexuan Song	Yijun Xu+
Enming Ma+	Travis Primeau*	Luke E. Spindt	Tou Yang
Brianna M. Macdonald	Blakelon J. Pritchard	Jesse Stacks+	Hunter R. Yanke
Colin J. Mack	Gabriel J. Prospero	Rachel Stark**	Joseph L. Zarate
Meghan J. MacMillan	Ryan A. Quick	Dakotah L. Steiner	Evan D. Zeman
Ceilia Martin+	Kristen C. Radke+	Connor E. Stubbe	Junhua Zeng+
Nicole L. Masterson	Tyler M. Randall	Brittany M. Stuttgen	Nina M. Zess
Patrick M. McBride	Michael J. Rastas	Lareina Taing*	Qian Zhang**
Kelly A. McClone**	Tessa R. Rauwald*+	Nick Tehan	Sijing Zhang+
Jacob D. McCormick	Alexander N. Reed	Chia Thao	Mingxin Zheng*+
Tara A. McCormick+	Kelly M. Reineke	Bailey M. Thomas	Aaron D. Ziman
Katherine L. McGovern*	Rachel E. Riesterer	Jacob Thompson**	David G. Zimmerman
Brittany A. Mellen	Tanner S. Roach	Taylor M. Thompson+	David A. Zink*





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## College of Liberal Studies

10 a.m. ceremony

Nicholas J. Adams	Alexander M. Brick	Sara C. Crook*	Erika L. Fortlage*
Brittany N. Aeschlimann*	Heather S. Brickham	Sarah Crossman	Cody N. Fortney*
Caitlin M. Albers*	Ryan K. Bright	Shelby R. Cutler	Tricia E. Fredrickson
Bailey Alston	Jonathon M. Brown	Nina R. Damrow	Gabrielle O. Frenstad-Kirk
Lauren E. Anderson	Brandon J. Bruette	Lindsey C. Dary**	Katie L. Fricker
Mary S. Anderson*	Abby M. Bruggink	Amanda R. De Cora**	Maggie N. Fries
Taylor L. Anderson	Nicole L. Buechler	Stephanie M. Deakin	Riley S. Fullerton*
William P. Anderson, Jr	Benjamin J. Burke+	Boyd J. Decker	Rachel M. Gebo*
Cassandra M. Armstrong+	Kelsey K. Burt*	Joseph P. Deegan	Precious C. Gellada
Justin J. Asher+	Erica Bush	Kelly M. Denk**	Gina M. Gentry
Benjamin C. Ashmore	Amy M. Bye*	James F. Dirth*	Olivia M. Gilkey-Meisegeier
Austin J. Baar	Natalia D. Capozziello*	Jaclyn J. Ditter	Jennifer L. Gimmer
Kayla M. Ballard*	Philip J. Cappitelli	Chelsea N. Dolan**	Lauren H. Gingold
Martino A. Balsiger+	Jacquelyn A. Carey	Sonam Dorji	Kristin E. Goeser
Sabrina F. Baltutis	Scott M. Carney	Kassandra L. Dorman	Elena J. Goetzinger
Mike Barnes	Katrina M. Carpentier	Julie M. Downing	Tiana D. Goglio*
Zachary T. Barnetzke**	Heidi L. Carter	David J. Dramm*	Kelsea Gould*+
Eric S. Barreau**	Leah Cerhan	Molly M. Duggan	Alexa L. Goulet
Andrew Barrett	Jason C. Chambers	Peter W. Dziadowicz**+	Kate L. Graber
Cameron Bathe	Tristan S. Charles	Sadee G. Eastlick**	Elisabeth D. Granley**
Leah M. Bauer	Clarissa M. Check	Sydney M. Eastman	Noelle E. Griffiths**
Erin E. Beecher	Shiyang Chen*	Dillon L. Eddingsaas	Andrew J. Grossman
Robert K. Belle	Brianna Christiansen**	Stacey L. Edmison+	Jean M. Gschwind
Tyler J. Benash	Madeline A. Churches**	Mary E. Eiken	Fatima Guled+
Jhoan J. Benavides Ferrera	Allison Claussen	Emily A. Eklund**	Danica M. Gullicksrud**
Bailey C. Benedict**	Jade M. Clement	Dakota B. Elliott	Zachary C. Gust
Jeffrey A. Benike	Olivia J. Cody	Jessica Embke+	Matthew T. Gutzman
Victoria R. Bentz	Kelsey M. Coffren*	Aaron T. Engstrand++	Siri K. Gylland
Ayriana T. Benz	Brittany M. Colby**	Tanner F. Enter+	Katherine G. Hachmeister
Anna Mae T. Beyer	Kelly M. Collins**	Kevin Erdman	Caitlin L. Hackett
Jill L. Blanchard	Rebecca E. Conn	Camden R. Eure	Marianne Hall+
Melissa D. Bonilla	Kaylie A. Connaughty*	Kathryn L. Evans	Caroline M. Halverson
Rachel A. Bonneville*	Rachel L. Cordero	Jingjing Fang*	Kelsey A. Hamlin
Lindsey A. Bouffleur	Lily A. Cornwell*	Jessica Fanshaw	Luke E. Hams
Angela J. Brenn	Tanner J. Costello	Christopher D. Farvour**	Phyllis Hand*
Nikol A. Brevik	Holly M. Cox	Anthony J. Folino	Zachary J. Hansen

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Christopher A. Hanson	Meghan M. Keeley*	Ying Li	Hannah L. Myers
Haley A. Hanson	Lauren E. Keesler**	Chuying Liang*	Breanna J. Nachreiner**
Tylor J. Harlan	Emma S. Keillor	Jingyu Liang	Madeline M. Napolski+
Kathryn D. Harrsch	Natalie A. Kellerman	Salvatore A. Librizzi	Martha L. Nedeau-Owen*
Dylan C. Hatch	Erica N. Kelly	Bernard H. Lincks, IV	Kristin L. Nedvidek
Anne E. Hauer**	Lindsay F. Kelpinski*	Alicia M. Lomeli	Chelsey C. Neitzke
Lynsi J. Havens	Ericka S. Kettner	Timothy W. Lomeli	Jessica T. Nelson
Chandra L. Hawkins	Paige E. Kieler	Brady L. Long+	Sarah E. Newton
Leah R. Heilman	Danielle L. Kiesow**	Kathleen A. Lopas	Lexi A. Nickols
Kayley K. Hein	Karen E. Kilby*	PaChoua Lor	Morgan A. Niemeyer
Sara J. Heller*	Taylor R. Kilian*	Paul J. Luce	Frederick N. Nimtzt
Claire S. Helling*	Amy M. King	Chelsea N. Lundquist	Lexi S. Ninmer
Carly C. Hendricks	Bridget R. Kisting	Erik A. Lynch	Sophia Noguera
Brittany J. Hink	Ashley J. Konkel*	Rachel J. Madison*	Meredith L. Noreen
Jazzma C. Holland++	Tanya M. Kontowicz*	Matthew J. Malczewski	Devin T. Novakovic
David J. Holmes	Mikaela J. Kornowski*	Patrick R. Maloney	Steven E. Nowak**
Stephanie A. Holt	Lauren P. Kossoris	Erin W. Maroney	Lacey A. O'Brien
Taylor S. Hoppe*	Chelsea M. Kotes	Anna M. Maroon**	Sarah Kathleen O'Brien
Yi Huang	Janyl A. Kozelka	Jordan M. Marshall*	Erin M. O'Connor**
Breanna G. Immel	Hayley Kresnak	Quinn F. Masterson	Ashley B. Oelhafen
Sarah A. Jaech*	Tori R. Krueger*	Jamie D. Mathison*	Arielle R. Oium**
Samuel J. Janowiak	Carissa A. Krug**	Hannah M. McAllister**	Faith M. Oliver**
Eli C. Jaskowiak**	Kaela R. Kucera	Amy E. McCubbins	Julie A. Olson
Ashley N. Jefferson	Kallie A. Kuhagen*	Katherine R. McDonah*	Crystal M. Oravis
Emily N. Jensen	Katherine L. Kula*	Kaitlyn L. McFadden	Jacqueline B. O'Reilly
Alaina C. Jespersion	Erik J. Kullerud	Brenna J. McKimmy*	Ben Otto+
Alex R. Joers	Megan N. Kunstman	Amanda W. McMahan*	Kathryn Palluck
Cort S. Johnson	Jacob J. Lacey+	Laura E. Mead**	Sadie Parsons
John W. Johnson, III	Kayla S. Lambert	Cristina Meagher	Anna M. Peeters*
Kyle A. Johnson	Brandon S. Landowski	Caitlyn M. Medlock	Katy R. Pence*
Nicole P. Johnson**	Storm B. Larson**	Jonathan Meier	Amy L. Peplinski
Rebecca E. Johnson	Cheyenne-Christine J.	Molly R. Meyer*+	Jessica L. Peskie*
Sawyer Johnson	Laukant	Daniel J. Mifflin*	Emily J. Peterson
Sophia M. Johnston	Nou Lee	Allison M. Mikelson	Shelby L. Peterson
Anna K. Kaelin**	Ryan K. Lee	Joseph R. Miller	Travis A. Peterson
Sacre M. Kalume	Taylor E. Leibfried	Mackenzie J. Miller**	Taylor M. Phillips
Angelique Kane	Brittany A. Leidle	Ethan J. Mohoney	Megan Pickruhn
Hannah M. Karch	Breanna R. Levine*	Kyla R. Moloney	Jesse Pingel*
Lindsey A. Karl	Lauren N. Lewellen	Molly Monaghan*	Adam J. Poellinger
Amy E. Keel**	Shelby N. Lewis	Kevin Monday	Barbara Pollack++

