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Q&A:

What was your favorite class at UW-Platteville?

ALUMNI

▶ “Physics with Dr. Roy Smith. He had such love and enthusiasm for teaching. A major part of his lectures were demonstrations that helped us understand the concepts of physics. His attitude greatly influenced my own teaching.” 
   Roxanne Sundin ’74, ’91

▶ “Any class taught by Dr. Harold Beals. He had a knack for making information understandable and he always introduced a ‘big, long word’ for our vocabulary enhancement and after class discussion.”
   Dave Garthwaite ’65

▶ “Western Civilization with Dr. Thomas Lundeen, one of UW-Platteville’s greatest historians; American Literature with Dr. Emily Farnum, and Public Speaking.”
   Larry Alt ’70

▶ “Human Gross Anatomy. Spring of 2003 was the very first time this class was offered, and eight of us were brave enough to sign up for more lashings of examinations from UW-Platteville’s one-and-only Dr. Wayne Weber. As scary and intense as the class description sounded, Dr. Weber made it very professional yet fun (bone saws and all). I use knowledge from this class at work as a medical laboratory scientist and occasionally like to tell stories about it to freak my friends out.”
   April Laufenberg ’03

▶ “Differential Calculus taught by Mr. Spradling. He had a very unusual way of teaching and gave a quiz every day, which made up half of your final grade. It taught you to keep up on studying and this has carried over in my way of doing my job through my work ethic and methods. Thanks, Mr. Spradling!”
   Wayne Kanack ’65

▶ “Geography Field Excursion Western Field Trip in the spring/summer of 1993 lead by Rich Waugh and Chuck Collins. Twenty students, two professors, two huge vans, several tents, and three weeks on the road! The highlight of the trip was spending four days and three nights hiking from the south rim to the north rim of the Grand Canyon. There was my life before that trip, and my life after that trip. Not only did I learn so much academically, but the ways in which I grew and changed as a person are too numerous to mention. It was by far the best class I ever signed up for, ever!”
   Theresa Kotvis ’95

▶ “Music Appreciation. I thought it would be easy since I played piano and was in the band in high school, but it was harder than I thought. I remember the instructor loved the song Magic Carpet Ride by Steppenwolf. He played it every day. I still think of UW-Platteville every time I hear the opening notes.”
   Patricia (Von Ruden) Nolan ’76

STUDENTS

▶ “So far, Thermodynamics with Dr. Hoerning,”
   Brian Gusa, sophomore

▶ “My favorite class at UW-Platteville has been Criminal Law.”
   Angela O’Brien, junior

▶ “Foundations of Early Childhood Education with Nan Welch, because all the topics we cover in class come to life during our observations in the UW-Platteville Child Care Center.”
   Brianna Huenber, junior

▶ “Dairy Cattle Evaluation is my favorite class because of the hands-on learning experience that will benefit me in my future career.”
   Garrett Madland, junior

The Q&A next issue will be, “What is your favorite memory of Pioneer Farm and the School of Agriculture?”
Send your answer to alumni@uwplatt.edu or Alumni Services, UW-Platteville, 1 University Plaza, Platteville WI 53818-3099
Greetings alumni,

I hope this finds everyone happy, healthy, and enjoying their summer.

I am pleased to report our second Evening in Monte Carlo event was a great success. Our expectations were surpassed with an increased number of sponsors, attendees, prizes, and auction items. Our proceeds exceeded $18,000. The success of this year’s event is due to all the hard work and dedication of the Alumni Association’s Board of Directors, alumni chapters, and staff. Thank you all for your efforts.

Our campus and organizations continue to grow and change while still providing the same opportunities that made us successful. However, what remains constant is the same feeling of community and friendship. The Alumni Association is an important piece of the UW-Platteville community. We need a strong network of alumni working in many different capacities to help our alma mater continue this long-standing tradition we all hold so dear. We are always looking for dedicated alumni willing to give back by serving on our board of directors or being a member of an alumni chapter. In addition, if you have a great location in your area for an alumni event, please let us know, as we’re always looking for new ideas.

Our newest opportunity is the Alumni Ambassador Program. This program is brand new, with the thought that we can offer support to UW-Platteville alumni by providing connections and insight with other Pioneers in their city or area. Whether you’re relocating, wanting to network, or looking for vacation ideas, the Alumni Ambassador Program can help. Please e-mail us at alumni@uwplatt.edu or call us at 1.800.UWP.ALUM if you want to serve as an Alumni Ambassador in your city.

In closing, I could not say it any better than President Obama stated on Memorial Day at Arlington National Cemetery, “… American character—the truth that our nation endures because it has always been home to men and women who are willing to give their all, and lay down their very lives, to preserve and protect this land that we love.” To all members of the armed forces, veterans, those who have given their lives, and the families that have provided unending support, from the bottom of my heart, I say thank you.

Forever Pioneers!

Andrew R. Skwor ’01
Greetings,

In this issue of the Alumni Today, you will read about a number of very special UW-Platteville alumni who have generously given back to our society and country by working and volunteering in the fields of law enforcement and the military. Over the years, more than 3,000 UW-Platteville students have graduated with a degree in criminal justice or criminal justice-law enforcement, and more than 750 served in the military. Many of you pursued careers in these fields and are actively providing service in your communities each and every day.

The university commends these men and women for their extraordinary service and commitment to helping others. With UW-Platteville alumni living in all 50 states, they have a far-reaching impact on improving the safety, security, and well-being of our citizens. Pioneers, we pay tribute to you for protecting our neighborhoods, for enforcing the laws in our communities, and for serving our country.

I realize and understand the sacrifice that those who serve in the fields of law enforcement and military have made. My foster father served in the Korean War. As I grew up, I learned much from him about service and the importance of taking action to do everything that I could to help others and make a positive difference in the world.

It is important to note that there are countless UW-Platteville alumni who serve our communities in other ways too. For example, many of our alumni provide invaluable service to the university’s well-being by serving on college advisory boards, the Foundation board, the Alumni Association board, the Real Estate Foundation board, to name just a few.

Thank you all for your invaluable contributions to UW-Platteville, your communities, and our nation. The stewardship that you and our more than 44,670 other alumni have provided over the years have made a lasting mark—and created a powerful legacy for this great institution.

Every day is a great day to be a Pioneer!

Dennis J. Shields
Chancellor
Platteville snapshots

Shepherd’s new album tops the chart

Stephen Shepherd, English Lecturer at UW-Platteville and singer-songwriter, had a gift for music at an early age. What started with playing the banjo and writing songs when he was only 7 years old, has led him to five album releases and five consecutive invitations to the Grammy Awards.

In March, Shepherd’s fifth album, Escape Is Not a Place, reached number one on the Top 50 U.S. Roots Music Internet Radio Airplay Chart in the True Country category.

His previous albums have made the chart, but this is the first to reach the top 10. “I think it’s a more mature album,” said Shepherd. “I am more critical of what I do now.”

Shepherd said that a lot of his inspiration for his lyrics comes from daily, small observations. “They come from the moment. There is a little flicker or something that someone says or that I see, and I write that down immediately,” he said, adding that he files these observations away until later. “It usually starts with that little kernel of information. Somebody says something that catches my imagination.”

Shepherd plans to continue making music and already has his sixth album underway.

Making class cool again

“Managing and booking the group is similar to a sales job. We have an artistic product that people are interested in and I help in providing that for our interested audience,” said Alton Accola, a ’71 music business major, who manages the vocal quintet, Five By Design. This group aspires to make class cool again, one song at a time.

Five By Design is based in Minneapolis, Minn. The quintet sings across the country and in Canada.

Accola began managing and working as the quintet’s artist representative 23 years ago. His musical inspiration came while he attended Sauk Prairie High School, in Prairie du Sac, Wis. “I have a wonderful job,” said Accola.

Five by Design not only performs with popular symphony orchestras and jazz bands, but also hosts workshops with choirs and choral music students.

