Celebrating 40 years of International Programs
Greetings from the second floor of Old Main,

As I write this, our alumni chapters are having some outstanding alumni events around the nation. Networking is the key word these days, and the volunteer-run alumni events are wonderful opportunities to meet in your area and extend your social and professional networks.

We welcomed our newest alumni at May’s commencement ceremony. A highlight of the Specht Forum event was 10 flags representing the countries to which Pointers have traveled to study and from which international students have come. These flags are especially important as International Programs celebrates 40 years beginning this fall. We are planning many gatherings for this group of nearly 13,000 alumni who have studied abroad or come to Central Wisconsin from across the globe. I hope you will mark your calendar for Saturday, October 10, (during Homecoming) to join us in the fun of kicking off a yearlong celebration.

I continue to be amazed at what UWSP alumni go on to do in their lives and careers. All of our alumni are outstanding in their own ways, and we do our best to recognize all of this alumni glory with the Alumni Association’s Awards and Recognition program.

In continuing to introduce you to members of the UWSP Alumni Board of Directors, let me highlight members of the Awards and Recognition Committee. Their job is to develop ways to recognize alumni for their outstanding achievements. This year they are working on an awards expansion project with the help of dozens of people on campus.

Shannon Loecher, ’95 - In addition to her duties on the Executive Committee, Shannon chairs the Awards and Recognition Committee and helps create ways to recognize the amazing accomplishments of UWSP alumni. Shannon is director of sales for the 2009 PGA championship held in Minneapolis this summer, and she has been hosting special events for The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Jeff Buhrandt, ’00 – Jeff has been on the UWSP Alumni Board since 2006 and has been active on the Awards and Recognition Committee as well as the Madison area alumni chapter. A political science major, Jeff now works for Sen. Pat Kreidlow in Madison where he handles all press information relating to the senator.

Andrew Halverson, ’05 – Since joining the Alumni Board in 2005, Andrew has worked actively to ensure that the alumni awards processes are fair and agreed upon to create the best opportunities to recognize our alumni. Living in Stevens Point as the youngest mayor the city has ever elected, Andrew is extremely involved and attends many campus events every year.

John Jokela, ’01 – During his time on the Board of Directors, John has been on both the Program Support Committee and the Awards and Recognition Committee. He has worked diligently to ensure all of our alumni awards maintain their prestige so that each recipient is recognized as fully as possible. John works as a lawyer in Schofield and has been on the Alumni Board since 2004.

Mike Kormann, ’90 – Working for the UW-Extension in the north woods, Mike or “Korny” as his friends call him, brings a great sense of humor to the committee. Since joining the board in 2006, his creativity has gone far in brainstorming unique ways to make the awards and recognition process fun for all involved and special for each award winner.

Patty Noel, ’00 - Serving on the Alumni Board since 2000, Patty is no stranger to awards herself. She has received several, including the Hansen Distinguished Service Award with her husband, John, last year. Patty works tirelessly in the Stevens Point community and on the Alumni Board on the Awards and Recognition Committee as well as the First Nighters Committee. Her dedication is surpassed only by her generosity as she works to help us recognize as many deserving alumni as possible.

This dedicated group researches alumni and looks for all those who have gone above and beyond in their time since graduation. This year, they are working on expanding the number of Distinguished Alumni awards we grant to include more opportunities for alumni to be recognized. With over 70,000 graduates, this is a big task! We are working with all of the deans, development directors, current and former faculty, staff, students and many alumni volunteers to encourage nominations for these awards so all of our alumni are given consideration and a chance to be recognized.

If you know of someone who should be considered, please go to www.uwsp.edu/alumni and fill out the appropriate nomination form before January for consideration in our 2010 awards!

Laura Gehrmann Rottier, ’04
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Emeritus members of alumni board

The Alumni Association Board of Directors, created about 40 years ago, has more than 130 alumni including those now serving and pictured at the top right. Emeritus members include (“deceased”):

Harvin Abrahamson, ’48
Beuben Belongia, ’40
Penny Copp, ’58
Lorraine Dudley, ’56
Mary Herman, ’50
Raymond Hutchinson, ’71
Rose Koth, ’45
Diane Loser, ’86
Sheila Michel, ’78
Clarence Novitzki, ’59
Robert Pienkenbrock, ’86
Scott Schultz, ’72
David Shauer, ’65
Frederick Stemmeler, ’84
Robert Spencer, ’82

On the Cover

UWSP International Program began sending students abroad in August 1969 and since then has sent more than 13,000 students across the world. Pictured on the cover are just a few examples of IP programs in Europe, Asia and South America, including a photo from the first study abroad trip courtesy of Tom Derby, ’75.

Online alumni business directory

Pointer alumni business owners are featured with descriptions of their services in the Alumni Business Directory found at www.uwsp.edu/Alumni/business.aspx

“This business directory allows the Alumni Association to not only support our alumni business owners but also allows all of our alumni to network with each other and help our new alumni find careers,” said Laura Gehrmann Rottier, ’04, Stevens Point, Director of Alumni Affairs. “We will work to make this site more interactive as the years go by; but for now, it is a great place to look for and support alumni enterprises!” Be sure to check it out and find out what your fellow Pointers offer in a variety of service and industry businesses - they might have exactly what you need. Or, to feature your business on this site, contact Alumni Affairs at alumni@uwsp.edu.
Distinguished Alumnus Award

The co-founder and vice chairman of Cirrus Design Corporation, the world’s leading innovator of single-engine, piston-powered aircraft, has been honored with the 2009 UWSP Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Dale Klapmeier, ’83, Hermantown, Minn., will receive the award as part of the UWSP Awards Banquet on Saturday, October 10. Dr. Anne Gilfrey Schierl, Stevens Point, winner of the Alumni Service Award, and James Anderson, ’89, Stevens Point, and Dorothy Vallier, Milwaukee, winners of the William C. Hansen Distinguished Service Award, will also be honored.

As head of product development, Klapmeier is recognized around the globe for his plane designs, including the SR20, the world’s best-selling airplane in its class, the VR-90 and the SR-40. He is also working on the Cirrus Vision SF50 personal jet, for which there are already more than 300 orders.

Cirrus employs nearly 1,000 people and has more than 170 domestic and international service centers. The company trademarked and marketed aviation history with the Cirrus Airframe Parachute System in 2002 and created the unprecedented unmanned aerial vehicle for the Department of Defense in 1996.

Klapmeier has received the 2008 Oshkosh Key to the City Award, the 2007 Dr. Godfrey Gabot Award, the Experimental Aviation Association (EAA) 2007 Freedom of Flight Award, the EAA 2001 August Raspet and the Air Safety Foundation’s 2001 Admiral de Forest Award. He has been named a “Living Legends” Aviation Entrepreneur of the Year by Airport Journal and the 2004 Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year for Manufacturing.

Klapmeier has fond memories of UWSP, where he met his wife and developed lifelong relationships.

“UWSP was a big learning experience and certainly helped me grow,” he said. “I left with a tremendous amount of confidence.”

The Alumni Service Award is given to an individual who has contributed freely of his or her time and effort for the benefit of UWSP alumni and the university. Schierl, a retired physician, has contributed countless hours to organizing the fine arts scholarship fundraisers Soirée Música and Artrellas. She has also created several scholarship endowments for students in dance, acting, drama, musical theatre and technical theatre.

The William C. Hansen Distinguished Service Award recognizes public service as demonstrated by the humanitarian work of Hansen, who served as president of Wisconsin State Teachers College (later UWSP) from 1910 to 1962.

Anderson is an emeritus member and former president of the UWSP Foundation Board, and continues to serve on several of its committees. Co-chairman of Ellis Stone Construction, he is a longtime member and former president of the Rotary Club of Stevens Point and has also served the boards of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, St. Michael’s Foundation, Association of General Contractors-Wisconsin Chapter, Stevens Point Country Club and M&B Bank. He is currently president of the Portage County Business Council and serves as its interim executive director over the summer. He is chairing this year’s United Way of Portage County annual fund drive.

Anderson is also involved in JusticeWorks Ltd. and received the Jim Klesmith Justice Worker Award in 2006 for helping develop the Volunteers in Probation program. He is a member of PRISM, a support group for Portage County Jail inmates, and helped set up funding for the Riverside Oxford House for men recovering from drug and alcohol abuse.

Vallier established Treehaven field station in Tomahawk in 1980 with a donation of 160 acres. She has established three College of Natural Resources endowed scholarships and has contributed funds toward several buildings and equipment projects. She established the Schlitz Audubon Center and Buena Vista Marsh and with her husband, Jacques, established Dory’s Bog at Hunt Hill Sanctuary and the Keshena Logging Museum. She also donated her vast crystal goblet collection to the UWSP College of Fine Arts and Communication, where it is on display in the Noel Fine Arts Center.

Cruise the world with fellow Pointers

See the world from a luxurious cruise ship next fall while reminiscing and making new memories with fellow Pointers.

The UWSP Alumni Association and UWSP Foundation are offering two cruises for UWSP alumni and friends in 2010, one to European ports and the other to ports in the Mediterranean.

The European Mosaic cruise trip departs from the U.S. on August 23. Travelers will board the Oceania Cruise Line Insignia in Lisbon, Portugal, and depart on August 24, cruising until September 5, when they disembark in Rome, Italy. The cruise includes 12 nights accommodations and stops at historic and scenic ports of call including Tangier, Morocco; Seville, Malaga, Ibiza and Barcelona, Spain; St. Tropez and Cannes, France; Monte Carlo, Monaco, and Portofino and Florence, Italy. A variety of stateroom options from $1,940 to $19,629 per person, double occupancy.

