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Q&A:

WHO WAS YOUR FAVORITE INSTRUCTOR?

ALUMNI

► The answer to this question for me was so clear, Dr. Wayne Weber, Professor of biology. He not only was a very motivating instructor, he helped guide me towards the career path I chose. He helped me see the opportunities available in becoming a physician assistant and he helped me gain a solid base of knowledge for getting accepted into a PA program. I have been a Physician Assistant for eight years now and I love my work. I credit Dr. Wayne Weber for helping me find this career.

  Rachel (Patterson) Koenig, ’03

► When I saw your latest question, “Who was your favorite instructor?” on the first page of the latest Alumni Today, one immediately came to mind. Then I flipped a few more pages, and there she was, Dr. Marilyn Tufte! Even now, more than 40 years later (I graduated in 1970), she stands out in my mind as one of the best.

  Joseph G. Sebranek, ’70

► My answer to the question, “Who was your favorite instructor at UW-Platteville?” has to be Frank Pross. I graduated with an English major feeling that I was fully prepared to teach English, especially grammar. He demanded proper usage always. Even today, over 50 years later, I am aware of what forms should be used in writing as well as speaking.

  Marilyn Patterson, ’62

STUDENTS

► My favorite professor was Dr. Melissa Gormley! I loved that she took the time to get to know me, even in a lecture of 100 or so students. I felt like she honestly cared about me, and she was always willing to work with my busy softball schedule. Even though I’m no longer in her class I still feel comfortable going to talk to her about anything. She’s definitely a professor I won’t ever forget!

  Keri Treml, Sophomore

► My favorite professor was Jason Bos. He was always very easy to approach, happy to provide advice to each individual student during our résumé review, really keen on getting students’ input about topics we covered in my human resource management class, and provided examples related to our topic that made it easier to understand.

  Krystal Francis, Sophomore

Correction

In the spring 2014 issue, the article, “Men’s Soccer alive and kicking for 50 years” stated that Jim Janette was the first soccer player to be inducted into the UW-Platteville Athletic Hall of Fame. Bill Demetris was actually the first men’s soccer inductee in 2000. We apologize for the error.
Greetings,

We, the Pioneer community, experienced two tornadoes this summer, one which caused extensive damage to the campus. I feel fortunate that no one suffered serious injury on campus as a result of the storm. I am also thankful that members of our campus community, city, county, and tri-state friends came together in response to the challenge and helped to rebuild the campus and begin the new school year on time. The strong response was a result of the good relationships developed across various organizations. This takes preparation and development of both the skills and the knowledge of all community members. One of the ways that we try to continually invest in the community is by providing opportunities for talent cultivation.

At UW-Platteville, we are dedicated to developing the talent of everyone on our campus. We see it as our mission to develop “pioneers,” people who take the lead and pave the way for others. UW-Platteville develops talent through our academic programs and extra-curricular opportunities. This issue of the Alumni Today showcases UW-Platteville’s penchant for cultivating talent in students, staff, and alumni.

It is especially important to enable our stakeholders with opportunities to express their passion in ways that offer unique contributions to the life of our whole community. We are proud of programs that allow participation that have been developed at UW-Platteville like the Tri-State Honors Band Festival, Wisconsin College and University Faculty Woodwind Ensemble, and Heartland Festival.

UW-Platteville students, staff, and alumni also have the opportunity to learn and grow by experiencing other cultures and educational systems. This year a group of 24 alumni and friends of the university traveled to Cuba and immersed themselves in the local culture. And, this year’s Distinguished Lecturers, Jennifer Thompson and Ronald Cotton, talked to the campus about sexual violence, bias in the criminal justice system, and forgiveness.

Talent cultivated here at UW-Platteville has an impact not just in the local area but across the nation and around the globe. Dr. Rebecca Doyle-Morin and her students, in collaboration with the Driftless Market, introduced the campus and local community to food made from crickets and cricket flour developed to help fill potential food shortages that may arise when meat production lags behind global demand. International students take the talents cultivated here at UW-Platteville to share with their home communities. Eduardo Sarrion ’90, now an agro-commodities trader in Spain, said it well, “I wouldn’t be what I am today if I didn’t go to [UW-Platteville]. I am grateful that I studied here.”

Our ongoing commitment, dedication, and success regarding talent cultivation makes UW-Platteville a great place to study, work, and grow.

Warmly,

Dennis J. Shields,
Chancellor
Tim Christen ’81 grew up in Belmont, Wis. His initial experience at UW-Platteville was a challenging one, but he didn’t give up. He dropped out after one semester and went to work as a fingerprint examiner for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. After returning to UW-Platteville, he graduated magna cum laude with a degree in accounting in 1981. Christen is a member of the UW-Platteville Foundation 1866 Cornerstone Society.

What drew you into the accounting business?

I did not have a plan when I started school. My original major of mining engineering was definitely not a good fit for me. One of my first night classes was an accounting class. I liked it enough to keep taking more and eventually select accounting as a major.

I got a part-time job with Virchow Krause (now Baker Tilly) in 1980 and worked for them in Madison, Wis., after I graduated. I went to work for an auto dealership client in 1986 but returned to Virchow Krause in 1988 and made partner in 1990. I have been CEO since 1998. Baker Tilly VK has grown to be among the 20 largest CPA firms in the United States.