The group is currently performing, Live! From the Ultra Lounge, a tropical show inspired by the music of the Mad Men era.

Their schedule can be found at www.fivebydesign.com.

2013 Campus Read—Scoreboard, Baby

UW-Platteville has chosen its 2013 Campus Read book. Scoreboard, Baby: A Story of College Football, Crime and Complicity explores the activities of the University of Washington’s football team, which won the Rose Bowl in 2001. The authors tell a compelling story that looks beyond the players and examines a culture and community that obsessed with winning.

Ken Armstrong, the co-author of Scoreboard, Baby, will visit UW-Platteville Friday, Oct. 11 to discuss the book. The event is free and open to the public.
Spring Commencement 2013

Kevin P. Reilly, LAE Principal Speaker and UW System President

Caleb J. Cerling, LAE Senior Speaker

Tyler S. Fisher, BILSA Senior Speaker

Erin M. McAllister, EMS Senior Speaker

Khalil "Kal" E. Kardous, Principal Speaker, BILSA

Barbara L. Boldt, Principal Speaker, EMS
Adriana Hernandez-Berrios

Grade level: Freshman

Area of study: Mechanical Engineering

Hometown: Humble, Texas

What has been the most challenging part of college?

I’m from El Salvador, and I moved to Florida in 2009. So when I came here I was like, “Why are people staring at me?” That’s something I didn’t have in Florida because a lot of people looked like me. When school started, I started noticing people looking at me differently. It wasn’t negative; it was more like “She’s not from here.” But that doesn’t mean I don’t like UW-Platteville; I like it here, and I want to come back. I like the class sizes and the student organizations. I’m involved in Student Ambassadors, Amnesty International, the Society of Women Engineers, and others. Now I’ve found some friends on campus, and we click really well.

What are the strengths of a mechanical engineering major?

It’s a very stable field. I know that when I get out of college, I will get a job.

Who has been the most influential person in your life?

My dad. He was a civil engineer. He paid for his own education when he was 18. After he got out, he lost his job. He had two kids and a wife, and didn’t know what he was going to do, but over the years he’s always had a good job. He even got a master’s degree in business administration. Right now he’s working as a project engineer.

What are your plans for the future?

I want to go into airplanes. At the moment I have an internship at a terminal in Texas with a petroleum company, so I might end up in that field. I don’t know yet. My dad works for the same company, but the terminal and the company itself are separate, so the person who controls the terminal hired me. I’ll be doing maintenance. I’m excited.
Mitch Austin

Grade level: Senior  
Area of study: Elementary and Middle School Education  
Hometown: Belmont, Wis.

What has been the most challenging part of college?

It’s been challenging getting involved and stepping out of my comfort zone, getting to know people or being a part of something in the classroom. I’m involved in a couple of educational organizations on campus and Student Ambassadors.

What are the strengths of the elementary education major?

It asks you to think about how you want students to learn and how you’re going to help them learn in various ways. It teaches you how to work with students of different ages and collaborate with colleagues to develop lessons.

Who has been the most influential person in your life?

My parents have been the most influential people in my life because they’ve always been there for me. They’ve taught me many life lessons and how to go about my life. They raised me on a beef farm, where there’s always work to be done. That taught me the value of hard work, and to never give up. They also taught me to always do the right thing, even if it doesn’t benefit you right away.

What are your plans for the future?

I’ll graduate next year and find a job right away, anywhere. If I’m in this area, I’ll be happy, because I’ll be around my family. But if I’m not, I guess I’m called to do different things in other areas. I want to get a job, start a family, and live life. I might pursue a master’s degree, maybe in administration, to become a principal.
The University of Wisconsin-Platteville honored four recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award during the 190th commencement in May.

The Distinguished Alumni Award acknowledges individuals who have demonstrated career success. Award winners contribute to a body of knowledge that advances a profession through research or professional activities, have made a significant contribution to society in the form of philanthropic contributions, or have demonstrated visionary thinking and actions.

Joe Lomax
During his nearly 40 years of dedicated service, Lomax led the transformation of UW-Platteville’s criminal justice program, including launching the Criminal Justice Career Day and the department’s internship program, introducing new classes, and working to start the online criminal justice master’s and bachelor’s degree programs. He retired at the conclusion of the fall 2012 semester.

Ruth (Stauffacher) Joyce
Joyce earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration, with a minor in journalism from UW-Platteville in 1979 and her master’s degree in counselor education from UW-Platteville in 1989. Following her graduation, Joyce held two positions on campus. She also served on the Alumni Association board of directors for many years, including a term as president. Joyce currently works as the Director of Academic Affairs and Advising for the Wisconsin School of Business at UW-Madison.

Khalil “Kal” Kardous
Kardous earned bachelor’s degrees in comprehensive business, economics, and French literature from UW-Platteville in 1970. He spent time in the insurance and copy machine industries before starting his own company in 1988, Charlotte Copy Data. The business grew into 10 locations, with over 260 employees, in North and South Carolina. Kardous served as CEO of Copy Data Network Inc. until his recent retirement.

Kurt Kavajecz
Kavajecz is a 1983 alumnus of UW-Platteville with a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering. He has 29 years of manufacturing experience in automotive assembly operations, 13 of which were spent as plant manager of the Belvidere, Ill., assembly plant of Chrysler Group LLC. He is now the Director of Manufacturing Engineering General Assembly for North America.
There are hundreds, if not thousands, of University of Wisconsin-Platteville alumni who have chosen a career in public service. Each day, whether they are firefighters, police officers, EMTs, or military personnel, they are risking their lives, so that others may live with peace of mind.

—Dan Wackershauser ’97
Retired Col. Christopher Karls ‘83 was working in the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, when terrorists crashed an airplane into the building, not too far removed from his office. He was not injured and he did not know anyone who was injured. However, that was another reminder of the dangers of his profession.


Karls entered officer training school the summer following graduation and later earned two master’s degrees; a Master of Science in Aeronautical Science from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in 1997 and a Master of Science in National Resource Strategy in 2003 from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, now known as the Dwight D. Eisenhower School for National Security and Resource Strategy.

The most recent assignment for Karls had him stationed in Qatar as the chief of staff for the commander, Air Force Central Command. “That was the finest position of all the great ones I had. I’m still humbled by the selection and opportunity to serve the Air Force in such a significant way,” he said. “I was able to see pretty much everything going on in the CENTCOM theatre of operations.”

Karls managed 26 colonels and their staffs at a classified compound in Qatar. “It was a truly tremendous capstone assignment,” he said. “I had what some folks claim is the second best colonel’s job in the Air Force, and I loved it.”

He also had the opportunity to meet several dignitaries during his time in Qatar, including the vice president, the speaker of the house, and the secretary of defense.

Karls credits his success to his upbringing and education. “Certainly, UW-Platteville provided a tremendous academic foundation,” he said. “My parents also brought my brother, who is a doctor, and me up very well, instilling in us a tenacity and drive and a sense of doing things the right way and doing things honorably. We were taught to keep our noses to the grindstone and work our way up. Looking back, both he and I have been very blessed in our careers.”

Karls is pleased with the path he chose. He recalled an anecdote from his senior year. Dr. Stan Moore was his advisor. “He told me, as I was graduating, ‘I don’t really see you in the Air Force, Chris. You are too genteel, too cerebral, you have too big a heart.’ I’m not sure about any of those,” laughed Karls, “but as much as I loved and respected Dr. Moore, he had me all wrong about the Air Force.”

Karls was born in Milwaukee, Wis., and attended high school in Pewaukee, Wis. He earned a comprehensive bachelor’s degree from UW-Platteville, which included studies in physics, chemistry, and math. He minored in education.

His parents, Dean E. Karls ’60 and Lisette (Thiede) Swanson ’60, were both UW-Platteville alumni.

