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 2012, 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 among the top five 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 5 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
Forty-Eighth Annual Winter Commencement
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Sunday, the sixteenth of December, two thousand twelve
La Crosse Center | 11 a.m.

College of Liberal Studies
College of Business Administration
College of Science and Health

Procesional
“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 ........................................ Paula Knudson, Assistant Chancellor/Dean of Students

Student Address
College of Science and Health .......................................................... Elizabeth Rosendale

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, Assistant 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

New Alumni Welcome........................................................................ Lisa Butterfield, Class of ’83
........................................................................................................ UW-L Alumni Association Board President
Singing of Alma Mater

The Alma Mater

Morning sun greets many banners Colors dear, flag we love
On its westward way, Float for aye;
Fair to us above all others Old La Crosse to thee,
Waves maroon and gray. 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

Gary Whillhite, College of Liberal Studies

Commencement Marshals

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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.
**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 Hebberd 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.

**College Banners**

The banners used in the processional represent the colleges of the university and the colors indicate the scholarly fields within the colleges. The banners were designed by Arla Wojahn, Educational Technology Center, class of ’04 and were produced by Chris Jackson, Mt. Borah, class of ’91. They were first used at the inauguration of Chancellor Joe Gow in October 2007.
The University of Wisconsin-La Crosse: Points of Pride

- UW-L Associate Professor of Mathematics Jennifer Kosiak received one of only two 2012 UW System Regents Teaching Excellence Awards for her dedication and ability to inspire.
- The UW-L Radiation Therapy Class of 2011 had an average ARRT certification board exam score of 88.6 percent, placing it in the 92nd percentile nationwide. Since it’s the only radiation therapy program in the state, Wisconsin was the highest scoring state overall.
- The Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance listed UW-L as one of the three “most selective campuses” in the UW System. The 2012 “Comparing UW Campuses: A Guide for Applicants, Parents” measures admission rates, high school class rank, average ACT scores, retention rates and campus size. Only two other UW schools made the list.
- UW-L student-athletes posted the highest combined grade point average among the nine Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) institutions in 2011-12. UW-L finished with a cumulative 3.186 GPA. The Eagles also recorded the highest number of student-athletes (344) with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or better.
- May 2012 College of Business Administration graduates scored higher than 93 percent of other business students from universities nationwide on a test measuring subject knowledge in business.
- The UW-L Physics Department was one of only four nationwide to receive the American Physical Society’s 2013 Improving Undergraduate Physics Education Award.
- UW-L received a $50,000 Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grant to develop an MOOC (massive open online course) at the developmental math level. The free online course will help students enter college and graduate in higher numbers, in less time and at lower costs.
- UW-L is the highest ranked Wisconsin public or private college in the Midwest among universities offering bachelor’s and master’s degrees in U.S. News & World Report’s 2013 America’s Best Colleges.
- UW-L ranked No. 62 nationally among Kiplinger’s Personal Finance February 2012 issue’s Top 100 Best Value Schools with “top-flight academics and affordable costs.” UW-L has been on Kiplinger’s Top 100 for more than a decade.
- G.I. Jobs placed UW-L on its 2013 list of Military Friendly Schools, honoring the top 15 percent of higher ed schools embracing America’s student veterans.
- UW-L students had the second highest voter turnout (67 percent) in the City of La Crosse for the 2012 presidential election. In the city’s predominant student ward, 2,037 people cast ballots compared to 2,000 during the 2008 presidential election.
- UW-L was again chosen to host the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, this time in 2013. The event is expected to attract 3,500 faculty and students from more than 300 colleges and universities nationwide.
- The UW-L Water Ski and Wakeboard Team was voted the 2011 National Collegiate Water Ski Association Team of the Year among 72 collegiate teams nationally.
- History Professor Greg Wegner was named the 2011 Wisconsin Professor of the Year by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.
Candidates for Graduation