The Best of the Mediterranean and Greek Isles cruise, offered October 12-22, will allow cruisers to board the Oceania Cruise Line Regatta in Venice, Italy, then enjoy 12 nights accommodations on board with stops in Dubrovnik, Croatia; Kotor, Montenegro; Corfu, Delphi, Zakynthos, Monemvasia, Crete, Santorini, Delos and Mykonos, Greece, and Kusadasi, Turkey. The cruise ends in Athens, Greece. Travelers may choose a variety of staterooms for a reduced fare of $3,299 to $6,099 per person, double occupancy.

The fees for both trips include all meals, entertainment, a private reception, use of ship facilities, $50 in shipboard credit, comprehensive predeparture information, service from an experienced Cook Next program manager, taxes, fees and transfers and free round-trip airfare from select Oceania Cruises cities for a limited time.

For more information, go to www.uwsp.edu/Alumni/travel.aspx

Spring Pointer Alumnus going online – we need your e-mail address!

The Pointer Alumnus spring 2010 issue will be an entirely online publication in an effort to support UWSP’s dedication to environmental conservation and to decrease costs.

The same alumni features, news items and classnotes that regularly appear in the spring issue, plus the addition of video clips and other interactive features will be offered at www.uwsp.edu/news/palumni.

If you haven’t already done so, please provide the Alumni Affairs Office with your e-mail address so that you can be notified when the spring issue is posted. You may send e-mail to alumni@uwsp.edu or go to www.uwsp.edu/alumni and click on Communications to use the online update form at The Connecting Point.

Be sure to update the Alumni Affairs Office of any mailing address changes as well, as the fall issue of the Pointer Alumnus will continue to be printed and mailed as usual. We’ll see you online in April!

Alumni discount offered on Adventure Tours

UWSP’s Adventure Tours program will celebrate its 25th year of biking and hiking tours in 2010 with 12 destination packages, five new U.S. locations and a discount for UWSP alumni.

Since 1985, Adventure Tours has offered traveling the globe on foot and by bike as healthy ways to travel and explore the world and its cultures.

Destinations for 2010 include Hike Dominica, Dog Sledd in the Boundary Waters, Bike Mallorca, Bike New Mexico, Hike Vienna to Venice, Hike the Grand Canyon, Bike France, Hike Ireland and the U.K., Kayak the Apostle Islands, Hike Wyoming, Bike the Grand Canyon, pictured above, and Bike the Natchez Trace.

Alumni who have completed degrees at UWSP will receive a 5% per person discount on the total tour package (airfare not included). For more information about these trips and leader bios, contact Cathy Snyder at 715-734-6080, e-mail bikehike@uwsp.edu or visit the new Web site at www.uwsp.edu/bhp/advnturetours.

UWSP’s Adventure Tours is coordinated by UWSP’s School of Health Promotion and Human Development. The tours are open to adults of all ages, and are designed to provide a maximize healthy travel through biking, hiking and adventure trips. We hope you Join us for the Journey.
Mark Nook takes on a new challenge as Interim Chancellor

As an astrophysicist and scientist, Interim Chancellor Mark Nook is a problem solver. This quality will be helpful as he takes on the challenges of leading UWSP. Nook, formerly UWSP’s provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, took the interim chancellor role on June 1 after the resignation of Chancellor Linda Bunnell. A search for a permanent replacement will begin later this year. While UWSP now faces the challenges of a poor economy and budget restraints, the university has done its homework and is set to meet the needs of its students. Nook said that issues of having to address student needs are not a surprise. “It’s critical that we get everyone involved in addressing the issues and finding solutions,” he says. “One of the things I appreciate about UWSP is the real pull together attitude— we all work together for our students.”

Before coming to UWSP in 2007, Nook was a professor and administrator at St. Cloud State University. He chaired the Department of Physics, Astronomy and Engineering Science then was the dean of Undergraduate Studies.

Nook’s experiences as dean and provost will assist in his chancellor role as he knows how different departments interact and serve students. He’s also worked with student affairs and understands how student and academic affairs can work together for student success.

Nook has also seen UWSP from the role of a parent through his daughter’s great experiences at UWSP. “I saw everyone working to make her a successful student and person,” he says. “And I still see that aspect here, in every more ways that I didn’t expect.”

“It’s really important to keep that ‘parent’ perspective,” he said. “We should remember that everything we do impacts a student on our campus and take that responsibility very seriously. All of our students become alumni, and their experiences impact their lives and those of their families.”

UWSP alumni play a key role in its operations, says Nook, because they have an ability to keep us focused on our vision and what’s really important. “As our alumni interact with potential students, current students, faculty and staff, it builds the spirit of UWSP,” he says. “It sends a message to our students that this is a remarkable place to be, and what comes after you graduate is a reflection of what you did here as a student.”

A self-described optimist, Nook thinks that quality is necessary in higher education. “The single biggest impact we have is our attitude. We need to meet the needs of our students and the challenges we face with optimism so our students have an optimistic outlook on their own future.”

A specialist in astronomy and astrophysics, Nook holds a bachelor’s degree from Southwest Minnesota State University, a master’s degree from Iowa State University and a doctorate in astronomy from UW-Madison. A native of Holstein, Iowa, he has also taught at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., and worked at UW-Madison’s Space Astronomy Lab. He and his wife, Cheryl, have two sons, Aaron and Cory, in addition to their daughter. The couple enjoys living in Central Wisconsin and taking advantage of its opportunities for hiking, biking, fishing and as well as community music and theatre offerings.

Administrative changes at UWSP

While Provost Mark Nook has the role of interim chancellor, Jeff Morin is serving as the interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. Morin, the dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication, now acts as the university’s chief academic officer. Morin joined the university in 1996 as a faculty member in the Department of Art and Design. He served as chair of the department from 2000 until 2005 when he was appointed dean. Morin received his Master of Fine Arts and Master of Arts degrees from UW-Madison in 1986 and 1985, respectively, after having earned his Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Tyler School of Arts, Temple University in 1985. He was a faculty member at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga from 1988 to 1996 and helped that institution create its graphic design program.

Professor Jim Haney, head of the Communication Division, is serving as interim dean of the college in Morin’s absence. Filling Haney’s role as division head is Gerard McKenna, emeritus dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication. Haney has served as UWSP’s communication division and associate dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication since 2002. Haney holds a bachelor’s degree from Ripon College and master’s and doctorate from the University of Iowa. McKenna takes on the duties of head of communication after retiring from UWSP in 2007. He served as dean of Fine Arts and Communication for 16 years.

In other appointments, Gregory Summers, associate professor and chair of the Department of History, was named Associate Vice Chancellor for Teaching, Learning and Academic Programs in the Office of Academic Affairs.
Recycling Hyer Hall, bit by bit

More than 75 percent of Hyer Hall materials, such as asphalt, bricks, concrete and windows, are being recycled as the hall comes down.

Demolition of Hyer Hall has begun as UWSP prepares to replace it with a 50,000-square-foot suite-style residence hall that will be complete in July 2011. Windows have been removed and hazardous materials, such as those containing asbestos, are being removed.

“We were scavenge quite extensively with our crews,” said Carl Rasmussen, director of facilities planning. “We’re shooting for a minimum of 75 percent (of recycled materials) and we’ll likely go higher than that.”

Salvaged items such as mirrors, kitchen appliances, thermostats, door locks and other metal items will be reused on campus. Ten tons of asphalt will be recycled at an asphalt plant and more than 1,500 tons of bricks and concrete will be reused as fill or base. Carpets, windows and metals and metals will also be recycled.

These efforts will help UWSP earn LEED Silver certification from the US Green Building Council. Removal of the structure itself will begin after Labor Day, with the entire building being down by mid-October, according to Rasmussen. Construction on the new hall will begin in November. For live video camera updates on the Hyer Hall construction project, go to www.uwsp.edu/admin/basfaaf/fraglass/constructioncams/livencamouchyhyer.aspx.

Alumni building a solid “Foundation”

A letter from Interim Chancellor Nook

Greetings Pointer alumni and friends,

As parents of a Pointer alumna and a current student, my wife, Cheryl, and I know very well the excitement that comes from the start of another wonderful year at UWSP.

As interim chancellor, I encourage you to stay connected with your alma mater this year through the many wonderful programs and opportunities offered by our Alumni Association. You can mentor a current student, encourage a prospective student or join your fellow alumni at Homecoming and other reunion events. Your involvement at UWSP is vital to continuing UWSP’s legacy!

Like you, I’d like our university to continue to hire and retain the best professors, provide up-to-date laboratories and equipment, grow our library and technology resources and offer student internships and other learning experiences, including our renowned study abroad programs.

I want to make sure that all of our students have the same opportunities that my daughter and son have experienced.

Soon we’ll have students calling for contributions to our Annual Campaign. When you get that phone call, please answer and talk to our student caller about the Annual Campaign for Point! It will take all of us to continue the excellent quality of education that we offer here at UWSP.

Thanks again for your support as Pointer alumni!

Mark Nook
Interim Chancellor

A retired Rosholt principal who now enjoys summers at his cottage on Pine Lake, James Krems, ’60, Stevens Point, gives to UWSP because of all the university offers Central Wisconsin.

“The university provides so many things for the community—from wonderful performances to ball games,” said Jim, who with his wife, Mary Ann, has given to the Backcourt Club and Neale Alumni Honors Scholarship fund. “There is so much to be proud of as alumni. So we need to support all that UWSP does.”