Since his Air Force retirement, Karls was the senior director of logistics for DynCorp International, Afghanistan, and currently works as a Program Manager at Logistics 2020 Inc., a United States Department of Defense contractor in the Washington National Capital region. He lives in Charlottesville, Va.
Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent Diane Stutika ’83 is at ground zero when it comes to street gang warfare. For the past 16 years, she has worked in the FBI’s Chicago, Ill., office, one of the largest FBI offices in the country.

Stutika currently works the street gang beat in Chicago, some of the most difficult territory in the country. “There is a lot of violence in Chicago, and a majority of it is street gangs,” she said.

Federal drug laws are stiffer than state laws, so agents try to arrest street gang members on federal drug charges. “Many of them already have criminal histories,” said Stutika.

“These are guys selling drugs and shooting other people, and unfortunately, those people are sometimes young children or older people,” said Stutika.

FBI agents, including Stutika, perform undercover drug buys and are involved in wiretaps of suspected criminals in order to build cases. “It is very satisfying when you put these guys away,” she said. “Getting them off the street is helping the community.”

Stutika also volunteers on an evidence response team. That work involves processing a variety of evidentiary material, such as blood stains and fingerprints.

“Law enforcement was always something that I wanted to do,” said Stutika. “I didn’t want to sit behind a desk. I wanted to be out serving the public.”

Stutika’s original assignment with the FBI was in the organized crime division. That proved to be too slow of a pace for her, which led to a transfer into the street gang division. “We are busy all the time,” she said.

Even though she works in the worst neighborhoods in the city, Stutika doesn’t worry too much about her safety. “I am confident in what I am doing and confident with the people in my squad,” she said, noting, however, that at times she does have a healthy fear of her surroundings. “The gangs are busy on the streets 24 hours a day selling drugs. You need to pay attention to what is going on.”

Ever since she can remember, Stutika always wanted to have a career in public service, and more specifically, law enforcement. “I really wanted to make a difference in the community where I worked,” she said. “I think public service can be a thankless profession, but it can have great rewards.”

Stutika’s husband is also an FBI special agent. He earned his pilot’s license and now flies for the FBI.

Stutika graduated with a criminal justice and accounting degree, with a business minor. Her first job, post-graduation, was as an investigator with the Milwaukee County District Attorney’s Office, where she worked for 13 years.

Stutika applied with the FBI in the fall of 1996 and she began FBI academy training June 1997.

Over the years, more than 3,000 students have graduated with a degree in criminal justice or criminal justice-law enforcement; 750 students served in the military.
"I work on a strip of concrete that's traveled on at 70–80 miles per hour by 3,000–80,000-pound vehicles that are 3 to 4 feet away from me, so inherently it's dangerous," said Kris Mondloch '03, a trooper with the Wisconsin State Patrol.

After earning a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and psychology, Mondloch accepted a deputy sheriff position in the jail division of the Sauk County Sheriff's Department.

"I think my psychology degree helped probably just as much as my criminal justice degree, because I was dealing with a unique group of people," said Mondloch.

Mondloch, 33, is a native of Fredonia, Wis. He was influenced to a career in law enforcement by his godfather, who passed away in 2008 and was a career police officer in Radford, Va.

Mondloch joined the Wisconsin State Patrol in January 2007. He graduated from the five-month-long academy at Fort McCoy, Wis., as well as completed a background test, interview, six-hour psychological evaluation, and a physical, earning a position with the Wisconsin State Patrol.

His other responsibilities include directing traffic at major events such as the EAA air show in Oshkosh, Wis.; providing security for the governor and lieutenant governor when they are in the area; and conducting media interviews.

"In six years it has been pretty interesting so far," said Mondloch.

As for whether he feels safe on the job, Mondloch says he feels comfortable. "I don't know if any of us really feel safe or even that we should. The Supreme Court said we have no expectation of safety in law enforcement," he said. "I am not afraid to go to work. You just go out and do your job. If something bad comes up you react to it with your training."

The most dangerous part of the job is traffic stops. "The guy in the car could have a shotgun waiting for me," said Mondloch. "That's something you worry about and that you are cognizant of. It is always in the back of your mind."

"Someone's got to do it and some of us are geared to do it," he added. "If those of us who are geared for it didn't do it, no one would."
When Eric Hopfensperger ’08 arrives at work each day he has no idea what awaits him.

Hopfensperger works as a full-time firefighter with the Statesboro, Ga., Fire Department. “I love it,” he said. “The biggest thing I really like about the job is I know every day I am going to the firehouse to work, but what is going to happen that day, I never know.”

Hopfensperger has completed various training courses and tries to stay prepared for any and all situations that may arise. “We are always pushing ourselves to be better mentally,” he said.

Like others in the public service profession, Hopfensperger was drawn to his career. “In my eyes, it’s not a job, it’s a lifestyle,” he said. “I definitely did not pick this job for the money. There are plenty of other jobs out there for that.”

Prior to joining the fire department, Hopfensperger volunteered with the American Red Cross. He was deployed for two-and-a-half weeks to assist with the aftermath of Hurricane Irene. “Every day I was meeting someone new on the worst day of their life, but it gave me the perspective that I want to be that person who steps up,” he said.

Hopfensperger is a Stevens Point, Wis., native and originally enrolled at UW-Platteville to study engineering. He realized that was not the field for him and shifted to building construction management. He earned a bachelor’s degree in industrial technology management with an emphasis in building construction management.

In 2008, the housing market was in decline, so Hopfensperger decided to work on his master’s at UW-Platteville. He hoped to eventually work in higher education.

A friend of Hopfensperger’s was working at Georgia Southern University at the time and persuaded him to move south to continue his education. “I fell in love with the community,” he said.

Hopfensperger initially volunteered with the Statesboro Fire Department. He assisted the firefighters in a support function, offering victim assistance and firefighter rehab. He would provide firefighters on the scene with water, air packs, dry clothes in the winter, and cooling towels in the summer.

In July 2012, he was hired as a part-time firefighter before advancing to full time in November. “The department is growing fast and bucking the trend of other metro areas,” said Hopfensperger, noting the city and county are in the top 100 fastest growing communities in the country.

“It is keeping me on my toes,” added Hopfensperger. “The training is non-stop, ranging from basic firefighter training to hazmat technician and everything in between.”

Hopfensperger works a 24/48 rotation, meaning he works for 24 hours and has 48 hours off.

Statesboro is a college town and a majority of the department’s calls are for stove or microwave fires. They have also been dispatched to home and brush fires as well as vehicle extrications, and other events. “It’s a very diverse area that I live in, and there have been many different types of responses,” he said.
The first word that comes to mind to describe Amber Faherty ‘10, is “selfless.”

Faherty, a 2002 Platteville High School graduate, joined the United States Navy at the age of 17 and spent her 18th birthday in boot camp. “I knew I wanted to do something in the medical field, but I wasn’t sure what,” she said. “I didn’t think I was ready for college and the Navy recruiter was in the right place at the right time.”

Faherty was based in San Diego, Calif., during her five years of naval service. She has traveled around the globe including to Hawaii, Guam, Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Bahrain, Dubai, Kuwait, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Australia. She also had short deployments with the U.S. Army and Marine Corps.

“I have definitely seen some eye-opening and scary things and some things that I will never forget,” said Faherty.

The experiences for Faherty over the previous 10 years have had an impact. “I don’t think I ever joined (the Navy) with the feeling of being patriotic or ‘I can’t wait to serve my country,’ but I definitely left feeling proud of those who went before me,” she said. “I love this country and what it stands for. I was happy to be a part of it and happy enough to want to do it again.”

Faherty joined the Wisconsin Army National Guard earlier this year and hopes to one day again be called to active duty. “I am that person you can pick out in a crowd at any sporting event who is standing at attention during the national anthem,” she said. “I have the utmost respect for people who have and still are serving and who have lost their lives doing so.”

“I would do what I did in the military for free as long as I could afford the basics. I would not require excessive pay,” added Faherty.

