Dear Blugold graduates,

Congratulations! Today we celebrate an achievement for which you've worked long and hard: You've earned your UW-Eau Claire degree!

Today we also mark the close of our yearlong Centennial Celebration of 100 years of excellence at UW-Eau Claire! From the first 186 students who attended the Eau Claire State Normal School in 1916 to our enrollment today of more than 10,600, we have grown to be a nationally ranked public regional university. We also have developed a widespread reputation for outstanding faculty and staff who are dedicated to providing students with the transformative learning experiences that make a Blugold degree — your degree — stand apart.

You can look to the future knowing there is real value in your UW-Eau Claire degree. UW-Eau Claire is first among all UW System universities and in the top 10 percent among Midwest master’s-level universities in Washington Monthly’s 2016 “Best Bang for the Buck” rankings. We also are included in MONEY’s list of 50 Best Public Colleges that deliver the most value, and we are one of just two UW System regional universities among Forbes’ 2016 America’s Top Colleges for return on investment.

Also know that as you leave this great university, you join the ranks of our more than 84,000 Blugold alumni making a difference the world over, carrying The Power of AND into their workplaces and communities. Just look at the shining examples provided by our alumni award recipients being honored here today. The world will be a better place because of your skills AND wisdom, entrepreneurship AND integrity of spirit, strong work ethic AND inspiring creativity — all hallmarks of your UW-Eau Claire degree.

As we say in our mission statement (proudly printed on this page), UW-Eau Claire provides a “transformative liberal education.” I challenge you to audaciously pursue your goals, knowing that your UW-Eau Claire degree has prepared you for all you aspire to achieve. And most of all, I wish you joy on your journey.

With all best wishes for a bright Blugold future,

James C. Schmidt | Chancellor
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

---

Mission Statement of the University

We foster in one another creativity, critical insight, empathy and intellectual courage, the hallmarks of a transformative liberal education and the foundation for active citizenship and lifelong inquiry.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Participants/Details</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>9 a.m.</td>
<td>College of Arts and Sciences College of Nursing and Health Sciences</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 p.m.</td>
<td>College of Business College of Education and Human Sciences</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Prelude by UW-Eau Claire Faculty Brass Quintet</td>
<td>Robert Baca, trumpet Jacob Grewe, tuba Chuck Hodgson, horn Matthew Mealey, trumpet Phil Ostrander, trombone</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Greetings</td>
<td>Mitch Freymiller, Commencement Marshal, Chair, University Senate</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Processional</td>
<td>Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1 (<em>Land of Hope and Glory</em>) by Sir Edward Elgar</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>National Anthem</td>
<td>The Star-Spangled Banner by John Stafford Smith</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Welcome and Introductions</td>
<td>Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Introducing Members of the Platform Party</td>
<td>James C. Schmidt, Chancellor Michael Carney, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Mary Hoffman, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Graduate Studies David Leaman, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences Carmen Manning, Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences Linda Young, Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences Tim Vaughan, Interim Dean, College of Business Margaret Cassidy, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences (morning) Debra Jansen, Associate Dean, College of Nursing and Health Sciences (morning) Jill Prushiek, Associate Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences (afternoon) Bob Erffmeyer, Associate Dean, College of Business (afternoon) Beth Hellwig, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (morning) Joseph J. Abhold, Dean of Students (afternoon) Mitch Freymiller, Commencement Marshal, Chair, University Senate Susan Harrison, Coordinator, Centennial Celebration Planning Committee Ashley Sukhu, Student Body President 2016 - 2017 (morning)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Greetings from the University of Wisconsin System</td>
<td>Ray Cross, President</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Congratulatory Remarks</td>
<td>James C. Schmidt, Chancellor</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Event Type</td>
<td>Speaker(s)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-------------------------------</td>
<td>---------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Introduction of Alumni Award Recipients</td>
<td>Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>See pages 27-31 for bios of the award recipients.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Charge To The Class</td>
<td>Mary Laschinger, CEO, Veritiv Corporation</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Presentation Of Doctoral Candidates</td>
<td>Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Conferral Of Doctoral Degrees</td>
<td>James C. Schmidt, Chancellor</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Presentation Of Master’s Candidates</td>
<td>Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Conferral Of Master’s Degrees</td>
<td>James C. Schmidt, Chancellor</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Presentation Of Baccalaureate Candidates</td>
<td>Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Conferral Of Baccalaureate Degrees</td>
<td>James C. Schmidt, Chancellor</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Blugold Reflections</td>
<td>Kallie Friede, Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communication (morning)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Madeline Gray, Bachelor of Arts, English Teaching (afternoon)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Closing Remarks</td>
<td>Patricia A. Kleine, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>University Alma Mater</td>
<td>Led by Autumn Schacherl, Bachelor of Music, Applied Voice (morning)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Led by Kyra Moak, Bachelor of Music Education, Choral (afternoon)</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Please rise and join in singing. Words and music are printed at end of program.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Recessional</td>
<td>Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1 (Land of Hope and Glory) by Sir Edward Elgar</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Triumphal March from “Aida” by Giuseppe Verdi</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>You are welcome to move from your seat as soon as the platform party, faculty and graduates have exited the arena.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Photographs</td>
<td>A professional photograph will be taken of all graduates as they receive their diplomas. In order to reset the arena for the next event, there will be no photo opportunities in Zorn Arena following the ceremony.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Reception</td>
<td>The chancellor, faculty and members of the graduating class cordially invite all guests to a reception immediately following the ceremony in the Marketplace on the first floor of the W.R. Davies Student Center.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Candidates for Degrees

Graduation with distinction is being conferred on those graduates who have an outstanding scholastic record. They are identified by gold cords and recognized in the program as follows: *cum laude (grade-point average of at least 3.2), **magna cum laude (GPA of at least 3.5) and ***summa cum laude (GPA of at least 3.8). Graduates receiving departmental honors are identified by the symbol †. The recognition of graduates receiving University Honors is noted under the student’s name. Graduates receiving University Honors are identified by a gold ribbon and medal. Baccalaureate candidates who are members of scholastic honor societies are identified by silver cords. See Page 24 for the key listing UW-Eau Claire’s degree interpretations.
DOCTORAL DEGREES

Barbara Beth Eliason Wilson
D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)
B.S., 2012, The College of Saint Scholastica
Program Adviser: Dr. Jodi Amiola
DNP Project: Improving Advance Care Planning Conversations with Patients by Primary Care Providers

Lisa Anne Erickson Dresser
D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)
B.S.N., 1993, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Program Adviser: Dr. Norah Airth-Kindree
DNP Project: Impact of Educational Interventions on Patients at Risk for Falls

Kendra Leigh Ahrens Joswiak
D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Educator)
B.S.N., 2010, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Jodi Amiola
DNP Project: Increasing Access, Utilization, and Education of Palliative Care in the Inpatient Setting

Becky Jean Komro Eau Claire
D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)
B.S.N., 2005, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Shelley-Rae Pehler
DNP Project: Implementation of an Adult Obesity Protocol in Family Medicine

Josephine Major Krizek Kaukauna
D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)
B.S., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Program Adviser: Dr. Debra Hofmann
DNP Project: Improving Chronic Respiratory Disease Care in a Free Clinic Setting with Evidence-Based Algorithms

Kelsey Lee Meyer Cornell
D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)
B.S.N., 2012, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Mary Canales
DNP Project: Standardizing Pediatric Care to Improve Quality of Care and Safety

Jennifer Ann Kelash Eau Claire
D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)
B.S., 2012, College of Saint Benedict
Program Adviser: Dr. Shelley-Rae Pehler
DNP Project: Increasing Access, Utilization, and Education of Palliative Care in the Inpatient Setting

Katelyn Marie Killabaseda Minneapolis, MN
D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)
B.S., 2011, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Jodi Amiola
DNP Project: Infiltrations of New Arteriovenous Fistulas a Protocol Utilizing an Ultrasound Device to Reduce Injuries of New Arteriovenous Fistulas

Karen Marie Sohn Spooner
M.S.N., Nursing (Family Educator)
B.A., 1992, The College of Saint Scholastica
Program Adviser: Dr. Jodi Amiola
DNP Project: Improving Advance Care Planning Conversations with Patients by Primary Care Providers

Liana Julienne Reiland Durand
D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)
B.S., 2012, The College of Saint Scholastica
B.S., 2011, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Program Adviser: Dr. Lisa Schiller
DNP Project: Webpage Development to Improve Sleep Education for College Students

Carli Sue Slaney La Crosse
D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)
B.S., 2010, University of Wisconsin-Madison
B.S., 2008, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Program Adviser: Dr. Robin Beam
DNP Project: Patient and Health Care Provider Perspectives of Shared Decision Making in Serious Illness

Kelly Marie Thiel Appleton
D.N.P., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Primary Care Nurse Practitioner)
B.S., 2011, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Charlotte Sortedahl
DNP Project: Assessing the Effectiveness of an Inpatient Insulin Pump Therapy Tutorial

Richard James O’Meara Rochester, MN
D.N.P., Nursing (Nurse Executive)
M.S.N., 2010, University of Phoenix
M.B.A., 2005, University of St. Thomas
B.S., 1982, South Dakota State University
Program Adviser: Dr. Mary Zwygart-Stauffacher
DNP Project: Implementing Psychiatric Nurse Liaisons in the Emergency Department in an Effort to Reduce Patient Violence

Kristina Popov Maplewood, MN
D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)
B.S., 2011, St. Catherine University
Program Adviser: Dr. Kristi Buddick
DNP Project: The Use of Standardized Opioid Education to Improve the Safe Use of Opioids Postoperatively in Patients with Total Joint Replacement

Naomi Ann Windham Minneapolis, MN
D.N.P., Nursing (Family Nurse Practitioner)
B.S., 2009, Bethel University
Program Adviser: Dr. Mary Canales
DNP Project: Bright Beginnings: A System Change to Enhance Doula Education Among Homeless Pregnant Women in the Primary Care Setting

MASTER’S DEGREES

James Michael Hubert Mondovi
M.S.N., Nursing (Adult Gerontologic Educator)
B.S.N., 2006, Viterbo University
B.S., 1980, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
Program Adviser: Dr. Jodi Amiola
BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Kristen Louise Allen*** La Crescent, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Kathryn Paula Anderson*** Kohler
B.S.N., Nursing

Sarah Marie Anundson*** Muskego
B.S.N., Nursing

Leah Jean Bauer** New Richmond
B.S.N., Nursing

Christina Quade Baxter*** Barron
B.S.N., Nursing

Alexandra Marie Blackledge***† Eau Claire
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Stacie Scarlet Elliott*** New London
B.S.N., Nursing