I also sit on the board of directors of Baker Tilly International, which is the eighth largest accounting network in the world.

What has been the highlight of your career?

I have been very lucky to be associated with many great partners and team members over the years. I would have to rate serving as chairman and CEO of Baker Tilly VK and being asked to chair the 400,000-member American Institute of CPAs as the top highlights.

What advice would you have for business and accounting students?

Pick an employer whose culture fits your talents and personality. We’ve all heard dozens of variations of “if you love what you do you’ll never work a day in your life.” It’s true. But I think loving what you do is as much about who you work with as what you are doing.

And never believe you can’t make a difference. One of my early bosses taught me that an entire office, or even a firm, can be changed by the passion, focus, and effort of a single leader. Leaders exist at all levels.

How has the accounting business changed over the years?

Completely. It was numbers and columns and math when I started. Now it’s technology, communication, integrated solutions, and project management. But what hasn’t changed is the obligation of our profession to serve the public interest.
Platteville Snapshots

Insects as Snacks

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville Pioneer Academic Center for Community Engagement funded an Invertebrate Biology class study on entomophagy, the consumption of insects. The students collaborated with Driftless Market in Platteville and gave out free samples of bars made from cricket flour and chili made with frozen crickets to customers at the store. Similarly, bars were passed out to students and staff on the UW-Platteville campus.

Dr. Rebecca Doyle-Morin, Professor of biology, oversaw the project and related its significance to some nations’ recent dietary changes.

“China and India have begun to eat much more meat than ever before,” said Doyle-Morin. “This means that the world’s meat production will begin to lag behind demand, and eventually, become an inadequate source of food.”

Insects are rich in protein, containing vitamin B12, iron, and omegas 3 and 6. The presence of these micronutrients makes consuming insects healthy, providing the same nutritional benefits as red meat.

Raising insects has also proven to be more cost efficient than farming pigs, cattle, and sheep because it requires much less space and resources to maintain, all the while emitting far less greenhouse gas emissions.

“One day we may all choose to adopt this practice in order to get the protein we need,” said Doyle-Morin.

Sunflower Oil Project

The Sustainable and Renewable Energy Program and the Office of Sustainability at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville collaborated to produce sunflower oil from locally grown plants.

Sunflower oil serves the same function as other oils used in cooking. However, it can be cooked at higher temperatures than olive oil and it also contains healthier fats.

The Office of Sustainability sees the UW-Platteville Sunflower Oil Project as a potentially successful student-run business. Each 8.5 ounce bottle costs $10, and student organizations including Phi Mu Alpha, the Green Campus Project, Agronomy Club, and Platteville Society for Environmental Engineers have begun to use the oil as a means of fund raising, profiting $2 from every bottle sold.

Benvenuto’s in Platteville hosted a UW-Platteville Sunflower Oil Day where it created specialty oil made from the oil produced from the sunflower project. Customers who mentioned the sunflower oil to their server saw 10 percent of their bill go towards the sunflower project and other sustainable and renewable projects at UW-Platteville.

“This is a really good learning opportunity,” said Amy Seeboth-Wilson, UW-Platteville Sustainability Coordinator. “It’s cool for students to see the process of how an idea turns into selling a product.”
Dr. Patricia Collins Exercise Science Room

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville recently held a formal dedication ceremony naming Room 210 of Williams Fieldhouse the Dr. Patricia Collins Exercise Science Room.

Collins came to Platteville in 1960 and served 33 years at the university where she became a vital aspect to its physical education, health promotion, and athletic programs. Collins specialized in the physiology of exercise, as well as health education. In addition, she served on university committees and was a member of the UW-Platteville Foundation board of directors and Alumni board of directors. However, she is best known as a pioneer in the development of girls’ and women’s athletics in Wisconsin.

The exercise science room opened in 2012 and serves as a dual-purpose laboratory/lecture space and is equipped with an interactive SMART Board and exercise tools such as bikes, treadmills, flexibility tests, and mats.

The construction of the classroom was funded by a laboratory modernization grant and donations from the UW-Platteville College of Liberal Arts and Education dean’s office. Gift dollars were also raised by the UW-Platteville Foundation from donors wishing to honor Collins.

Campus Read

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville’s Campus Read Program is used as a tool to engage and enlighten students, alumni, and members of the community on cultural, academic, and social topics.

I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban was selected as the Campus Read for the 2014–15 academic year.

The book, written by Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb, outlines Yousafzai’s tale of her family exiled by terrorism, her fight for educational rights, and her parents’ encouragement to stand up against a patriarchal society.

The story takes off on Oct. 9, 2012, when, while riding a bus home from school, Yousafzai is shot in the head by members of the Taliban who had taken control over the Swat Valley in Pakistan with the intent to shut down all-female educational institutions. Although her survival looked bleak, she soon makes a remarkable recovery and subsequently uses her experience to journey to the United Nations in New York City, N.Y. Once there, she gives an explanation of her morals, values, and the importance of education and equal opportunity.