Following her naval service, Faherty enrolled at UW-Platteville where she earned a bachelor’s degree in biology.

Her military experience, coupled with her education at UW-Platteville, set the stage for Faherty to enroll in the physician assistant program at Des Moines University in Iowa.

Faherty hopes to one day work in an emergency room or trauma center.
The day was Aug. 13, 1952. Richard Darnill ’52 can recite that date without hesitation. It was the day he was drafted into the United States Army at the age of 21.

As a young man, Darnill moved frequently as his father was a civilian radar technician, working for the military. He was living in Warren, Ill., when he decided to enroll at the Platteville Teachers College, which is now known as UW-Platteville.

Darnill attended classes in Platteville when he was 17 years old.

Darnill earned a bachelor’s degree in agriculture, with a biological science minor. “I am glad I did it,” he said. “I got an undergraduate degree and a wife.”

After being drafted, Darnill was sent to Fort Sheridan, Ill., and then to Fort Bliss, Texas. The temperatures in Texas during August ranged from 106–112 degrees, recalled Darnill. The soldiers would eat salt tablets by the handful. The training also included 20-mile marches while wearing a steel helmet.

While in basic training, which lasted 16 weeks, Darnill was assigned to the artillery detail. The first eight weeks were the physical training, while the second eight weeks were spent with the artillery. Darnill trained on a 50-caliber turret and a half track with a 40-millimeter weapon attached to it.

Following basic training, Darnill chose radar counter mortar training. Darnill’s group was one of the first to go through the training.

Darnill was sent to Korea in December 1953. He spent seven months and 17 days overseas and his group followed behind the infantry, which was close to the 38th parallel.

The living conditions in Korea included approximately 15 soldiers in a tent, each with a down-filled sleeping bag and no heat during the evening. “We took turns cooking breakfast for each other,” said Darnill.

Rank for military personnel in Korea was frozen during that time, so Darnill was not promoted. If the freeze had not been in place, Darnill could have received a chief warrant officer commission in the U.S. Army Reserve.

“It was not a problem for me in the Army,” he said. “I volunteered for many things. It was a good experience.”

While in Korea, he contacted UW-Madison and was admitted to its graduate school program and summer school.

Following his military service, which concluded in 1954, and graduate school, Darnill taught in Illinois for one year and Wisconsin for five years. He was then named superintendent in Hazel Green, Wis., before moving to Alma Center, a co-op school district, and to Mauston, Wis. Darnill and his wife currently reside in Windsor, Wis.

Darnill worked for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction for 14 years prior to retirement.

“It’s been a good life,” said Darnill. "”
While the responsibility of safely controlling hundreds of airplanes in one day may be daunting to most people, it is that challenge that Gloria Gutiérrez Marzell ’99 enjoys most about her job. “There are no two days alike ever,” said Marzell, an Air Traffic Control Specialist at the Chicago Air Route Traffic Control Center in Aurora, Ill. “It’s three dimensional, and you always have to figure out something that works.”

Marzell spent much of her childhood in southern New Jersey, but graduated from high school in Janesville, Wis. She was drawn to UW-Platteville because she wanted to study civil engineering, however she later switched to business administration.

Soon after graduating, she worked in customer service for Scandinavian Airlines at O’Hare International Airport in Chicago, Ill. While there, she took a tour of the air traffic control tower, which sparked her interest in the field. “I saw that you had to be thinking constantly and figuring out the answer to the problem,” said Marzell. “It seemed like it wouldn’t be a boring job.” She then earned an associate degree in air traffic control from the Community College of Beaver County, in Beaver Falls, Penn.

After working in the field for eight years, Marzell can now attest that her instincts about the dynamic nature of the job were right.

Marzell is responsible for airplanes after they depart from an airport’s terminal airspace. This includes climbing the aircrafts to their cruising altitude, ensuring that they stay on the correct route, and most importantly, a safe distance from each other. She is in constant communication with pilots and controllers from other en-route centers and airport towers.

Her workday starts with an in-depth briefing process on everything from weather to information about all individual flights currently en route, including their location, what altitude they are climbing to, and whether or not they are deviating from a flight plan.

Marzell cites bad weather as the biggest stressor on the job. “Everyone wants to fly through the good part—the little, tiny hole between the weather,” she said. “In bad weather five airplanes would seem like 25, when on a normal day five would seem like nothing.”

The controllers are not allowed to work longer than two hours without a break, which Marzell said helps to alleviate stress.

“When it’s really busy with weather and high volumes of traffic it is mentally exhausting,” she said. “You’re making decision after decision. You need a break to give your mind time to rest.”

Although a career in the aviation field was not something she envisioned at the time, her experiences at UW-Platteville still helped to shape her career today. “People I met there taught me a lot about being a good friend,” said Marzell. “A lot that I learned there about relationships with people helped get me to where I am today.” –Alison Perkins
For Gary Goldberg ’81, the path to becoming the president and CEO of the second largest gold mining company in the world was carved out early.

Goldberg was born in Rhinelander, Wis., and grew up in Port Washington, Wis. He was looking to study mining engineering and chose UW-Platteville.

“The whole program at UW-Platteville was very practical in terms of turning out graduates who not only understand the technical side, but could relate to people and get things done,” he said.

Even as the mining industry was in a downturn, Goldberg received seven job offers and accepted an operations position with the Kennecott mine in Salt Lake City, Utah. “I wanted to be a supervisor and learn how to run a mine from the ground up,” he said.

Goldberg earned his master’s in business administration from the University of Utah.

By 1985, the Kennecott mine was shut down. Goldberg stayed on and learned other aspects of the business. He was active with the mine planning group, which looked at ways to rekindle the business.

In 1993, Goldberg was named the mine manager at Kennecott’s Bingham Canyon mine, which he listed as his life’s ambition when he was younger.

Rio Tinto, a global mining company, later purchased Kennecott. That change resulted in Goldberg moving to Colorado to operate one of Rio Tinto’s recently acquired coal mines and later to London, England, to work in the company’s headquarters. “So, the kid from Wisconsin who never dreamed of leaving the U.S., all of the sudden was all over the world,” said Goldberg, noting he visited 25 world capitals before he made it to Washington, D.C.

Goldberg moved to Wyoming to manage a coal business and in late 1999 was named CEO of Kennecott Energy. He later moved to Australia to run one of Rio Tinto’s coal businesses in New South Wales.

In 2004 he moved to Valencia, Calif., to become president and CEO

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Establishing Platteville’s Normal School

Photographer James Nye captured a milestone when he took a photograph of Platteville’s Normal School Class of 1869. If events had occurred differently, there would have been no class of 1869 to photograph.

By the early 1860s, the Platteville Academy, which had been in operation since 1839, had established a reputation as an excellent school for teacher training. It had achieved this, to a greater extent, because of Josiah Pickard, who served as the academy’s principal from 1846 through 1859.

Pickard owed part of his success to the Normal School Act of 1857, the state’s first attempt at establishing these schools by allowing existing academies to set up normal departments for teacher training. The state financed these departments with the “sale of swamp and overflowed lands.” This program worked under Pickard, but failed statewide because of a lack of structure and oversight.

To remedy this, the state passed the Normal School Act of 1865, repealing the 1857 act and laying groundwork for the establishment of independent normal schools for teacher training. The proposed normal schools would now be financed by the sale of “swamp and overflowed lands.”

This presented a serious problem for the Platteville Academy, which relied on those state funds for its operations. With the swampland money now redirected, Platteville would receive no state aid—unless it became a normal school. When the Normal School Board of Regents called for proposals for normal school sites in the summer of 1865, Platteville responded, along with 15 other cities across the state.