**College of Liberal Studies continued**

Katie D. Pollock	Rachel H. Scanlan	Sarah M. Stepanik	Jenna M. Vielgut*
Abigail Pominville*	David M. Schaal	Sadee M. Sterling	Neil W. VonHoltum
Chantra V. Potts*	Ryan S. Schalow	Caroline A. Steuer*	Lindsey G. Voss**
Lauren K. Powers	Alethia L. Schell	Kyle R. Stokes	Chad B. Walters
Molly J. Prescott**	Bradley J. Schmit*	Lisa M. Stoughton*	Michael D. Walters
Alec J. Pynenberg	Katia R. Schmitt	Erik R. Stromquist	Alissa M. Ward*
Jereme L. Quinnell	Casey M. Schneider*	Hannah R. Surges	Stephanie G. Ward
Bret W. Rademacher**	Bethany N. Schoon	Alyssa M. Sutherland-	Rob C. Warren*
Andrew A. Rasmussen+	Nicole M. Schopen	Lasee	Marlena D. Wegner
Alisabeth A. Reedy*	Lexi F. Schroeder*	Katherine M. Svitavsky**	Samantha J. Wehausen
Elizabeth R. Reesman	Graham R. Schroeder-	Sherri R. Swan	Yi Wei*
Thomas E. Rehfeldt	Gasser	Chris R. Swoger	Alexandra E. Welsch
Kristine M. Reier	Lauren E. Schuller	Jarrett L. Taivalkoski	Andrea J. Wendt
Erik O. Reitan*	Hannah R. Schultz	Megan M. Tarman	Austin T. Werla
Joseph P. Reuss	Mason Schultz*	Meghan M. Taylor	Megan L. White*
Ashley M. Reynolds*	Sarah E. Schultz	Katie M. TerBeest	Connor P. Whitehead
Naomi A. Rich	Emily J. Schulz*	Caroline E. Terrell	Virginia Wightman**
Allison M. Richman*	Louis A. Schuth	Lydia A. TeWinkle	Kathryn G. Williams*
William Ricioppo	Hannah L. Schutte*	Robert J. Thoen	Bryce A. Wilson
Anne M. Riddle*	Katie L. Sebion*	Nathaniel L. Thome*	Michael T. Wininsky
Destiny N. Riley*	Amy E. Seelow**	Cheyenne D. Todd++	Emma A. Winske**
Thomas J. Ritter	Katherine Setzer*	Meghan S. Tomlinson+	Karlie M. Wipperfurth
Michelle K. Roche**	Emma Y. Shaver	Emily M. Toninato*	Mary E. Wiseman
Emily L. Roenitz	Alyssa R. Shurbert-Hetzel**	Briana M. Toraason	Kendall E. Wolf+
Elizabeth M. Rogers	Alicia M. Siebold*	Martin J. Touchett	Hanna M. Woodruff
Thatcher A. Rogers**	Kathryn M. Sikora*	Rachel M. Triller*	Zeyao Wu*
Stacey C. Rolak**	Abby B. Singerhouse	Shellady K. Udoni	Rachel D. Wyttenbach*
Lauren S. Rosowski	Zoe J. Slattery**	Jessey D. Unger	Tria Xiong
April L. Rothenbach**	Kayla J. Slowinski	Anne Y. Van*	Sammy J. Xiong-Vue
Nicole M. Rucinski**	Alexis G. Smith**	Gerrit Van Ruiswyk*	Mai Pa Yang
Nicholas D. Runde**	Richard D. Smith+	Tianna M. Vanderhei	Youa Yeng Yang
Eleanor G. Ryan	Whitney A. Smith*	Carol Vang	Olivia R. Yorton
Rachel M. Rygh	Victoria F. Smithyman	Mai Der Vang	Lewis Youngren
Kayla M. Rymer**	Megan M. Sopkowiak*	Mai Zoua Vang**	Jessica J. Zickert*
Samantha J. Sanders*	Victoria A. Sorensen	Ethan G. VanLaarhoven	Kaylee J. Ziegler+
Kayla M. Sanger	Craig R. Speerstra	Cassandra J. Vaughan*	Hannah R. Zingg*
Katherine M. Sarff	Mark R. Springborn*	Christian J. Velguth	Brittany A. Zinnel**
Allysen C. Satterstrum*	Christopher T.	August M. Viegut*+	Jordan P. Zoroufy*+
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**School of Education**

*10 a.m. ceremony*

Colin J. Abendroth	Aimee E. Goodew	Katie M. Magee	Christine N. Schmit*
Kayla R. Ahonen**	Andrew J. Grossman	Jordan M. Marshall*	Joanna C. Schneider*
Emily M. Alexander**	Michele A. Grzywa	James J. Maxwell	Mackenzie K. Schroeder*
Molly T. Amelse*	Sarah T. Hanlon*	Paige E. McKibben*	Courtney M.
Courtney L. Ariss*	Hillary R. Hartley*~	Allison N. McMillen**	Schwichtenberg**
John R. Arnost	Hayley M. Hawkins*	Kali R. Mehlhoff*	Morgan J. Sefzik*
Benjamin C. Ashmore	Taylor S. Hoppe*	Susan J. Merritt**	Avery C. Seubert
Megan J. Baird*	Leah K. Justin*	Lindsay A. Meyerhofer	Jenna N. Shipman*
Karissa J. Bakalars**	Jennifer L. Kenyon**	Sarah R. Mickelson*	Zoe J. Slattery**
Abby J. Brixius	Amy M. King	Samantha R. Mlachnik	Nicole Soler**
Kayla M. Burich*	Jessica L. Klang*	Erin M. O'Connor**	Sara L. Starck**
Anne E. Cesario*	Molly C. Klimaszewski*	Cassandra M. Pacelli	Cassandra A. Sturzl
Alex J. Ciesielski	Cady L. Kocher*	Jacob W. Pagel	Stephani A. Van Groll**
Abby L. Delander*	Lauren L. Kolb*	Ryan P. Pedretti	Molly C. Vertz*
Kelly M. Denk**	Brandon E. Laabs*	Taylor M. Phillips	Calli S. Viken**
Claire M. Elliott**	Jessica R. Landergott*	Adam J. Poellinger	Morgan L. Welborn*
Cody A. Endres	Shelby R. Langrehr*	Jereme L. Quinnell	Emma J. Werner**
Kaitlynn R. Eversoll**	Jennifer L. Larrabee	Amanda E. Ray*	Crystal L. Witt-Whybrow
Fraser M. Ferentz	Molly A. Leith	Katlyn S. Rilling*	Devin Yager
Elaine C. Funk*	Cathy H. Leon**	Nicholas D. Runde**	Marilyn A. Zable**
Kelly A. Gazeley	Stephanie Lightbody	Amanda M. Scherr*	

