

# SPOTLIGHT ON COFAC



College of Fine Arts & Communication  
University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point



## ALUMNI STORIES

### UWSP 2023 ALUMNI AWARDS

Distinguished. Humble. Accomplished. Centered. Pointers.

UW-Stevens Point honors our alumni biannually with the UWSP Alumni Awards. This year four College of Fine Arts & Communication alumni were selected to be honored!



Mary Ann Nigbor  
Volunteer of the Year Award  
**Peter Crawford '74, music**  
Interim Executive Director,  
UWSP Foundation  
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Distinguished Alumnus  
**Richard T. Ballering '95, theatre arts**  
Vice President-Production,  
ABC Signature  
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Distinguished Alumna  
**Marsha Lindsay '74, communication**  
CEO and Chief Analyst,  
Lindsay Foresight and Stratagem  
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Distinguished Alumna  
**Andrea Anders '97, theatre arts**  
Actress, Writer and Producer,  
Film and TV  
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### Winter 2023 Commencement

**Gina Jacquart Thorsen, '97 Arts Management Alumna** (music minor) will be the commencement speaker! Jacquart Thorsen is a third generation of the Jacquart family to oversee the business, which is the home of Stormy Kromer, an iconic outdoor apparel brand. [READ MORE](#)

We were so happy to connect, collaborate, and create with our first year students before they jumped into the first week of classes!

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## OUR STUDENTS

- Sophomore Voice Performance Major **REAGAN CONKLIN** was recently named a national winner of the Krishnan and Yegneswaran Family College Scholarship. This award provides financial assistance to college students who stutter, supporting their educational pursuits and advancing the mission of the National Stuttering Association. We are proud to have a UWSP student to receive this prestigious award in its inaugural year.
- The spring **2023 UWSP OPERA WORKSHOP** production of Dial M for Moore Menotti tied for 2nd place in the National Opera Association's nationwide competition for undergraduate opera productions in the 2022-2023 season! CONGRATULATIONS Matthew Markham and students!
- **LYDIA M. MILLER**, '23 Communication and International Studies major received the Chancellor's Leadership Award this December.
- Congratulations to **NICOLE MARKI** and **VICTORIA LIVINGSTON** who were our UW-Stevens Point COFAC Homecoming Open House \$500 Scholarship winners!



## FACULTY STUDY ABROAD

### Summer 2024

- NEW Study Abroad Program is being offered this summer, [Cinema at the Center of the World](#) led by Media Studies assistant professor **Kevin Obsatz**, May 12-June 1, 2024. Students will be traveling to the Cannes Film Festival! We are excited to hear how the trip goes when they return.
- [Theatre in London](#) Program, led by Theatre professor Tyler Marchant, June 8-29, 2024. Students will watch both classics and brand new hits, traditional productions and experimental theatre. Visit famous venues such as Shakespeare's Globe Theatre and the Royal National Theatre, including behind-the-stage explorations. We look forward to seeing photos again on [Facebook](#)!
- [Food and Wines of Greece](#) Program, led by Media Studies professor **Elizabeth Fakazis**, June 3-22, 2024. Students will visit wineries, thousand-year-old olive groves, artisanal cheese shops, award-winning organic farms, open-air markets, traditional and innovative restaurants, and other sites.



## DID YOU KNOW?

The College of Fine Arts & Communication has an **ADVISORY COUNCIL**? It was formed the summer of 2018, and its mission is to assist with and enhance outreach programming for artistic, cultural, and educational activities that serve the Central Wisconsin community.

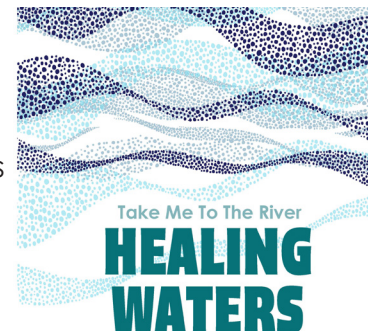
[LEARN MORE HERE.](#)

### TAKE ME TO THE RIVER

## HEALING WATERS

A multi-disciplinary series of events this past fall engaged the university and community in celebration of water and its profound impact on the region was a huge SUCCESS! Many thanks to everyone who were involved. Check out many activities and photos here.

[News Release](#) [Website](#) [Facebook](#)



### Landen Alft @PhatBoyLandy

'22 Musical Theatre & Music Education

Has built a huge TikTok following and has received more than 7.5 million views on a single video! Even Howie Mandel! "Landen, you're the reason I love TikTok," Mandel says in the [video posted](#) in May. Here are what others are saying about Landen.

- [MKE Influencers: Kwik Trip employee spreads joy on TikTok, gaining 850K followers](#)
- [Stevens Point Kwik Trip employee gains nearly 800,000 TikTok followers](#)