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    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

“Triumphant 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.
Academic Dress
The academic apparel worn by faculty and staff in the procession 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
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.
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-Gonzalez 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.
Candidates for Graduation

Associate Degree Candidates
10 a.m. ceremony

Amanda R. Annala
Hunter J. Christenson
Brittni Feigl
Jordan Nash

Baccalaureate Degree Candidates

College of Business Administration
10 a.m. ceremony

Michael L. Adamski
Yazeed A. Alsaghir
Bradley Anderson
Tucker Apold
Steven M. Appenzeller
Zachary L. Arndt**
Haley M. Austin**
Carly A. Bach
Amanda K. Back
Amberlyn I. Baines
Katie K. Bakunowicz
Ryan Bartels+
Hannah J. Bartelt*
Dillon J. Bean
Justin A. Behrendt
Alexander B. Beier
Jennifer M. Benash
Ashley K. Benick*
Adam H. Benson*
Vincent D. Bialk*
Amanda C. Block+
Kelli L. Blum
Chris J. Bournelis
Michael L. Brooks
Courtney K. Brusoe
Zachary S. Bucheger*

Nathan W. Budack
Bridget L. Cahill
Megan M. Cahill*
Skylar S. Cameron
Adam D. Cavey
Yuan Chao**+
Casandra C. Chase
Pearl R. Chess*
Katie A. Clark
Cody D. Colson
Andreu T. Comstock
Patrick B. Conway
Maxwell K. Cummings
Elena F. Curtis*
Julia T. Dales
Paige N. Darnick
Connor C. De Bruin
Cody J. Dillon
ANH T. DO
Joseph R. Domina
Yesenia Donjuan Gonzalez
Mitchell D. Dosser
Mackenzie R. Doty
Matthew D. Drummond
Madeline R. Duffy
Robin A. Earleywine
Christopher R. Eberle
Katelynn M. Elsing
Thomas A. Erickson
Erica L. Euch
Amanda J. Everly**
Brian J. Fellers
Melissa E. Finco
Sig S. Finley
Cassandra J. Firari
David C. Flickinger
Joseph W. Fontanazza
Jessi L. Fortun*
Lucas J. Frauenhoff
Haley M. Fritz**
Hei Yeung Fung*
Samantha N. Gambino
Anna R. Gevelinger*
Benjamin J. Gierszewski
Andrew J. Glaser
Joseph J. Gosz
Danielle K. Graeve**
Joshua D. Gran
April M. Gwin*
Brittany Hadden
Matthew B. Haffemann
Peter J. Hanson
Lindsey M. Harrell
Chelsea M. Hawkins
Hailey E. Haxton
Hayley L. Hayes*
Benjamin G. Heinz
Allison Heinzelmann
Angela M. Heller+
Alexandrea R. Hemmele
Brooke Hemstead
Paige Hennig
Brady R. Hoopman
Cara H. Hughes
Austin R. Janssen**
Jayden Johnson
Reid K. Johnson
Kyle T. Jones
Joshua D. Jorandby
Brandon M. Kahl
Maxwell P. Kaiser
Hannah M. Kalina
Sean R. Kellerman*
Kelsey G. Kemp
Kevan J. Kent
Cody J. Key**
Cody A. Kincaid
Jared W. Kindschi+

*Commencement Honors      **Commencement Highest Honors     ~Winter 2015 Graduate       +Summer 2015 Graduate       ~ Fall 2014 Graduate      ++  Fall 2015 Graduate
### College of Liberal Studies

**10 a.m. ceremony**

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Susan J. Merritt**
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Jenna N. Shipman*
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Nicole Soler**
Sara L. Starck**
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Stephani A. Van Groll**
Molly C. Vertz*
Calli S. Viken**
Morgan L. Welborn*
Emma J. Werner**
Crystal L. Witt-Whybrow
Devon Yager
Marilyn A. Zable**

School of Education
2 p.m. ceremony

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

2 p.m. ceremony

Kyle J. Adamczak+
Jared S. Adams**
Eric C. Alfonson+
Tyler A. Amundson
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Denine E.
   *Anagnostopulos*
Ashlee M. Anderson+
Ryan M. Anderson
Mitchell R. Aplin
Hailey R. Appenzeller++
Jacob A. Armstrong+
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Jillian T. Asmus++
Kevin F. Aspenson
Allena Aussicker++
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Allison K. Ballstadt+
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Grant L. Bargender**
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Suzanne E. Batcher+
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Jordan T. Becker
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James P. Benrud**
Derek D. Benz+
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Karen M. (Otto) Born++
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Katelyn N. Brandt**
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Amanda W. McMahon*
Mackenzie J. Miller**
Thatcher A. Rogers**
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Sarah M. Stepanik
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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. Czscon
Daniel 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. Leisssring
Ethan Lind
Emily Lockhart
Stephanie J. Lopez
Seunghet Muller
Joel R. Narveson
David W. Schimenz
William L. Schultz
Alec T. Schumacher
Andrew Severn
Jamie L. Shervey
Kyle R. Stengel
Trent D. Stensrud

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. Zelley

Master of Science
2 p.m. ceremony

Biology
Margaret A. Weitzman

Biology: Aquatic Science Concentration
Trevor W. Cyphers
Joseph T. Kuukuski
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
Julian M. Whirry
Matthew Wolf+
Ina Wu

Biology: Microbiology Concentration
Brittany J. Brown+
Heather C. Hutchings
Somboun Xiong

Biology: Nurse Anesthesia Concentration
Luke G. Abar+
Erik W. Ahlstrom+
Kevin M. Hoeksema+
Benjamin J. Indieke+
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
  Zachary T. Carlson+
  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
  Amie L. Fonder
  Danielle Goodrich
  Amber B. Hesse
  Kirtley G. Hitt
  Melanie Jandrín
  Elizabeth A. Krueger
  Jacob Larkin
  Tanya L. Larsen
  Marissa L. Looney
  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
  Jennifer L. Happ+
  Jennifer L. Hill+
  Mickell A. Horstman
  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 Mathene
- 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

~ Winter 2015 Graduate  + Summer 2015 Graduate  ~ Fall 2014 Graduate  ++ Fall 2015 Graduate
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
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
Evan Pagel, School Psychology, Glass Half Full: Impact of Optimism on Student Academic Achievement
Jayme 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
Master Thesis Project Titles

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 Schinkka, 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
Master Thesis Project Titles

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 Cultural 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
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 “Ca2+ 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 Ernzen, Bankston, Iowa.
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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