Associate Degree Candidates

Angela M. McMahon

Baccalaureate Degree Candidates

College of Liberal Studies

Lindsey K. Acker
Lucas D. Ackerson
Laura C. Althaus
Jennifer L. Ancel*
Jamal A. Anwar
Jaimie A. Ariss
Jennifer Arndt
Elizabeth A. Bader
Ashley N. Beadell
Joseph L. Bebeau
Jessica L. Calawerts*
Paige M. Campbell**
Barbara L. Carlson
Valerie M. Carrimon
Melissa K. Carstensen
Laura M. Cavanaugh*
Samantha M. Chaneske*
Ashley L. Christ
Joanne M. Clark*
Krista K. Conlon*
Kate E. Constalie
Cara A. Cook
Joseph R. Cuddy
Matthew J. Davy
Michael J. Deml**
Nicole M. Derusha
Abigail L. Dillard
Roseanne M. Dillet
Tristan A. Donaldson
Callan P. Donovan
Marlena E. Dow
Shae Edgerton
Kyle B. Emmett**
Jordyn L. Erickmoen
Susan G. Fabian*
Matthew R. Fanning
Kathryn L. Feeny
Mark A. Fendry*
Kip B. Finger
Amy E. Forecki*
Jordan E. Foy
Jessica S. Frain*
David J. Francione
Madeline M. Frank*
Jenna A. Frieburg
Paul A. Froelich
Cole E. Gallagher

Dennis J. Gallager*
Nicole M. Gilbertson
Evan T. Gosa
Kelsea Y. Groves
Kyle J. Guepfer**
Sara Gustin
Hannah J. Gutschenritter*
Joshua J. Haffenbredl
Heidi A. Hager*
Kyra L. Halverson*
Jacob A. Hanson
Toni P. Hanson
Heather A. Hardy
Mathew T. Hartmann
Lindsey E. Hebior**
Rachel E. Hein
Kaitlin M. Heinz
Michelle R. Hentges*
Zerr Her
Jessica R. Hernandez
Chelsea M. Hodgins
Benjamin R. Hoffman
Ashley D. Holen*
Jordan L. Holllis
Sara E. Householder
Sydney K. Hultbert
Kjirsten N. Jacobson
Lucas N. Jadin**
Katherine M. Jaeger**
David R. Janssen
Sergio M. Jimenez, Jr

Jordan M. Joling*
Kylie A. Kaiser
Jennifer K. Kelley
Rachel L. Kerwin*
Jerod M. Koehler
Marie E. Koll
Elizabeth A. Kramer
Erika L. Kramer
Shelby L. Krarup
Kaitlyn M. Kressin
Jason L. Krug
Alison G. La Grange
Roseanne M. Ladd
Samantha J. Ladwig**
Stephanie L. Lamoreaux**
Gregory P. Lampe
Jessica M. Landgraf
Kirsten E. Larsen
Caitlin C. Larson
Whitney B. Larson**
Alyssa M. Laws*
Jamie D. Legros**
Ashley J. Leier
Denielle R. Lewis
Jeffrey A. Lindholm
Matthew A. Lindholm
Alicia K. Lokken
Sophia G. Lorent
Kayci M. Lorenz**
Courtney D. Maatouk*
Alyssa E. Macht*