Madeline Hope Boyum*** New Brighton, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Haley Marie Brost*** Cedarburg
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Stephanie Frances Bult*** New London
B.S.N., Nursing

Kendall Therese Calba* Oneida
B.S.N., Nursing

Anna Leigh Clark Cambridge
B.S.N., Nursing

Katie Louise Daley*** Rochester, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Laura Lynn Derosier* Rice Lake
B.S.N., Nursing

Sydney Michele Domke** Edina, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Danielle Marie Droessler*** Mosinee
B.S.N., Nursing

Kelly Lynn Eberts** Weston
B.S.N., Nursing

Shanna Lee Ellefson***† Spring Valley
B.S.N., Nursing

Stacie Scarlet Elliott** Marshfield
B.S.N., Nursing

Jocelyn Marijke Etten** Elkhorn
B.S.N., Nursing

Hannah Nicole Everson** Marshfield
B.S.N., Nursing

Danielle Marie Fotsch*** Sussex
B.S.N., Nursing

Katelyn Marie Fox*** Eau Claire
B.S.N., Nursing

Marie Gladys Fromek*** Antigo
B.S.N., Nursing

Kayla Marie Gardner* Eau Claire
B.S.N., Nursing

Laken McKenzie Geissler** Cadott
B.S.N., Nursing

Kori Nicole Gerver* Kronenwetter
B.S.N., Nursing

Anna May Gilbert*** Cameron
B.S.N., Nursing

Courtney Ann Grant*** Prior Lake, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Alexandra Marie Grathen** De Pere
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Alexa Mary Gustafson* Eau Claire
B.S.N., Nursing

Kari Elaine Hawkins* Maple Grove, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Nicole Sarah Hofstede*** Greenfield, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Megan Marie Huntley*** Woodbury, MN
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Corrine Elizabeth Jensen*** La Crescent, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Sara Nicole Joski* Hudson
B.S.N., Nursing

Alexandra Kathryn Kerber*** New Richmond
B.S.N., Nursing

Danielle Elizabeth Kind**† Marathon
B.S.N., Nursing

Courtney Anna Klair** Coon Rapids, MN
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Allison Jo Korsa** Lakeville, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Samantha Lu Kretsch** Gibbon, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Jodi M. Kreuser*** Wausau
B.S.N., Nursing

Samantha Marie Lang*** Hastings, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Nicole Elizabeth LaVoy*** Necedah
B.S.N., Nursing

Anastasia Kathleen Lisiecki*** Stanley
B.S.N., Nursing

Jamie Lea Lund Maplewood, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Jennifer Marie Mathias*** New Berlin
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Jaclyn Marie Mckoskey*** Lino Lakes, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Hailee Elizabeth McNamara Cadott
B.S.N., Nursing

Jennifer Lynnette Meacham** Colby
B.S.N., Nursing

Kylene Marie Meddaugh*** Stevens Point
B.S.N., Nursing

Jennifer Miller Mondovi
B.S.N., Nursing

Kaitlyn Alyse Moore*** Woodbury, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Summer Lee Mueller Medford
B.S.N., Nursing

Amanda Mae Nelson*** Waupaca
B.S.N., Nursing

Brittany Nicole Nelson*** Stanley
B.S.N., Nursing

Alana Marie Olson** Madison
B.S.N., Nursing

Jessica Marie Pearson** Maplewood, MN
B.S.N., Nursing

Amy Lynn Pieper*** Green Bay
B.S.N., Nursing

Lauren Kay Pittman*** Amery
B.S.N., Nursing

Anthony Darrin Reigel** Marshfield
B.S.N., Nursing

Alyssa Jean Rossmiller** Burlington
B.S.N., Nursing

Susan Schlings*** Marshfield
B.S.N., Nursing

Brandi Rae Schlough*** Menomonie
B.S.N., Nursing

Jennifer Marie Schmitz*** Marshfield
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing

Ashley Mae Schoch*** Unity
B.S.N., Nursing

Erika Lee Schroeder*** Eau Claire
B.S.N., Nursing

Victoria Lorraine Schulte*** Chippewa Falls
B.S.N., Nursing

Claire Susan Selover*** La Crosse
B.S.N., Nursing

Shelby Lynn Sikora*** Colfax
B.S.N., Nursing

John Spencer** Pigeon Falls
B.S.N., Nursing

Athena Marie Strand*** Merrill
B.S.N., Nursing

Meagan Deanne Voltz** Mauston
B.S.N., Nursing

Moriah Rachel Grace Zarling***† Thorp
University Honors
B.S.N., Nursing
Master’s Degrees

Danielle Mary Bornemann Neenah
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.A., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Cheyenne Cherie Braker Eau Claire
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2015, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Emily Rose Broden Andover, MN
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Brittany Jo Bullock Chichester, NH
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.A., 2010, The University of Vermont
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Megan Marie Burfield Chatfield, MN
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Jennifer Annette Carlson Bloomington, MN
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2015, Minnesota State University, Mankato
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Leah Marie Carpenter Green Bay
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge
Thesis: Parent Perspectives on Family Centered Care in Speech-Language Therapy in Multiple Settings
Thesis Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Sandra Custodio Fate, TX
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 1997, University of Southern California
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Hannah Christine Davis Plymouth, MN
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.A., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Ashley Elizabeth Flesch Waukesha
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2012, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Sharon D. Forber Canoga Park, CA
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
M.A., 1983, California State University, Long Beach
B.A., 1981, San Diego State University
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Haley Elizabeth Franson Rhinelander
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Samantha Furman Winneconne
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Emily Garcia Los Angeles, CA
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.A., 2008, California State University, Los Angeles
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Tracy Jean Hause Athens
M.S.T., Reading
B.S., 2010, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Janine Fisk

Kay Lynn Heiting Loyal
M.P.D., Professional Development (Library Science)
B.A., 1999, Wisconsin Lutheran College
Program Adviser: Mr. Rob Reid

Hannah Kay Krejci Chippewa Falls
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Samantha Marie Lentz Chippewa Falls
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S.E., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Ali McMahon Wausau
M.P.D., Professional Development
B.S., 2009, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Richard Rautio

Christina Jean McMaster Nevada City, CA
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.A., 1996, Massachusetts College of Arts and Design
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Kaitlin Mae Meyer Plainview, MN
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Mariah Marie Millerman Barron
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2012, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Lorene Emmaculada Pagcaliwan Shelby, NC
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
Ph.D., 1997, The University of Alabama
M.A., 1994, Monterey Institute of International Studies
M.Ed., 1984, Harding University
B.A., 1983, Harding University
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Serafini Marianna Palazzolo Pasadena, CA
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
M.B.A., 1997, University of Michigan-Flint
B.B.A., 1993, Western Michigan University
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Gabrielle Lee Parker Tomah
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S.E., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Carolina Perez-Venero San Anselmo, CA
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
M.B.A., 1995, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
B.S., 1989, Stanford University
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Andrea Kathryn Pritchard Chippewa Falls
M.E.P.D., Professional Development (Library Science)
B.S., 2010, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Mr. Rob Reid

Kelli Dionn Rasco Lubbock, TX
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2012, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
B.S., 2010, Angelo State University
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Sara Elizabeth Rendall Chanhassen, MN
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2015, Minnesota State University, Mankato
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge
Thesis "You have to invest": Speech-language pathologists’ perspectives on teaching literacy skills to students who use AAC
Thesis Adviser: Dr. Jennifer Thistie

April A. Resch Panama City, FL
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2012, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Kara Lynn Riedesel Minneapolis, MN
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.A., 1994, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Lindsay Rae Schmeling Rochester, MN
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2006, University of Wisconsin-Stout
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Theresa Renee Selland Woodbury, MN
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.A., 1997, Wichita State University
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Brandy Jane Stronczek Harlingen, TX
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
M.S.W., 2003, University of Denver
B.A., 2002, Saint Mary’s College
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Annalise Marie Tadych Hartland
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2011, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Abby Hemmerich

Jillian Lauren Utz Holmen
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge
Thesis: Anticipated compliance and quality of life measures for individuals consuming thickened liquids: Perceptions of taste, texture, palatability, and enjoyment given beverage appearance
Thesis Adviser: Dr. Jerry Hoeper

Meghan Ann Wellmann Lino Lakes, MN
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2014, University of Northwestern
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge

Macy Jo Wildberg Ogema
M.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
B.S., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Program Adviser: Dr. Debbie Elledge