Today Yousafzai is revered for being a global symbol of peaceful protest as well as being the youngest individual in history to be nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.
Pioneers unite after tornado

Late in the night of June 16, an EF2 tornado ripped through the southwest side of the UW-Platteville campus. The tornado caused significant damage to the university’s three newest residence halls—Southwest Hall, Bridgeway Commons, and Rountree Commons—as well as Engineering Hall, Ralph E. Davis Pioneer Stadium, the Greenhouse, and Memorial Park. The damage included broken windows, partial roof destruction, bent light towers at the stadium, and downed and split trees.

While those buildings were severely impacted, there were no fatalities and no significant injuries reported on campus—attributed in part to good fortune and in part to the quick thinking and preparedness of many campus officials, staff, and students.

Immediately following the tornado, first responders, community members, faculty, staff, and students worked diligently together to start the clean up process. Many people across the UW-Platteville community offered support and were eager to volunteer.

“More than any natural disaster, it is dedication and commitment that defines a community,” said Chancellor Dennis J. Shields. “While we will most certainly face challenges in the days and weeks ahead, we choose to view the process of rebuilding as a source of opportunity. Together, it is the tremendous response to these events that animates our Pioneer spirit.” Immediately following the tornado, the Pioneer Relief Fund was created to assist the UW-Platteville campus community. One hundred percent of the money raised benefits the UW-Platteville community, helping support students, faculty, and staff displaced by the tornado. Those who wish to donate can do so online by visiting www.uwplatt.edu/foundation/pioneer-relief-fund.

–Alison Parkins
Dear Alumni,

In times of trouble, it’s always amazing to see a community come together and support each other. We could not have asked for more support from the campus and Platteville community immediately following the storm that ripped through campus on June 16. Our alumni were immediately asking if we were okay and if there was anything they could do to help. The Pioneer Relief Fund was established because we knew the campus community would need help, especially students who may have had their rental property destroyed and are in need of new furnishings and food. We also established a Pioneer Pride day, where alumni, faculty, and staff were all asked to wear orange and blue and seek out ways to help someone else in need, wherever they may be living or working.

Whether we’re in the midst of a storm or at the height of a great moment on campus, we know we have so many proud alumni supporting the university through every period.

Every day truly is a great day to be a Pioneer.

With sincere gratitude,

Kim Schmelz ’02
Director of Alumni Services
Faculty Feature
Dr. Barry Ellis brings music to the community

In his 24 years of teaching in the department of performing and visual arts at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Dr. Barry Ellis cannot name the one thing he loves most about his job. “I love the students I teach, the talented faculty I work with, and as the years have gone on, watching the continued growth of the music program,” he said.

Originally from South Carolina, Ellis is the Director of Bands at UW-Platteville, overseeing the entire band program. Along with directing the Symphonic Wind Ensemble for 15 years and performing as the principal bassoonist in the Dubuque Symphony, he also teaches conducting and instrumental music education classes at the university. “I grew up in not only a musical family, but a family of teachers as well,” said Ellis. “My father was a college band director, my mother was a teacher, and my brother was a college professor and trumpet player. Music and teaching are in my blood.”

Ellis is also the founder and Director of the Tri-State Honors Band Festival, going into its ninth year at UW-Platteville. “I’ve always wanted to try and start an honors band festival here since we didn’t have one when I first got here,” he said. “It has grown three-fold since the beginning.”

The Tri-State Honors Band Festival gives high school students the opportunity to work with UW-Platteville faculty and the guest clinician the festival brings to campus.

Ellis also started the Wisconsin College and University Faculty Woodwind Ensemble. “We needed to showcase the talented woodwind faculty in the Wisconsin music schools and departments,” said Ellis. “It’s been musically rewarding to work with the different faculty from various colleges and universities in Wisconsin. They’re all magnificent musicians and people.” The ensemble performs at the Wisconsin State Music Conference on the even numbered years.

Ellis is active throughout the United States and Canada as an adjudicator and clinician. He has a professional CD that was released in October 2012. The recording of the wind band music of composer Clifton Williams features the Rountree Wind Symphony, an ensemble of UW-Platteville faculty and alumni, and regional professional musicians from southern Wisconsin and eastern Iowa. The CD has been well received in magazine reviews and was Grammy eligible for 2014.

Ellis also serves as the Wisconsin state chair of the North Central Division of the College Band Directors National Association and the college representative for the National Band Association-Wisconsin Chapter. –Carly Willman
Alumni shape the culture around them through performing and visual arts

Through theatre shows, art exhibits, music performances, and more, the University of Wisconsin-Platteville has a long-standing tradition of serving as a cultural hub for Southwest Wisconsin. Many UW-Platteville alumni are continuing to contribute to the arts not only locally, but also across the country and even overseas. From sculpting to acting and performing music, alumni are finding ways to combine their hobbies and talents to help shape the culture around them.
It has been said that music is the universal language. Joe Goltz ’99, a native of Monroe, Wis., can attest to that sentiment. He earned a bachelor’s degree in business communications management and continues to tour the world with the Youngblood Brass Band. He describes the group as a funk, hip hop brass band, with a loyal following in Europe. “It looks weird on paper, but once people come to the show, they are like, ‘oh, ok, now I get it,’” he said.