**School of Education**

*2 p.m. ceremony*

Kevin M. Crevcoure	Aaron P. Gruber	Kari M. Lovering	Andrew Preusse**
Makenzie E. Foerster	Alexander J.	Dale Murawsky	Patrick J. Swanson*
Gena M. Gadiant**	Hammerschmidt	Garrett B. Novinski	Adam J. Treinen*
Karyn M. Genrich	Jessica T. Knudson*	Chelsey R. Oswald	Austin J. Wersal**
	Hillary A. Kuehnl*	Alex Parsons*	

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**College of Science and Health**

2 p.m. ceremony

Kyle J. Adamczak+	James P. Benrud**	Michael Borst**	Lindsey M. Clauer*+
Jared S. Adams**	Derek D. Benz+	Mitchell P. Bortz+	Karley M. Clayton
Eric C. Alfson+	Emily H. Beranek	Taylor M. Bowers*+	Karin R. Clemens*
Tyler A. Amundson	Addie M. Berens+	Andrew K. Bradford**	Courtney Clewien
Demi E. Anagnoustopolous*	Rachael R. Berg	Katelyn N. Brandt**	Alexandra M. Clussman
Denine E. Anagnoustopolous*	Kayla M. Berger	Lindsey T. Brandt	Johnathon K. Coenen+
Ashlee M. Anderson+	Bryan J. Bergman	Timothy M. Brever	Christina M. Collins*+
Ryan M. Anderson	Jessica L. Berkevich+	Kiersten I. Brown**	Corissa A. Conard*
Mitchell R. Aplin	Paul J. Bernard	Sara Lynn Brown	Karinne P. Couture
Hailey R. Appenzeller+	Kaley M. Bernhardt**	Alyssa F. Brownell*	Emily K. Crabb
Jacob A. Armstrong+	Bethany A. Berning	Andrew M. Brownfield	Kelli Cronin+
Abigail N. Arnold	Alexandria L. Berry+	Danielle M. Brunk	Mariah R. Cropp**
Jillian T. Asmus*+	Kelsey A. Bertelsen	Riley P. Buley	Kaitlin R. Cullen+
Kevin F. Aspenson	Anthony Bilderback	Matthew J. Bulger	Ann M. Culver
Allena Aussicker+	Thomas O. Bjugstad**+	Paul R. Burant**	Christopher R. Cunningham
Taylor M. Bailey	Keith Blackdeer	Jeffrey J. Burggraf+	Mitchell B. Czech*
Allison K. Ballstadt+	Jenna L. Blaser	Kyle J. Burke**	Taylor M. Dahl+
Andrew F. Banholzer	Cassandra A. Blazer	Christina Burkhardt	Stephanie J. Dalsing
Grant L. Bargender**	Nash M. Bleyhl	Victoria Bystedt*	Kailyn R. Danhouser
Nicholas J. Barnes	Taylor K. Boardman	Shannon M. Campbell*	Sean C. Daniels
Jessica H. Barnhart	Danielle N. Boehm	Cody J. Carden+	Rachael L. Dano+
Suzanne E. Batcher+	Derek M. Boehm	Cale J. Carlin	Benjamin J. Danovsky*
Philip E. Bates	Torin D. Boernke	Rachael V. Carlson	Abby N. Debbink
Amelia Bauer	Jacob T. Bohl	William Casey	Jessica L. Debruyne**+
Jonathan R. Bauer	Adriene A. Bohnert*	Cole V. Cefalu	Justin A. Dembski
Breanna M. Baumann*	Shawna R. Boldon+	Lauren M. Cejka*	Chelsea L. DeMuth**
Alyssa M. Baumer+	Paige E. Boley**	Jennifer M. Chan	Jaclyn J. Derks*
Ashley A. Beauchamp**	Nathan A. Bollhorst	Justin D. Chenault	Jacob J. Desantis*
Marissa G. Beck	Alison N. Bonis	Emily K. Chrisler**+	Jackson A. Detrick
Jordan T. Becker	Christa J. Booman*	Makensie R. Christel**	Daniel M. Devine
Nicholas J. Beise*	Jessica Borden*++	Ruben Cisneros, Jr*	Sidney L. DeVries
	Vaughn A. Borkenhagen	Kenneth C. Clark	Benjiman W. Deyo
	Karen M. (Otto) Born**+	Lori M. Clarke+	

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Sarah J. Dibble	Haley N. Flesch	Jade J. Gromowski-	Nicholas J. Hoepfner
Nicholas S. Didier*	Jeff A. Fletcher+	Schuenke	Lindsay E. Hoessel+
Brittany M. Dilley*+	Savanna C. Flood	Craig J. Grosshuesch**	Lindsey M. Hoff**
John D. Dishinger	Alexander M. Flynn**	Emily R. Gruen	Chelsea Hoffman*+
Christine A. Ditter*	Cody K. Fox	Mattea P. Grumke*	Cheyenne E. Hoffman
Kylie K. Doberstein	Ben Frailing+	Jack Gunnill++	Alyssa Holcomb
Nicholas J. Dolezal	Ashley T. Frank	Brook A. Haakenson+	Megan T. Holman
Trevor A. Dominy	Jamie A. Frawley	Alyx M. Haasl+	Amy S. Holmes**+
Bowen Dong	Jonathon D. Free	Dominic J. Haddad*	Stephanie S. Holz
Jessica L. Dooney*	Alexa R. Fritsch**	Kelly E. Halbach**	Matthew R. Hoogland
Joseph A. Drumm	Nickolas D. Fularczyk	Amanda M. Halderson+	Michael D. Hoyt*
Anna T. Dubanowich	Julie A. Fuller**	Leland E. Haley	Joshua D. Huempfner
Brandon C. Dunk*	Elizabeth A. Funk	Alexandria E. Hall+	James R. Huey
Gregory W. Dunn*	Michael L. Galezio**	Henry D. Halling	Sean J. Huls*
Kayla R. Dvorak	John M. Gallagher*	Christian J. Hallingstad	Brittany J. Jacobs+
Eric A. Earle	Sean T. Gallagher**	Simone V. Hamby**	Marcus P. Jacobson**
Michael P. Earley	Kenneth M. Ganster	Heidi Hammil**	Paul F. Jaeger+
Kelsie N. Eckdahl**+	Rachel M. Geenen	Andrew J. Hanrahan	Sasha M. Jascor**
Colin P. Egerer**	Christopher D. Georgalas+	Jared Hardina	Aaron J. Jensen*
Brittany R. Elgersma**	Angela M. George+	Grant N. Harris	Jaimi K. Jensen**
Miranda Elkins*	Laura K. Gerdt*	Jared Hartung*	Young J. Jeon+
Aimee L. Endemann	Taylor N. Gesch*	Gavin S. Hautala*	Nicole L. Jeziorski*
Jamie R. Erickson+	Elizabeth M. Gibbs	Cody J. Hawkins	Benjamin J. Johnson*
Margaret Evans+	Thomas Gignac	Robert D. Hayes	Emily A. Johnson
Molly L. Fahrenkrog	Eric J. Gilbertson+	Loran K. Hazlett	Jackie L. Johnson
Katelyn M. Falck	Lydia A. Gillen	Lauren C. Hein+	Jordan R. Johnson**
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Sarah A. Faust*+	Evan M. Glasgow**	Katie L. Helbing*	Shelby L. Johnson
Tony F. Favre	Jacob N. Gloe**	Rachel D. Helgeson	Brandon C. Jones+
Micaela K. Fedyniak	Katherine E. Godding	Justin H. Helmkamp+	James M. Joswick
Lucas A. Feit	Joseph Grant+	Allyson J. Hennessy	Chad Kahles
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Alexander J. Fernan	Evan M. Greenhall	Andrew Hermann	Jami L. Kallenbach*
Jennifer L. Ferries+	Jordan R. Greenland+	Morgan E. Herried*	Meghann B. Kallsen
Derek D. Fetting*	Tyler M. Gregory	Lance A. Hildebrand**	Aaron Karo
Samantha D. Fiedler	Tanner A. Griedl	Mitchell J. Hilgart	Allison R. Kassel