— 7 —
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>School and College</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Collin Patrick Groves</td>
<td>B.S., Athletic Training</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alice Marie Gullekson</td>
<td>B.S., Athletic Training</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ashlen Ann Haines</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mallory Megan Halpin</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rachel Theresa Hansberry</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elyane Josephine Hansen</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stephanie Lee Hanson</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Christian Anthony Harden</td>
<td>B.S., Kinesiology</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>McKayla Ann Harmon</td>
<td>B.S., Kinesiology</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shannon M Harris</td>
<td>B.S., Kinesiology</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Molly Jo Hart</td>
<td>B.S., Kinesiology</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Morgan May Herbst</td>
<td>B.S., Kinesiology</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kailey Rose Hilby</td>
<td>B.S., Kinesiology</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Heath Gary Hill</td>
<td>B.S., Kinesiology</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Caitlin Marie Hoels</td>
<td>B.S., Kinesiology</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anthony Neil Hoehn</td>
<td>B.A., Social Studies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jillian Marie Homa</td>
<td>B.S., Kinesiology</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Katie Noelle Hoppe</td>
<td>B.S., Kinesiology</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Margaret Rebecca Hoppenjan</td>
<td>B.S., Elementary Education</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nicholas James Hubbard</td>
<td>B.S., Elementary Education</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Philip Hunerdosse</td>
<td>B.S., Elementary Education</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Victoria Lynn Janikowski</td>
<td>B.S., Elementary Education</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Karen Elizabeth Janssen</td>
<td>B.S., Elementary Education</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Collin Lawrence Jeidy</td>
<td>B.S., Elementary Education</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alec David Jensen</td>
<td>B.S., Elementary Education</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brianna Helene Jensen</td>
<td>B.S., Athletic Training</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MacKenzie Rae Jensen</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Emily Jean Jerome</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Allison Elena Johnson</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Arianna Dawn Johnson</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Samantha Christine Johnson</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nicholas Michael Junker</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Andrew Mark Kalb</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Justin Allan Karkula</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Madeline Louise Kelley</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Samantha Nichole Kelley</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Camryn Anne Kellogg</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Breanna Mae Kelly</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mai Lee Kha</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anna Rachel Klapperich</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Katelyn Rose Klieve</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>David Peter Kocik</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alyse M Korpela</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kendra Mary Kramer</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kayla Ann Kranzusch</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Seth Cory Kreibich</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trent Michael Kruger</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sarah Ann Kuczkowski</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jeannie Kristen LaFavor</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kristi Jo Lane</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hannah Marie Larson</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maegan LaTulip</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marie Elizabeth Lau</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kyle Clayton Lenard</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rebecca Marie Lenz</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ellie Lynn Leonard</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rae Marie Leonard</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sophia Merth Leurquin</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hannah Marie Lindell</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alexandria Lynn Lorbetske</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kaylin Ann Lospaih</td>
<td>B.A., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brandon Robert Luedke</td>
<td>B.A., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Taylor Ryan Maroszek</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Amanda Blake Marx</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Scott Joseph Mateski</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Morgan Mary McAllister</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rachel Marie McDonald</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sarah Ashley Mckiveen</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Daniel J. Meagher</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Krystin Courtney Mehberg</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lindsey Lee Merchlewitz</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marina Tennay Midthun</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Emily Morgan Mihalovic</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Benjamin Stevenson Miller</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Madeleine Mae Miller</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rachel Alexi Mills</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Joseph J Mixis</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kyra Jacqueyln Moak</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kari Marie Monnens</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brooke Erin Moormeier</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Matthew Jay Moylan</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kimberly Ann Mueller</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shawn Muench</td>
<td>B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Emily Catherine Symons *** Onalaska
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
Jordan Matthew Thill ** Marinette
B.S., Mathematics
Jordan Nicole Timm Hudson
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
Alex Leigh Tollison II Tomahawk
B.S., Kinesiology
Elizabeth Jane Tordoff ** Janesville
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
Gabriela Analisse Torres New Hope, MN
B.S., Kinesiology
Josiah John Torvik * Savage, MN
B.M.E., Music
Hannah Leigh Treptow * Lino Lakes, MN
B.S., Elementary Education
Emily Sarah Tucker *** Mosinee
B.S., Special Education
Taylor Joy Turben Milton
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
Jenna Marie Tuseth * Rochester, MN
B.S., Elementary Education
Kayla Lynn Van Allen ** Hudson
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
Lorissa Lynn Vanden Hoogen * Green Bay
B.S., Elementary Education
Honey P Vang * Menomonie
B.S., Elementary Education
Savanah Jo Vera ** Hatley
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
Heather Anne Von Holtum * Plum City
B.S., Kinesiology
Olivia Nicole Vruwink *** Eau Claire
University Honors
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
Michelle Ann Wallner Neenah
B.S., Kinesiology and Psychology
Bailey Michelle Walz * Amery
B.S., Elementary Education
Amanda Michelle Ward Elk Mound
B.S., Athletic Training
Mary Audra Waterhouse * Antigo
B.S., Biology
Hannah Grace Webber ** Waukesha
B.S., Special Education
Kelsey Lynn Weberg ** Woodbury, MN
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
Samantha Ann Wegener ** De Pere
B.S., Kinesiology
Mariah J. Weinberger * Beaver Dam
B.S., Special Education
Katie Kristine Wells Bloomington, MN
B.S.W., Social Work
Monica Rose Weltzien ** Winona, MN
B.S.W., Social Work
Whitney Lynn Wendorf Sparta
B.S., Kinesiology
Cheryl Wetterlind ** Farmington, MN
B.A., English
Tracy Marie Wheatley ** Athens
B.S., Elementary Education
Clara Rose White *** Potosi
B.S.W., Social Work
Jennifer Lynn Wilking *** Apple Valley, MN
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
Jeremy Robert Williams ** Barron
B.S., Elementary Education
Abby Jean Williamson ** Fall Creek
B.S., Special Education
Rachel Page Wilson ** Saint Paul, MN
B.A., English
Daniel Joseph Wimmer * Waukesha
B.A., Social Studies
Kristy Ka See Xiong Eau Claire
B.S., Kinesiology
Kacey Marie Yahnke ** Oak Creek
B.S., Communication Sciences and Disorders
Matthew Joseph Zey * Pulaski
B.S., Biology
Lauren Christine Zurowski ** Greenfield
B.S., Kinesiology
### College of Business

#### MASTER’S DEGREES

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>University</th>
<th>Degree</th>
<th>Program Adviser</th>
<th>Institution</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Elena Rebecca Cowan</td>
<td>Eau Claire</td>
<td>M.B.A., Business Administration</td>
<td>B.A., 2002, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire</td>
<td>Program Adviser: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Christopher Ekstroem</td>
<td>Appleton</td>
<td>M.B.A., Business Administration</td>
<td>B.S., 2007, University at Buffalo</td>
<td>Program Adviser: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kyle Douglas Erffmeyer</td>
<td>Dallas, TX</td>
<td>M.B.A., Business Administration</td>
<td>B.A., 2014, Calvin College</td>
<td>Program Adviser: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brent S. Fitzgerald</td>
<td>Chippewa Falls, MN</td>
<td>M.B.A., Business Administration</td>
<td>B.S., 2000, University of Wisconsin-Stout</td>
<td>Program Adviser: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Craig Ryan Grzendailewski</td>
<td>Greenfield</td>
<td>M.B.A., Business Administration</td>
<td>Pharm.D., 2012, St Louis College of Pharmacy</td>
<td>Program Adviser: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Katie Marie Hultber</td>
<td>Menomonie</td>
<td>M.B.A., Business Administration</td>
<td>B.S., 2003, University of Wisconsin-Stout</td>
<td>Program Adviser: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nathan Gerald Martin</td>
<td>Albertville, MN</td>
<td>M.B.A., Business Administration</td>
<td>B.S., 2000, University of Minnesota-Duluth</td>
<td>Program Adviser: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Matthew Aaron Roberts</td>
<td>Wilmington, DE</td>
<td>M.B.A., Business Administration</td>
<td>B.A., 2000, Syracuse University</td>
<td>Program Adviser: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cara Rae Schmidt</td>
<td>Rochester, MN</td>
<td>M.B.A., Business Administration</td>
<td>B.S., 2005, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse</td>
<td>Program Adviser: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ashley Deanne Steward</td>
<td>Hendersonville, NC</td>
<td>M.B.A., Business Administration</td>
<td>B.S., 2012, Florida State University</td>
<td>Program Adviser: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Abbey Renee Wehking</td>
<td>Prairie Village, KS</td>
<td>M.B.A., Business Administration</td>
<td>B.S., 2011, University of Kansas</td>
<td>Program Adviser: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Matthew John White</td>
<td>Chippewa Falls, MN</td>
<td>M.B.A., Business Administration</td>
<td>B.S., 2010, University of Wisconsin-Stout</td>
<td>Program Adviser: Dr. Robert C. Erffmeyer</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Rachel Marie Ahlf Wauwatosa
B.B.A., Management

Nathan Paul Albrecht Okabena, MN
B.B.A., Accounting

Nicole Marie Allen * Maple Grove, MN
B.B.A., Management

Blake Richard Amborn ** Hudson
B.B.A., Management

Katie Jo Amundson * Ridgeland
B.B.A., Marketing

William Warren Armstrong Eau Claire
B.B.A., Health Care Administration

Katelynn Marie Arnold * Edgerton
B.B.A., Information Systems

Malory Sue Arnold * Hortonville
B.B.A., Management

Michael John Arnold Janesville
B.B.A., Accounting

Syeda Asima Bangladesh
B.B.A., Business Finance

Akansha Asthana * Menomonie
B.B.A., Accounting

Alec James Baenen * Green Bay
B.B.A., Management

Elizabeth Marie Bain Minneapolis, MN
B.B.A., Health Care Administration

Martha Betts Baker *** Tomahawk
University Honors
B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance

Elizabeth Anne Barry * Williams Bay
B.B.A., Marketing

Eric John Bauer Franklin
B.B.A., Management

Ashton James Beck Chaska, MN
B.B.A., Information Systems

Ashley Taylor Becafrt Baraboo
B.B.A., Management

Maria Camila Bedoya *** Rochester, MN
University Honors
B.B.A., Accounting

Gretchen Elizabeth Berg Nashotah
B.B.A., Information Systems

Bradley John Berns * Rhinelander
B.B.A., International Business and German

Mara Lynn Bichanich ** Stanley
B.B.A., Information Systems

Brandon Richard Bishop Rhinelander
B.B.A., Economics

Kathleen Marie Blakeslee II ** Middleton
B.B.A., International Business

James Ray Blem Fall Creek
B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance

Nicholas Paul Bohn Burnsville, MN
B.B.A., Management

Mayurraj Sunil Borade * India
B.B.A., Management

Stephanie Ann Born Chaska, MN
B.B.A., Information Systems

Alexi Kathleen Bornemann *** Neenah
B.B.A., Health Care Administration

Nicholas James Boyea De Pere
B.B.A., Management

Patricia Clare Boyne Saint Paul, MN
B.B.A., Marketing

Lucas Lawrence Brawdy ** Chippewa Falls
B.B.A., Information Systems

Molly Malone Bredin * Waukesha
B.B.A., Management

Nicholas W. Brekken Prescott
B.B.A., Marketing and Management

Kelly Marie Bray *** Freedom
B.B.A., Accounting

Meagan Elizabeth Brown Red Wing, MN
B.B.A., Marketing

Emma Louise Brownell * Eau Claire
B.B.A., Management

Caitlin Patricia Brozek ** Elgin, IL
B.B.A., Health Care Administration

Thor Christian Brye La Crosse
B.B.A., Business Finance

Johnathan James Buchholz Ridgeland
B.B.A., Marketing

Natalie Ann Busch Chanhassen, MN
B.B.A., Accounting and Management

Palmer Jake Buss * Eau Claire
B.B.A., Management

Lorraine Busse ** Kamiah, ID
B.B.A., Accounting

Nicholas Braden Calverters * Green Bay
B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance

Chelsey Lynn Candler Chetek
B.B.A., Marketing

Kayla Co Cao * Antigo
B.B.A., Marketing

Ryan Allen Carpenter *** Elk Mound
B.B.A., Management

Caitlin Marie Casperson * Lakeville, MN
B.B.A., Marketing

Mackenzie Jane Christopher *** Prior Lake, MN
B.B.A., Health Care Administration

Alex Ray Cieslewicz Menomonie Falls
B.B.A., Information Systems

Jacqueline Alexandra Cibby ** Rochester, MN
B.B.A., Management

Carly Lorraine Cline Fall Creek
B.B.A., Health Care Administration

Katie Grace Collins * De Forest
B.B.A., Health Care Administration

Nicholas Craig Collins Sun Prairie
B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance

Michelle Marie Cremers ** Edgerton
B.B.A., Business Finance

Danielle Jade Cunningham Middleton
B.B.A., Management

Isaac Cusick Shell Lake
B.B.A., Business Finance

Emily Jean Danielson Plymouth, MN
B.B.A., Management

Wilson Dassah Saint Paul, MN
B.B.A., Marketing

Andrew Jonathan Davis Eau Claire
B.B.A., Management

Hailey Marie Davis * New Richmond
B.B.A., Accounting and Mathematics

Connor Patrick Day Lakeville, MN
B.B.A., Information Systems

Jennique Brianne Demers *** Rice Lake
B.B.A., Management

John Taylor Denhartog * Hopkins, MN
B.B.A., Management

Japreet Singh Deo Canada
B.B.A., Marketing

Andrew Philip Desormeau De Pere
B.B.A., Marketing

Josie Elizabeth Dickerson * Eau Claire
B.B.A., Marketing

Brian C. Dickow Kenosha
B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance

Nicholas Joseph Doll Sun Prairie
B.B.A., Marketing

Austin R Drazewski ** Sussex
B.B.A., Information Systems

Trevor Richard Dresen Cross Plains
B.B.A., Marketing

Matthew Joseph Du Vall Green Bay
B.B.A., Marketing

Cale Davis Dutter Eau Claire
B.B.A., Business Finance

Jacob John Eckardt Eau Claire
B.B.A., Information Systems

Jessica L Ede ** Golden Valley, MN
B.B.A., Marketing

Zachary Frank Eder Franklin
B.B.A., Marketing

Alexis Marie Effert *** Pulaski
B.B.A., Health Care Administration

Joseph John Eggert Sussex
B.B.A., Information Systems

Sarah Katherine Eide *** Osseo
B.B.A., Accounting

Brandon Gordon Engels * Andover, MN
B.B.A., Accounting and Information Systems

Cameron David Erwin Eau Claire
B.B.A., Information Systems

Kiely Marie Erwin ** Eau Claire
B.B.A., Health Care Administration

Jacob Arnold Lee Espeseth *** Bruce
B.B.A., Management

Emeka Chike Ezennaghi Eau Claire
B.B.A., Business Administration

Kaylee Nicole Falk ** Green Bay
B.B.A., Health Care Administration

Trey Eugene Farrow Minneapolis, MN
B.B.A., Management

Danielle Renee Ferestad Mukwonago
B.B.A., Marketing and Integrated Strategic Communication
Ian Kyle Lexen* Frederic
B.B.A., Management

Xinrui Li** China
B.B.A., International Business

Xinyi Liang China
B.B.A., Marketing

Nicole Lee Liberko* Eden Prairie, MN
B.B.A., Management

Olivia Marie LiDonne* Appleton
B.B.A., Business Finance

Anna Jo Liesch** Stillwater, MN
B.B.A., Marketing

Stephanie Jean Little** Hudson
B.B.A., Accounting

Weil Liu China
B.B.A., Business Finance

Sabrina J Lloyd* Chippewa Falls
B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance

Zhi Xin Low* Malaysia
B.B.A., Management

Laine Dolores Luisier* Fort Atkinson
B.B.A., Marketing

Jonathon Lundeen Maple
B.B.A., Business Finance

Hannah Christine Lyrek*** Independence, MN
B.B.A., Management

Kristine Lindsay Maciolk** Hubertus
B.B.A., Health Care Administration

Katherine Anne Mackereth Duluth, MN
B.B.A., Marketing

Nicole Marie Madriaga Wilmot
B.B.A., International Business and Spanish

Christiaan George Malinowski* Lino Lakes, MN
B.B.A., Business Administration

Chad Jeffrey Mantey Sussex
B.B.A., Management

Ted Franklin Marris Colfax
B.B.A., Marketing

Rachel Marie Martell Stillwater, MN
B.B.A., International Business and Management

Kenneth Patrick Martin II Saint Paul, MN
B.B.A., Marketing

Brittany Kay Martin*** Chippewa Falls
B.B.A., Marketing

Duane Richard Mateski Eau Claire
B.B.A., Information Systems

Anthony Robert Mattei Savage, MN
B.B.A., Management

Eric James Matyas Madison
B.B.A., Information Systems

Jack Allan McCormick*** La Crescent, MN
B.B.A., Management

Riley Patrick McElligott Oak Park Heights, MN
B.B.A., Business Finance

Jordan Ross Meeks Wausau
B.B.A., Economics

Stephanie Kay Melby Osseo
B.B.A., Management

Anthony Raymond Meshnick Neillsville
B.B.A., Business Finance and Economics

Baleigh Shae Miller Prescott
B.B.A., Management

Kateri Jo Miller Eau Claire
B.B.A., Accounting

Andrew James Milligan Farmington, MN
B.B.A., Business Finance

Dwight John Mills La Crosse
B.B.A., Marketing

Jacob William Mohr Sparta
B.B.A., Information Systems

Mitchell William Molbeck Milwaukee
B.B.A., Marketing

Rachel Jayne Montgomery Hudson
B.B.A., Business Finance

Samantha Bea Mueller** Pardeeville
B.B.A., Business Finance

Lars Aaron Nelson Eau Claire
B.B.A., Management

Kyle Joseph Nemec Phillips
B.B.A., Economics

Tara Leigh Nenahlo** Green Bay
B.B.A., Health Care Administration

Cameron Joseph Newberry Eagle
B.B.A., International Business

Trey Edward Newton** Wisconsin Rapids
B.B.A., Marketing

Irene Ng Malaysia
B.B.A., Economics

Tung Anh Nguyen*** Viet Nam
B.B.A., Economics

Sarah Christine Nichols* Dallas
B.B.A., Health Care Administration

Alyssa Marie Noll** West Salem
B.B.A., Information Systems

Katelyn Taylor Nowack Hightown
B.B.A., Health Care Administration

Cody James Nyhagen Hammond
B.B.A., Business Finance

Andria Taylor Obermiller Minneapolis, MN
B.B.A., International Business

Nathan John Oestreicher** Hortonville
B.B.A., Economics

Hannah Marie Olejniczak* Neenah
B.B.A., Health Care Administration

Marcus J Olson Superior
B.B.A., Management

Maxwell Anthony Oman* Lake Elmo, MN
B.B.A., Marketing

Paula Renee Omtvedt Chetek
B.B.A., Management

Amy Marie Orthaus** Lake City, MN
B.B.A., Management

Austin James Oungst* Arbor Vitae
B.B.A., Health Care Administration

Haley Rae Ovyn Withee
B.B.A., Health Care Administration

Samantha Carmen Paider*** Brussels
B.B.A., Health Care Administration

Tyler Raymond Paizkill Germantown
B.B.A., Health Care Administration

Andrea Patricia Pardon Slinger
B.B.A., Information Systems

Allison Jeane Pedretti* Genoa
B.B.A., Health Care Administration

Robert Michael Francis Perushek Bloomer
B.B.A., Accounting

Eli James Petersen** Madison
B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance

Danielle Ruth Peterson Red Wing, MN
B.B.A., Health Care Administration

Matthew David Peterson** Neenah
B.B.A., Management and Communication

Nicholas Ragnar Peterson** Brookfield
B.B.A., Information Systems

Collin Michael Pieczynski Wausau
B.B.A., Management

Deanna Diane-Dilts Pierzina Menomonie
B.B.A., Health Care Administration

Benjamin Gregory Plantz* Waterford
B.B.A., Marketing

Andrew John Plautz Wausau
B.B.A., Management

Sarah Louise Poli Eau Claire
B.B.A., Accounting

Joseph Robert Poncetl Hastings, MN
B.B.A., Business Administration

Cassidy Quinn Price New London
B.B.A., Marketing

Joseph Thomas Raeker Coon Rapids, MN
B.B.A., Management

Greta Lee Reed* Lodi
B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance

Jamie Reetz Woodbury, MN
B.B.A., Marketing

Alexander James Reller Apple Valley, MN
B.B.A., Marketing

Kelsey Rae Repik Blaine, MN
B.B.A., Health Care Administration

Adam Joseph Revak*** New Prague, MN
B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance

Tiffany Rose Richie Ellsworth
B.B.A., Health Care Administration

Katie Marie Ritter Woodbury, MN
B.B.A., Management

Darnell Mitchell Robinson Jr*** Chanhassen, MN
B.B.A., Accounting

Mary Kathryn Rodberg* Cedarburg
B.B.A., Business Finance

Lisa Renee Rolf* Appleton
B.B.A., Management

Jenna Roovers* Kaukauna
B.B.A., Management

Jon Michael Rosene** West Bend
B.B.A., Accounting

Evan Lee Runzheimer Pewaukee
B.B.A., Marketing

Kayla Anne Sauer*** Woodbury, MN
B.B.A., Information Systems

Alexander Ryan Schafer Amery
B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance
Kayla Marie Schellfeffer * Eau Claire  
B.B.A., Business Finance  

Danielle Jennifer Schmalz ** Neenah  
University Honors  
B.B.A., Management and Spanish  

Angela Lynn Schmick Chippewa Falls  
B.B.A., Management  

Andrew Ellingwood Schmidt ** Green Bay  
B.B.A., Business Finance and Accounting  

Eva Christiana Schmidt ** Circle Pines, MN  
B.B.A., Management  

Jared Scott Schneidermann * Brooklyn Park, MN  
B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance  

Andrew Joseph Schreck * Lake City, MN  
B.B.A., Management  

Michael Edwin Schulz Verona  
B.B.A., Business Finance  

Jennifer Jo See Chippewa Falls  
B.B.A., Marketing  

Kylie Sue Seiffert ** Chaska, MN  
B.B.A., Health Care Administration  

Matthew James Seipel Eau Claire  
B.B.A., Information Systems  

Cassidy Logan Sepnieski ** Green Bay  
B.B.A., Marketing  

Faisal Rahim Shaikh Eau Claire  
B.B.A., Information Systems  

Mason Thomas Sheehy * Bruce  
B.B.A., Management  

Kory Allen Shervey Jim Falls  
B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance  