What really made a difference in Jim’s time at UWSP were his professors. He took even classes taught by Bob Lewis of the geography department and turned him into a geography major. “He really knew who you were,” he recalls. “He had a great sense of humor, related to us and treated us fairly. I kept all my notes from his classes and used them when I taught high school geography.”

Fall Migration honors CNR retirees

Former College of Natural Resources (CNR) faculty members will be honored at the annual CNR Fall Migration dinner and auction on Saturday, Oct. 24. The event begins at 5 p.m. in the Laird Room of the Dreyfus University Center and offers food, drinks, both silent and live auctions, raffles and drawings. A highlight of the evening will be the induction of Forestry Professor Emeritus Robert Engelhard into the Wisconsin Forestry Hall of Fame.

Proceeds benefit the CNR Endowment Fund, which supports the work of programs, faculty and staff within the college.

The social and cash bar begins at 5 p.m. and dinner follows at 6:30 p.m. Guests may choose from beef tenderloin, smoked pork chop or a vegan entrée. A salad, bread and dessert are included.

Individual reservations are $60 or a table for eight may be reserved for $480. Reservations are requested by Oct. 7 by going to www.uwsp.edu/cnr/migration or by calling Tammy Hanson at 715-346-4167. Event sponsorships and donations for the auction and raffles may be made by calling Steve Menzel at 715-346-2032.

He also credits Music Appreciation Professor Dean Blair with his love of classical music. Jim relates that while he and many of his classmates had no musical background, Blair made them all excited about it. If it wasn’t for that class, he adds, he wouldn’t have had 20-year season tickets for the symphony and wouldn’t still recognize classical pieces he learned back then.

“I don’t think the professors fully realize the importance and impact they have on students’ lives,” Jim says.

These days, it’s Jim’s turn to make an impact with his donations to the UWSP Foundation.

Marcia Tepp and Gary Hetzer

Married couple and Old Main Giving Society members Marcia Tepp, ’84, and Gary Hetzer, ’82, pictured) Stevens Point, both attended UWSP as non-traditional students. But they each had very different life changing experiences that have inspired them to contribute to UWSP’s Annual Fund and Geography and Geology Department.

For Marcia, it was her semester abroad in Great Britain that gave her international experiences she would have never otherwise had, including working for Sentry Insurance in London after finishing the semester. Having begun working for Sentry in the records department, she will be honored in the Geography and Geology Department.

For Gary, who returned to school in his mid-30s, it was through a geography course where he discovered his love of cartography. The Geography and Geology Department helped him obtain an internship with the CNR Endowment Fund, and Gary went on to work for the CNR Endowment Fund.

“UWSP is a great college in a community that has many opportunities for those who work hard and take their learning experiences seriously,” says Marcia.

D. David (Dewey) Sebold

Brock Brandner, (pictured left) a paper science and engineering major from Medford, has received the Kathrin M. “Kitty” Saunders Sebold Scholarship to attend UWSP as a freshman this fall.

The $1,500 award, given by D. David (Dewey) Sebold, ’68, Medford, in memory of his late wife, Kitty Saunders Sebold, ’68, is given to a high achievement student from Medford Senior High School based on their academic merit and leadership ability.

Sebold is a former president and chief executive officer of Tombstone Pizza. Kitty was a social worker.
Teacher credential file phase-out reminder

UWSP Career Services reminds alumni who graduated between the years 1974-2003 and established teacher credential files, that all files will be shredded as of January 1, 2013. Our policy had been to shred files after 25 years. That practice will continue until 2013 when all teacher credential files will be shredded.

As those of you in the education field know, school districts no longer look to career services offices to provide credentials as part of the hiring process, but rather expect candidates to supply these materials themselves (“self-credential”). In 2003, Career Services discontinued creating credential files so newer alumni are not affected. Any alumni who want the non-confidential contents of their teacher credential file can contact Career Services with their request. A PDF request form is also available at www.uwsp.edu/career/studentsAndAlumni/services.aspx. Because most of these credential files contain outdated materials, alumni currently seeking teaching positions would be well served to obtain new letters of recommendation rather than relying on outdated references.

UWSP credential files typically contain a resume or data sheets and original letters of recommendation. Older files may also contain student teaching reports. Transcripts have never been a part of credential files. The Registration and Records Office is responsible for all transcripts.

The staff of Career Services would be happy to talk with you about obtaining materials from your file, or any other questions related to job seeking or career changing. The office is located in Room 134 Old Main Building. The staff may be reached at career@uwsp.edu or 715-346-3226.

Career Services waives alumni fees

UWSP Career Services’ online system, CareerPoint, is now free of charge for Pointer alumni. The service, which connects students and alumni to employers, had been free for currently enrolled students and available for a fee to alumni who have been out of school for more than a year. Due to the current state of our economy, Career Services is waiving the $20 fee for alumni to use CareerPoint throughout 2009. The majority of positions posted in CareerPoint are geared toward current students or recent graduates seeking internship, temp/seasonal or early career positions; however, there are some positions posted that are appropriate for individuals with more experience. Features of CareerPoint include:

• Jobs database
• Employer database
• On-campus interview schedules
• Career events calendar
• Career services e-mail list
• Electronic resume book (searchable by employers) - optional
• Mentor database

If you are interested in using CareerPoint, please contact Career Services at career@uwsp.edu to create or update your profile in the system and obtain access information.

The Thailand Project continues to grow

Contributions large and small have increased since The Thailand Project gained the attention of former President Bill Clinton’s Clinton Global Initiative (CGI). The Thailand Project is a UWSP student-created effort to provide privately funded Point educations to people from Southeast Asia who are without citizenship in any nation and at risk of falling into human trafficking. Following recognition and discussion at the CGI university event in Texas this past spring, more than $25,000 in additional donations have come to the project, including The Stevens Point Noon Lions which presented $200 recently to support the educations of the first two students, who came to campus this past year. Pictured here, Pointer alumni and Lions Norbert Wozniak, 70, Stevens Point, and David Garber, 71, Stevens Point, give their check to UWSP Vice Chancellor Bob Tomlinson.

Faculty and Staff Retirements

C.Y. Allen

communication, 1969

A specialist in organizational communication, a dynamic and in-demand speaker and former Baptist preacher, Allen directed the UWSP Communication Internship Program and received the Excellence in Teaching Award.

Donald Fadner

religious studies, 1974

Fadner served as chair of the Philosophy Department. He has published a book, The Responsible God, and has given presentations locally and nationally.

Diane Gillo

business administration, 1983

Gillo served as associate dean of the College of Letters and Science and received the Excellence in Teaching Award. An UWSP award in her name recognizes her work in student advising.

Daniel Goulot

computing, 1980

Goulot established the first computer information systems major in the UW System at UWSP. He also developed a dual degree program in computer science and computer science and mathematics.

Fred Hebert

HESA, 1985

Hebert was head of the School of Health, Exercise Science and Athletics, and taught and coached at UWSP. He received numerous honors, including the Excellence in Teaching Award.

Catherine Green

music, 1979

Martz directed the Aber Suzuki Center and American Suzuki Institute at UWSP. She is active in Suzuki organizations and is principal violist with the Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra.

Jim Moe

communication, 1979

In addition to his teaching, Moe founded and was the executive director of LEAD, a leadership development program for high school youth, for 15 years.

Cathleen Palmini

MST ’91

library, 1988

In addition to helping students and faculty with their research, Palmini published and presented on the topic of Wisconsin pioneer women writers of the mid-1800s.

Marcia Parker

French, 1994

During her career, Parker co-taught a French film class, worked in Benin, Africa, presented papers in various countries and took students on a tour of France with International Programs.

Henry St. Maurice

education, 1990

St. Maurice was director of education field experiences and was nationally honored for his work with UWSP’s Student Wisconsin Education Association.

Jim Stokes

English, 1981

Stokes earned several distinguished faculty awards, fellowships and grants for his extensive research and writings on early English drama.

Rick Wilke

’t73, MSN ’75

environmental education, 1976

Wilke, an alum, receive the Excellence in Teaching, Service and Scholarship awards. He was a UW System Distinguished Professor and director of the U.S. EPA’s National Environmental Education Training Program.

Leslie Wilson

education, 1990

Wilson was active in several technology, teaching and faculty development programs. She won a UW System Teaching Scholar Award and a UWSP Excellence in Teaching Award.

Classified staff retirees include Ken Cisewski, Karl Drefcninski, Nancy Euler, Eileen Janinski, Grace Gibbs, Catherine Griesmer, Vern Gunz, Sandy Knapp, Patricia Litserski, Alan Mayek and Gary Stoltenberg.

For more information about this year’s retirees, visit www.uwsp.edu/news/alumnus/campus.aspx
Baseball (31-16, 15-9 WIAC)

Another late season run helped the UWSP baseball team capture the school’s eighth Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) title. The Pointers defeated UW-Whitewater three times to take the team’s fifth consecutive conference tournament title.

The Pointers finished the year with 21 victories, giving them their eighth season of 50 or more wins. The Pointers also placed four players on the All-Midwest team and slugging Jeremy Richter (Rosholt) was named the WIAC’s Position Player of the Year.

Softball (21-20, 5-11 WIAC)

For the 16th straight season, the UWSP softball team finished with 20 or more victories, one game over .500. Under the direction of first year head coach Tom Henke, the Pointers posted an 8-2 record at the Rebel Games in Florida and a 10-12 record in Wisconsin. The Pointers earned the No. 7 seed in the WIAC tournament and advanced to the second day of competition before falling to UW-River Falls.

Three players earned All-WIAC honors including Brittany Zelenka (Marathon), Jessica Berger (Roshule) and Brittany Peper (Reedsburg).