Goltz plays trombone in the 10-piece band. “It’s a traditional marching band set up,” he said.

He is one of many UW-Platteville alumni who have found a home in the music industry following graduation.

Goltz has been all across the globe, touring mostly throughout Europe. The band even appeared as guest performers on Switzerland’s version of America’s Got Talent.

Within the last couple of years, the band has been busy touring the United States. It performed at the South By Southwest Music Festival in Austin, Texas, earlier this year, and had the opportunity to play for Brad Wilk, the drummer for Rage Against the Machine, and Christopher Mintz-Plasse, who played Fogell (McLovin) in Superbad.

“I am not one to usually get star struck, but it is cool to be at the big festivals and to have our trailer next to Dave Grohl (of the Foo Fighters),” said Goltz.

Goltz acknowledged that the paydays can be impressive when they are on tour, however, that check needs to get divided among the 10 members of the band as well as the audio engineer.

Joe Goltz is pictured performing with Youngblood Brass Band.

To supplement their income, Goltz and other members of the band enjoy giving lessons. They schedule workshops at schools in between performance days. “None of us went to formal music training outside of public schools,” he said. “At first, we just played backyard parties. We sounded awful, but we just kept at it. Now people pay to see us and we fill rooms, so we did something right.”

“Our message is, if you put some time in, whether it be poetry or art or whatever it is, people are going to tell you you are wasting your time, people are going to tell you that it’s not their cup of tea, but if you keep at it you will definitely find your audience,” added Goltz.

Another alumnus who has had a memorable music career is Corey Jenny ’13. A native of Platteville, Jenny, 35, graduated with a bachelor’s in studio art. In addition to being a talented and...
decorated artist, Jenny has been playing music since he was young. “My parents bought me my first guitar when I was 6. I started playing in bands when I was 13 years old and I have been doing it ever since,” he said.

Jenny plays guitar mostly, but has played bass and drums as well as keyboard. His current favorite is a semi-hollow body Gretsch Electromatic six-string electric guitar. “I started out playing really hard core punk rock and then more Beatles-type of stuff in high school and then after that I played in bands that played Dave Matthews kind of stuff,” he said.

Currently, Jenny is a member of the band, Mojo Busted, along with Dr. Art Ranney, Chair of the UW-Platteville Media Studies Department, and Mike Steckling ’92. They play mostly blues, classic country, and rockabilly.

It’s more difficult these days for bands to make a living, especially in this region, according to Jenny, “unless you are a cover band that plays the six specific songs that everyone wants to hear.”

Even with limited opportunities, the prospect of playing original music in front of an audience is something that is in Jenny’s blood. “I like to perform,” he said. “I have played in front of 4,000 people and that’s just nerve racking, and you’re usually the opening act so no one cares. It’s not as cool as you’d think it’d be. Or you can do a random bar gig somewhere where everyone is loving it and you feel like a rock star. It goes the entire spectrum.”

Kris Goodendorf

The love of music for Kris Goodendorf ’04 started at a young age as well. “It was probably right before high school when my mom tried to get me to join the band, and I chose drums because they didn’t have march-guitar,” he joked.

Goodendorf, a Hazel Green, Wis., native and current Milwaukee, Wis., resident, earned a bachelor’s in music performance at UW-Platteville and now performs with three bands: Ocellus, a metal rock band that was signed to a national record label; Up the Irons, an Iron Maiden tribute band; and DûdeStörm, a group that performs original music. He plays the drums primarily, however, he can also be found on the guitar and bass, as well as some occasional vocals.

“The most fulfilling thing is being able to contribute my ideas with drums with the other two bands as well as guitar parts and that they are open enough to let me do that,” he said. “Creating and performing are the two most important things to me when doing music.”

Goodendorf also works as a contract player for bands when they are in need of a drummer for their tours.

Outside of music, Goodendorf works for a property management company.

Goodendorf is hopeful music will still be a large part of his life in the years to come. “I’d actually like to still be doing music, but maybe doing music that is more accessible to people as I go,” he said. “I still love doing heavy music, but I’d love to do something more rock and roll based that I could reach more people with. I think as long as I’m involved with it in some way, be it recording, playing live, or giving lessons I would be happy. I’ll still be playing drums, that’s for sure.”

– Dan Wackershauser ’97
AVIATION PROPELS RICHARD’S CAREER

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Bill Haskins, Program Coordinator of the Master of Science in Project Management Program at UW-Platteville, first took part in the Heartland Festival in 2001, playing Charles Webb in Our Town. Since then, Haskins—who didn’t discover his talent for acting until his 30s—has performed in 30 on-stage roles, not only in the Heartland Festival, but also in Platteville and Lancaster, Wis., community theatre.

“It is a real thrill to be on stage,” said Haskins. “When an actor can captivate the entire audience with whatever is happening in the moment, that is—for me—the high point in acting.”

Deb Meyer ’09, Communications and Training Coordinator for UW-Platteville Information Technology Services, has been involved in various aspects of theatre since high school, but it was when she came to campus in 2007 and pursued a minor in musical theatre that she starred in her biggest on-stage role as Miss Flannery in the Pioneer Players’ 2009 production of Thoroughly Modern Millie.