Grace Katherine Singer Sun Prairie  
B.B.A., Marketing  

Michael Jerome Siverling Cadott  
B.A., Information Systems  

Ashley Nicole Smetana ** Osceola  
B.B.A., Health Care Administration  

Jenna Ann Smith Waupaca  
B.B.A., Business Administration  

Lucas Daniel Smrecek Cadott  
B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance  

Sommer Elizabeth Soli Dayton, MN  
B.A., Marketing  

Shelby Lynn Sonnentag ** Stanley  
B.B.A., Accounting  

Nathaniel Alan Sproat Green Bay  
B.B.A., Health Care Administration  

Colette Grace St. John ** Chaska, MN  
B.B.A., Marketing  

Sara Catherine Starck Cadott  
B.B.A., Health Care Administration  

Rachel Wanner Steingruebl * Saint Paul, MN  
B.B.A., Health Care Administration  

Collin Lee Stern * Waupaca  
B.B.A., Business Administration and Spanish  

Nicholas Allen Stern Waverly, IA  
B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance  

Michael John Stevens * Verona  
B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance  

Allysha Marie Stocks Mondovi  
B.B.A., Management  

Clayton James Stoltz ** Custer  
B.B.A., Health Care Administration  

Andrew Horton Strom * Elk Mound  
B.B.A., Information Systems  

Dylan Michael Strom Chippewa Falls  
B.B.A., Business Administration  

Autum Marie Sullivan Janesville  
B.B.A., Management  

Alana Ruth Sundby * Orono, MN  
B.B.A., Management  

Ryan William Sykora Chippewa Falls  
B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance  

Morgan Christina Tabalske Suamico  
B.B.A., Management  

Cody Jacob Taubman New Richmond  
B.B.A., Management  

Justin James Teal * Tomahawk  
B.B.A., Health Care Administration  

Alec Martin Tempesta Crystal, MN  
B.B.A., Management  

Kristen Nicole Teresi Excelsior, MN  
B.B.A., Business Administration  

Megan Marie Tesch ** Jefferson  
B.B.A., Business Finance  

Nathaniel Scott Teuscher Madison  
B.B.A., Economics  

Daniel Nelson Thaldorf Eagan, MN  
B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance  

Cheng Thao Rothschild  
B.B.A., Information Systems  

Dylan Paul Thompson * Champlin, MN  
B.B.A., Health Care Administration  

Amanda Maria Tilot ** Denmark  
B.B.A., Accounting and Information Systems  

Megan Elizabeth Tragiai * Shoreview, MN  
B.B.A., Business Administration  

Korrie Jane Trier ** Ironwood, MI  
B.B.A., Business Finance  

Kathryn Corrine Trucco ** Appleton  
B.B.A., Health Care Administration  

Melissa Anne Tschudy Verona  
B.B.A., Marketing  

Tyler Scott Turriff ** De Pere  
B.B.A., Information Systems  

Brett Thomas Van De Hey ** Kaukauna  
B.B.A., Accounting and Management  

Megan Ranae Van De Hey ** De Pere  
B.B.A., Health Care Administration  

Benjamen Joseph Van Lieshout Neenah  
B.B.A., Marketing and Spanish  

Christopher Michael Vassallo Chanhassen, MN  
B.B.A., Accounting and Information Systems  

Bradley Steven Veldhorst Neenah  
B.B.A., Marketing  

Nicholas Hastings Veras * De Pere  
B.B.A., Accounting  

John Joseph Vodacek ** New Auburn  
B.B.A., Business Finance and Economics  

Brooke Kathryn Volpone *** Monticello, MN  
B.B.A., Marketing  

Jacob James Wales Sugar Camp  
B.B.A., Information Systems  

Jessica Rae Walker Sparta  
B.B.A., Health Care Administration  

Yifan Wang China  
B.B.A., Marketing  

Alexandra Marie Wangen Lakeville, MN  
B.B.A., Health Care Administration  

Evan Joseph Watermolen * Green Bay  
B.B.A., Accounting  

Cayci Jo Wathke Eau Claire  
B.B.A., Health Care Administration  

Kelsey Michelle Waughtal * Eau Claire  
B.B.A., Marketing  

Scott John Wenta Carver, MN  
B.B.A., Information Systems  

Kaitlyn Ruth West * Eau Claire  
B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance  

Will Albert James Weyenberg * Neenah  
B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance  

Briana Marie Weyker ** Belgium  
B.B.A., Health Care Administration  

Molly Rae Wichelt * La Crosse  
B.B.A., Marketing  

Bianna Willer ** Eau Claire  
B.B.A., Marketing  

Sue Ann Williams Lake Holcombe  
B.B.A., Business Administration  

Brett Charles Wilson * Stillwater, MN  
B.B.A., Marketing  

Jacob William Winter Durand  
B.B.A., Marketing  

Emily Jean Wurzer Schofield  
B.B.A., Health Care Administration  

Tianyang Xia China  
B.B.A., Accounting  

Yun Yang China  
B.B.A., Accounting  

Jacob Tyler Yenter Stevens Point  
B.B.A., Business Finance  

Nathan James Ylenit Stillwater, MN  
B.B.A., Management  

Zach Young * Northfield, MN  
B.B.A., International Business  

Jarrett Trace Yuknis Hayward  
B.B.A., Accounting and Information Systems  

Kevin Thomas Zarske Sussex  
B.B.A., Business Finance  

Nicholas Lee Zillmann Baldwin  
B.B.A., Accounting and Business Finance  

Alex Bernard Zimmerman Janesville  
B.B.A., Information Systems  

— 16 —
Maddie Jane Sutton Richfield, MN  
Ed.S., School Psychology  
M.S.E., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
B.S., 2011, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
Program Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing  
Thesis: An Application of Brief Experimental Analysis Within a Conceptual and Procedural Framework with Math Fluency and Early Elementary Students  
Thesis Advisor: Dr. Michael Axelrod

Lauren Thomas Kodes Anderson Eagan, MN  
M.A., History – Public History  
B.A., 2013, Thomas A. Edison State College  
Program Adviser: Dr. John W.W. Mann  
Thesis: “A New Species”: Neighborhood and Community Shopping Centers in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, 1941-1956  
Thesis Adviser: Dr. John W.W. Mann

Katie Marie Cary Eau Claire  
M.A., English-Language and Textual Interpretation  
B.A., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
Program Adviser: Dr. David Jones  
Thesis Adviser: Dr. Joel Pace

Benjamin John Clark Wausau  
M.A., History  
B.A., 2010, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point  
Program Adviser: Dr. John WW Mann  
Thesis Adviser: Dr. Patricia Turner

William Anthony Foy Eau Claire  
M.A., English-Writing  
B.A., 1981, Marquette University  
Program Adviser: Dr. David Jones  
Thesis Adviser: Dr. Alan Benson

Kyle B. Kirby Hortonville  
M.A., History  
B.A., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay  
Program Adviser: Dr. John W.W. Mann

Gina T. Luy West Bend  
M.A., English-Language and Textual Interpretation  
B.S.E., 2005, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh  
Program Adviser: Dr. David Jones  
Thesis Adviser: Dr. Debra Barker

Karsyn Natalie Morse Eau Claire  
M.A., English-Writing  
B.A., 2010, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Program Adviser: Dr. David Jones  
Thesis Adviser: Dr. Jack Bushnell

Jessica Lynn Moser Abbotsford  
M.A., English-Writing  
B.S., 2012, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
Program Adviser: Dr. David Jones  
Thesis: A Moment of Silence: A YA Novel on Grief and Loss  
Thesis Adviser: Ms. Molly Patterson

Jeremiah Allen Riedler Mount Pleasant  
M.A., History  
B.A., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Parkside  
Program Adviser: Dr. John WW Mann

Melissa Rose Schultz Deforest  
M.A., History  
B.A., 2007, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater  
Program Adviser: Dr. John WW Mann  
Thesis Adviser: Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton

Jeremy Edward Swick Sussex  
M.A., History – Public History  
B.A., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
Program Adviser: Dr. John W.W. Mann  
Thesis: A Living Memorial: A Case Study on the Creation of Memorial Stadiums at the University of Illinois, University of Minnesota, and Indiana University during the 1920’s  
Thesis Adviser: Dr. James Oberly

Yuan Xu Madison  
M.A., History  
B.A., 2013, Osaka University (Japan)  
Program Adviser: Dr. John W.W. Mann  
Thesis: The Yinyang Academies in Yuan China (1260-1368): Formation and Development  
Thesis Adviser: Dr. Reiko Shinno
Kathleen Rose Ahrens Appleton 
B.A., Communication 