Track & Field

The UWSP track and field teams qualified 12 men and five women for the 2009 NCAA Division III Championships in Marietta, Ohio. The Pointer men’s team tied for 25th with 11 team points while the women’s team tied for 35th with 12 points in the fall.

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A total of nine UWSP athletes were named to the All-American team by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association for their work in the classroom.

Women’s Golf

The women’s golf program had another historic year, finishing second at the 2009 NCAA Division III Women’s Golf Championships in Port St. Lucie, Fla., and taking home the National Runner-Up trophy, the highest ever finish for the women’s golf team. The team also captured their second consecutive WIAC title in the fall.

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Spring sports recap

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Another late season run helped the UWSP baseball team capture the school’s eighth Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) title. The Pointers defeated UW-Whitewater three times to take the team’s fifth consecutive conference tournament title.

The Pointers finished the year with 21 victories, giving them their eighth season of 50 or more wins. The Pointers also placed four players on the All-Midwest team and slugging Jeremy Richter (Rosholt) was named the WIAC’s Position Player of the Year.

Softball (21-20, 5-11 WIAC)

For the 16th straight season, the UWSP softball team finished with 20 or more victories, one game over .500. Under the direction of first year head coach Tom Henke, the Pointers posted an 8-2 record at the Rebel Games in Florida and a 10-12 record in Wisconsin. The Pointers earned the No. 7 seed in the WIAC tournament and advanced to the second day of competition before falling to UW-River Falls.

Three players earned All-WIAC honors including Brittany Zelenka (Marathon), Jessica Berger (Roshule) and Brittany Peper (Reedsburg).

Track & Field

The UWSP track and field teams qualified 12 men and five women for the 2009 NCAA Division III Championships in Marietta, Ohio. The Pointer men’s team tied for 25th with 11 team points while the women’s team tied for 35th with 12 points in the fall.

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Athletic Hall of Fame 2009

The 2009 Athletic Hall of Fame induction, held this year on Saturday, October 31, will welcome seven UWSP alumni from football, swimming and diving, cross country, and track and field as well as one UWSP coach to the 2009 Athletic Hall of Fame.

The individuals selected for Hall of Fame induction include:

Randy Boelk, ’01, West St. Paul, Minn., an individual and relay swimming and diving NCAA Division III national champion in 1998 and 1999. Randy is a trading representative for Wells Fargo Investments and is married to Becca Uphoff Boelk.

Rebecca Uphoff Boelk, ’00, West St. Paul, Minn., a member of women’s swimming and diving 2000 WIAC championship team and individual and relay champion. Rebecca earned a master’s degree at UW-Madison and is a speech-language pathologist for the school district in the West St. Paul/Eagan/Mendota Heights area. She is married to Randy Boelk.

Jesse Drake, ’01, Neenah, a track and field NCAA Division III national champion. Jesse earned a master’s degree at UW-La Crosse and is a race operations manager for the Fox Cities Marathon. He is married to Jody (Butkowski) Drake, ’02.

Sara Hilgers, ’00, Custar, a javelin NCAA Division III national champion in 1998. Sara is a medical technologist at Riverside Medical Center in Wausau and a volunteer throwing coach at Rosholt High School. She and her husband, Luke, have two sons.

Clint Kriewaldt, ’98, Shiocton, a NCAA Division III National Defensive Player of the Year in 1998. Running back for the Detroit Lions and special teams player for the 2006 Super Bowl Champion Pittsburgh Steelers. Clint retired from professional football in 2007 after a neck injury and is the head coach and special teams coach at Freedom High School. He and his wife, Jamie (Lowney) Kriewaldt, ’01, have three children.

Rick Peot, last attended ’78, Burnsville, Minn., a UWSP record holder and free agent for the Green Bay Packers, New England Patriots, New York Giants and San Diego Chargers. Rick resides in the Minneapolis area where he owns a painting business with his son, Ryan.

Bob Rohde, ’70, Mahtomedi, Minn., an All-Conference and All District NAIA running back and free agent with the Denver Broncos. Bob is the assistant to the athletics director at the University of Minnesota. He earned a master’s degree at Winona State University and is married to Mary.

The late Monte Blue Charles, head UWSP football coach from 1972-76 and UWSP’s intramural director and offensive coordinator from 1980-91. Monte died in 1992 at age 69 and was posthumously inducted into the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2006.

For more on these athletes, go to www.uwsp.edu/news/alumnus/athletics.aspx

The golf team celebrates its second place finish at the 2009 NCAA Division III Women’s Golf Championship in Port St. Lucie, Fla., including, from left, Assistant Coach Chris Rulseh, Jessica Urban, Nachehyan Green, Amanda Dziugopolski, Danielle Olson, Michelle Pascavis and Head Coach Matt Interbartolo.
International Programs...  

History of UWSP International Programs

According to Eric Yonke, director of International Programs (IP), “Points an extraordinary tradition of international education.”

“More often than not students return from study abroad with a much more mature and engaged approach to their university careers, and with a better understanding of the global opportunities and challenges facing them in the 21st century,” he said.

The IP tradition began with the work of founder Pauline Isaacson, whose long interest in creating a study abroad program was fulfilled under the leadership of Chancellor Lee Sherman Dreyfus. His first comment upon hearing of her plan, she recalled, was “How soon can we start?”

After receiving UW System regent approval, Isaacson devoted the next two years to establish the first semester abroad program in Great Britain. That trip began August 19, 1969, with 41 students led by David Coker and Alan Lehman. While the British program continued, an initial semester in Germany took place in the fall of 1971, with 25 students led by Donald Dietrich and Coralie Wells Dietrich. The first College of Natural Resources summer program in Germany was held in 1972, followed by the interim program to Puerto Rico that winter. The first semester in Malaysia was held in the sprint of 1973.

In the fall of 1975, the pilot Poland semester abroad program was offered with 12 students. By this time, more than 260 students were traveling abroad. The first China semester was offered in spring of 1977, and the first Winterim Costa Rica program in December 1978. Semester programs with short runs included India and Greece during the 70s and 80s. Isaacson retired as director in 1981 and her successor was Helen Cornel. Robert Bowen took the job in 1989 and Dave Staszak became the director in 1996.

By the early 90s, with the addition of a semester program in South Pacific in the fall of 1998 and in France in the spring of 1992, more than 300 students were traveling to 11 countries for both semester and interim study abroad programs. During the 1999-2000 academic year, IP celebrated 30 years at UWSP, a record 427 students traveled abroad. The events of Sept. 11, didn’t deter students from traveling abroad. Another record was created with 450 students abroad during the 2001-2002 year and 440 in 2005. New programs included a business internship in China, semesters in New Zealand and Hungary and summer programs in Oaxaca, Mexico and Nagasaki, Japan.

In 2003, eight former IP leaders established the IP Scholarship Endowment to help students fund their study abroad experiences. Now approaching more than $300,000 the endowment distributes their study abroad experiences. Now approaching

IP gave to alumnus who is now giving back

“Studying in Poland left an indelible mark on me and broadened my horizons,” says Christa Groshek, ‘97, St. Paul, Minn., an attorney who owns Groshek Law Office in Minneapolis and is a contributor to the UWSP Foundation’s Annual Fund.

Groshek initially came to UWSP to study abroad, and chose a semester in Poland to find more about her family heritage. She also studied the language with Professor Robert Price.

“I felt very connected to the Polish people,” she says. “It was so different culturally, that I learned that I had so much more to give and that there were a lot more parts to ‘me.’ I asked myself, ‘What did I want to do in it?’ It started me thinking.”

After she graduated, Groshek chose to study law and complete criminal defense, and began her law career as a Hennepin County (Minn.) public defender. She now bases her practice on criminal defense.

“Without my study abroad experience I would have stayed closer to home and had smaller goals,” she says.

Groshek’s siblings are following in her international study footsteps. Her brother studied in London and her sister will study in Poland through UWSP.

International Programs Scholarship Endowment

The International Programs Scholarship Endowment (IPSE), created to encourage students to study abroad, is now helping 40 students study abroad a year through a fund that has reached more than $200,000.

“We’re affecting a lot of lives,” says UWSP Professor Bob Wolensky, one of the founders of IPSE.

“People are not usually the same when they return from a study abroad trip. Their intellectual horizons are broadened. They broaden their understanding of art, and architecture. Their self confidence rises. Many who have never left the Midwest are finding their way around Paris, Dublin or the South Pacific. And it is a spur for them to further travel.”

Initially created through the donations of current and retired faculty who had served as study abroad leaders, IPSE has now grown to include named scholarships created by study abroad alumni including individuals and a semester study group. Wolensky says the endowment will grow even further and allow even more students to study abroad with additional contributions or named scholarships from study abroad “classes” of a particular semester or short-term trip.

To make a general donation or create a named scholarship through IPSE, contact the UWSP Foundation at 800.894.2476 or go to www.uwsp.edu/foundation to donate online.
International internships: A worldly experience

International Programs first began offering international internships in 2002 with a summer business internship in China. In 2005, an agreement with Anglo American Educational Services established internships in London during both semesters and the summer. To date, 62 students have interned in China and 172 in London.

Tina (Graefe) Weege

"I was able to get experience that others wouldn't have," she said of the internship. "I learned a lot about myself and how to be independent. It opened my eyes to what I could do. I had thought about going to grad school, but my internship confirmed it."

Leb is now attending Northern Illinois University to earn a master's degree in political science. But before she graduated, she worked for IP as a recruitment and orientation coordinator, encouraging other students to experience study abroad, and went on a second summer study trip, this time on the first ever "Culinary Journalism: The Food and Wines of Greece" trip with Communication Professor Liz Fakazis.