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Nicole E. Kearns	Nathan P. Krismer	Amelia C. Lyman+	Ross D. Mitchell
Logan T. Keding	Ashley J. Krizek+	Gizelle Macapugay	Peter J. Mock
Jordan C. Keller**	Katherine A. Krouse	Thomas J. MacGregor	Eric A. Moderski
Emily A. Kelm	Alexander M. Krueger	Amanda J. Markelz	Haley M. Molzner+
Anna C. Kelsey+	Catherine B. Krus	Caitlin Malin*++	Kelleher C. Monahan+
Garrett Kerska	Nicholas E. Kubicek	Halie R. Marohl*	Christina G. Monsour
Drake A. Kessler	Amanda N. Kuchta**	Ian R. Marsh*	Emily R. Montaine**
Patrick M. Killian*+	Kayla M. Kuhn	Melanie A. Martin	Elise B. Montesinos**
Skyla R. Killilea	Kristine Kumferman**	Nicholaus D. Martin+	Sabrina P. Morgan*+
Madeline M. Kilps*	Aaron C. Kumlien	Raymond C. Marx+	Erin M. Moriearty*+
Jared R. Kimpel*	Bridget A. Ladell	Lexi E. Masiak	Clarissa G. Morrissey
Hannah K. Kippes+	Jordan G. Lammer	Timothy J. Mathwich**	Anthony W. Mottaz*
Britany M. Kirsch	Jose Tomas Landerer	Brittany A. Maule**	Joel E. Mroczenski**+
Alexis Klas++	Thong M. Le**	Cale M. McCallum	Mallory J. Mueller+
Zackary B. Kleven*	Cody R. Leanna	Bailee M. McClintock+	Shanna Mueller
Bryan F. Klister+	Abby J. Lee	Jessica L. McClure	Katie M. Mulera
Allie Knaus**	Hanna S. Lee*	Molly K. McGuine	Shaunee M. Mulhollon*+
Jennifer C. Knaus	Mai Y. Lee+	Kelsey M. McLaren	Michaela E. Murphy*
Danielle R. Koepke*	Rebecca J. Leffler*	Rachel A. Medenwaldt**	Meghan A. Murray
Kalli M. Kohler	Sierra K. Leinfelder	Matthew D. Meindel	Christopher C. Neely
Andrea R. Kolitsch*	Sarah M. Lemke	Joseph Mephram+	Jenna R. Nehls
James E. Konkol	Kelsey B. Lewien+	Julianne Merkes*	Abigail J. Neils
Dylan P. Konkle+	Jennifer C. Lewis+	Sarah A. Metz	Anna Z. Nelson*+
Alexander J. Korger	Valerie F. Lind	Jeremy W. Meudt*+	Molly A. Nerison
Scott E. Koss	Jake T. Linnabary	Brittany N. Meyer	April N. Nettesheim
Kristin Kotzer**	Peter T. Linse	Kacie R. Meyer+	Melissa L. Netwal
Jennifer M. Kovac~~	Kristin K. Lippitt Palm	Bradley S. Michalko*+	Laura K. Neubert+
Kathleen M. Kowalke	Nicholas J. Liska	John L. Michiels	Molly P. Neumann
Jillian E. Kozlik	Trina M. Loewen+	Benjamin P. Midlikowski	Brittany M. Niebuhr+
Andrew D. Kragness	Matthew Lor	Amara K. Miescke**+	Cory J. Noltemeyer
Talia J. Kramer*	Lauren M. Lotter*	Garrett F. Miles	Jessica J. Nordquist+
Sydney M. Kraus*	Haylee S. Lucht	Sean I. Millam	Emily J. Novak*
Hayden J. Krause	Nicole J. Ludwig	Haley M. Miller*	Julianne Nowak
Jordan T. Krause	Ellie M. Ludwigson	Nicholas A. Miller	Heidi M. Noyce
Kevin P. Krause**	Mitchell L. Luedtke+	Brittany M. Minshall	Tara R. Noye**+
Chelsea R. Krayecki+	Cody J. Lundeen	Michael P. Minske+	Tessa Nutt*+

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Alex J. Olson**	Corinne E. Rabay	Sarah E. Sandquist	Jennifer L. Skoglund*
Carleigh S. Olson	Keegan C. Rabelhofer	Ryan D. Sands	Janelle B. Skora**
Kelly A. Olson+	Eric F. Railsback	Cassandra D. Sauer*	David E. Slavens+
Molly L. Olson	Nicholas P. Rappa*	Arin Saunders	Victoria A. Sletten*+
Riley E. Olson*	Kayla M. Raschke*+	Alec J. Sawalski	Amanda M. Smith**
Kara A. Osley	Scott D. Rasmussen+	Charles H. Schiappacasse	Jenna M. Smith
Abby R. Pardee*	Patrick A. Ravenscroft	Mark R. Schiess*	Mitchell Smith
Cara Pardon**	Abigail M. Reier*+	Michaela E. Schik+	Susan M. Smith**
Brandi R. Patterman	Molly A. Reimers*+	Benjamin N. Schiller+	Rebecca J. Sobiech+
Ryan S. Paukert**	Amanda Reiner*	Lucas W. Schmidt**	Jenna L. Soboleski*+
Miriah M. Pautz	Marissa R. Reit*	Rebecca Schmidt*	Anna B. Sonnenberg**
Joshua J. Peanasky*	Brandon R. Rentmeester	Kayla M. Schmitt+	Marissa M. Sopchyk
Evan J. Pederson	Marlee O. Rice+	Alissa M. Schmitz+	Monica G. Soyk**
Yun Peng	Jenna M. Richter*+	Alicia P. Schneckloth*+	Julia M. Spellman*
Michael J. Percy	Kaitlin M. Rickard	Matthew D. Schneider*+	Julie K. Spence
Aaron C. Perkins	Landen Rimestad++	Tessa K. Schoettl	Indy Spindler**
Miranda R. Pernaski+	Alex W. Ritchay**	Joanie Scholtz+	Ciarra M. Sroda**
Alexander R. Perronne+	Miranda M. Robinson	Brett D. Schommer	Peter Stadum
Alec M. Peters*	Samantha A. Rodenberg*	Jeremy R. Schroeder	Alina T. Stai*
Brian M. Peterson	Robert M. Rohe*+	Joshua D. Schroeder	Erin J. Stalker
Brooke M. Pfund	Ashley E. Rome*	Taylor M. Schroeder*	Jared M. Stan
Abby L. Phillip	Angela M. Romportl**	Anthony J. Schuh	Alex Q. Stanford+
Kyle M. Phillips*	Elizabeth C. Rooker*	Lauren E. Schultz	Kathryn A. Starnitcky+
Rebekah L. Phillips**	Evan H. Ross	Lindsay H. Schultz	Tess Steen++
Sarah A. Picard	Jeffrey W. Ross*	Leanna J. Schwartzlow	Alexander T. Steidinger
Kelsey M. Pierce*	Sylvia F. Roznik	Amy C. Schweitzer	Nolan Steiner*
Paige A. Pinnow	Paige O. Rudolph	Zachary T. Scola	Tatum M. Sterba*
Alex C. Pinter	Jonas L. Rugtvedt	Sara E. Severson+	Travis C. Steuber
Elin Pool**	Garrett D. Runing+	Dylan J. Shaffer+	Matthew J. Stevenson+
Brianna J. Popple	Michael J. Rusin*+	Jayna Sharma	Heather M. Sticka**
Dane A. Poth*	Sam L. Russell	Jesse M. Sheldon	Kathryn M. Stigen
Ashlie L. Potter*	Lisa C. Rydeen**	Joshua D. Shirley	Maggie M. Stoeckel*
Kali M. Priest	Connie M. Sackmann	Alec G. Sime+	Megan Stoffregen**
Paxton R. Proft	Luke R. Sadergaski*	Phillip J. Sime	Lauren J. Stoltz*
Joshua C. Pruner*	Matthew R. Sager	Kaycie M. Simon**	Jordan T. Stone
Megan Quandt+	Michael N. Sampson	Evan O. Sinram	Samantha M. Suckow*