“What I like about the Heartland Festival is that it gives me, as an amateur, an opportunity to work with more experienced actors and crew as well as professional staff,” said Meyer. “It’s wonderful to work with a group of people who are all focused on the same creative goal and who work as a team regardless of their backgrounds.”
Tyler Tollefson '08, a Videographer/Editor for UW-Platteville Media Technology Services, enjoys the opportunity to go from behind the camera to in front of an audience. Tollefson has been involved in acting since he was in high school, but made his Heartland Festival debut as Mordcha in Fiddler on the Roof. “Acting forces me to not think about work for a few hours and become something completely different,” said Tollefson. “It’s always fun to explore characters.”

Tollefson added that performing in the festival is a way to combine a hobby he enjoys with giving back to the university and greater community. “The Heartland Festival is important,” he said. “Generating that interest in students and the next generation of youth to pursue fine arts really starts here.” –Alison Parkins

The UW-Platteville Center for the Arts has a modern look following a three-month renovation in summer 2012. Previously, a cement staircase was located in the center of the lobby, consuming approximately one quarter of the lobby space. The center staircase was removed, and a new one constructed on the side wall—opening up the lobby and doubling its size. The lobby renovations created enough space to allow receptions to be held and for two shows to run concurrently.

In addition to enhancing the lobby, the women’s restroom was made larger and relocated, and the box office expanded—allowing a second window to be opened so two ticket attendants can work at the same time.

“People love the open feeling; it is more welcoming and I think the feedback has really been positive,” said Michael Breitner, Director of Arts Facilities and Series at UW-Platteville. “One of the missions of the Center for the Arts is to be the cultural center of the university and for Southwest Wisconsin. The lobby renovation really takes us to the next step. We needed to be more modern and more accessible, and we needed to provide this level of service for both the campus community, and Platteville and the surrounding area.” –Alison Parkins

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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 # C57796.
Every now and then a research project occurs that is groundbreaking. Recently, UW-Platteville biology student Jamie Jefferson visited the archives to research the historic Gratiot House, located south of Shullsburg, Wis. What made Jefferson's research strategy so different was that it included the old dusty records as well as a scientific dating process called dendroarchaeology.

Dendroarchaeology is a procedure of dating wood objects by comparing their tree-ring growth patterns. In 2013, the owners of the Gratiot House permitted UW-Platteville's geography department to conduct a dendroarchaeology test on the house. Under the guidance of UW-Platteville Geography Professor Dr. Evan Larson, Jefferson drilled into the timbers and extracted several core samples. These samples were taken back to UW-Platteville's Tree-Ring, Earth, and Environmental Sciences Laboratory, polished and compared to a known tree ring record. All of the core samples pinpointed cutting dates of 1848 and 1849.

These dates of construction presented a problem. The National Register of Historic Places listed the Gratiot House being constructed “around 1835” by Henry Gratiot, an early lead miner and pioneer who died in 1836. To reconcile the dates, Jefferson turned to the property tax rolls housed in the Southwest Wisconsin Room.

The standard way to research a house’s construction date is to check the property tax rolls to see if there is an increase in value that is unique to that property. The tax rolls from 1839 to 1847 did not list the Gratiot property, indicating nothing was there, and the 1848 tax roll does not exist. The 1849 tax roll, however, proved significant. Listed was Susan Gratiot, Henry’s widow; she owned the 80-acre parcel where the Gratiot House is located. The parcel was valued at $800. The average value for 80 acres in 1849 was $240. Clearly, something existed on the property by 1849.

This begged the question: was there anything else that would shed light on the construction date? The deeds held the answer. They showed Susan Gratiot had purchased the 80 acres from the U.S. government on April 10, 1848. This not only precluded an earlier construction date (government land was usually vacant), but the spring date indicated she may have wanted to have her house built that year, given that April would have been the beginning of the construction season.

On a second deed, Susan Gratiot recorded her Last Will on Aug. 5, 1848. In the will, Susan bequeathed to her son, Edward, “the [80 acre] farm on which I now reside.” The words “now reside” indicated she not only lived on that 80 acres, but had just recently moved there. The date of her will, moreover, suggested that something valuable was on the 80 acres by August (valuable enough to specify who would inherit it).

Remarkably, the primary sources corroborated the dendroarchaeology findings. Hence, it was concluded the Gratiot House was constructed in 1848–49, and that Susan, not Henry, Gratiot had the house built.

It is a rarity to be able to use old primary sources with cutting edge technology, but Jefferson and the geography department have accomplished it. Jefferson presented her findings at the Wisconsin History Symposium, held at UW-Platteville, in April. –James Hibbard
Robert and James Wright Center
New area serves non-traditional and veteran students

A grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on April 23 for the Robert and James Wright Center for Non-Traditional and Veteran Students.

The center, located in Room 322 in Royce Hall, offers a space for those students in search of resources, to study, and a place to relax. Its mission is to enhance the educational and interpersonal experiences of non-traditional and veteran students while supporting degree attainment.

The namesakes for the center are the late Robert “Bob” Wright and his brother, James Wright.

