Welcome from the 2005-2006 OCW President - Jaralee Richter

Welcome to the 2005-2006 academic year at UW-La Crosse! We are pleased to have you check out our Organization for Campus Women newsletter.

As President of OCW, I am looking forward to meeting you and sharing ideas regarding women's issues at UW-L. OCW has accomplished many incredible things just over the past year. In the fall, OCW worked with the entire campus to collect hats, scarves and mittens for the Salvation Army. The Holiday social brought together women from all classifications to enjoy live music by Vicky Emerson, and refreshments and conversation. In the spring, we introduced The First Friday series, which brought women together to discuss and learn about several issues. The Spring Symposium was a great success with keynote speaker, Karene Marchan who addressed "Getting Your Legal House in Order". OCW helped out at the Distinguished Lecture Series - Angela Shelton, by making and selling ribbons to help organizations in the community who work with victims of domestic violence. The Jean L. Foss & Norene A. Smith OCW Scholarship fund, made it possible once again, to award a record amount of scholarship money this past year. We are very thankful to these thoughtful and generous women for this scholarship fund. The Spring Family Picnic, brought women and their families together to enjoy barbeques, refreshments and camaraderie. It was a great year, and you are invited to be a part of this for the upcoming year! No experience is necessary and everyone's voice matters and is heard in this organization. The 2005-06 Steering Committee is made up of many thoughtful, caring, talented and committed women, who also want to get to know you.

Membership in OCW is only $5.00 and is good for one year (October 1 – September 30). Members are encouraged to volunteer for positions. We would also like to invite you to attend any or all events planned by OCW.

If there is anything our organization can do to enhance your UW-L involvement, please let us know. All of us on the Steering Committee welcome your comments and suggestions. Have a great year!!

What is OCW?

The Organization for Campus Women (OCW) is an organization for ALL persons affiliated with UW-L: academic staff, classified staff, and faculty. The objectives of OCW are to promote equal opportunity for all women, serve as a vehicle for communication among women at UW-L, collaborate with other locate, state, and national organizations concerned with improving the status of women and conduct annual service projects to enhance the status of women.

OCW has an elected board which governs the overall organization. This steering committee is comprised of three representatives from each of the three employment categories as well as the chairs of each of the various committees.

Steering Committee Meetings

Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month from noon-1pm in Cartwright Center. You don't have to be on the steering committee to attend the meetings. Come see what we are all about. Room location does change so you'll want to check with a committee member or the scheduling office.
Congratulations to the 2005/2006 scholarship recipients; we wish you the very best for the academic year!

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Steering Committee Officers:
President: Jaralee Richter, Student Activities
President Elect: Galadriel Chilton, Murphy Library
Past President: Maureen Wilson, Career Services
Secretary: Jenifer Holman, Murphy Library
Treasurer: Kari Heilman, Human Resources

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Jean L. Foss & Norene A. Smith OCW Scholarship Recipients

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OCW Symposium Committee—Members Invited!

If you would like to plan the annual spring OCW Symposium for campus women please contact
Jennifer Wilson (wilson.jenn@uwlax.edu, 5-8013). The Symposium has taken many forms and covered many topics and received positive evaluations and attendance. Your creative ideas and energy are welcome!

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**Tribute to Outstanding Women of the Coulee Region**

Eight women from UW-L have been nominated for the YWCA’s Tribute to Outstanding Women Award. The individuals nominated include Wendy Rabe, Christina Trombley, Maureen Spencer, Keely Rees, Susan Crutchfield, Sandy Grunwald, Florence Aliesch, and Krista Shulka.

The 23rd Annual Tribute to Outstanding Women of the Coulee Region Award Ceremony will be held on November 10, 2005, at the South Hall Ballroom, La Crosse Center.

The YWCA is dedicated to the goal of assisting women of all ages in reaching their greatest potential. This event is one way to raise community awareness of the abilities of women and their demonstrated leadership skills. If you are interested in attending this event or want further details about the Y-Tribute nomination process, contact Sharie at 5-6950.

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**Work/Life Experiences**

The UW-L Women’s Advisory Council would like to gather experiences, good and bad, that you have had with work/life issues on campus. For example, maternity/paternity leaves, medical leave, and so on. Beth Hartung, the Campus Climate Coordinator, is gathering this data. Please send the information to Beth Hartung, hartung.beth@uwlax.edu, 785-5092, 235 Graff Main Hall. You may remain anonymous, however, please include employment category.

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**Mark your calendars!**

**October 20-22 @ 7:30 p.m. & 23 @ 2:00pm - Dancing at Lughnasa**, UW-L Toland Theatre. This extraordinary play is the story of five unmarried sisters, one with a young son, living out their lives in a small Irish village in 1936. Their spare existence is interrupted by the summer harvest festival, the return of a missionary uncle, a new radio, and the boy’s father, whom he has never met. From these small events spring the cracks that could destroy the foundation of their family forever. Lughnasa is a tribute to the spirit and valor of the past and its people.

**Wednesday, November 2 - Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. - “A Contract With Our Future” at 7:00 pm.** UWL Eagle Recreation Center. For more information call 608-785-8888.

**Tuesday, November 15 - TASTE OF HOME COOKING, presents HOLIDAY MAGIC at the La Crosse Center.** Plan to take a couple hours out of your busy schedule for an evening of festive recipes, creative decorating and entertaining solutions. “Holiday Magic” should be at the top of everyone’s to-do-list this fall. Show Expo is at 4:45pm with the show starting at 7pm. Reserved seats are $12.00 and $7.50. For more information on Taste of Home Cooking, visit: Taste of Home

**Friday, Nov. 18 Ladies Night Out, La Crosse Main Library, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Pampered night-out for women. Contact the main library for further details.

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**Important Websites**

- OCW (http://www.uwlax.edu/ocw)
- Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (http://www.uwlax.edu/womensstudies)
- UW System Administration Status of Women (http://www.uwsa.edu/acadaff/status/home.htm)
- College & University Work/Family Association (CUWFA) (http://www.cuwfa.org)
What would you like to see in the newsletter? Please drop us a line with your suggestions.

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