"What other students need to know is that anyone can do this," she said. "There are so many possibilities."

First study abroad group still close after 40 years

At a recent lunch, several members of UWSP International Programs' first study abroad trip, which went to London in 1968, gathered to talk about the experience and remember those who didn’t make it. The trip was the first international experience for about 40 of the 45 students on board and has been the catalyst for more than 40 years of life changing experiences.

"I was able to get experience that others wouldn't have," said Tina. "We must have, because 40 years later the students are still going!"

While the group of students didn’t know each other at first, they had a lot in common. Most were juniors and many were studying to be teachers. “We bonded quickly, because we did everything together,” Tina says. Their leaders acted as their moms, dads, teachers, coaches and mentors, she added.

The closeness of the group not only resulted in five marriages between the participants, including Tina and her husband, Merle “Butch” Weege, it resulted in lifelong friendships. A group of the participants in the Central Wisconsin area calls themselves “The Fifth Friday Night Fish Fry Group,” as they meet for dinner every month with a fifth Friday. Their former leader, Marg Coker-Nelson, also joins the group. “We’ve been to each other’s weddings, we’ve been there for baby’s births, raising our children, our children’s weddings, and for friends’ funerals,” Tina said. “To this day, we retell our stories and we’ll all remember something and howl with laughter. We have a great camaraderie together.”

Members in the area have planned reunions every five years, but this year they have encouraged original members to participate in the 40th reunion planned by UWSP. Their successful international semester has been a basis for members of the group to encourage others to see their own children study abroad and even to work overseas. A number of children from the group have done so, and it is not uncommon for members of the group to share stories and photos of their latest international experiences when they gather for reunions or friendship dinners, said Tina. She added that Butch and she will be traveling to Japan in October with Butch’s current employer.

“Fifteen years ago we didn’t know we’d get out of the trip,” she said. “But personally and professionally, that trip has positively affected our lives.”

Thousands have followed in their wake, she added. “It’s time to celebrate!”
2009-2010 Events Calendar
calendar.uwsp.edu

*UWSP Alumni Association events are shown in purple

September
Fall semester begins
Wed., Sept. 2

D.C. Area Reunion
Thurs., Sept. 17, 6:30 p.m.
Weiman Gallery

Portland Area Reunion
Sat., Sept. 19
Every Day Wine

October
Spud Bowl
Sat., Oct. 3, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Goerke Field, Stevens Point

2009 Homecoming Week
Oct. 4-10 (see back page)
Campus and community events

UWSP Alumni Board meeting
Fri., Oct. 9
Dreyfus University Center (DUC)

2009 Awards Banquet
Sat., Oct. 10, 6 p.m.
Laird Room, DUC
Registration required.

1959 50th Reunion
Sun., Oct. 11, 11 a.m.
Alumni Room, DUC

Family Day
Sat., Nov. 7
Residence halls and campus

Performing Arts Series: Prairie Song Project, opera
Tues., Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m.
Michelson Hall, NFAC

December
Theatre and Dance:
Afterimages 2009
Dec. 4-6 and 9-11
Studio Theatre, NFAC

Fall Commencement
Sat., Dec. 19, 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Quandt Fieldhouse

Senior Breakfast
Monday, Dec. 14, 9-11 a.m.
(“tentative”)
Alumni Room, DUC
Alumni welcome at a cost of $6
per person to network with the
newest alumni
Register by calling the UWSP
Alumni Office or e-mailing
alumni@uwsp.edu

Chancellor’s Leadership Awards
Friday, Dec. 18, 9:31 a.m.
(“tentative”)
Alumni Room, NFAC

January 2010
Winterim classes
Jan. 5-21

Spring semester begins
Mon., Jan. 25

Alumni Chapter Meetings

February 2010

Performing Arts Series: Tapage
and Quarteto Latinoamericano
present Dansq
Tues., Feb. 23, 7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater

Performing Arts Series: Sara Davis
Buechner: pianist
Mon., March 15, 7:30 p.m.
Michelson Hall, NFAC

Arizona Alumni Event TBA
Naples Area Event TBA

April 2010
Theatre and Dance: Floyd Collins
April 9-11 & 14-17
Studio Theatre, NFAC
First Nighters, Fri., April 9, 5 p.m.

UWSP 80FM Trivia 40
April 16-18

Performing Arts Series:
Alex de Grassi, guitarist
Wed., April 14, 7:30 p.m.
Sentry Theater

May 2010
Theatre and Dance: Dunsrige
May 7-9 and 12-14
Jenkins Theatre, NFAC
First Nighters, Fri., May 7, 5 p.m.

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Janalae (Frederick) Connott, '62, Shawano, had her granddaughter, Briena Hansen, model the Central State College sweatshirt she bought at the school store in 1961 for $3. Janalae is a substitute teacher in the Shawano school district and Briena's mother, Jill (Connott) Hansen, '96, Shawano, is an art teacher at Shawano High School.

Five former Baldwin Hall residents have reunited every summer since graduation for fun and reminiscing. Pictured, from left, are Joel VonVilla Wagear, '53, Waukesha; Chris Ahl Ludwig, '65, Waukesha; Lori Quikkel Mead, '85, Appleton; Mary Ziller Lueth, '83, North Branch, Minn.; and Heidi Hegna LeQuints, '94, Franklin.

2000s

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Drew Borchardt, '09, Plymouth, Minn., is playing professional hockey with the Monglenid Star Ishockey Club in Oslo, Norway, during the coming year. In the off season he works in real estate and as an entrepreneur.

Joy Brandenburg, '09, Rothschild, is a certified nursing assistant at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. She is earning a master's degree of UWSP.

Chris Engelbrecht, '09, Mosinee, refurbished the Boy and the Boot statue for the Stevens Point Fire Department and cost a new cement base by creating a reusable fiberglass mold. He volunteered for the job before graduating with an art degree in May.

Travis Feller, '09, Eagle River, is a medical technologist with Ministry Healthcare in Eagle River. "The people I met will always have an impact on me throughout my life, and I will never forget them," he says.

Scott Schwedel, '09, Marshfield, is pursuing an American studies degree of UWSP. In May he completed his associate's degree. He is the wellness director of the Marshfield Area YMCA.

Lindsey (Cunningham) Atwood, '08, Milwaukee, is a long-term substitute Spanish teacher for seventh and eighth grades in the Whitefish Bay school district. She is pursuing a bilingual certificate in hopes to teach in a Milwaukee school district bilingual classroom.

Emily Hill, M.S. '08, Madison, co-presented her master's thesis at the 2008 North American Association for Environmental Education Conference.

Timothy Parks, '08, is a fisheries technician for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Sarah (Morris) Siegel, '08, Stevens Point, is a stay-at-home mom. She is married to John.

Jeffrey Swanson, '07, Kenosha, is a teller with Johnson Financial Group in Kenosha. His wife, Megan (Rustick) Swanson, '08, works for Aurora in Kenosha.

Anne (Flee) Williams, '07, Bermidji, Minn., has her dream job as a reporter for the Bemidji Pioneer daily newspaper. She credits faculty members Liz Fakazis and Mike Becsom for preparing her for a real career in journalism.

Jason Kalsow, '06, Green Bay, is the assistant coach for the UW-Green Bay basketball team. Previously he was the team’s director of basketball operations. Jason was a standout for the Pointers during their NCAA Division III national championship seasons in 2004 and 2005, amassing a 103-18 record and three conference championships in his four years of play. He was NCAA Division III National Player of the Year in 2005 and Most Valuable Player of the Final Four. After college he played for the Iceland Professional Basketball League then was on the Pointer coaching staff for three years. He earned a master's degree in education/adult-based learning in 2008.

Kyle Kidder, '06, Anchorage, Alaska, is the Easements Unit statewide trail coordinator for the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR). He was previously a natural resource specialist with ADNR's Shore Fishery Unit.

Lisa (Neustedtter) Rychter, '05, MS '07, Reedsburg, married Stephen Rychter in August. She is a speech-language pathologist for the Reedsburg school district.

Laura (Depies) Behrens, '04, Kewaskum, is a showroom manager for 21st Century Tile in Butler.

Steven Salmon, '99, Madison, had The Unusual Writer published through American House. The semi-biographical novel about a young man with cerebral palsy who dreams of becoming a writer will be used to educate about disabilities in the English classes of teachers (and former UWSP classmates).

Amber Tilley, '97, Eagle River, and Jessie Anderson, Rosholt, as well as at Madison Area Technical College where Steve is a forensics teaching assistant. He also wrote the book Buddy Why in 2001.

Marcus Zbinden, '89, Chanhassen, Minn., won the 2009 Governor’s Award for Excellence in Waste and Pollution Prevention and the 2008 Recycler of the Year award from the Recycling Association of Minnesota. An environmental specialist for Carver County, Marcus manages an organics composting and curbside collection program in Carver and Hennepin counties. The program allows food and yard waste and non-recyclable paper to be collected in one container. "If all homes in the Twin Cities metro area were to implement this, it would be possible to divert 65,000-100,000 tons of organics from landfills," he says.

Adam LaSalle, '09, Williamson, N.Y., won the STIHL TIMBERSPORTS Collegiate Challenge championship in Columbus, Ga., in June. He was the sole UWSP competitor among candidates from 51 U.S. forestry schools. He helped resurrect UWSP’s Timbersports team before graduating in May with a forest management degree.

Dean Hoffman, '73, Madison, is director of strategic accounts for National CooperativesRx. He also serves on the National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU) Board of Trustees and chairs its Membership Committee. He is post president of the Wisconsin Association of Health Underwriters (WAHU) and has been honored for distinguished service by NAHU and WAHU.