“We both recognized UW-Platteville gave us a wonderful education and a wonderful start on our lives,” said James. “We also shared a concern about providing opportunities for veterans. I’ve been working on providing support to veterans to continue with their education for the last decade and I’m delighted to see the strength of the program here, and the number of veterans who are enrolled at UW-Platteville. Last November, when I had my last visit with my brother, Bob, I was able to tell him about this pending gift. He was deeply moved and very pleased to know there would be a gift here in his name and my name associated with something supporting veterans.”

Robert joined the United States Navy upon graduation from Galena (Ill.) High School in 1960. He served as a fire control technician on the destroyer, U.S.S. Charles H. Roan.

Robert spent most of his career working for John Deere in Davenport, Iowa, leading a division. He graduated from Wisconsin State University-Platteville in 1967 with a degree in mathematics. Robert passed away in 2013, shortly after the center’s name was announced.

James enlisted in the Marine Corps for three years when he was 17 years old. He was discharged at the rank of lance corporal.

James earned a bachelor’s degree from Wisconsin State University-Platteville in 1964 and a master’s and doctoral degree in history from UW-Madison. He is President Emeritus and Eleazar Wheelock Professor of history at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. He served as president from 1998 until June 2009.

“The Wright Center will collaborate with the university community to provide services and support that address the unique needs and life experiences of veterans and non-traditional students,” said Sandie Brick-Margelofsky, Program Manager of the Wright Center.

“The Veterans Club was proud to be a part of the planning and input for the Wright Center from the beginning, and our members appreciated the opportunity to provide feedback,” said Austin Dietzel, President of the Veterans Club at UW-Platteville. –Dan Wackershauser ’97
The University of Wisconsin-Platteville officially declared its newest addition, the School of Business.

In the past, the university maintained a business administration and accounting department. However, it is anticipated that the new School of Business will better accommodate business majors and minors, as well as business-related courses and graduate programs under one specific academic area.

“This School of Business designation reflects the university’s dedication to continuously improve ...”

Chancellor Dennis J. Shields

The School of Business houses 950 business administration and accounting majors. Of those, approximately 670 students are on campus. The rest are involved in print-based or online programs. In addition, 680 graduate students are currently seeking online master’s degrees for career opportunities in the business field.

Professors see that as an organized school it will be easier for classes to partner with companies seeking business majors and to develop research.

“This School of Business designation reflects the university’s dedication to continuously improve its business-related undergraduate and graduate programs,” Chancellor Dennis J. Shields said. “Ultimately, the end result allows our university to further engage our students through solid methodology and hands-on learning opportunities that will prepare them for a globalized workforce.”
The 2014 Heartland Festival production of Shrek the Musical.
Facilitator of change
Teacher makes positive impact in Milwaukee

Marvin Williams looks for opportunities where they may not be obvious. His Master of Science in Organizational Change Leadership courses have allowed him to share and receive different perspectives on change. What set him apart from his classmates is Williams was one of only two teachers enrolled in the program.

After earning his degree in education from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2007, Williams taught high school social studies before taking a position at Milwaukee College Prep, a free K–8 public charter school. Williams applies the school’s mission statement: “Knowledge plus character pave the road to college and beyond,” to himself in a big way.

Williams recognized he wants to be a part of the rapid changes occurring in education. A master’s program he started in urban studies did not focus enough on how to facilitate change in education, and after some searching online—and a tip from a Facebook friend—Williams found the UW-Platteville OCL program. He liked what he saw because it was new and different.

“I found this to be an opportunity for a teacher to learn how to be involved in the change going on in education,” said Williams. “So much has changed since I started seven years ago, and even in the last two while I’ve been in the program. A lot of the changes come down to us, and we are not always asked our opinion, but when I have the opportunity, this program has shown me how to be involved.”

“The professors are really good at designing a course that allows us to use our experiences—and utilize our strengths that allow us to share,” added Williams. “There is a lot of give-and-take. I like that it’s not so rigid that it forces us to do things a certain way. I like the flexibility to apply what we learn to a real-world situation.”

For his final project, Williams established a partnership between his school and the nearby Feeding America distribution center.

“The goal of my project was to get the school involved in the organization,” he said. “We can get school-aged kids involved by creating a program that has curriculum and will involve a food drive and yearly visits to the distribution center. Our students can help throughout the year and will learn about community service and volunteering.”

“Working with students on capstone projects is always rewarding,” said Derek Dachelet, Williams’ capstone advisor. “The projects are even more memorable when they are focused on making a positive change in the lives of others.” —Christine Hawkinson
Thompson and Cotton laid out their story in Picking Cotton, and they travel the world talking about forgiveness and injustice in the criminal justice system.

“It’s a story about the criminal justice system and the failures in the criminal justice system,” said Thompson. “It’s also a story about sexual violence and violence against women, and what happens to the victims, and how does our life change? It’s a story about race and class. It’s a story about forgiveness and redemption. There are many layers to the story.”

Over time, Cotton was able to forgive Thompson. “I had anger built up inside but I had to find a way to relieve it from my body and mind,” he said. “I just continued to put positive steps in front of positive steps. I had to realize the good Lord wasn’t going to put any more in front of me than I could bear.”