*Commencement Honors  **Commencement Highest Honors  ~Spring 2012 Graduate  +Summer 2012 Graduate
~Winter 2013 Graduate  ++Spring 2013 Graduate
Kristine M. Madison*
Jeanne Marcou
Kara J. Markert
Katie R. Marolia
Jessica J. Massman*
Amanda M. McAllister*
Brooklyn J. McCauley~
Jennifer L. McDermott*
Brenna J. McGuire**
Kelly M. McMahon
Sarah E. McManus*
Dan S. Meier
Alexander L. Meylink*
Christopher M. Michals
Adam J. Miller
Cassondra J. Miramontes
Michael L. Mitchell
Ashlee R. Morelli
Benjamin K. Morrison
Erik A. Moser
Brenna L. Natrop*
Allison J. Navin
Lucas N. Nett
Rachael E. Nicholson*
Sarah A. Niebuhr*
Spencer L. Niebur
Emily E. Oates*
Timothy C. O’Keefe**
Andrew T. Olson
Sierra R. Patros*
James B. Peters**
Elizabeth A. Plack**
Anne M. Plunkett
Emily C. Powell
Lucas B. Purnell
Alexa D. Quam
Joy A. Quick*
Erin L. Raboine
Emily S. Rackers
Jaclyn M. Raisleger
Kayla M. Reilly~
Abby Riggs
Heather A. Rincón
Mónica V. Rincón
Ashley S. Rooney
Natalie D. Rose*
Chasey B. Rosen
Dustin D. Rucinski
Ashley L. Sauter
Andrew L. Schaitel
Jessie E. Schlender
Brooke Schluter
Callie R. Schmidt
Katherine A. Schmitt**
Julie C. Schneider
James R. Scholl
Betsy J. Schultz
Sara L. Schultz
Kristin A. Schuster**
Cassandra A.
Schwarzenstein**
Sarah S. Scott**
Amanda A. Shepherd
Erika L. Slusar
Anna K. Spector*
Peter D. Spencer~
Kathryn E. Sprecher**
Megan N. Stats**
Chase R. Stello
Ashley M. Sticha
Alyssa J. Streck
Joseph D. Strittmater
Kelsey A. Strong
Alyssa C. Swatek*
Jared M. Tabor
Kelsey M. TeBeest**
Sadie L. Tennessen*
Kelly M. Thomae**
Alissa M. Thome
Alissa M. Thompson
Eric L. Townsend*
Thomas R. Trehus
Cassandra J. Tremain~
Stephanie M. Uden*
Aaron D. Urbelis
Benjamin J. Vajgrt
Craig Vang
Nou Vang
Amy Veldhorst*
Jemma K. Wahl
Danielle T. Wallace*
Whitney L. Warner
Justin L. Watson
Hannah M. Wegner**
Kimberly A. Wegner*
Jennifer A. Wenman
Elizabeth M. Werner**
Kevin A. Wieters
Melissa S. Wilcox*
Kelsi A. Williams*
Kyle D. Williams
Tyler J. Writt
Mai Se Xiong
Maikia Yang
Caylie M. Yessa*
Hannah M. Zander
Marina J. Zavadil
Rachel D. Zumach
Melissa R. Zwiebel*
Extraordinary Degree Recipient | Josh Mason | November 22, 1988-May 23, 2011

Josh would have been proud and honored to be here today. He loved attending UW-L, living in La Crosse and the many friends he acquired in his time here. He had great respect for the amazing faculty who were helping him realize his dream of teaching and coaching.

He once texted his mom, “Hey I wanna make a positive impact on everyone! I love helpin those who need it!” He also wrote in a paper, “In order to take a stand, just simply offer a helping hand.” That was the Josh we all knew and loved. With his deep passion for teaching and coaching, he wanted to inspire young people to reach their full potential.

He would encourage today’s graduates to, “Do what you feel, feel what you do.”

Josh is greatly missed by his parents, brothers, sister, extended family and friends.

Thank you to everyone at UW-L who enriched Josh’s life.

— The Mason Family

Honors Program Candidates

University Honors
Micah W. Brooks*
Mary M. Heisel

Philosophy Department Honors
Mark A. Fendry*

Psychology Department Honors
Lauren C. Burgess**~
Caylie M. Yessa*

Sociology Department Honors
Michael J. Deml**
Samantha J. Ladwig**

Graduate Degree Candidates

Master of Business Administration
Chusheng Chen
Kruti Desai~
Pei-Yun Hsieh
Kazuki Kaneko
Paula Lund
Paige L. Peterson
Saad Siraj
Renyu Zhu

Master of Science

Biology
Liza R. Walleser
Rebecca L. Werren

Biology: Aquatic Science
Concentration
William P. Gray

Biology: Cellular and Molecular Biology
Concentration
Tim Demmer

Biology: Clinical Microbiology Concentration
Hua Ding~
Katherine A. Josephson
Kelly E. Rock
Jenea M. Sweeter