Katie Leyla Aksoy ** Delano, MN 
B.S., Spanish 

Elaine Mae Alexander Phillips 
B.S., Biology 

Luke Richard Altendorf * Prior Lake, MN 
B.S., Biochemistry / Molecular Biology 

Bryce Darwin Anderson ** Menomonie 
B.S., Computer Science 

Nicole Irene Anderson ** Mukwonago 
B.S., Mathematics 

Nicole Marie Anderson Minneapolis, MN 
B.A., Communication 

Joshua Ronald Arkola Westboro 
B.A., Criminal Justice 

Ivy Joy Arora *** Apple Valley, MN 
B.A., Philosophy 

Cory William Auenson Middleton 
B.S., Chemistry 

Austin Douglas Auleta *** Eau Claire 
B.A., Philosophy 

Lindsay Ann Backhaus *** Fond du Lac 
University Honors 
B.S., Biology 

Janel Elaine Balsavich ** Rice Lake 
University Honors 
B.A., Psychology 

Nathanael Garrison Bambeneck ** Coon Rapids, MN 
B.A., Art 

Tyler Barbee Milwaukee 
B.A., English 

Emily Jeanine Bartels Eastman 
B.A., Art 

Allison Kay Bauer Mauston 
B.A., Psychology 

Chelsie Evelyn Bee Arkansaw 
B.S., Biology 

Sarah Jennifer Beer Antigo 
B.A., History 

Robert Michael Belau Chippewa Falls 
B.S., Physics and Mathematics 

Ashley Bell Butternut 
B.S., Biology 

Ryan Eric Bell Saint Louis Park, MN 
B.A., Geography 

Kristofer John Bergh * Minneapolis, MN 
B.M., Music 

Trevor John Bero *** Peshtigo 
B.A., Political Science and Spanish 

Alexander Lawrence Berry Saint Francis 
B.A., English 

Mitchum Dominic Biegel Elk-Mound 
B.S., Geology 

Anna N. Biel *** Beaver Dam 
University Honors 
B.A., German 

Taylor Jo Bille Spring Valley 
B.A., Psychology 

Teagan Ashley Birrenkott Mc Farland 
B.S., Biology 

Robin Paige Blevins Fargo, ND 
B.A., German and International Business 

Lara Ann Bokenstedt Eden Prairie, MN 
B.A., Journalism 

Joshua Troy Bodnar ** Nashotah 
University Honors 
B.S., Biology 

Benjamin Lewis Bolder * Auburndale 
B.A., Criminal Justice 

Benjamin Jameson Bonitz Spencer 
B.A., Sociology 

Rachel Lynn Books Chetek 
B.L.S., Liberal Studies 

Erin Nicole Bosman Woodbury, MN 
B.A., Psychology and Communication 

Austin Reed Bower Stevens Point 
B.A., Integrated Strategic Communication 

Anna Mary Brickheimer ** Deforest 
B.S., Geology 

Lauren Eileen Brinkman *** Maple Grove, MN 
B.A., Psychology 

Eric Michael Brinza Elk River, MN 
B.S., Geology 

William Jeffery Brosius Jr. ** Cross Plains 
B.S., Physics 

Allison Renee Brost * Medford 
B.S., Biology 

Hannah Renee Brown * Rice Lake 
B.S.E.P.H., Environmental Public Health 

Kelsey Susan Brown ** Eau Claire 
B.S., Integrated Strategic Communication 

Elizabeth Anne Brunner Denmark 
B.S., Geology 

Kaylyn Pearl Brunner Eau Claire 
B.S., Chemistry 

Danielle Elise Brushaber **** Rochester, MN 
B.S., Mathematics 

David Andrew Bruso Rhinelander 
B.A., History 

Breanna Jean Bryant Delano, MN 
B.A., Spanish and Latin American Studies 

Lucas Scott Buchanan Superior 
B.S., Mathematics 

Gina Marie Burbey * Owen 
B.S., Biology 

Nicholas William Bursaw ** Mondovi 
B.A., Political Science 

Julia Rachel Butnick Eau Claire 
B.S., Biology 

Stephanie L Byrnes-Hampton * Cameron 
B.P.S., Organizational Leadership and Communication 

Alison Rose Campbell Seattle, WA 
B.A., English 

Lukas Dylan Carlson Hugo, MN 
B.F.A., Art 

Gunther Pehrson Carpenter ** Appleton 
B.A., Psychology and Spanish 

Lucas William Carr Verona 
B.S., Economics 

Heather Marie Carter Cornell 
B.A., Sociology 

Roslyn Zapchenk Cashman ** Black Earth 
B.F.A., Art 

Jacob Thomas Charneski Denmark 
B.S., Geology 

Devan Martin Chase ** Francis Creek 
B.S., Biology 

Nicole F Childs Eau Claire 
B.S., Psychology 

Le-E Chin Malaysia 
B.A., Psychology 

Celia Ann Church Wayzata, MN 
B.A., Psychology 

Gracia Raquel Clark * Edgar 
B.S., Chemistry with Business Emphasis 

Jeana Kathryn Conder ** Holmen 
B.A., Political Science and English 

Jordan Leigh Conlon * Menasha 
B.S., Chemistry 

Christopher Conrad * Green Bay 
B.S.E.P.H., Environmental Public Health 

Cora Louise Despina Cooley Mukwonago 
B.A., Political Science 

William Benjamin Cooper Madison 
B.A., Mass Communication 

Maggie Jane Corman ** Stillwater, MN 
B.L.S., Liberal Studies 

Megan Marie Cousineau Wrightstown 
B.A., Communication 

Maryanne Louise Cowart Wrightstown 
B.S., English 

 corroborates the claims made in the extracted text. 

Kelly Joan Cronin *** Rochester, MN 
University Honors 
B.S., Biochemistry / Molecular Biology 

Garrett Michael Cropsey Appleton, WA 
B.A., History 

Gina Kay Cruciani *** Eau Claire 
B.A., History 

Katherine Lee Cudnowski ** Appleton 
B.A., Communication 

Matthew David Cyra Eagle 
B.S., Psychology 

Kevin Gilbert Cyra Eagle 
B.S., Psychology 

Austin Jean Dehnke ** Fall Creek 
B.S., English 

Patrick James Delaney Muskego 
B.S., Criminal Justice 

Andrea Marie DeMars ** Eau Claire 
B.L.S., Liberal Studies
SPECIAL THANK YOU TO

Rachel Kohn, signing for the deaf and hard of hearing

Readers
Dana Strothenke, Senior Theatre Arts Major
McKenzie Currie, Senior Theatre Arts and Integrated Strategic Communications Double Major

COMMENCEMENT PRODUCTION AND COORDINATION STAFF

Mitch Freymiller, Commencement Marshal, Chair, University Senate
Debra Lang, Events and Special Projects Coordinator, Offices of the Chancellor and UW-Eau Claire Foundation
Corry Mahnke, Commencement Assistant
Aaron J. Moen and members of the University Centers Event Services student staff
Tessa Perchinsky and staff members of the Records and Registration Office

UW-Eau Claire Integrated Marketing and Communications staff
Mark Andrle, Tina Wolfgram and staff members of University Printing Services
Brooke Weiss and staff members of the University Service Center
Learning and Technology Services
GradImages, Fairfield, Iowa
Blugold Dining by Sodexo

DEGREE INTERPRETATIONS

B.A. Bachelor of Arts
B.B.A. Bachelor of Business Administration
B.F.A. Bachelor of Fine Arts
B.L.S. Bachelor of Liberal Studies
B.M. Bachelor of Music
B.M.E. Bachelor of Music Education
B.P.S. Bachelor of Professional Studies
B.S. Bachelor of Science
B.S.E.P.H. Bachelor of Science in Environmental Public Health
B.S.H.C.A. Bachelor of Science in Health Care Administration
B.S.N. Bachelor of Science in Nursing
B.S.W. Bachelor of Social Work
D.N.P. Doctor of Nursing Practice
Ed.S. Specialist in Education
M.A. Master of Arts
M.B.A. Master of Business Administration
M.E.P.D. Master of Education—Professional Development
M.S. Master of Science
M.S.E. Master of Science in Education
M.S.N. Master of Science in Nursing
M.S.T. Master of Science in Teaching
HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors Program provides an extra measure of challenge and enrichment for students who are academically distinguished by previous and current achievements and by high levels of motivation and curiosity. The program seeks to challenge exceptionally able students to perform at the highest level of which they are capable, to enhance their capacity for critical inquiry and independent learning, and to develop their potential for leadership in their future vocations. The Honors Program has two components: University Honors and Departmental Honors. Students may complete one or both components. Students graduating with University Honors have attained a grade-point average of at least 3.5 and have completed at least 24 University Honors credits. Graduates receiving University Honors are identified by a gold ribbon and medal.

In addition, 32 scholastic honor societies are recognized at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. They exist primarily to recognize the attainment of scholarship of a superior quality and to confer distinction for high achievement in undergraduate, graduate and professional studies; in student leadership; and in various fields of research. Baccalaureate candidates who are members of scholastic honor societies are identified by silver cords.

ACADEMIC APPAREL

The academic apparel worn by the 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 skullcap worn to protect tonsured heads in cold weather. In the universities, the skullcap acquired a point on top, which gradually evolved into a tassel. In Europe the bonnet with tassel is still worn but has been replaced in America by the mortarboard cap or tam with 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, specialist in education 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), white (arts). The colors of the satin lining are those approved and authorized by the college or university from which the degree was earned.

UNIVERSITY MACE AND STAND

The University Mace represents the best of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and epitomizes the collaborative spirit we value so highly. The mace includes wood from the original Council Oak tree and Kent State Memorial trees that was saved when the trees were replaced. The University Medallion was Dr. Susan Harrison’s, which she received in honor of her 15 years of service as chair of the University Senate and commencement marshal. It was the vision of Dr. Harrison that the university have a mace to commemorate its centennial, so she worked collaboratively with university officials and the wood turners listed at right.

The product of their collaboration was presented to Chancellor James Schmidt on May 4, 2016. Henceforth the University Mace will be displayed at commencements and other university ceremonies to symbolize the university’s proud past and promising future. We are ever so grateful to Dr. Harrison’s vision and the artists’ hands that created this lasting symbol for a great university.

Mace and stand crafted by members of the Chippewa Valley Woodturners Guild:

Bruce Bartel
Ron Bartz
Orv Bierman

Bob Eberhardt
Bill Freeman
Barry Grill
Joe Nycz

Mark Palma
Dick Prouty
Rich Thelen
Senior Class Gift

Each year, graduating seniors have an opportunity to commemorate their graduation by making a gift to the UW-Eau Claire Foundation. This semester, more than 150 seniors joined our community of alumni who support UW-Eau Claire each year.

Graduating seniors were encouraged to donate to any area of the university including academic colleges and departments or the Excellence Fund to support UW-Eau Claire’s overall mission. By making a senior class gift, students are able to support current and future Blugolds even after they graduate.

The UW-Eau Claire Foundation thanks the following seniors for their generosity and for participating in the Senior Class Gift campaign. Senior class gift donors can be recognized wearing Blue and Gold Spirit Cords during the commencement ceremony.