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Nicholas K. Sullivan	Tyler J. Tschanz	Caleb E. Wagner**	Jonathan B. Wise*
Brynn N. Sundberg*	Rachael L. Tubbs+	Rachel M. Waldhart	Rachel L. Wisniewski
Amber A. Swaagman**	Brady D. Turk*+	Alyssa K. Ward	Alex B. Wontor
Patrick A. Swails	Eric E. Twohey**	Tara M. Watkins	Julie D. Woodford
Cole J. Swanson	Hailey C. Tyznik	Chelsea R. Watry	Christopher Woods
Nanna E. Takahashi*	Emily A. Uhlig+	Adam J. Wavra	Mushen Xiao
Sawan Talwar	Molly R. Upp*	Kyle S. Weaver*+	Jason Yang
Alexander B. Taubenheim+	Anthony A. Van Kirk*	Paul J. Webb	Lau-Michael Yang
Quinton A. Taylor**	Samantha J. Van Riper	Nathanael S. Webber+	Kali M. Yanko+
Laura K. Tebo	Adam N. Vance	Kali V. Weber+	Thomas J. Yaucher**
Sheila M. Teboh	Luke D. Vander Heyden	Amber R. Wegner	Allison J. Yemm
Benjamin J. Tenpas	Chang Vang	Haley J. Wegner	Morgan R. Yeske*+
Paul Thao	Kou Vang+	Emma Weibel	Sarah Zahirudin*
Yia Thao	Lee Vang	Jade A. Weinke	Andrea B. Zahn**
Kayla M. Theis**	William Axel Vargas	John L. Weirich**	Alexander M. Zajichek*
Justin B. Theriault*	Maya R. Vazquez*	Ryan Weisnicht	Shayna S. Zalec
Crystal A. Thompson**	Shawn M. Verbeten*+	Sarah J. Werner*	Zachary D. Zalewski**
Jordon W. Thomsen**	Nicholas J. Viegut+	Grace K. White+	Tyler Zamzow
Seren D. Thorman**+	Kaley Villasenor+	Tyler J. Wiese	Alex J. Zart
Marcus J. Toppen	Rebecca L. Voss+	Timothy J. Wilda*	Keli K. Zemke+
Sara Torgerson	Rachel A. Voyer**	Eric L. Williams	Feng Zheng+
Claire A. Townsend*+	Mai See Vue+	Kyle N. Willms	Kendra S. Zierer
Megan S. Trotter*	Matthew P. Waak	Tess N. Willson*+	Katherine T. Zoroufy
Thanh D. Truong	Linsey J. Wacker	Megan R. Wimmer**	Stephanie L. Zuehlke+
Thomas J. Trzebiatowski	Paul E. Waclawski*	Jeffery P. Winkers, II+	Rebecca P. Zych**



## **Honors Program Candidates**

### *Archaeology Department Honors*

Emily A. Eklund\*\*  
Elisabeth D. Granley\*\*  
Danielle L. Kiesow\*\*  
Anna M. Maroon\*\*  
Hannah M. McAllister\*\*  
Amanda W. McMahon\*  
Mackenzie J. Miller\*\*  
Thatcher A. Rogers\*\*  
April L. Rothenbach\*\*  
Amy E. Seelow\*\*  
Victoria A. Sorensen  
Sarah M. Stepanik  
Chris R. Swoger

### *Economics Department Honors*

Riley Olson\*  
David Zink\*

### *Physics Department Honors*

Colin P. Egerer\*\*  
Lance A. Hildebrand\*\*

### *Political Science/Public*

### *Administration Department Honors*

Jordan Zoroufy\*+

### *Psychology Department Honors*

Eric S. Barreau\*\*  
Olivia J. Cody  
Phyllis Hand\*  
Sarah A. Jaech\*  
Tanya M. Kontowicz\*  
Matthew J. Malczewski  
Elizabeth R. Reesman  
Stacey C. Rolak\*\*  
Allysen C. Satterstrum\*  
Megan L. White\*

### *Sociology Department Honors*

Lauren E. Anderson  
Arielle R. Oium\*\*  
Bradley J. Schmit\*  
Lisa M. Stoughton\*



## Graduate Degree Candidates

### **Doctor of Physical Therapy**

2 p.m. ceremony

Emily A. Barske  
Laura A. Becker  
Raeann J. Bennett  
Geoffrey B. Betz  
Samantha D. Bielen  
Timothy J. Binsfeld  
Whitney M. Boehme  
Sarah J. Bootsma  
Michael Brunner  
Pamela E. Buntin  
Nina A. Carlson  
Kelsey M. Case  
Benjamin R. Ceder  
Adam J. Cordova  
Hannah R. Cyphers  
Brady F. Czyscon  
Danialle M. Draeger  
Tiffany Draeving  
Daniel M. Fecht  
Cara A. Hamer  
Phillip L. Hanson  
Carli L. Hron  
Anika I. Johnson  
Katelin M. Keck  
Anna E. Klusendorf  
Brett Krueger  
Greta R. Leemkuil  
Sarah K. Leissring  
Ethan Lind  
Emily Lockhart  
Stephanie J. Lopez  
Seugnet Muller  
Joel R. Narveson  
David W. Schimenz  
William L. Schultze  
Alec T. Schumacher  
Andrew Severn  
Jamie L. Shervey  
Kyle R. Stengel  
Trent D. Stensrud

Ross C. Von Glahn  
Britney R. Wandling  
Brianna M. Wienkers  
Paul W. Yerhot

### **Education Specialist Degree Candidates**

10 a.m. ceremony

Megan Galdes  
Lucas Gerber  
Katie Goulet  
Brittany Harn  
Sarah Jacobson  
Alissa R. Otto

### **Master of Business Administration**

10 a.m. ceremony

Asadullah M. Baig  
Yuguang Cai  
Pinar Comlekci  
Rachel L. Layman+  
Steven Le Jeune+  
Sicheng Li+  
Ryan Meinen  
Son Nguyen+  
Evangelos G. Papaconstantinou  
Qiang Sun  
Ted M. Szymanski+  
Gregory E. Templeton+  
Khoi H. Tran  
Jeffrey D. Zellej

### **Master of Science**

2 p.m. ceremony

*Biology*

Margaret A. Weitzman

*Biology: Aquatic Science Concentration*

Trevor W. Cyphers  
Joseph T. Kukulski  
Jason T. Magnuson  
Jenna L. Merry  
Rachel M. Olmanson

*Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology  
Concentration*

Xingxing Lin

*Biology: Clinical Microbiology Concentration*

Bradley B. Clyne  
Emily J. Herding  
Juliann M. Whirry  
Matthew Wolf+  
Ina Wu

*Biology: Microbiology Concentration*

Brittany J. Brown+  
Heather C. Hutchings  
Somboun Xiong

*Biology: Nurse Anesthesia Concentration*

Luke G. Abart+  
Erik W. Ahlstrom+  
Kevin M. Hoeksema+  
Benjamin J. Imdieke+  
Peter K. Jantz+  
Alexander Johnson+  
Diana K. Johnson+  
Ian Lindsey+  
Andrew Nevitt+  
Carrah A. Tovar+

*Exercise and Sport Science:*

*Human Performance*

Sarah A. Bauer+  
Kyle J. Edlhuber  
Kevin J. Gries  
Kevin G. Gullion  
Da'Keonna E. Herring  
Eric J. Linnell  
Reggie Ronning  
Karlee K. Simkowski  
Rachel L. Simpson  
Anton E. Snyder  
Daniel M. Trautman

*Exercise and Sport Science:*

*Physical Education Teaching*

Mackenzie Hunter+  
Thomas Kennedy  
Bridget A. Laszewski+  
James R. Lewis  
Nathali B. Niedorowski  
Brock Pfaff+  
Katie Thompson  
Jacob J. Unke

*Exercise and Sport Science:*

*Sport Administration*

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Chris D. Christopherson+  
Tade R. Kemnitz+  
Kyle M. Moll+  
Molly C. O'Brien  
Valentyn Potapenko, Jr+  
Stephanie N. Rogaczewski+  
Elizabeth K. Theriault