On Oct. 9, 1866, the first State Normal School in Wisconsin opened at Platteville. When the first class graduated in 1869, it was a significant event. One of the ways Platteville’s Normal School celebrated this milestone was to have James Nye make this collage of the graduating class. –James Hibbard
“We’re going to Steve’s,” requires no further explanation for the students and community members of Platteville. They smell the heady scent of fresh-baked crust and hear the memories of laughter from the iconic restaurant, and they’re hooked. Now approaching its 50th anniversary, Steve’s Pizza Palace has enjoyed a special relationship with its customers, be they longtime Platteville residents, returning alumni, or a group of new students.

“Our restaurant isn’t just four walls,” said John Patakos, UW-Platteville alumnus and Vice President of Steve’s Pizza who has been managing the restaurant for the past 25 years. “Every room is different and gives us a very unique, family atmosphere. We treat everyone who steps through our doors as if they are special, as if they are family.”

The origins of Steve’s Pizza trace back to its founders, Steve and Stella Blatzas, who immigrated to the United States from Greece and opened their restaurant in 1963. Stella’s brother, Patrick Zaimes, took over the restaurant in 1980 with his wife Nina and their young daughter Katherine. At the same time, Patakos and his family immigrated to River Falls, Wis., where his uncle was the manager of a branch of Steve’s Pizza. Patakos worked and learned in the restaurant, starting at age 15 and became manager at 18. He took over the restaurant in Platteville in 1988. He and Katherine, who had grown up working in the restaurant, were engaged in 2003 and run the restaurant together. They are also actively involved in the UW-Platteville International Students Club as well as Café International.

When Patakos first took over the restaurant, it was originally a 1,000-square-foot building at Fourth Street and Main Street. It’s now located at the corner of Main and Chestnut streets. “I knew running this restaurant was what I’d always wanted to do,” he said.

While students certainly remember the food, some also remember the years they spent working at the restaurant. “Students make up around 90 percent of our employees,” said Patakos. “We have grown with the university over the years, and we learn from each other. We now offer internships to students as well.”

Steve’s Pizza, voted as the number one restaurant in the state by Discover Wisconsin in 2005, will continue to try new things in the future.

“We have plans in the works to install and operate our own brewery,” said Patakos. “We want to add something to make this town special as a way to say thank you and to help each other grow into the years ahead.”

–Angela O’Brien

Recipe for success
Steve’s Pizza still serving up slices

Katherine Zaimes and John Patakos
Internship to Career for Conklin
The impact of PACCE seen in Chicago

Bart Conklin ‘12 is the resident “man of all works” at the Lillstreet Art Center in Chicago, Ill. “I don’t have an official job title,” said Conklin. “I fill in wherever needed.” Whether that is construction, maintenance, helping other artists, or working in his own studio, Conklin is the man for the job.

Conklin began working for Lillstreet as part of a summer internship through the UW-Platteville Pioneer Academic Center for Community Engagement. He was recommended for the position during a show that a Lillstreet artist participated in at the Harry and Laura Nohr Art Gallery. As an intern, Conklin worked to help artists in their studios, supervising children during classes and working on public art pieces with other artists. “It was a very beneficial opportunity that helped me to gain real world experience,” he said.

He continued to work for Lillstreet during winter and summer breaks, and was hired for a full-time position upon graduation. “I owe where I am now to PACCE,” he said. “Without it, I wouldn’t be able to have the job I have now. It’s a great program.”

Conklin participated in many other PACCE projects while studying fine arts at UW-Platteville. His senior project was the creation of the 125-foot by 35-foot stainless steel fish sculpture displayed outside of the Rountree Commons residence hall. The fish represent varieties that can be found in the northern Mississippi River near Platteville. “It was my first experience working with stainless steel, and making sure a piece of art was weatherproof was a challenge,” he said. The sculpture was part of a larger PACCE project that produced 12 pieces of art for Rountree Commons. Conklin also participated in many smaller PACCE projects including installing the stone benches located between the Markee Pioneer Student Center and Doudna Hall.

He continues to give back to UW-Platteville by facilitating communication between Lillstreet and students looking to intern with the company. “Being able to help other people in my field is really rewarding,” he said. “I give them advice on what to expect from the internship and how to get the most out of the experience.”

Conklin was the first UW-Platteville student to intern at Lillstreet, and there has been one every year since.

–Nicole Smith
Thank you to everyone who made our second annual Evening in Monte Carlo fund raiser such a successful event. Because of your support, we raised over $18,000. We couldn’t have done it without you.

Please mark your calendars for next year’s Evening in Monte Carlo on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at the Madison Concourse Hotel and Governor’s Club in Madison, Wis. Save the date and tell your friends.

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What began as another bonding experience for three sisters, turned into a terrifying experience in a split second.

Sisters, and UW-Platteville alumnae, Gina (Smith) Craig ’11, Kayla Smith ’11, and Katie (Smith) Ritchie ’06, ran in the Boston Marathon initially for a good cause.

Smith, a development and communications director for Wisconsin Badger Camp, used the marathon as a fund raiser for the camp, a nonprofit organization for adults and children with developmental disabilities. “After qualifying for Boston, my boss and I sat down and created this fund raiser for Badger Camp. With the support of friends and family, we ended up raising over $5,500,” she said.

Boston bound for Badger Camp, Craig, Smith, and Ritchie traveled to Boston, Mass., to compete in the 117th Boston Marathon on April 16.

“It was exciting to finish, run a personal best, and enjoy this pain that I didn’t even know existed in my body. We all enjoyed that for about 30 minutes and then all that was out the window,” said Smith.

“The experience and the whole trip was absolutely phenomenal. Obviously, until around 3 p.m. on Monday afternoon,” said Craig. “It was unreal.”

Roughly 40 minutes after Ritchie and Smith had finished the race, and Craig finishing approximately an hour before, two bombs went off at the finish line killing three spectators and injuring several others.

Emergency personnel immediately began to assist fallen runners and spectators.

“We were on the adjacent block to the finish line,” said Ritchie. “We could feel it and hear it.”

Following the two bombings at the finish line, sirens rang out. Instantly, there was chaos and commotion as people became frantic. The sisters attempted to contact their family.

“Cell phone reception was cut. Of course, you assume the worst. I kept thinking, they aren’t answering their phone because they had been blown up. Immediately the situation becomes high stress and high emotion,” said Craig.

Eventually, Ritchie was able to get in touch with her husband and found everyone was safe.

The city of Boston was put on lock down, stopping all trains and buses, forcing the sisters to walk five miles to the hotel to meet up with their family.

The sisters plan to attend the 2014 Boston Marathon to pay respect to the victims of the attack. –Eileen McGuine ’11
The pursuit of perfection is mostly seen as almost negative, unattainable, and even moreso, unthinkable. In *Anna Karenina*, Leo Tolstoy wrote, "If you look for perfection, you’ll never be content." And Salvador Dali said, “Have no fear of perfection. You’ll never reach it.” Yet, by taking a one-game-at-a-time approach, the 1994–95 UW-Platteville men’s basketball team did reach perfection, winning all 31 games and the NCAA Division III national championship.

The 1994–95 squad was inducted into the Pioneer Hall of Fame in May, becoming just the second team ever to be inducted en masse.

“This was such an unbelievable year, an unbelievable sequence of occurrences that happened in 1994–95,” said then-Pioneer coach Bo Ryan, now the Wisconsin Badgers’ head coach. “You would never know though coming into our practices that we were 8–0 or 15–0 or 20–0. We had leadership through a lot of places. I never had to worry about leadership, whether they were starters, all-conference, or reserves.”

The 1994–95 team became the first to win all 16 Wisconsin State University Conference games, claiming the league title. Included in that stretch was a 67–65 win at UW-Eau Claire, breaking a 20-year university arena jinx. The Pioneers went on to defeat St. John’s and UW-Whitewater in the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament in Williams Fieldhouse. In the Sweet 16, the Pioneers topped Millsaps and Hampden-Sydney earning a trip to the final four.