The following seniors made a gift of at least $20.17 to commemorate their graduation year and to support UW-Eau Claire:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Nicole I. Anderson</td>
<td>Alyssa R. Glasby</td>
<td>Jennifer J. Lindquist</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sarah M. Anundson</td>
<td>Morgan L. Goldammer</td>
<td>Stephanie J. Little</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cory W. Auenson</td>
<td>Rosiley Gonzalez-Basulto</td>
<td>Wei Liu</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Janel E. Balsavich</td>
<td>Bethani J. Goodrum</td>
<td>Roman T. Lowney</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nathanael G. Bambenek</td>
<td>Jessica R. Guinn</td>
<td>Laine D. Lusier</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tyler C. Barbee</td>
<td>Catherine A. Gulik</td>
<td>Jenna R. Maly</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ashley T. Becraft</td>
<td>Molly J. Hart</td>
<td>Ted F. Marris</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ashley Bell</td>
<td>Abigail M. Haslerud</td>
<td>Olivia D. Martin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elisabeth R. Betker</td>
<td>Erin R. Held</td>
<td>Shelby M. Maruszczak</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lucas M. Brawdy</td>
<td>Pachia Her</td>
<td>David C. Mayville</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Haley M. Brost</td>
<td>Hailey K. Hoffmann</td>
<td>Jaclyn M. Mckoskey</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Elizabeth A. Brunner</td>
<td>Jillian M. Homa</td>
<td>Carly J. McPeak</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kaylyn P. Brunner</td>
<td>Brandon T. Hoynε</td>
<td>Jack W. McQuestion</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stephanie F. Bult</td>
<td>Megan M. Huntley</td>
<td>Joseph J. Mixis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Natalie A. Busch</td>
<td>Barry M. Inman</td>
<td>Kimberly A. Mueller</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alison R. Campbell</td>
<td>Cody R. Johnsen-Duquaine</td>
<td>Natalie K. Neisen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chelsey L. Candler</td>
<td>Judianne A. Johnson</td>
<td>Alexandria M. Nelson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Heather M. Carter</td>
<td>Kayla M. Johnson</td>
<td>Lars A. Nelson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alex R. Cieslewicz</td>
<td>Stephanie N. Johnson</td>
<td>Cameron J. Newberry</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clarissa R. Cleven-Peterson</td>
<td>Nicholas B. Johnston</td>
<td>Alyssa M. Noll</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jacqueline Ciby</td>
<td>Elizabeth M. Jungquist</td>
<td>Andria T. Obermiller</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Katie G. Collins</td>
<td>Claire M. Kelk</td>
<td>Sarah M. O’Driscoll</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Matthew T. Cooper</td>
<td>Madeline L. Kelley</td>
<td>Anne O. Olson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kevin G. Dague</td>
<td>Clara J. Kennedy</td>
<td>Paula R. Omtveld</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Katie L. Daley</td>
<td>Bradley S. Ketterling</td>
<td>Cassandra M. Ott</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Emily J. Danielson</td>
<td>Sara L. Krajewski</td>
<td>Andrea P. Pardon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jennique B. Demers</td>
<td>Kayla A. Kranzusch</td>
<td>Sumya Paung</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Samantha J. Dineen</td>
<td>Jeffrey R. Krismer</td>
<td>Amy L. Pieper</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Courtney E. Doerr</td>
<td>Sarah A. Kuczkowski</td>
<td>Elizabeth V. Pierce</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Adam D. Drost</td>
<td>Rachel L. Kuhnly</td>
<td>Emily C. Pikal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Emily J. Dyer</td>
<td>Alexander J. Kukay</td>
<td>Lauren K. Pittman</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alexis M. Effert</td>
<td>Corey J. Lane</td>
<td>Nicolas A. Pritchard</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shanna L. Ellefson</td>
<td>Samantha M. Lang</td>
<td>Alexis C. Rahile</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brandon G. Engels</td>
<td>Victoria A. Larson</td>
<td>Breanna J. Rheinschmidt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rachel M. Esselman</td>
<td>Ashley M. Lato</td>
<td>Connor J. Richards</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jacqueline M. Evans</td>
<td>Vajfuse Lee</td>
<td>Naomi L. Robarge</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Olivia Feider</td>
<td>Marissa A. Leners</td>
<td>Danielle E. Rockwell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nikoll A. Fjelstad</td>
<td>Olivia M. LiDonne</td>
<td>Mary K. Rodberg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marissa M. Forrest</td>
<td>Anna J. Liesch</td>
<td>Taylor M. Rosenfeldt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anna M. Gilbert</td>
<td></td>
<td>Courtney M. Roszak</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Taylor Roux</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Nicole M. Rued</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Kiri M. Salinas</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Kayla A. Sauer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Rebecca L. Schaberg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Courtney M. Schauer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Danielle J. Schmalz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Amy J. Schmidt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Jennifer M. Schmitz</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Ryan W. Schwantes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Trevor R. Secraw</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Jennifer J. See</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Matthew J. Seipel</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Claire S. Seloover</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Faisal Rahim Shaikh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Brianna E. Shoulak</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Ilaina R. Smith</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Annika M. Sorteberg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Nathaniel A. Sproat</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Autumn J. Stargardt</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Rachel W. Steingruebl</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Miranda M. Stelmach</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Athena M. Strand</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Taylor N. Syers</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Nina F. Tabatabai</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Kristen N. Teresi</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Ian J. Turk</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Casey T. Utke</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Daniel J. Vanningan</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Rachel M. Vircks</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Jenna D. Vogelsang</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Yifan Wang</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Kelsey M. Waughtal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Hannah G. Webber</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Danielle J. Weinberger</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Monica R. Weltzien</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Kaitlyn R. West</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Briana M. Weyerke</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Daniel J. Wimmer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Yun Yang</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Some donors are not listed per request*
Alumni Awards

Ten alumni and friends of the university are receiving awards from the UW-Eau Claire Alumni Association today, recognizing their professional and personal successes as well as their contributions to their alma mater, their communities and their professions. In these pages we introduce you to these distinguished Blugolds as they share their best advice with today’s graduates and welcome them into the Blugold alumni family.

OUTSTANDING RECENT ALUMNUS AWARD

The Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award acknowledges the special achievements and great promise of alumni who are within 15 years of their graduation from UW-Eau Claire.

Catherine Emmanuelle ’11
bachelor’s degree in women’s studies and economics

Since her graduation from UW-Eau Claire just six years ago, Catherine Emmanuelle has thrived as an admired local elected official and community leader, and as a respected family educator and devoted advocate for underrepresented populations.

In 2013, Emmanuelle became the first Latina elected to the Eau Claire City Council. That same year, she was awarded the UW System Outstanding Women of Color in Education award to recognize her significant achievements. In 2014, she earned a master’s degree in advocacy and political leadership from the University of Minnesota Duluth.

Emmanuelle was voted as one of the area’s “favorite local elected officials” through Volume One magazine for 2013, 2014 and 2015, and in 2014 she was voted as the “#1 best community advocate.” As an at-large City Council member, she has led efforts for fundraising of private dollars and passage of the Confluence Project in downtown Eau Claire, among other progressive city initiatives. Emmanuelle’s scholarly work and civic contributions have been published in diverse sources, including Feminist Teacher, The Shriver Report, MSNBC, the Eau Claire Leader-Telegram and Volume One magazine. She serves on the board of directors for Visit Eau Claire, and on the city of Eau Claire appointments committee, economic policy advisory committee, and affirmative action committee.

In addition to her Eau Claire City Council post, Emmanuelle works as family living educator for UW-Extension Trempealeau County, where she implements educational programming to support thriving youth, families, organizations and communities; a resilient and productive environment; and food safety, security and health.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

It wasn’t until I was on the job market and interviewing for a dream job that I actually thanked (yes I did!) the grueling years of finals weeks for preparing me for the final job interview. So, when you go to interview, you are going to study, study, study beforehand, and then at your interview, shine, shine, shine with the skills, knowledge and experience you bring to the organization.

Since I graduated, I discovered the world of improvisational theater and have applied the main concept, “yes, and” in my professional work and beyond. “Yes, and” acknowledges whatever may be going on around you, and finding a way to interact with it in a way that is true and affirming to yourself and others. Saying “yes, and” has been a sanity saver through the twists and turns of my professional, political and personal life.

Practice self-care. Along life’s rich and trying journey, be generous in love and kindness to yourself.

Nicole Griensewic Mickelson ’05
bachelor’s degree in German and history

Nicole Griensewic Mickelson is the executive director for the Region Nine Development Commission, which serves nine counties in South Central Minnesota. Region Nine works with and on behalf of counties, cities, townships and schools to develop programs and identify solutions in the areas of economic development, business development, healthy communities, transportation, community development and the leveraging of regional resources.

Griensewic Mickelson is the youngest executive director of a regional development commission in the country. Her passion for public service is reflected in Region Nine’s accomplishments, including national innovation awards for transportation projects, communication and marketing, and flood mitigation. As executive director, Griensewic Mickelson has made it a priority to foster collaboration and engagement by sharing Region Nine’s story both locally and globally. At the third Americas Competitiveness Exchange on Innovation and Entrepreneurship tour, she presented to leaders from 28 countries, highlighting efforts and best practices from Region Nine.

In addition to her professional position, Nicole is an active board and committee member for multiple organizations throughout Minnesota. She serves on the executive committee for the Minnesota Medical Manufacturing Partnership as part of the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership of the U.S. Economic Development Administration. She also serves as vice president for the Greater Minnesota Partnership board of directors and is an executive committee member of the Center for Transportation Studies at the University of Minnesota.

continued on next page
Advice to new Blugold alumni:
Spend time with those who fill you up. Walk away from those who don’t. Relationships are like clothes, sometimes you grow out of them and they need to be donated.
Surround yourself with others who are different. Like-minded people won’t challenge your thought process or help you grow.
Keep a mental list of those who have inspired you. In times of uncertainty, think back to them. Would they be proud?
Understand you are privileged. Be part of the need for social change.
Get involved. Democracy is not a spectator sport. Being quiet serves no one.
Share your failures. Learn from them and those of others.
Don’t be normal. It’s impossible anyway. Embrace your weirdness.
Flock to those who are authentic.
Do something that scares you to death. Know that you made it through. Push yourself, as no one else is obligated to do so.
Prove the bad bosses and teachers wrong. When you do, it feels pretty amazing.
Quit worrying about what others think. Your 20s are the best of times, and the worst of times. Be confident with your experiences. Just because you are young does not mean you are of any less value. Be ready and willing to sell yourself. Explain your worth — past your résumé and degree.
Push yourself so far that you simply have to succeed. Be open to new opportunities. Be willing to be flexible. Push yourself to grow. Be vulnerable and connect with others. Embrace challenges. Don’t shy away from them.
And remember: You may not always get the credit, but you will get the karma.

John Raymond ’09
bachelor’s degree in music performance

John Raymond has made a name for himself in the world of jazz music. Called a “prepossessing young trumpet player” by The New York Times, the twice-Grammy-nominated artist received the 2015 Herb Alpert Young Jazz Composer and Down Beat Magazine’s 2016 Rising Star Trumpeter awards. He has performed with many of the biggest names in the industry, and at notable events like the New York Winter Jazz Festival, the Austin City Limits Music Festival and NPR’s Toast of the Nation New Year’s Eve celebration.

Raymond, who also earned a master’s degree in jazz studies from Purchase College, State University of New York, recently joined the faculty at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music. He has long been a sought-after clinician at high schools and colleges across the country, including multiple clinics with UW-Eau Claire jazz students. His latest CD, “Foreign Territory,” has received rave reviews from The New York Times and Down Beat and Jazziz magazines — with Down Beat stating that Raymond is “steering jazz in the right direction.”