*Health Education:*

*Community Health Education*

Rebecca A. Naab+

*Physician Assistant Studies*

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Danielle Goodrich  
Amber B. Hesse  
Kirtley G. Hitt  
Melanie Jandrin  
Elizabeth A. Krueger  
Jacob Larkin  
Tanya L. Larsen  
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Ellen E. McConnell  
Amber M. Meyer  
Kristie Miller  
Tina M. Mininni  
Aasheeta A. Parikh  
Natalie M. Pomranke  
Cassidy L. Punt  
Danielle T. Vlazny  
Hannah E. Yancey

*Recreation Management*

Tiara G. Delapp  
Sara M. Erickson  
Kongcheng (Matthew) Her  
Morgan E. McDougall  
Dan J. Piehler  
Taylor S. Poth  
Katelyn E. Veldhorst+  
Jamie Wall+  
Damon E. Wright

*Therapeutic Recreation*

Paige N. Davids+  
Katharine S. Gorski  
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Jennifer L. Hill+  
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Sara C. Johnson  
Erinn A. Kulba  
LeAnna A. Lucero  
Wayne Means+  
Kathryn M. Richter  
Nicole S. Ritchie+

**Master of Public Health**

2 p.m. ceremony

Alexandria N. Berg+  
Ahlam Founas  
Samantha Rublee  
Lindsay Seccombe  
Melanie C. Tatge  
Quinn D. Walraven

**Master of Software Engineering**

2 p.m. ceremony

Jingbo Chu  
Andrew J. Hanrahan  
Meixiang Jin  
Rui Li  
Zihao Lin  
Yu Qiu  
Brad L. Schell  
Menglan Tian  
Yufan Xue  
Xi Yang  
Huifeng Zhang+



## Graduate Degree Candidates

### **Master of Science in Education**

10 a.m. ceremony

#### *School Psychology*

Kelsey M. Behrens  
Leah R. Braunschweig  
Ericka Dibelius  
Melissa M. Flucke  
Kyra L. Halverson  
Elizabeth Knutson  
Eric Kuehn  
Amy N. Litz  
Alaina Nesbitt  
Evan R. Pagel  
Jayme L. Vought

#### *Student Affairs Administration in*

#### *Higher Education*

Jamie L. Alt  
Steven R. Anderson  
Bryan J. Baker  
Anna K. Berberet  
Faith A. Berg  
Brittany S. Burton  
Elizabeth A. Byers  
Victoria A. Carlson  
Adam Dunn  
Nathan L. Elness  
Stephanie F. Falch  
Nicole M. Flannery  
Lauren F. Foley  
Alyssa R. Gostonczik  
Whitney C. Hedge

Thomas J. Heiar  
Carmen Z. Hetzel  
Brittney L. Hoff  
Elizabeth A. Jackson  
Maria Paz Larson  
Megan Lindbeck  
Emily M. Martinez  
Shaun L. McDonough  
Annalissa E. Miller  
Kathryn E. Peck  
Sergio Perez  
Samuel D. Pierce  
Noelle M. Ponasik  
Angela J. Rabe  
Richard J. Schimka  
Britney N. Shattuck  
Alexa J. Smith  
Shaundel M. Spivey  
Bailey L. Steckbauer  
Rachel K. Steward  
Karen S. Thomas  
Elizabeth M. Thorson  
Nicholas G. Thuot-Petkovich  
Anna Turriff  
Katie E. Van Wyk  
Allen M. Voelker  
Tou C. Yang  
Othman Zaimi

### **Master of Education – Professional Development**

10 a.m. ceremony

#### *Online Learning Communities*

#### *La Crosse III Learning Communities*

Emily J. Bauer  
Caitlin Carpenter  
Kelsey A. Duss  
Tiffany M. Graewin  
Kelsey Matherne  
Jennifer F. Olivares  
Aaron R. Sime  
Michelle A. Todd  
Pa Houa Vang

#### *Madison Learning Communities*

Amanda L. Arnold  
Emily E. Brennan  
JoAnn K. Bruns  
Ashley L. Glocke  
Jamie Kosobucki  
David Le Clair  
Daniel Lynam  
Derek J. Miess  
Lindsey C. Neumann  
Madeline M. Oleson  
Aaron O'Neill  
Suzette Raes  
Jamie E. Sparks  
Kara R. Stenseth  
Melissa D. Struve  
Kathleen Tuggle  
Julie K. Wendt



**2014 Graduate Academic Achievement Awards**

Sara Erickson  
College of Science and Health  
Master of Recreation Management

Kyra Halverson  
College of Liberal Studies  
Master of School Psychology

Kate Noelke  
College of Science and Health  
Master of Health Education and  
Public Health

Karen Thomas  
College of Liberal Studies  
Master of Student Affairs  
Administration

Rosandich Thesis Award:  
Josephine Greve

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## ***Master Thesis Project Titles***

### **COLLEGE OF LIBERAL STUDIES**

Kelsey Behrens, School Psychology, Reading Achievement: Examining the Impact of the Paired Reading Program

Leah Braunschweig, School Psychology, School Safety: Examining High School Student Perspectives on School Climate

Ericka Dibelius, School Psychology, Paraprofessionals: Examining Their Knowledge of ADHD on Perceptions of Practices

Jane Doe, School Psychology, What I Learned at UW-L

Melissa Flucke, School Psychology, High School Athletics: Effects on Student's Self-Efficacy

Kyra Halverson, School Psychology, Behavioral Consultation: Promoting Self-Efficacy With Pre-Service Teachers

Elizabeth Knutson, School Psychology, Suicide Prevention: Do We Use Technology To Help Adolescents

Eric Kuehn, School Psychology, Multicultural Competence: Examining Awareness, Knowledge and Skills of School Psychologists

Amy Litz, School Psychology, An Investigation Of Gender And Social Skills Differences Within Academics

Alaina Nesbitt, School Psychology, Body Image: Impact On Academic Self-Efficacy in Adolescence

Evan Pagel, School Psychology, Glass Half Full: Impact of Optimism on Student Academic Achievement

Jayne Vought, School Psychology, Implementing RtI: Factors Of Burnout Among Teachers

Jamie Alt, Student Affairs Administration, New to Campus but not to College: Implementing a Transfer Student Orientation at the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse

Steven Anderson, Student Affairs Administration, Analyzing the Effectiveness of Peer Tutoring at Metropolitan State University of Denver: A Proposal

Bryan Baker, Student Affairs Administration, A Campus Responsibility: Reducing Alcohol Related Injurious Behaviors at the University of Michigan

Anna Berberet, Student Affairs Administration, Implementing an Academic Advisor Performance Evaluation at the University of Wisconsin-Madison

Faith Berg, Student Affairs Administration, Meeting the Needs of Student Athletes: It is More than Physical

Brittany Burton, Student Affairs Administration, Creating Peer and Faculty Connections to Help First-Generation Students Succeed

Elizabeth Byers, Student Affairs Administration, Creating a Pilot Work-Based Learning Module for On-Campus Student Employees

Victoria Carlson, Student Affairs Administration, Stratton Substance-Free Community: The Empty Promise

Adam Dunn, Student Affairs Administration, Collegiate Recovery Program Proposal for the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Nathan Elness, Student Affairs Administration, Engaging Current and Future Falcon Alumni at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls

Stephanie Falch, Student Affairs Administration, Student Abroad Re-Entry: The Creation of a Re-Entry Course

Nicole Flannery, Student Affairs Administration, Advising First-Year Students: An Academic Advising Web Page