After beating Trinity, Conn., in the semifinals, the Pioneers met another undefeated squad, Manchester, Ind., coached by Steve Alford, who now is the UCLA head coach. The Pioneers capped off their perfect 31–0 season beating Manchester 69–55. It’s the first and only NCAA basketball championship game at any level between two undefeated teams.

Eighteen players, coaches, and student personnel assembled on Bo Ryan Court to relive the experiences. Aaron Lancaster and Saul Phillips spoke on behalf of the players, while Ryan also addressed the 175 in attendance.

“Thanks goes to the fans, the best fans in America,” Ryan said. “No DIII program has better fans than these in Platteville.”

Dr. Kyle Metzloff, a Professor in the industrial studies department, and Assistant Professor Eric Rimel, worked with students Kelsey Welter and Jared Stearns to produce the unique medallions given to the newest inductees. –Paul Erickson
Route to Success
Graduate student has a hand in some of Disney’s best

“We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we’re curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.” – Walt Disney

It’s that wonder and drive that led Mike Huang, an online graduate student at UW-Platteville, to a unique career at the Walt Disney Animation Studios in Burbank, Calif. As Production Supervisor, Huang’s résumé resembles a playbill of some of Disney’s most eclectic and popular animated feature films such as Wreck-It Ralph, Tangled, Bolt, Princess and the Frog, and the upcoming holiday release, Frozen; Disney’s 53rd animated feature.

“In the entertainment industry, I feel there are many routes one can climb towards success,” he said. “For me, pursuing a Master of Science in Project Management was an elective decision, but one I believe helps formalize practices and techniques that I may not learn from experience alone.”

At Walt Disney Animation Studios, Huang collaborates with artistic supervisors to achieve production goals, provides critical and strategic problem solving, and communicates needs in identifying a plan for the department. A typical day includes developing and managing the department schedule and resources, representing the department in production meetings to ensure inventory and deliverables meet planned expectations, running review meetings and approvals with the directors, while motivating and mentoring the team.

Even with all that, Huang finds a way to pursue his master’s degree.

“Distance education provides a valuable experience that can be flexible to accommodate your routine,” said Huang. “Like many of my classmates, striving professionals must be efficient with their time, and UW-Platteville allows me to comfortably continue my education without side tracking my career goals.”

After completing his project management certificate with the University of California-Los Angeles Extension, Huang took advantage of UW-Platteville’s online...
transfer agreement with the extension to apply the credits he earned toward his master’s degree.

Under the unique credit transfer agreement, coursework for the UCLA Extension can equal up to 12 online graduate credits, equivalent to four full-time courses in UW-Platteville’s MSPM program. UW-Platteville fosters similar credit partnerships nationwide, primarily through its online programs.

Though confident in his skills, Huang initially was hesitant about earning a degree at a distance, “but with UW-Platteville I have felt completely engaged, despite being physically separated,” he said. He particularly finds value in the program’s real-world examples of how practical techniques could be applied to everyday situations.

Well on his way to graduation, Huang, who made his first trip to Wisconsin last summer, is eager to see where his career will take him.

“Computer animation and visual effects are a relatively young and rapidly growing industry, so I’m excited to see where future opportunities in production management and producing may arise,” he said. –Tom Jensen

Gary Goldberg (third from left) is pictured with the environmental review team at Newmont’s Twin Creeks gold mine in Nevada.

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of U.S. Borax.

He later helped form Rio Tinto Minerals and subsequently moved to Denver, Colo., home of the company’s headquarters.

Goldberg left Rio Tinto Minerals two years ago to serve as executive vice president and COO of the Newmont Mining Corporation. Earlier this year he was named President and Chief Executive Officer at Newmont.

Goldberg remains an advocate for the mining industry. “It’s important that we keep bringing people into the mining world,” he said. “We have come a long way in how the mining industry deals with things, whether it’s health and safety, or how we deal with the environment.”

Gary and his wife Beth (Schmiedel) ’82, currently reside in Colorado. –Dan Wackershauser ’97

The third annual MCIC conference will be held Thursday, Sept. 12 and Friday, Sept. 13. Last year there were nearly 900 attendees. To sign up, visit www3.uwplatt.edu/MCIC.
AUGUST

Tuesday, Aug. 20
Pioneer Send Off – Chicagoland students
Help us welcome incoming freshmen from the Chicago area into the Pioneer family
Schaumburg, Ill.

Thursday, Aug. 29
Bridgeway Commons Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Our newest residence hall and dining facility opens its doors
UW-Platteville campus

SEPTEMBER

Monday, Sept. 2
Welcome Weekend Concert – Chris Cagle
Tickets can be purchased through the University Box Office
1.877.727.1232
UW-Platteville campus

Friday, Sept. 6
Soils and Crops Alumni Golf Outing and Brat Picnic
Hosted by Roger and Fran Higgs – all are welcome
Apple Canyon Lake, Ill.

Thursday, Sept. 12–Sunday, Sept. 15
Door County
Alumni are invited to spend the weekend in Fish Creek and take part in a fish boil and haunted trolley tour
Fish Creek, Wis.

Tuesday, Sept. 17
Prep U: Tick Talk – Speed Networking
Alumni are invited to network with current students and give tips on preparing for interviews and networking events
UW-Platteville campus

Wednesday, Sept. 18
Retirees Breakfast
UW-Platteville campus
College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science Scholarships and Awards Banquet
UW-Platteville campus

Friday, Sept. 20
Alumni social sponsored by McKinstry
Portland, Ore.

Thursday, Sept. 26
Lake Shore Network Event at Swan Pumpkin Farm
Franksville, Wis.

OCTOBER

Saturday, Oct. 5
UW-Platteville Homecoming (see page 38 for details)
Homecoming Hustle 5K, 50th Alumni Association Anniversary, 35th Distance Education Anniversary, and Student Center Reunion
UW-Platteville campus

Wednesday, Oct. 16
Card Making 101: Card making for all occasions
UW-Platteville campus

Saturday, Oct. 19
Cranberries, Carrots, and agriCulture: Central Wisconsin Farm Tours
Hancock, Wis.

Wednesday, Oct. 23
Prep U: Knock Knock – Leveraging LinkedIn
Get helpful tips on how to set up or strengthen your LinkedIn profile
UW-Platteville campus

Friday, Oct. 25
Milwaukee Network: Lake Front Brewery Tour
Milwaukee, Wis.

Saturday, Oct. 26
Legacy Breakfast
Alumni who are parents of current students are invited to join us during Family Weekend for a continental breakfast
UW-Platteville campus

Wednesday, Oct. 30–Thursday, Oct. 31
Horrible Crime Scene Revisited
Revisit a recreated famous crime scene and figure out for yourself who did it
UW-Platteville Pioneer Farm
Forensic Investigation Crime Scene House
Students brave the cold temperatures for the Nearly Naked Run on Feb. 21.

If you would like more information about any of our upcoming events go online at alumni.uwplatt.edu or call us at 1.800.897.2586. You can also let us know if you have any suggestions for events in your area.
New Hires

New faces in administration at UW-Platteville:

Dr. Laura Bayless became the new Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs in July. The Student Affairs office reports to the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Mittie N. Den Herder. Bayless said the move helps reinforce the focus on learning and development of her revamped division.

Dr. Joanne Wilson was named Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs in June. She has been serving as the interim assistant chancellor for Student Affairs since 2011, and spent the year prior to that as the interim dean of the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science.

Bayless and Wilson will work together closely. According to Den Herder, a primary goal of both positions is to increase the collaboration between Student Affairs programming and the university's curriculum to allow students to engage in more meaningful high impact practices.

1959

Harold William “Skip” Thorpe’s 2012 book, Giddyap Tin Lizzie: The Long Road Back to the Plow, was a silver medalist in the Great Lakes – Best Regional Fiction category of the IPPY Awards, presented by IndependentPublisher.com.

1963

In April, Bruce McClain was honored by the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame with the 2013 Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame Artist of the Year award. Eight of his paintings were displayed at the banquet ceremony for 400 attendees.