UWSP grads John Zolewski, '81, Jordan Simons, '06, and Troy Snoege, '92, work for the Kohler Company at its Lombardini engine plant in Aurangabad, India.

2009

Fall
2000s continued

CJ Robinson, ’04, Stevens Point, director of development for UWSP’s College of Fine Arts and Communication, achieved a certificate in fundraising management from the Fund Raising School of the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University. He is also working on a master’s degree in communication at UWSP. He and his wife, Sarah, have three children.

Gina Wiesniewski, ’04, Stevens Point, will marry Craig DeListe on October 10, 2010, in Stevens Point. Gina works for Travel Guard.

Andrew Holzberg, ’02, Green Bay, her husband, Collins, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Adriana Yaretzi.

Kevin Reese, ’02, Clintonville, was selected as a Class Nobel Educator of Distinction by The National Society of High School Scholars. He was nominated by one of his students. Kevin just completed his seventh year as a math and AP calculus teacher at Clintonville High School, where he also advises the math team, coaches girls’ basketball and is the head track and field coach.

Amber Wise, ’02, Emenville, Calif., is a science policy postdoctoral researcher for the University of California-San Francisco. She earned a Ph.D. at UC-Berkeley and is currently under the guidance of Professor C.M. Lang for her career choice.

Jonathan Barness, ’01, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Michael Holmes, ’02, Brooklyn, N.Y., two of the founders of the Toy Box Theatre in New York City, have announced the company will premiere John Ford’s 1642 drama ‘Tis Pity She’s a Whore over four weekends in September and October. For more information, see www.toyboxtheatre.org.

1990s

Gregory Jennings, ’99, ’09, Stevens Point, is seeking a job as a forester after earning a second bachelor’s degree in forestry.

Jenny Bassomp, ’98, Tomah, Norwalk, was the speaker of UWSP’s May 2009 commencement ceremonies and this summer she was a staff member of an artful expedition through the Student on Ice (www.studentsonice.com). She has helped develop an exhibit called “Spiders!” that runs until October. For more information, see www.toyboxtheatre.org.

Steve Vank, ’98, Plattsville, is an assistant professor of communication technologies at UW-Poitville.

Pat D’Ercole, MME ’84, Stevens Point, is the interim director of the Abler Center for the University of Wisconsin where she has taught violin for more than 20 years. She is the only active Suzuki violin teacher trainer in the state and is active with the Suzuki Association of Wisconsin, Suzuki Association of the Americas and the International Suzuki Association.

Gene Delinger, ’87, Blacksburg, Va., is the deputy chief of police and director of threat management of Virginia Tech. Previously he was associate director of public safety and deputy chief of police at Iowa State University, where he also served as assistant director of counseling center clinical services.

Mary Coltin, ’86, Marshfield, is the author of the recently released Handbook for Campus Threat Assessment & Management Teams and serves as an expert for the FBI, Secret Service, and U.S. Dept. of Education. A licensed psychologist and police officer, she earned a master’s degree and Ph.D. of Iowa State University. She is married to Maureen (Connor) Delinger, ’89.

Chris Danou, MS-NR ’97, Trempealeau, is the representative to the Wisconsin State Assembly for the 9th Assembly District. He served as a police officer for Onalaska before being elected to the Assembly in 2008. He now serves as vice chair of the Natural Resources Committee and is on the Fish and Wildlife and Agriculture and Rural Affairs committees. He and his wife, Kate Meredith, MS ’96, have two sons.

Laura Routh, ’97, Lowen, Kan., is an environmental scientist with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. She is also a part-time graduate student at the University of Kansas and is involved in Lowen’s Sustainability Advisory Board. She is married to Mike Hojdu.

Dave Oldenberg, ’95, Onalaska, is principal of Eau Claire Memorial High School. Previously he was the associated principal at Holmen High School. He and his wife, Diane, have a daughter and he holds a master’s degree from Winona State University.

Brian Endmann, ’92, Rhinelander, is a physician with Associates Three Lakes, a group of doctors in Three Lakes. He obtained the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee and completed his residency in internal medicine at Simon Sasmitan Medical Center in Milwaukee. He and his wife, Kim, have two sons.

Nelson Pasha, ’92, Mosinee, earned a master of science in management degree from Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee in 2007. He is a senior business analyst for Liberty Mutual Insurance Group in Wausau.

Greg Chistman, ’91, Appleton, owns and operates ProMark Solutions, which provides promotional materials for businesses (www.promarklit.com).

1980s

Michael Rha, ’89, Fayetteville, Ark., was named the Antigo High School Alumnus of the Year. He is a professor of drama and director of design for the master of fine arts program at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, where he has taught since 1992. He has been a designer for more than 80 university productions and most recently was the assistant designer for a national tour of Fiddler on the Roof. His designs have been featured in theaters and universities across the U.S. He and his wife, Amy, have one daughter.

Collen Angel, ’88, ’93, Stevens Point, won the 2009 UWSP Classified Staff Advisory Council’s Rozoff Sorgis Award. Collen works in the UWSP Library’s reference and interlibrary loan departments and assists with communication students and the LEAD program. She also earned a master’s degree of UW-Milwaukee, is a licentiate minister and is active in the Stevens Point community.

Julie (Crowell) Gaulke, ’88, Glendale, works at Plank Road Publishing as a music editor of the national Music K-8 Magazine and has had four recorder tunes published in Recorder Classroom Magazine. She and her husband, Todd, have two children.

Sandor Lofito, ’87, Eagle River, owns and instructs at Lofito’s Log Cabin Outdoor School, which offers rustic furniture classes and sales, cross country ski lessons, nature tours and outdoor skills. She also teaches Becoming an Outdoors-Woman workshops and Niccoel College’s Outdoor Adventure courses. She taught at Trees for Tomorrow for 13 years.

Annette Wieler, ’87, Marshfield, was one of four in Central Wisconsin named a 2009 Crystal Apple teacher. She teaches kindergarten in Cranston. Her colleague and fellow Pointer, Ron Klew, ’01, Marshfield, was one of the top 10 finalists for the award.

Steve Janiszewski, ’87,built the first ever, , has worked for Wisconsin State Parks for 14 years, the last eight of Silver Falls State Park where he is the Cascade District manager and supervises staff of Delort Lake and Cascade state parks. He and his wife, Nicole, enjoy traveling around their state.

Marlene Kahlmann, ’84, Glendale, owns Blue Hot Design LLC, an interior design firm in Glendale. She has won awards from the Milwaukee Business Association, Northern Association of the Remodeling Industry, Milwaukee Home and Fine Living magazine and The Business Journal.

Scott Erickson, ’85, Chippewa Falls, was named a Silver Medal Ranger of the Year by ReserveAmerica, a company that handles reservations for parks around the nation. Nominees win through a public online vote. Scott is the manager of Lake Wissota State Park in rural Chippewa Falls. Previously he worked at High Cliff State Park near Sheboyen. He and his wife, Valerie (Hoss) Erickson, ’84, have two children.

Michael Puco, ’82, Raleigh, N.C., is chairman of Together Rix Access program, a prescription savings program. He has been an active member of the firm’s board since 2005. Previously he was vice president of external advocacy for GlaxoSmithKline.

Don Molas, ’81, Idaho Falls, Idaho, writes that he and Mary Fox, ’81, Bethwa, Ill., got back in touch recently after 28 years and met in Chicago to reminisce about their college days and the wonderful experiences they had at Point Altogether.

Steve Assmann, ’80, Franklin, Ky., and his wife, Kristi, own and operate Assmann’s Finest Gourmet Foods, offering a line of barbecue rubs and sauces that parody their home, such as Assmann’s Award Winning Smokin’ Buns Barbecue Sauce and Assmann’s Rump Rub for beef. The products are sold in the Franklin area, of course, and at www.assmanns.com.

Bembo Kuznyts, ’80, Stevens Point, won an Outstanding Work Performance Award from UWSP. She is an academic department associate in the Department of Interior Architecture.

Shirley Pany, ’80, Cranston, was a kindergarten teacher with the Cranston school district for 26 years, retiring six years ago. She and her husband, Ken, have two grown sons (one a UWSP graduate) and six grandchildren.

Alumni offers earth friendly products

Aaron Porvaznik, ’90, St. Paul, Minn., has turned his interests in design and sustainability into a business that encourages the use of eco-friendly products.

Aaron created an online boutique, Olive & Myrtle (www.oliveandmyrtle.com), where items such as cleaning products, home décor and kitchenware may be purchased that are created with sustainable materials, energy efficient production and fair labor “I want to link beautiful design and sustainability together,” he said. “We want our products to not just be good for the environment and good for people, then it’s good design.”

The store’s name represents two shades of green as well as inspires the imagination, Aaron said, adding, “I also think it sounds like the names of two big grandparents.”

As the store’s owner and curator, Aaron finds products at trade shows and fairs then does extensive research on the products and companies he features on the site to verify their sustainable practices. He makes sure they have certifications that back up their claims and labels.

He also has begun product development with other designers, such as creating environmental designs for recycled coffee cups made using water-based inks. He plans on creating more products like this in the future.

Aaron has a warehouse and office in St. Paul where he sometimes has warehouse sales and takes part in the Art Crawl and the Three Loks downtown St. Paul. Aaron also works as a freelance graphic designer and art director in the Twin Cities.

“I see Olive & Myrtle as a lifestyle store,” he said. “I want it to be a curated collection of sustainable products for the home, for kids, for pets… a place people can go to fit their lifestyle.”