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- Lauren Foley, Student Affairs Administration, Transfer Student Transitions: A First-Year Program Development Proposal
- Alyssa Gostonczik, Student Affairs Administration, BUS 351 Military to Career: Crafting a Career Development Program for Student Veterans at the University of Wisconsin- La Crosse
- Whitney Hedge, Student Affairs Administration, Fellowship through Service: Implementing a Fraternity and Sorority Life Service Learning Trip at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
- Thomas Heiar, Student Affairs Administration, Hypermasculinity Effects on Body Image: Creating a Men's Health Awareness Group at UW-La Crosse
- Carmen Hetzel, Student Affairs Administration, The Importance of a Positive Campus Climate
- Brittney Hoff, Student Affairs Administration, First-Year Seminar at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls
- Elizabeth Jackson, Student Affairs Administration, Peer Mentors in a Global Community
- Maria Paz Larson, Student Affairs Administration, Creating a Meaningful College Experience for Commuter Students
- Megan Lindbeck, Student Affairs Administration, Speaking in Code: Building Intentional Holland Code Assessment into Academic Advising for Undeclared Students at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
- Shaun McDonough, Student Affairs Administration, Let the Voices be Heard: A Proposed Study of Inclusiveness at WCSU
- Annalissa Miller, Student Affairs Administration, Service-Learning and First-Year Student Success
- Kathryn Peck, Student Affairs Administration, Sticks & Stones- Words Can Hurt: An Inclusive Language Proposal
- Sergio Perez, Student Affairs Administration, Designing Multicultural Learning Communities at the University of Wisconsin- River Falls
- Samuel Pierce, Student Affairs Administration, Academic and Athletic Motivations of Division III Student-Athletes
- Noelle Ponasik, Student Affairs Administration, Show Me the Data: Establishing Learning Outcomes Assessment as a Best Practice in University Centers at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
- Angela Rabe, Student Affairs Administration, Modifying the Academic Advising Structure at the University of Wisconsin- River Falls
- Richard Schimka, Student Affairs Administration, Student Engagement Through On-Campus Employment
- Britney Shattuck, Student Affairs Administration, Second-Year Experience: Project Proposal
- Alexa Smith, Student Affairs Administration, Preparation over Panic: A School of Medicine and Public Health Crisis Plan
- Shaundel Spivey, Student Affairs Administration, Rekindling the Bond: The Exploration of Building Relationships Among Black Straight and Gay Men at Predominantly White Institutions
- Bailey Steckbauer, Student Affairs Administration, Hate and Bias Response in University of Wisconsin- La Crosse Residence Halls
- Rachel Steward, Student Affairs Administration, Student and Athlete: Creating a Life Skills Coordinator Position
- Karen Thomas, Student Affairs Administration, Enhancing Student Services for Online-Learners at UW-Madison

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Elizabeth Thorson, Student Affairs Administration, "Emotions are the Achilles Heel of Masculinity": What College Men Say About Sharing Emotions

Nicholas Thuot-Petkovich, Student Affairs Administration, Trans\*forming Support Within Residence Life

Anna Turriff, Student Affairs Administration, It Make\$ Cents, but is it Working? Outcomes Assessment for the It Make\$ Cents! Office

Katie VanWyk, Student Affairs Administration, Welcome to the U.S. of A.!: Using New International Student Orientation to Address Transitional Needs

Allen Voelker, Student Affairs Administration, Identifying Unmet Needs with Freshmen Voices: A Service-Learning Feasibility Study

Tou Yang, Student Affairs Administration, The College Experience of Hmong Students at UW- La Crosse

Othman Zaimi, Student Affairs Administration, Global Partners Program: Social and Culutral Support for International Students

### **COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND HEALTH**

Kevin Gries, ESS-Human Performance, The Effects of Running Volume in Training on Muscle Damage, Muscle Soreness, and Recovery After a Marathon: An Observational Study

Kevin Gullion, ESS-Human Performance, The Effects of Corrective Exercises on Functional Movement Screen Scores among NCAA Division III Athletes

Eric Linnell, ESS-Human Performance, The Relationship Between Training Load, Impact Forces, Perceived Recovery, and Reactive Strength Index in Collegiate Volleyball

Reggie Ronning, ESS-Human Performance, The Effects of Kinesiology Tape on Shoulder Pain and Range of Motion For Individuals With Shoulder Pain

Brandon Green, Physical Education Teaching, Preparing and Utilizing effective paraeducators in physical education

Steven Holland, Physical Education Teaching, Parent Goals of School-Sponsored Adapted Sport Participation for Children with Disabilities

MacKenzie Hunter, Physical Education Teaching, Factors that Effect Inclusion in General Physical Education

Thomas Kennedy, Physical Education Teaching, A Comprehensive approach for Educators Looking to Start an Adapted Sport League

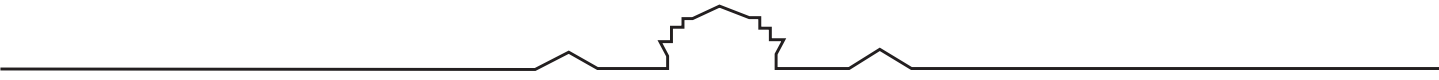
Bridget Laszewski, Physical Education Teaching, Inclusive Adventure Education for High School

Alex Levine, Physical Education Teaching, Strategies for Teaching Object Control Skills to Young Children with Down Syndrome

Nathali Niedorowski, Physical Education Teaching, Comparing energy expenditure between prusik climbing and indoor rock climbing in novice participants

Jacob Unke, Physical Education Teaching, Standards-Based Curriculum

Samantha Rublee, Public Health, Pilot Assessment of Prenatal Care Provider Perceptions of Gestational Weight Gain Counseling and Tracking During the Perinatal Period at a Midwestern Healthcare System



Jennifer Whitty, Public Health, Prevalence of Food Insecurity and Key Demographics of the Hispanic Populations in Two Rural Wisconsin Villages

Sara Erickson, Recreation Management, Tournament Angling in Wisconsin: The Economic Impact of Bass, Salmon, and Walleye Fishing Tournaments on Host Communities

Wayne Means, Recreation Management, Therapeutic Recreation at Camp; A Delphi Study Identifying Important Elements of Therapeutic Recreation

Andrew Ray, Recreation Management, Using GIS to Analyze Park Use and Condition Data at the Army Corps of Engineers' Mark Twain Lake

Jennifer Hill, Therapeutic Recreation, Design and Implementation of a Lakshmi Voelker Yoga Program for Older Adults as a Therapeutic Recreation Physical Activity Intervention

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## 2015 Outstanding Graduates

### The Murphy Awards for Academic Excellence

recognize the university's top two graduating scholars, as chosen by the Scholarship and Awards Committee. A grant from the Murphy Foundation created the awards in 1980. Marjorie P. Murphy, foundation president, cited a desire to recognize outstanding and exceptional scholastic ability. Recipients receive \$1,500 and \$1,000, respectively

**Jacob Gloe** will be graduating with a bachelor of science in Computational Physics and Applied Mathematics this May. As an undergraduate, Jacob was the Secretary for the Mathematics and Statistics Club, a mathematics tutor in the Murphy Learning Center, and a private mathematics tutor. Additionally, he was also involved in the musical productions of *Spring Awakening* and *The Drowsy Chaperone*, and has competed in many rock climbing competitions throughout the University of Wisconsin system. Academically, Jacob has participated in several research and extra-curricular activities including Computational Astrophysics research, Mathematical Ecology and Numerical Analysis research, the COMAP and Putnam competitions, and math department colloquium talks. After graduation, Jacob will attend graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison to pursue a Ph.D. in mathematics. He eventually hopes to become a professor in mathematics to teach undergraduate students and perform research.

**Kali Kramolis** graduated in December with degrees in Biology with a Biomedical Concentration and Spanish. Kali ran high hurdles for UW-L's track team for two years, was very involved in Pre-Medicine Club and Golden Key International Honor Society, serving as Vice President for both, and helped coordinate campus's Anatomy Memorial Ceremony due to her role as a lab Teaching Assistant. She volunteered in Gundersen's Hem/Onc Infusion Center for three and a half years, coached Special Olympics, coordinated a weekly Bingo program at a local nursing home, was Student Director of the Salvation Army's Coats for Kids/Angel Tree Program, organized two blood drives and volunteered with hospice patients and at the Children's Museum. Kali also volunteered in Kenya, Costa Rica and Nicaragua with campus organizations and studied in Seville, Spain, for a semester. In 2013 she presented "Ca<sup>2+</sup> Sensitivity (Characterization of Ion Channel Mutations) in Epileptic *Drosophila melanogaster* Populations" at the National Conference of Undergraduate Research.

Since graduation Kali has been working at ABLE, Inc., providing care for individuals with developmental disabilities, and at BrightStar Care as a Certified Nursing Assistant. Starting August she will attend the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health to earn an MD/MPH dual degree. At this time, she plans to serve individuals with developmental disabilities and focus on impoverished populations as a physician. It is also a dream of hers to explore other cultures through Doctors Without Borders.