The names of Alumni Association lifetime members are identified with blue text and annual members are identified with orange text. Thank you to everyone who continues to support us in creating relationships that last a lifetime.

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November 15–17, 2013

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Call the Wilderness directly at 800-867-WILD to make your reservation. Just mention you are with the UW-Platteville Alumni group # B57736.
1969

Marlowe Schlegel, of Columbia, Mo., was named an honorary state FFA degree recipient at the 85th Missouri FFA Convention. Until his retirement in 2007, Schlegel served as a deputy director of the Missouri Agricultural Statistic Service. He has volunteered several times to judge FFA public speaking leadership development events and since 2008, has helped coordinate the state FFA public speaking and job interview career development events at Forum Christian Church.

1974

Brian R. Ellig's first book, The Long Journey Home: An Angler’s Memoir of Passion Realized and Redeemed, was recently published. It's the story of a common man, whose extensive travels across America help him realize the joy and peace of mind that nature and the art of fly-fishing has brought to his life. More information about Ellig can be found online at www.FlyFishingMyOnePassion.com.

1975

Deborah Bouchette has been awarded the national and international call for the Pacific Art Experiment at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore. The Pacific Art Experience included hands-on student workshops designed to inspire creativity and experimentation in the visual arts. An article on Bouchette was featured in the winter 2012 issue of the Alumni Today.

1978

Margaret "Peggie" (Daffner) James was recently elected President of the Driftless Area Land Conservancy, a nonprofit organization that addresses complex conservation and environmental needs of concerned citizens and private landowners in Southwest Wisconsin, who seek expertise in botany, geology, forestry, archaeology, and legal and policy matters associated with land preservation and conservation.

1982

Colonel Jeff Peterson retired from the U.S. Marine Corps in October 2012 after 30 years of service. He now works as a Principal Research Scientist in human resource and training issues for the Center for Naval Analyses, a research and development center that supports the Navy, Marine Corps, and other Department of Defense agencies. Recently, Peterson accepted an appointment to the editorial staff of a new professional journal, Gender and Violence.

1984

Barbara (Budde) Kachelski is the new Executive Director of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry in Madison, Wis. Kachelski is also the Secretary/Treasurer of the Wisconsin Society of Association Executives board of directors, and has an Executive M.B.A. from UW-Madison.

1986

Scott Godden was recently named the Managing Director of SVA Health Services LLC. With over 20 years of revenue cycle management experience, Godden has assisted healthcare organizations with maximizing revenue, increasing productivity, and improving quality. Utilizing his master’s in organizational management, Godden will help streamline and bolster processes and position SVA’s revenue cycle, coding, and consulting service lines in the changing healthcare market.

2013 annual fish fry get together: Robb Slawski ’77, Ken Fries ’75, John Boldt ’76, Jeff Mantes ’76, Gary Blaha, Randy Govier ’76, and E. Allen “Al” Hancock ’76
**Lost Alumni** Those people listed as “Lost Alumni” either graduated from or attended what we now know as UW-Platteville. If you have an address or contact information for any of the alumni listed below, please contact Alumni Services at 1.800.897.2586 or send an e-mail to alumni@uwplatt.edu.

**1972** Joseph P. Bach • Marilyn L. (Latham) Blix • Ronald R. Boehnen • Roberta L. (Borroughs) Dillman • Katherine A. (Pinard) Emerson-Meek • Kenneth E. Faustmann • Frances M. (Derganz) Good • Alan J. Johnson • Byron V. Johnson • Diana S. (Schmitt) Judd • John J. Miller • William A. Moede • Diana L. Schmitt • Gloria J. (Riley) Tuprah • Colleen A. (Moore) Vagnini • Beth A. (Marty) Zimmerman 1973 Glen E. Anderson • Lawrence E. Bengal • Judith R. Brownstein • James P. Deiter • Russell J. Fathauer • Coy L. Grandison • Linda E. (Cody) Hodgson • John F. Kliebenstein • Billy R. Norris • Keith Spellum • Sharon J. Urbanowski • William M. White • Mary A. White • William T. Windom • Luetta J. (Loeffel) Wyss

**1987** Dr. Brian D. Campbell won the Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award 2013, the highest award offered at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Okla. The $5,000 award for exceptional achievement in teaching, scholarship, and service is made possible by Dr. William and Theta Juan Bernhardt of Midwest City, Okla. From left to right: SWOSU President Randy Beutler with Campbell and last year’s awardee, Dr. Tim Hubin.

**Class Notes**

**1987**

**2004**

Daniel Wall of Spencer, Wis., has been appointed by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute to serve on PCORSI’s newly-established stakeholder advisory panel on assessment, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment options. Wall is an Applications Analyst at the Biomedical Informatics Research Center, Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation.

Craig Gasior was promoted to a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt for 3M in Alexandria, Minn. Gasior is currently a Production Supervisor for the Trizact departments, and working towards his master’s in engineering from UW-Platteville.

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In Memoriam

CORRECTION for In Memoriam:
In our April issue, Joyce Walker Kirschbaum, class of 1949, was incorrectly marked deceased. We apologize for this error.

1931
Bernice A. Vandenberg, Stillwater, Minn.

1935
Dorothy (Spink) DeBuhr, Platteville, Wis.

1939
Eva M. Beining, Platteville, Wis.

1945
Mary E. Evans, Sheboygan, Wis.
Lois N. Clifton, Platteville, Wis.

1947
Mildred C. Floyd, Maquoketa, Iowa
Alfred "Skip" Harvey, Walnut Creek, Calif.
Shirley June (Jennings) Bauer, Excelsior, Minn.

1948
Nicholas Gandolph, Madison, Wis.

1949
Joseph C. Lawinger, Platteville, Wis.
George McFall, Platteville, Wis.

1950
Francis A. McQuaid, Darlington, Wis.

1952
James J. Ludwig, Buena Vista, Colo.

1955
Eugene R. Sandstrom, Germantown, Wis.
Elton R. Lash, Buchanan, Mich.

1956
Homer Halverson, Mukilteo, Wash.

1957
Francis Faherty, Platteville, Wis.

1958
Guy B. Kitelinger, Hazel Green, Wis.
Loren Ingram, Harvard, Ill.

1961
David B. Holcomb, Black River Falls, Wis.

1963
Leland R. Eklund, Verona, Wis.
Rowan D. Hollis, Sun Prairie, Wis.

1965
Joel F. McCulloch, Grafton, Wis.

1968
David “Tom” Weinkauf, Milwaukee, Wis.

1969
Richard J. Brockman, Platteville, Wis.
Patrick T. Woods, Sioux Falls, S.D.

1971
Dennis L. Lee, Hazel Green, Wis.

1973
Richard R. Liddle, Eagan, Minn.
Thomas R. Ortell, Brookfield, Wis.

1975
Mel J. Beadle, Dubuque, Iowa

1976
Pamela T. (Bailey) Bush, Morrison, Ill.

1981
Dora Lee Throckmorton, St. Paul, Minn.

1983
Dean Zoesch, Madison, Wis.

1996
Barbara A. Legrand, Platteville, Wis.

1998
Christine A. Miller, Whitelaw, Wis.

Employees
Darlene Mellor, Platteville, Wis.
Beth Vaassen, Platteville, Wis.

CORRECTION for In Memoriam:
In our April issue, Joyce Walker Kirschbaum, class of 1949, was incorrectly marked deceased. We apologize for this error.

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Dear Marching Pioneers alumni,

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville Department of Performing and Visual Arts cordially invites you to participate in the 2013 Marching Pioneers Alumni Day during Homecoming on Oct. 5. We hope to continue to boost the number of participants in this performance.