–Dan Wackershauser ’97
George Chryst
UW-Platteville celebrates memories of former coach

There was nothing that the late George Chryst thought impossible, whether it were to build up a championship football program at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, bring the Chicago Bears to Southwest Wisconsin for training camp, or convince University of Wisconsin-Madison assistant Coach Bo Ryan to become the Pioneers' head basketball coach.

"George was very optimistic, by and large, and was always trying to make things work," said his widow, Patty.

And make things work he did. Chryst, a former Wisconsin Badger football assistant himself, became UW-Platteville's head coach in 1979 and athletic director in 1981. He guided the Pioneers to a 79-60-2 record, with a Wisconsin State University Conference championship in 1980 before his sudden death in 1992.

UW-Platteville held a Celebration of George Chryst on June 13. The event kicked off a campaign to build and name new Ralph E. Davis Pioneer Stadium locker rooms to honor his considerable legacy.

"I know I never would have come here if I didn't have the belief in George," said Ryan, who guided UW-Madison to the NCAA Division I Final Four last March. "He was so optimistic, and his enthusiasm was incredible."

"George always said, 'If I can keep coaching, I will get by without ever having to work,'" Patty said. "To him, coaching and teaching was not a job. It was a passion."

His passion for not only the sport but also for teaching was an ideal combination that forged relationships throughout his life, Patty said.

"He loved the game of football and respected it," she said. "He had a personal connection with the players and others on and off the field. He was opportunistic and enthusiastic and strove for excellence. He made good connections with many people."

UW-Platteville Chancellor Dennis J. Shields said, "Although I never met George Chryst, it seems like I know him very well. Everywhere I go, when people know I'm from UW-Platteville they want to tell me a story about how he impacted their lives. He positively affected so many of our alumni, faculty and staff, and community members. By bringing the Chicago Bears' training camp here, he helped put the university and
The Chryst family gathers in Ullsvik Hall.

George Chryst

UW-Platteville celebrates memories of former coach all of Southwest Wisconsin on the national scene. I honor his memory and the legacy he left by closing my own talks with his quote, ‘every day is a great day to be a Pioneer.”

Football is still a large part of the Chryst family, as the three sons followed George’s footprints. Paul, who was UW-Madison’s offensive coordinator, is the Head Coach at the University of Pittsburgh; Rick formerly was the commissioner of the Midwest Athletic Conference and now is a Vice President of Dietz Trott Sports Entertainment Management; and Geep is the Quarterback Coach of the San Francisco 49ers, helping them to the Super Bowl after the 2012 season. Daughters Dolly Strauser and Cathy Greco work in education and nursing, respectively.

“They are all involved in helping others reach their potential,” said Patty.

The Chicago Bears saw the potential in UW-Platteville and made the university its training camp site from 1984–2001. Over time, the New Orleans Saints, Kansas City Chiefs, and Jacksonville Jaguars trained at other UW System schools, combining with the Bears, Green Bay Packers, and Minnesota Vikings to form the Cheese League.

“It was a wonderful combined effort, and after the first year, the NFL owners voted UW-Platteville as the top training camp,” Patty said. “The food service was wonderful, and the ground crew was amazing. It was exciting for Platteville. As an institution, a university, and as a community, they pulled it off. I think that inspired other universities.”

Ryan also put UW-Platteville on the map, winning four NCAA III national championships and having the best record in all of college basketball during the 1990s.

“You know George had to be a pretty smooth talker because I took a $10,000 pay cut to come here,” Ryan said. “I just felt like it was the right time and a chance to work for someone I respected and who would give me a fair shake. One of the hooks he gave me was that Platteville would move me. Well, that sounded good to me. Then it turns out his son and the rest of the high school football team showed up at my house with a van. That was George, always finding a way.”

–Paul Erickson
The UW-Platteville Alumni Association, in coordination with the Wisconsin Alumni Association, presented a unique travel opportunity earlier this year. I, along with a group of 24 alumni, friends of the university, and Kim Schmelz, UW-Platteville Alumni Services Director, traveled to Cuba on a People-to-People educational opportunity. The eight-day trip was held April 28–May 5.

In order to travel to Cuba, the Wisconsin Alumni Association secured a special license from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control. Visitors to Cuba are not tourists, but rather are there for a specific purpose, such as education.

One of the quotes that has stayed with me came from our local tour guide, who is a Havana native. He said, “Yes, we are a poor country, but we are not a miserable country.” Personally, I got the sense from those who I met that they are very proud of their country and the resourcefulness of its people.

The eight days on the island were filled with several opportunities to meet local residents, including artists, professors, dancers, architects, business owners, and others. It was certainly an experience we will never forget.

The itinerary for each day was specific and very little free time was allowed. Occasionally, the group had a free hour before dinner each night and some time after dinner, which typically ended after 9 p.m.

The first five nights were spent in Havana, Cuba’s capital city, with the remaining two nights spent in Cienfuegos. Stops made during the trip included Havana’s Cathedral, Havana Square, the Palace of the Governors, the Museum of the Revolution, the Bay of Pigs museum, Havana University, the Cuban Ballet School Compas Dance, Hotel Nacional, Revolution Square, Las Terrazas (the terraces), the Cuban Museum of Fine Arts, a cigar factory, and a maternity clinic, among many others.