In a 2015 interview with JAZZed Magazine, Raymond said he bases his entrepreneurial approach to music on advice from UW-Eau Claire Professor Robert Baca, who told him as a freshman to “bloom where you are planted.” The words stuck with him, and he began as a student to do just that, self-producing two original jazz albums and founding a horn section that frequently worked and performed in the Twin Cities during college. Raymond interpreted Baca’s advice as “transcend your location, the people you’re around, even your own abilities by getting to the heart of the matter — the reality that you and only you are in control of your own development and success.”

Advice to new Blugold alumni:
No one ever told me that, to truly reach your fullest potential, you absolutely must go through more hardship and conflict than you sometimes think you can bear. Endless nights of soul-searching, long weeks and months and even years of perseverance, and opposition towards what you’ve set your heart to do should be expected. But all this is normal, because nothing worth chasing comes easy. You realize that it’s not about the short-term successes you once wanted, but it’s about the long game — it’s about endurance and staying the course. And only the people who do so are the ones who end up achieving what they set out to achieve. What’s more though is that, in fact, it’s precisely in these moments that you’re being refined more and more to become the person you truly were meant to be. And then you begin to realize … this personal growth is actually much sweeter and more worthy of chasing after than achieving anything you may have ever wanted. So pursue this — it’s far better than any awards or accomplishments you could ever garner for yourself, and it’ll be the stuff that lasts well past the shelf-life of your career.
PRESIDENT’S AWARD

The President’s Award recognizes outstanding professional and personal achievements and service to UW-Eau Claire.

Mary Laschinger ’85
bachelor’s degree in business management

Mary Laschinger is the chair and CEO of Veritiv Corp., a leading North American distributor of print, publishing, packaging, facility and logistics solutions. In June 2016, with this Blugold alumna at the helm, Veritiv was named to the Fortune 500 — just two years after the company was established. Laschinger is one of only 21 female CEOs of current Fortune 500 companies.

Laschinger's road to the Fortune 500 began with a UW-Eau Claire on-campus interview that led to a job as a production planner with Kimberly-Clark, another Fortune 500 company. She later held various positions in product management and distribution at Kimberly-Clark and James River Corp. before joining International Paper Co. She was president of International Paper's xpedx division when she accepted the opportunity to be CEO of what would become Veritiv.

Laschinger, who also will deliver the “Charge to the Class” during today’s commencement ceremonies, says she found value in UW-Eau Claire’s business curriculum and the real-life experience of its faculty.

“If you ask me what’s been the greatest lever in my success, it’s that I’ve been able to surround myself with really great people,” she says, adding, “You don’t have to be the smartest in the room to do what I do. You need to be well-rounded, and I think the business degree does that for you.”

Advice to new Blugold alumni:
While confidence is a positive trait, it’s important to stop short of arrogance.

Be willing to take risks and put yourself in a position of learning. That might mean changing your focus from one of “going up the ladder” to one of going across an organization. You can learn a lot more, it gives you broader perspective, and it expands, long term, your opportunities.

Figure out what your passion is, because if you can find your passion you’ll be great at it. Recognize the choices that you want to make and why, and realize that those are all going to be different answers for different people.

Elizabeth Willis ’83
bachelor’s degree in English

Elizabeth Willis, who has been described as “one of the most outstanding poets of her generation,” is a highly decorated writer who in 2016 was named a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry for her collection titled “Alive: New and Selected Poems.”

Her publications are extensive and include books, chapbooks, magazine articles, works in anthologies, prose publications and others.

Currently a professor of poetry at the Iowa Writers’ Workshop, Willis previously served as the Shapiro-Silverberg professor of creative writing at Wesleyan University. A recent Guggenheim fellow, Willis has held professorships and writing residencies at many colleges and universities and has received numerous writing awards. She holds a doctorate from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Willis, who grew up in Eau Claire, says she is forever grateful to UW-Eau Claire English faculty members Bruce Taylor, John Hildebrand and Douglas Pearson, now professors emeritus, who helped hone her early writing and encouraged her to pursue a doctorate.

“Poetry is a strange field because making a career as a poet is sort of the opposite of fame and fortune,” Willis says in reflecting on her career as a poet and educator. “I’ve had a job since I was 16, … so it was a great affirmation when a few years after I graduated I received a writing residency and an artists’ fellowship — an actual check, modest as it was, for doing the thing I love to do.

“Much later, when I received a Guggenheim Fellowship, and last year when I was a finalist the Pulitzer, it was the same kind of unexpected thrill. But the most rewarding experiences are more personal than that: hearing from a young writer that my work has been meaningful to them, or seeing books and magazines by my own students coming into the world.”

Advice to new Blugold alumni:
Trust your instincts, keep learning, be open to opportunities even if they don’t make sense to anyone else, and don’t be intimidated. We’re all just making it up as we go.
HONORARY ALUMNUS AWARD

The Honorary Alumnus Award is presented to non-alumni who have demonstrated great love of and service to UW-Eau Claire.

Pat Toutant

Marathon runners know something about persistence, internal motivation and the satisfaction that comes from completing something extraordinary. Eau Claire native and marathon runner Pat Toutant wanted to share that feeling with others — many thousands of others, to be exact.

Toutant has served as the Eau Claire Marathon race director for five years. The event, which this year attracted 4,000 participants to its various races, has become a standout in the region — with the marathon race being a Boston qualifier drawing runners from across the Midwest.

As race director, Toutant has partnered with UW-Eau Claire to bring the race route through campus — creating the now widely known Blugold Mile. The partnership has forged an enthusiastic connection between students and the community and, through the creation of a running class for students and community members that prepares them for the full or half marathon, has introduced many athletes to the world of distance running.

A Minneapolis Running article cited the Blugold Mile as one of “three reasons to run the Eau Claire Marathon,” noting, “we’ve been told that you can hear the Blugold Mile from a block away, and the crowds rival those of Boylston St. in the famed Boston Marathon.”

Toutant has provided the leadership behind partnerships citywide that have brought the community together in support of the Eau Claire Marathon, which in turn supports numerous local nonprofits.

“Not alone, not alone, not alone,” Toutant said in a recent interview with WEAU 13 News in Eau Claire. “If you have a good idea, if it works, and you have the support of the community, you will find ways to make it work.”

Advice to new Blugold alumni:

Congratulations! The opportunities that lie ahead are endless and amazing if one is willing to work. It is important to recognize that this journey is a marathon, not a sprint. It requires hard work and patience. You are not entitled to cross the finish line, but when you do because of all your efforts, it is amazingly rewarding.

It is really important to stay true to yourself. There is so much noise it becomes difficult at times, but remember it is the true you that defines your character.

Be careful what you think, for that will determine attitude.

Be careful about your attitude, for that determines action.

Be careful about your actions, for that determines character.

Be careful about your character, for that determines lifestyle.

William James said, “Most people never run far enough on their first wind to find out if they’ve got a second.” Give your dreams all you’ve got and you’ll be amazed at the energy that comes out of you.

Choose your friends wisely, be loyal, be kind. Be endlessly curious, help others and give back.

Be unique. Remember even the littlest things can make a big difference.

Remember, it is not what — it is who.

“Lace ‘em up.”
LIFETIME EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Lifetime Excellence Award is presented to UW-Eau Claire alumni who have demonstrated longtime and successful commitment to their careers and communities. These individuals have made a positive and dramatic impact through enthusiastic dedication to service and living their lives as a testimony to UW-Eau Claire’s motto, “Excellence.”

Richard Johnson ’82
bachelor’s degree in accounting

Mary Johnson ’82
bachelor’s degree in business education

After earning his UW-Eau Claire accounting degree, Richard Johnson began working as an auditor and systems developer with several firms before joining Eastbay, which led him to a more-than-20-year career in the sporting goods industry.

Eastbay eventually was acquired by Foot Locker Inc., and today Richard Johnson is chairman, president and CEO of Foot Locker. In late 2016, Footwear News named him the most influential leader in the shoe industry.

Mary Johnson, who also earned a master’s degree from UW-Whitewater, had a 25-year teaching and coaching career in elementary, middle and high schools as well as at technical colleges in Fond du Lac, Janesville and Wausau. As Dick’s career became more demanding, she turned her focus to being CEO of the Johnson household, which included the couple’s two sons. She also has served as a volunteer with a number of community organizations.

The Johnsons, who met as first-year students at UW-Eau Claire, now reside in the New York City area. They have generously supported Blugold athletics over the years through the UW-Eau Claire Foundation.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:
The best advice we could give to UW-EC’s newest graduates is to be open to new opportunities. Don’t let yourself become too comfortable, and by all means work at something you love to do. When you find a way to mix your vocation with your avocation it can be very special, especially when you have the unending trust and support of the ones you love.

Life is all about learning, so “knowing then what I know now” would have taken away some of the challenges of learning about life, which strengthens us all. But if there was one thing we wish we had known sooner it is how small the world really is — our time spent in Holland and learning about the expat community that exists around the globe was truly a life-changing experience for us.

Peter Scobie ’71
bachelor’s degree in business management

Randi Scobie

Following his graduation from UW-Eau Claire, Peter Scobie went on to a 48-year career in the family insurance business, R.W. Scobie Inc., including his 35-year term as CEO of six branch offices serving independent agents in 14 states.

Peter Scobie also has dedicated his time to many national and local executive boards and charitable organizations, including the UW-Eau Claire Business Advisory Council, which advises the dean of the College of Business in preparing Blugolds for success in the global business world.

Randi Scobie, a UW-Stout graduate, combined experience in both graphic design and real estate to help establish the St. Andrews Housing Development and St. Andrews Office Park in Eau Claire. She also has volunteered service to multiple charitable organizations in Eau Claire and the greater Chippewa Valley.

The Scobies also have been longtime supporters through the UW-Eau Claire Foundation of many university programs and initiatives, including the College of Business and the Confluence Arts Center.

Advice to new Blugold alumni:
Keep an open mind and be willing to EMBRACE change. If you don’t succeed with something, look for ways to approach your goals in a different way — make it a learning experience when things don’t go the way you planned.
ALMA MATER

Melody by William Croft
Harmonized by George Frederick Handel

Words by Mark D’Amico
and William Oesterreich

Members of The Singing Statesmen, 1969

1. Oh School of Eau Claire, our voices we raise; Accept thou this
anthem of undying praise. We pledge to be faithful, stout
ours, we dearly acclaim. In still thou within us a

2. Give honor to thee, and sing out thy name. Oh college of
hearted and strong. And cherish thy memory as our lives are long.
feeling of pride. We pray Alma Mater forever abide.