Aaron Porvaznik, pictured, designed and built the store’s website on a 2016 Apple MacBook Pro touch bar. He used Adobe illustrator and Photoshop to create the store’s logo and website.
Bob Karlskog, '75, Ames, Iowa, a health facilities surveyor for the Iowa Department of Public Health, was a presenter of a poster at the 7th Annual Conference on Substance Abuse conferences last year. He is married to Dinah.

Kevin Hampton, '74, Richfield, is a director of supply chain management for Grandiso Cheese Company in Lomira. He is married to Patricia. He has two boys with his first wife, Stevens Point native Victoria Plonkow, who died of cancer.

Jan (Bathie) Main, '74, Duluth, Minn., is a retired teacher who was teacher in the Lake School district. She earned a master's degree in education from UW-Stout. Her niece is a freshman of UWSS this fall. Jan is married to Steve. Michael.

Linda (Koza) Muhun, '74, Minnetonka, Minn., recently fulfilled a lifelong dream of recording a CD of her own music. Leave Me at the Door includes 12 original songs. She has been playing the 318 Cafe in Excelsior, Minn., and taken some summer road trips. Her day job is as a media specialist at St. Therese School in Deephaven, Minn. "It's never too late to follow your dream!" she says. You can find her music of www.cdbaby.com or www.limhn汕hen.com.

Kim Schoenebek, '74, Mountbush, retired from the Forest Service in 2007 after 32 years of service on the Lakewood District of the Nicolet National Forest. He supervised the field operations of timber sale prepositions. "It's good to be retired and enjoy life and other things," he says. He is married to Laurie.

Robert Hapler, '73, Amherst, reports that the Trivia team photo featured in the spring issue of the Pointer Alumni magazine was taken in Appleton, which took second place in 1981 rather than winning, as was reported in the issue. Substitution did take place in 1976, 1986 and 1996 and has been in the top ten 22 times, he says.

Georgetta (Petrotta) Jepsev, '73, Placentia, Calif., received her master's degree from Chapman University in Orange, Calif., in May. She also received the university's Deak's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Film Scholarship.

Alexis Ludwig, '73, Arbor Vitae, was named the Distinguished Alumni for Oshkosh West High School for her accomplishments in education, including being named the 2002 Wisconsin Teacher of the Year. Alexis earned a master's degree from Viterbo University and has taught elements in Appleton and in the Northland Pines school district. She's had additional teaching as an Intel Teach to the Future Master instructor and of Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala. She helped develop the Scholastic RED program for teachers and authored 101 Great Classroom Games with her sister.

Bruce Martin, '73, Sun Prairie, is retired. He cites his greatest influences of UWSS as Lee Dreyfus and Don Traina.

Stephen Mihalik, '73, Green Bay, is a teacher.

H. Dale Peterson, '73, Madison, has been included in The Best Lawyers in America in the field of commercial litigation and was designated as a Super Lawyer by Low & Paullas and Milwaukee Magazine in the field of business litigation. He earned a law degree at UW- Madison.

Dan Weidner, '73, Bondurant, a biology teacher at Bondurant High School for 31 years, is a member of the Wisconsin Education Association (WEA) Trust Insurance Company Board of Trustees and the board of directors of the WEA Council and United Northeast Educators (UNE). He is in his sixth year as chairperson of the Shawano County Democratic Party and serves on the executive committee for the 8th Congressional District Democratic Party and the UNE Political Action Committee. Among his memories of UWSS are watching Jim Groce play at the Union the night before the shootings of students at Kent State in May 1970. "Every day of Point was a smorgasbord of experiences," he says. He is married to Kathy.

Ken Plets, '72, Merrill, recently retired as a teacher for the Wisconsin Division of Corrections after 37 years in education. He has three children.

Stephen Williams, '71, Gordon, retired in March after 32 years as a firefighter in the U.S. Forest Service in Grand Marais, Minn. He and his wife, Jean, are enjoying retirement in a log cabin on the Eau Claire River back in their home state. Their daughters, Erin (Williams) Eason, '04, Grand Marais, Minn., and Kimberly Williams, '09, Stevens Point, are UWSP grads.

Ed Severson, '70, Plover, retired from Sentry Insurance in 2001 and now works part time and volunteers. He and his wife, Jeanne, '70, have been married for 39 years and have two children. She is teaching assistant in the Stevens Point school district.

Scott Laugneau, '60, Los Angeles, wrote a poem 15 years ago that reminded him of how he and his brother would spend hours at home on their Atari 2600 video game system. Eventually, that poem became the children's book, Sofa Boy, which tells the story of a boy (and his cat) who becomes a little too obsessed about playing video games. It features illustrations by his friend, artist Roni Vernon.

Available at amazon.com through Shake the Moon Books, the book has sold another another fan to Scott's career as an actor, director, lyricist, video game producer, co-founder of the video game development studio Spark Unlimited and now author.

"Point was the foundation for all of us," he says. "The skills I began honing at Point are present day every day as I collaborate with co-workers to create engaging stories and/or computer games players worldwide." 

A Seymour native, Scott earned a theatre degree at UWSS, where he found his professors to be inspirational and engaging. He went to graduate school through the influence of the late Theatre Professor Tom Nevin, who encouraged him to attend his own alma mater, Villanova University in Philadelphia.

While there, he was honored for acting in productions of Burn This and The Importance of Being Earnest for which he received an invitation to compete in the Irene Ryan National Acting Competition. After earning his master's degree, Scott headed to L.A. where a graduate school friend enlisted him in dreaming up characters, storylines and dialog for Spielberg's latest venture, DreamWorks Interactive - skills he learned in classes on playwriting, script analysis and theater history.

"Creating and staging game worlds and experiences has many similarities to writing or directing a play," he says. "You offer an engaging story with compelling characters and hopefully entertain people.

His career as a video game producer continued with work for Jim Henson Interactive and Electronic Arts (EA), where he became the producer for the popular and highly acclaimed Medal of Honor game series. Scott left EA in 2004 and formed Spark Unlimited, taking with him his closest co-workers. Together, they launched the Call of Duty game franchise with Activision as well as the Turning Point: Fall of Liberty and Legendary games.

Scott is working on a second children's book as well as expanding on the Sofa Boy concept. He recently returned to UWSS and his hometown for a book tour, visiting several branches of the Brown County Library System and his former elementary school, where he read Sofa Boy out loud to the delight of the students. While on tour in Wisconsin, he also conducted a number of teen lectures detailing the intricate process of video game production.

"You never know where you’ll end up," says Scott. "But if you’re lucky enough to have gotten a sturdy foundation you can go anywhere."
1960s

Richard Lodovico, '69, Rhinelander, retired from the U.S. Army after 25 years of federal civil service. He is active in the 2nd Wisconsin Civil War Regiment in Green Bay and the 3rd New Jersey Civil War Regiment.

Mary Zabollo McGrath, '69, Burnsville, Minn., has coauthored The Special Educators Reflective Calendar and Planning Journal with Beverly H. Johns through Corwin Press.

Carleen (Maloney) Hasenstab, '68, Burnett, is retired and now winters in the Florida Keys. She is married to Lynn.

Patil (O'Neill) Berger, '67, Minnetonka, Minn., is a third grade teacher in Minnetonka and is married to Jim. Over the summer she toured the campus with her niece but had one question: "Where did the tunnels go?" (Our answer: One from Student Services to the DUC still exists.) She has fond memories of President James Alberson and Helen Godfrey.

Roger Neundorf, '65, Beaver Dam, is a retired Dodge County Sheriff's patrolman. He is married to Elaine.

1950s

Harold Zukoski, '54, Brea, Calif., is retired from his job as vice-principal for the Fullerton, Calif., school district. He and his wife, Carol (Ruder) Zukoski, '55, a teacher retired from the Placentia school district, have been married for 54 years and have three children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. They stay active with trips to Las Vegas and Mexico and by growing award-winning tomatoes.

Dotty (Steinkeking) Volrath, '55, Green Bay, gathered with three UWSP classmaters and their husbands recently, as they do three or four times a year. "It has been wonderful to have such good friends for over 50 years," she says. Pictured in the bottom row, from left, are Marjig (Dill) Holmes, '55, Manitowoc; Ginny (Brocco) Wurzler, '57, Appleton; Jan (Schroeder) Jesse, '57, Neenah, and Dotty. In the top row, from right is Warren Holmes, Edward Wurzler, Al Jesse, '57, Neenah; and Dale Volrath, '59, Green Bay. Each couple has been together for over 50 years and "they still get along," Dotty quips. Ginny, Jan and Dotty spent the first semester of the senior year at the home management house across from Old Main. Dotty is retired as a home economics teacher and Dale taught in Clintonville and Green Bay East High School.

1940s

Don Leton, '47, Kohu, Hawaii, is looking for 1947 to 1949 alumni. E-mail him at dleton@hawaii.rr.com or dleton@bgal.com. A retired professor and school psychologist, Don has two graduate degrees from the University of Minnesota. He taught at the University of California-Los Angeles and was a psychologist for Honolulu schools for 10 years. He also owns a business in Atsasdruf, Calif.

Doris (Belongia) Painter, '44, Oxtoscosa, Pa., taught various classes from elementary to senior high school and retired as head of the English Department and a basketball coach in the Southern Hunt County school district.

Tom Tempin, '97, wis misidentified in a class notes photo in the spring 2009 issue. He is pictured at the far right of the back row in this photo of Hyer and Neale Hall roommates.

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Twenty-five UWSP alumni were joined in Chicago by Interim Chancellor Mark Nook and his wife, Cheryl, on August 1 as they enjoyed a Haunted Chicago bus tour and a reception at Fado’s Irish Pub. Nook will also attend alumni events in Washington D.C. and Portland, Ore., this fall.