Clinical Exercise Physiology
Nicholas Beltz
Megan E. Buermann
Joshua D. Christen
Timothy H. Curry
Dustin Erbes
Salvador J. Jaime
Alexa J. Kleingartner
Megan R. Knutson
Maura Lesko
Ashley J. Loftus
Miranda L. Menke
Meghan G. Michalski
Katelyn E. Nyberg
Ezekiel K. Reynolds
Jyoti Y. Swami

Exercise and Sport Science – Human Performance
Matthew R. Johnson
Daniel E. Kant-Hull
Aaron R. Matuszeski

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~Winter 2013 Graduate  ++Spring 2013 Graduate
Graduate Degree Candidates

Exercise and Sport Science – Physical Education Teaching
Kimberley A. Brasil
Casey E. Ebeling
Ali J. Jaafar
Allison M. Livelsberger
Jeremy D. Marzofka
Elizabeth Retzlaff
Rachel L. Smith

Health Education – Community Health
Tara L. Delong

Medical Dosimetry
Louise E. Francis
Charles E. Poole

Occupational Therapy
Kathryn L. Bakke
Katie L. Becker
Leah R. Bergsten
Heather A. de Souza
Laura S. Dietsche
Scott M. Dremsa
Kristin A. Farrington
Alison K. Fowler
Morgan J. Hellenbrand
Danielle Hildebrandt
Hiromi Ikeuchi
Crystal J. Keeney
Samantha L. Lee
Young Na Lee
Lee C. Lohrentz
Dana S. McGovern
Jamie L. Nichols
Laura M. O’Brien
Shawna D. Ocaranza
Amelia N. Paraskevas
Theresa K. Parry
Kristi M. Perkins
Lisa A. Rohde
Anna C. Smith
Cortney K. Wakefield

Recreation Management
Nancy M. Abbott
Wan-Chun Fang
Qiaoyu Lin
Amy Schmied

Master of Public Health
Kimberly J. Pinch+

Master of Software Engineering
Rajagopal Chandrasekaran
Connor Doyle
Akshatha Nataraj+

Master of Science in Education
Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education
Jessica L. Hacker
Julie A. Hallman
Joshua D. Rybaski

Master of Education – Professional Development

Learning Communities
Madison Learning Community
Satya B. Buell
Stephanie J. Bush
Brian D. Counselman
Christy A. Donovan
Alison Dwyer
Jacob A. Fields
Krista Geier
Heidi L. Hyland
Dominic E. Johann-Berkel
Mary K. Kok
Catherine A. McCollister

Onalaska Learning Community
Laura E. Naylor
Deborah P. Polster
Nick Raykovitch
Jason T. Rogers
Mark Siegel
Daniel R. Urben
Mariya A. Walker

Osseo Learning Community
Sara J. Fellman
Katrina J. Glick
Erin H. Hansen
Ashley L. King
Emily M. Lovell
Natalie L. Mehlng
Amber J. Mlynczak
Chantel M. Olufsen-Lepa
Cynthia L. Prindle
Stacy A. Rasmussen
Billie J. Riemer
Stephanie Taylor
David J. Thompson
Shelly R. Wetzsteon

West Salem Learning Community
Miranda L. Eisermann
Marcia K. Gardner
Jon M. Halverson
Jason D. Harden
Chloe M. Major
Michelle M. Powell
Stephanie L. Umberger
Joann M. Zigler
A reception for graduates and their family and friends will be held immediately following the ceremony. Please proceed to South Hall to meet your graduate.

Retiring Faculty And Staff

Anita Evans, Murphy Library, 1987
Carolyn Beard, College of Liberal Studies Dean’s Office, 1997
Keith Wadell, Recreation Management & Therapeutic Recreation, 1983
Zbigniew Adam Wsul, Information Technology, 1992
Susannah Lloyd, Sociology & Archaeology, 1969
Sharon Radtke, Budget & Finance Office, 1978
Lois Stuhr, Psychology, 1982
Gail Vaughn, Information Technology, 1972

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