This year’s Marching Pioneers will be joined by band members from years past during two numbers of the show during halftime at the UW-Platteville Homecoming football game, as well as playing in the stands. There will be a mandatory rehearsal on Homecoming day for participating returning band members at 11 a.m. at the track field located across the street from Ralph E. Davis Pioneer Stadium. All alumni will be entering the field for the last two tunes of our show and playing with us. All music will be provided for you upon your arrival, and you may use a lyre during the performance (please try to bring your own lyres—there will be a very limited number available that day). We will meet in the parking lot in front of Williams Fieldhouse at 1 p.m. for warm-up and marching to the stadium from there. All Marching Pioneer alumni are encouraged to march with us to the stadium and perform with us during the football game.

If you wish to participate, please e-mail greggm@uwplatt.edu or call 608.342.1019 no later than Friday, Sept. 27. We will be able to provide some instruments, but if you need to use any such equipment please inform us well in advance so that arrangements can be made. We look forward to seeing you on Oct. 5.

Sincerely,

Matthew Gregg, Associate Director of Bands
Dr. Barry Ellis, Director of Bands
David Cooper, Chair of the Department of Performing and Visual Arts

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**DOOR COUNTY ALUMNI TRIP**

Fish Creek, Door County
September 12–15

Join the UW-Platteville Alumni Association for a three-night stay at the Apple Creek Resort in Fish Creek, Wis. Whether you visit for romance, relaxation, exploration, indulgence, or reconnection with alumni, family, and friends, Fish Creek is home to some of Door County’s finest accommodations, cuisine, shopping, arts, theatre, and outdoor activity.

Price includes a three-night stay at the Apple Creek Resort, a Friday night fish boil, and a Haunted Trolley Pub Crawl*, as well as a package of discounts with your room reservation.

Double queen bedroom:
two guests $499, single $449
Single queen bedroom:
two guests $479, single $429
Single queen bedroom, first-floor:
two guests $459, single $409

*Prices will vary if you decide to opt out of the fish boil or Haunted Trolley Pub Crawl, deduct $100 per couple for room rates only.

For more information or to R.S.V.P, e-mail friarka@uwplatt.edu or call 608.342.1181.

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**FISH CREEK**

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1. **Matthew Holler '05** and his wife, Penny, welcomed their daughter, Bree Rachelle, to their family on Sept. 20, 2012. Matt is currently Commander of Killer Troop in the U.S. Army’s 3rd Cavalry Regiment at Fort Hood, Texas.

2. **Steven ‘09 and Stacy ’01 Schroeder** welcomed daughter Kayla Lynn on Oct. 29, 2012. She joins her 3-year-old sister, Lauren. (Not pictured)

3. **Jonathan ’04 and Theresa ’04 Stevens** welcomed Julia Quinn on April 25, 2013. Julia joins 3-year-old sister, Anna. The four reside in Charleston, S.C., where Jonathan is a Superintendent for a national general contractor, building a 335-house residential development.

4. **Ken ‘04 and Leslie (Keller) ’05 Swanson** welcomed their first daughter, Kayleigh Rose, on April 2, 2013. (Not pictured)

3. **Jamie (Hinojosa) ’01** and Kenny Bohacek welcomed Logan on Aug. 4, 2012. Logan joins 11-year-old stepbrother, Alex; 9-year-old sister, Trinity; and 6-year-old brother, Elijah.

4. **Kennedy Lynn Clendenen** arrived on April 11, 2013 to **Holly (Kaiser) ’06** and Matt Clendenen and big brother Carter, 2. She weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz. and was 20.5 inches long.

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Friday, Oct. 4

College Banquets and Alumni Award Presentations

College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture Alumni Forum
3 p.m. University Rooms, Markee Pioneer Student Center
Award recipients: Tom and Renee Sigwarth, Rick Lenz ’91, Randy Smith ’79, Philip Villani ’91, Mike Retallick ’93, Jack O’Neill ’66, Gloria Stuckey, Wendy Stankovich, Chris Baxter, and Steve Becker

College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture Homecoming Reception
4 p.m. Pioneer Haus, Markee Pioneer Student Center
Complimentary hors d’oeuvres

College of Liberal Arts and Education Recognition Banquet
5:30 p.m. Nohr Gallery, Ullsvik Hall
Award recipients: Associate Professor Emeritus Thomas Hickey, Jennifer Montana ’02, Rex Reed ’73 and ’74, Daniel Leitch, First English Lutheran Church, Richland County Health and Human Services–accepted by Amanda Coorough
Reservations required. Contact Carolyn Fries at 608.342.1151 or friesc@uwplatt.edu for more information.

College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science Annual Graduating Senior and Alumni Recognition Dinner
6 p.m. Velzy Commons, Ullsvik Hall
Award recipients: Dr. William E. Ayen ’67, Keith Nikolay ’96, Charles Burggraf ’77

Saturday, Oct. 5

Homecoming Hustle 5K Run/3K Walk
7:15 a.m. Registration: Outdoor Track, Williams Fieldhouse
7:45 a.m. Half-Pint Hustle (for children 3–13)
8 a.m. Start
$15 Student | $25 Adult (non-student) | $30 Day of registration

Be part of the third annual Homecoming Hustle 5K Run/3K Walk and help raise money for scholarships. This event is open to students, alumni, and the community. All participants who register before Sept. 20 will receive a long-sleeve T-shirt and all participants will receive refreshments following the run. Ten-minute athletic massages will also be available. Let us know if you are interested in learning how to participate from far away.

Thank you to our Homecoming Hustle sponsors:
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You’re invited to Homecoming 2013
SATURDAY, OCT. 5

Alumni Association Homecoming Parade Tent
9 a.m.  405 West Main Street, Platteville, Wis.
Join us for complimentary hot chocolate, cider, coffee, and donuts

Homecoming Parade
10 a.m.  Main Street

Homecoming Lunch
11 a.m.  Velzy Commons, Ullsvik Hall
Stay on campus and feed the whole family while catching up with former professors and friends. We’ll announce the winner of the fourth annual Custard Creation Challenge at noon, followed by free custard for all. Sponsored by Culver’s.

Family Fun
11:30 a.m.  Velzy Commons, Ullsvik Hall
Games, temporary tattoos, face painting, and much more

Student Center Reunion Lunch
11:30 a.m.  Nohr Gallery, Ullsvik Hall

Alumni Association 50th Anniversary Tailgate
1 p.m.  Rountree Commons Courtyard
Help us celebrate 50 years of keeping alumni connected to the university. Enjoy the Wundo’s Band, beverages, and cake while we recognize past and present board members.

Distance Learning 35th Anniversary Tailgate
1 p.m.  Rountree Commons Courtyard
Join the distance education staff for a celebration of 35 years of excellence.

Student Center Reunion Tours
1 p.m.  Visit old and new student center facilities
Tour guides will take you through Ullsvik Hall, explain what has changed, and Markee Pioneer Student Center.

Homecoming Football Game
3 p.m.  Ralph E. Davis Pioneer Stadium
UW-Platteville vs. UW-Eau Claire
All Marching Pioneers alumni are invited to play with the band at halftime.

Student Center Reunion
6 p.m.  Pioneer Haus, Markee Pioneer Student Center
Gather with fellow employees who worked in any building referred to as the student center during their time on campus, including employees involved with activities, art gallery, dining, operations, and retail services at the student center.

“M” Lighting
9 p.m.

R.S.V.P. by Sept. 27
Please return this form with payment to:
UW-Platteville Alumni Services
1 University Plaza | Platteville WI 53818-3099
or register online at alumni.uwplatt.edu

Homecoming 2013 R.S.V.P.

Reservations are requested for the following:

I will be attending these Friday events:
- □ BILSA Reception
- □ EMS Banquet ($15)
- □ Sponsor an EMS senior’s meal ($15)

I will be attending these Saturday events:
- □ Homecoming Hustle 5K Run/3K Walk ($25/adult | $15/student)
- □ Half-Pint Hustle
- □ Homecoming Lunch
- □ Alumni Association 50th Anniversary
- □ Distance Learning 35th Anniversary
- □ Student Center Reunion ($10)

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