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In Memoriam

Remembering UWSP alumni

The UWSP Alumni Association has been notified of the following deaths. For full obituaries, go to www.uwsp.edu/news/alumni/obits.

Faculty and staff obituaries

2000s

2010s

2020s

2030s

Stephen Bondeson

Steve Bondeson, ’74, Stevens Point, a professor of chemistry and associate vice chancellor of teaching, learning and academic programs, died April 20 at age 56.

He joined the faculty in 1980 and served various departmental, college and university committees. He received the University Scholar Award in 1985 and Excellence in Teaching Award in 1997. He was a member of the American Chemical Society and co-authored several grants and research papers.

Prior to UWSP, he taught at the University of South Carolina and was a faculty researcher at Argonne National Laboratory and Princeton University. He lived in China for several years during the 1980s. He taught Bible study at his church, was active in the local school district and helped local students design and build robots.

He is survived by his wife, Ginny, and three sons.

Sherin Bowen

Sherin Bowen, ’91, Stevens Point, former executive director of the Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners based at UWSP, died March 20 at age 71 after sustaining a head injury while visiting Managua, Nicaragua.

She served the WNP from 1992 until her retirement in 2005, working to develop over 100 Nicaraguan learning centers. In 2001 she received the UWSP Distinguished Alumni Award for her significant international achievements. In retirement she enjoyed knitting and living at the family retreat on Lake Esadore near Medford.

She is survived by her husband, UWSP Health, Exercise Science and Athletics Professor Emeritus and former International Programs Director Bob Bowen and their four children. A web site was created in her memory at www.sherinbowen.com.

Frank (Mark) Cates

Mark Cates, Stevens Point, a political science professor emeritus, died July 14 at age 78.

He came to UWSP in 1963 as one of the first political science faculty members and served as the department chair from 1970 to 1976. He won the Excellence in Teaching Award in 1979.

Before retiring in 1996, his legacy continued in a political science scholarship he created. In retirement he continued to teach UWSP through the Learning is Forever program.

His first job was for the Army Judge Advocate Office, then he earned degrees from Indiana University and taught high school in Battle Creek, Mich., and at Indiana University and Butler University.

Fay Finch Clifford

Fay Finch Clifford, ’65, Stevens Point, a former home economics faculty member, died June 19 at age 87.

She earned a master’s degree at UW-Madison and taught at UW-Eau Claire from 1960 to 1978. She and her husband, Patrick, traveled extensively and hosted three foreign exchange students as a volunteer with Elderly Services, Meals on Wheels and St. Michael’s Hospital Auxiliary. An avid curler until she was 81, she was a member of the Stevens Point Curling Club.

Her husband and infant daughter preceded her in death. She is survived by three children, all who attended UWSP. Patrick Clifford, ’70, Chandler, Ariz.; John Clifford, ’69, Stevens Point, and Michelle (Clifford) Barnett, ’77, Dyke, Ind.

Irving Korth

Irv Korth, ’30, Stevens Point, soil and water ecology professor emeritus, died April 18 at age 88.

He was known statewide for using slides of outhouses to teach chemistry. She also supervised and coordinated student teachers and led two natural resources semester abroad trips – to the South Pacific and to Asia. She was listed among Who’s Who in American Men and Women in Science in 1988.

She retired in 1991.

She earned degrees at the University of Missouri, Pittsburg State University and the University of Virginia. Before coming to UWSP she taught junior high science in Lawrenceville, Kan., and was a research assistant at UI. She received many research grants and awards for her study of birds, wrote for many publications and co-authored a manuscript on local birds with her husband, UWSP Biology Professor Emeritus Charles Long.

Her husband and two sons survive.

Claudine Long

Claudine Long, Stevens Point, a senior lecturer in biology, died May 6 at age 79.

In 1978 she became the first female biology teacher at UWSP and was one of the first women to teach chemistry. She also supervised and coordinated student teachers and led two natural resources semester abroad trips – to the South Pacific and to Asia. She was listed among Who’s Who in American Men and Women in Science in 1988.

She retired in 1991.

She earned degrees at the University of Missouri, Pittsburg State University and the University of Virginia. Before coming to UWSP she taught junior high science in Lawrenceville, Kan., and was a research assistant at UI. She received many research grants and awards for her study of birds, wrote for many publications and co-authored a manuscript on local birds with her husband, UWSP Biology Professor Emeritus Charles Long.

Her husband and two sons survive.

Shirley (Krizhut) Dobbs, ’80, Sheboygan

Ronald Licenig, ’62, Madison

Lois (Wind) Severna, ’63, Plover

John “Mickey” Wasserman, ’86, Irma

Evelyn (Sheehy) Wolf, ’60, Shawano

Getrude (Anderson) Bandt, ’57, Manitowoc


Beulah (Scheider) Reader, ’57, Onalaska

Jane (Smith) Christensen, ’55, Coralville, Iowa

Erma (Wieneg) Johnson, ’55, Wilmette, Ill.

C. Joseph Neuman, ’54, Annopolis, Md.

Barbara Paul

Barbara Paul, ’12, Stevens Point, a retired associate professor of library science, died July 18 at age 68 after a three- and one-half year’s battle with multiple myeloma.

She began working at UWSP in 1968 and published several biographies. She co-authored The Badger State: A Documentary History of Wisconsin and edited a 2009 history of the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ. She collaborated with her husband, College of Letters and Science Dean Emeritus Justus Paul, on several publications. She was also active in her church. She earned graduate degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and UW-Madison.

She is survived by her husband and three children.

Phyllis Ravey

Phyllis Ravey, ’56, ’52, the first director of the Gesell Institute for Early Childhood Education at UWSP, died July 5 at age 91.

She was an instructor at the UWSP Lab School from 1952 to 1971 and taught kindergarten made in addition to her work at Gesell.

She first earned her two-year rural education degree at UWSP then later a bachelor’s degree. She taught in local schools including a one-room school in the Iola area.

Her husband, Martin Ravey, preceded her in death. A stepson survives.
Homecoming 2009

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Friday, October 9
- Alpha Phi Omega Social 6-9 p.m. SentryWorld Sports Complex, 401 N. Michigan Ave. Cash bar and menu dining For info, call Marc Kramer at 715-341-4051
- Hot Glass Shop Opening Evening "TBA" Outdoor Sculpture yard, NFAC Glass blowing demos Fri. - Sun.
- All Greek Social 7 p.m., The Encore, Dreyfus University Dreyfus (DUC) Join Greek students and alumni for a cash bar and snacks. A prize will be given for largest Greek group at the social.
- Alumni Marching Band Social 8 p.m., Archie’s Bar and Grill
- Tau Kappa Epsilon Board Meeting 7 p.m., TKE house Board of Advisors
- Tau Kappa Epsilon Social 9 p.m., Archie’s Bar and Grill
- Tau Kappa Epsilon Lunch 12 p.m., TKE house Burgers and beer
- Phi Sig Alumni Meeting 12 p.m., DUC
- Homecoming Football Game vs. UW-Stout 1 p.m. Georke Field See general information for tickets
- Study Abroad Reunion 4-7 p.m. The Encore, DUC Register online and share a study abroad memory!
- Awards Banquet 6 p.m. Laird Room, DUC Register online

Saturday, October 10
- Coffee with Alumni and Friends 9 a.m., Berg Gym
- Homecoming Parade 10 a.m., campus streets To march with the Alumni Band, e-mail alumni@uwsp.edu
- All Campus Picnic 11 a.m., Old Main front lawn Meet for free food, games, inflatables for the kids, information booths, Stevie and Stephanie and reminiscing with friends and students.
- Swimming and Diving Alumni Meet 11 a.m., Aquatic Center, Health Enhancement Center Sign up for info at athletics.uwsp.edu/index.aspx?id=2451&sub=swimming&path=swim
- Tau Kappa Epsilon Alumni Meeting 11 a.m., Kristin’s Riverwalk
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Sunday, October 11
- 50th Reunion Champagne Brunch with the Chancellor 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Alumni Room, DUC Class of 1959

General Information
- University Information & Tickets DUC Concourse 800-838-3378 or 715-346-4100 http://tickets.uwsp.edu
- University Store Fri., Oct. 9, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sat., Oct. 10, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Archives, LRC 5th Floor Look at yearbooks and Pointer issues Fri., Oct. 9, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 1:45 p.m.
- Schmeeckle Nature Reserve Visitors Center, self-guided tours Fri., Oct. 9, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat., Oct. 10, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Natural History Museum/Gift Store LRC, first floor Fri., Oct. 9, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat., Oct. 10, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free of charge

Student Activities
- Saturday, October 3 Window Painting 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., downtown voting at 4 p.m.
- Sunday, October 4 Kickball Tournament 2 p.m., recreational fields
- Monday, October 5 King and Queen Pageant 7 p.m., The Encore, DUC
- Tuesday, October 6 Scavenger Hunt 3 p.m., The Encore, DUC
- YouTube Competition Deadline midnight
- Wednesday, October 7 Battle of the Bands 8 p.m., Laird Room, DUC
- Thursday, October 8 Food Drive 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., DUC Concourse
- Music Competition 8 p.m., Laird Room, DUC
- Friday, October 9 Strength Competition 1 p.m., outside MAC north side
- Jessie James Concert 7 p.m., Laird Room, DUC www.ThisIsJessieJames.com See General Information for tickets
- Float Decoration evening hours
- Saturday, October 10 Parade/Picnic/Game See Alumni Homecoming events
- Homecoming Dance 7:30 p.m., Alumni Room, DUC

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