### The Jake and Janet Hoeschler Award for Excellence

recognizes a College of Business Administration graduate for academic accomplishment and qualities of leadership demonstrated in campus and community activities. Janet Hoeschler, a 1940 graduate, established the award in 1992 to signify a partnership of business and the university. The award extends the Hoeschlers' belief in excellence, education, philanthropy and the La Crosse community. Recipients receive \$1,500.

**Sam Wallace** graduates with a bachelor of science degree in Marketing with a minor in Spanish. On campus, she was President of the Student Advisory Council for the College of Business Administration, a member of AMA, a UW-La Crosse Women's club soccer player, and was on many different intramural teams. She held two Marketing internships during her career at UW-L. This spring, she was the only student to serve on the College of Business Administration's dean search committee. Following graduation, Sam will be doing some traveling and moving back to the Milwaukee area. Her professional goal is to work at an advertising agency, specifically in the social media department.

### The Strzelczyk Award in Science and Health

recognizes an outstanding senior in the College of Science and Health for academic achievement and service to the campus and community. Robert, a 1954 graduate, and Judy Strzelczyk endowed the award in 1996. Also, they have provided funding for physical therapy research projects, research equipment, student loans, and four full-time tuition scholarships. Recipients receive \$1,000.

**Evan Glasgow** graduates with a bachelor of science degree in Biochemistry and Biology with a Biomedical Science concentration and a minor in Mathematics. On campus, he was a General Chemistry tutor since 2012 and volunteered as a small group Bible study leader for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. He participated in undergraduate research with Todd Weaver, Ph.D., investigating protein structure and function, and he spent a summer at Mayo Clinic training in x-ray crystallography with Dr. James Thompson. Evan will attend UW-Madison's Integrated Program in Biochemistry beginning in the fall to earn his Ph.D. degree. He hopes to use his passion for teaching and mentoring by becoming a professor. Among Evan's top scientific interests is researching new biochemical strategies for fighting antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections. He plans to integrate students into this research, and he aspires to be a lifelong advocate for quality education and accessible medicine.



## 2015 Outstanding Graduates

### **The John E. Magerus Award for the Outstanding Graduating Senior from the College of Liberal Studies**

recognizes an outstanding graduate for academic accomplishments, leadership, and involvement in the campus and community. The award is named for Magerus, who retired in 2004 after 28 years of teaching and serving as an administrator for the college. Recipients receive \$1,000.

**Katherine Svitavsky** is graduating with degrees in Political Science and Public Administration with a Professional Writing Minor. During her time at UW-L, she was involved in Residence Life through UW-L's Residence Hall Association Council and then went on to be a Resident Assistant for three years. In addition to her involvement on campus, Katherine served the students of UW-L representing the 5th district on the La Crosse City Council, a position to which she was appointed in May 2012 and then elected to the following spring. During her senior year, Katherine completed an undergraduate research project investigating the rhetoric nonprofit organizations employ to describe their clientele. She will also be speaking during the commencement ceremony. After graduation, Katherine would like to continue serving the public and has a strong interest in pursuing a graduate degree in the future.

### **The Rosandich Graduate Thesis Award**

recognizes the best graduate thesis, based on originality, impact and written quality. The award is funded through the generosity of Thomas P. Rosandich, '54, president of the United States Sports Academy in Daphne, Ala. Recipient receive \$1,000.

**Josephine Greve** graduated in 2010 with a bachelor of science in Microbiology from Minnesota State University, Mankato. She became a Quality Assurance Supervisor for a food manufacturing company in Rochester, MN where she enhanced her food microbiology and food safety passion. In 2014, Josephine earned her master's in Microbiology, completing research in collaboration with Kwik Trip Inc.'s Food Safety Laboratory. She was on the Dean's list each semester and was granted the Research, Service, Education, and Leadership grant in 2012. Josephine has been involved with a number of publications, grants, and professional presentations during her time at UW-L, including a poster presentation at the International Association for Food Protection's annual conference. She hopes to pursue her doctorate degree, and continue her career path protecting public health by enhancing food safety research and development programs. She is the daughter of Denny Greve and LuAnn Erzen, Bankston, Iowa.

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## 2015 Alumni Awards

### **The Maurice O. Graff Distinguished Alumnus Award**

recognizes alumni who have achieved honor and distinction with recognition and reputations that extend well beyond the immediate environments in which they live and work. "I believe that merely 'doing one's job,' even though doing it in an outstanding manner, should not be enough to merit one of the awards," said Maurice O. Graff, vice chancellor emeritus in establishing the award. "The recipients should be widely known and recognized for their accomplishments outside their immediate work-service area." Graff was a professor and administrator from 1941-72.

#### **Susan M. Gapstur**

- Nationally and internationally respected cancer epidemiology researcher.
- Researcher and professor at Northwestern University. Vice President of Epidemiology for the American Cancer Society in Atlanta.
- Authored peer-reviewed research studies published in high-impact scientific journals.
- Received pre- and post-doctoral fellowships from the National Cancer Institute.
- Earned a master's and doctorate in epidemiology from the University of Minnesota, 1981 & 1993; bachelor's in biology from UW-L, 1983.

#### **Theodore N. Knudson**

- Respected manager within U.S. and European manned space programs.
- Head of Ground Operations and Logistics for European Manned Space Programs; Operations and Checkout Engineer for the Skylab and Mars Viking Lander Programs; Project Engineer for the Apollo/Saturn Moon Landing and Exploration Programs.
- Authored scholarly papers on space and aeronautics.
- Received numerous NASA and European Space Agency honors.
- Earned a bachelor's in general and physical science from UW-L, 1960.

### **The Parker Multicultural Alumni Award**

recognizes outstanding multicultural alumni who have graduated from UW-L and have significantly contributed to or advanced multicultural understanding. History Professor James Parker initiated the award in 1997.

#### **Theo Howard**

- Respected and proven leader who promotes student learning and development.
- Currently associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs at North Carolina Central University.
- Director of Campus Recreation and assistant vice chancellor for Campus Life at Winston-Salem (North Carolina) State University, 2003-2015.
- Held numerous leadership positions at Detroit area YMCAs from 1996-2001.
- Earned a master's in sports administration from UW-L, 1995; bachelor's in psychology and sociology from UW-L, 1993.



### **The Rada Distinguished Alumnus Award**

recognizes alumni in the early to mid stages of their careers and making exceptional contributions to their professions and communities. The concept for the award, established in 2002, came after Ron Rada and his wife, Jane, attended the university's alumni award ceremonies for many years. "It was inspiring for us to see graduating students recognized for excellence and to see alumni honored for long, outstanding careers and service to their professions and communities," said Rada, emeritus professor and administrator from 1975-2006.

#### **Brian J. Puerling**

- Innovative educator using digital technology.
- Currently director of education technology at the Catherine Cook School, Chicago.
- Former pre-school teacher in Chicago Public Schools.
- Authored "Teaching in the Digital Age: Smart Tools for Age 3 to Grade 3."
- Earned the National PBS Innovative Educator Award and National PBS Teacher's Choice Award, 2010.
- Holds a master's from Erikson Institute and a bachelor's in elementary and early childhood education from UW-L, 2006.

### **The Burt and Norma Altman Teacher Education Award**

Honors and recognizes outstanding educators and the significant contributions they make to children and communities. Professor Emeritus Burt Altman and his wife, Norma, both long time supporters of teacher education, created this award in 2015.

#### **Cindy Marten**

- Innovative and respected educator for more than 25 years.
- Superintendent of San Diego (California) Unified School District.
- Taught elementary school and served as a school-wide literacy specialist in the award-winning Poway Unified School District.
- Served for 10 years as teacher, instructional leader and principal at one of the most challenging schools in San Diego – Central Elementary in City Heights – where she greatly improved student achievement.
- Earned a master's in curriculum and instruction from the University of California, San Diego; bachelor's in elementary education from UW-L, 1988.

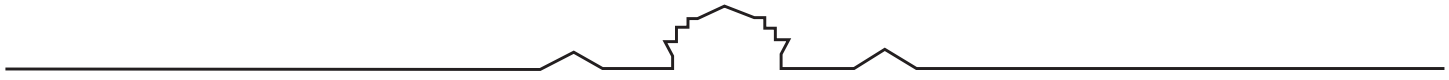




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