In addition to Havana and Cienfuegos, we also traveled to Trinidad and Santa Clara to visit the sites. Our return flight left from the airport in Santa Clara, a former military airport.

We also had the opportunity to visit Las Terrazas, a community in the rural area an hour west of Havana. The community is the lone sustainable village in the country. The 1,020 residents work together, growing their own food and taking care of their population. The village includes a doctor as well. Our group planted a pear tree in the village.

Upon returning, many people have asked about the Cuban food. For our group, we had the opportunity to eat at what I would consider traditional-type res-
Alumni in Cuba
Unique opportunity takes alumni to the island

Restaurants. Each night we were offered various entée choices, such as chicken, beef, or fish. On a couple occasions, lobster was even an option. I found the food to be excellent, and the people we met were very friendly and accommodating.

There were so many visits and presentations during the trip it is difficult to organize them all. For me, my favorite experiences included visiting the cigar factory, the Compas Dance presentation, taking a ride along the coast in a vintage convertible, and the overall scenery that the country provided. The bustling downtown of Havana provided great opportunities for photos, as did the rural and more remote areas of the country.

The photos included here are just a sample of the more than 500 photos that I took along the way. –Dan Wackershauser ’97

(Clockwise, top left): Travelers had the opportunity to shop for various handcrafted items during the visit to Cuba. Havana’s capital building provided the backdrop for the day that began with classic convertible rides along the Cuban coast and throughout Havana. The crisp blue Caribbean waters provided the scenery during a lunch break on day six.
Thank you to everyone who made our third annual Evening in Monte Carlo fund raiser another successful event. Because of your support we raised over $23,000. We couldn’t have done it without you.

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International alumni return

Felipe Baena and Eduardo Sarrion return after 24 years

Two University of Wisconsin-Platteville international alumni—who were among the first students to study at UW-Platteville through the partnership program with an institute in Seville, Spain, more than 20 years ago—recently returned to campus and reflected on the experience. Felipe Baena ’90 and Eduardo Sarrion ’90 came to UW-Platteville in 1988, after hearing about the opportunity through a fellow University of Seville student, who had recently returned from UW-Platteville.

Baena had been to the United States one time previously—studying at the University of Austin, in Austin, Texas. Sarrion had never been to the United States.

“We wanted to go to a small university where we would not be a number, but where we would be students and could feel like part of the university more quickly,” said Baena. “I always heard that the Midwest is the heart of America, and the real American way of life.”

They started at UW-Platteville in the spring semester, arriving to campus in January. “I remember it was cold and snowy,” said Sarrion. “That made it good for studying; we could concentrate more.” Despite the weather, they agreed that the experience left a lasting impression on them. “I really felt like we were coming to a new world in a way,” said Sarrion. “It was a fantastic experience.”

“It gives you so much when you come to another country and you learn to not only judge a country by what you watch on TV,” said Baena. “The image people get abroad of the United States has nothing to do with the reality, because they only see it on TV and movies. The real America is in the Midwest, in small towns where people are hard working and responsible, with many virtues.”

After graduating—both with majors in business administration and agribusiness—they returned to Spain. Baena now lives in Granada, Spain, and works at Castrol as a Sales Manager for the southeastern region of Spain. Sarrion lives in Seville and is an Agri-commodities Broker.

They both explained that coming back to visit UW-Platteville is a way to pay tribute to the university that significantly impacted their lives.

“Those were crucial years; the university can change your life and in our case it changed our lives for the good,” explained Sarrion. “I wouldn’t be what I am today if I didn’t go to this university. I’m grateful that I studied here. My coming back is a gratitude trip.”

“It’s a way to say thanks to the people who really made a difference in our lives,” added Baena. “Mr. Ed Deneen [former UW-Platteville registrar] and his team and the international student office made a big difference and contributed a lot in our love to the university and our adjustment to the campus life.” –Alison Perkins

Pictured left to right are Felipe Baena and Eduardo Sarrion.
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Upcoming Events

Sept. 7
Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony for the 1998 men’s basketball team, UW-Platteville campus

Oct. 9
Criminal Justice Association Horrific Crime Scene Revisited, UW-Platteville Pioneer Farm

Nov. 14–16
Alumni Weekend at the Wilderness, Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

Dec. 6
Athletic Hall of Fame induction, UW-Platteville campus

Dec. 13
Commencement

UW-Platteville Alumni Association awards $5,000 in legacy scholarships

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The University of Wisconsin-Platteville honored four recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Award during the 192nd 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.

Charles Brokopp
Dr. Charles Brokopp graduated from UW-Platteville in 1971 with a degree in biology and zoology. He continued his education with a second bachelor’s degree in medical technology from Freeport Memorial Hospital, School of Medical Technology. He earned his Master of Public Health and Doctorate of Public Health from the University of North Carolina, School of Public Health. Brokopp is the Director of the Hygiene Lab and is a Professor of population health sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is responsible for providing counsel to the secretaries of state departments of health and family services; natural resources; and agriculture, trade, and consumer protection on policy issues in the laboratory.

Douglas Buhler
Dr. Douglas Buhler earned his bachelor’s degree in soil and crop science from UW-Platteville in 1979. He continued his education at the University of Nebraska, earning his master’s degree and Ph.D. in agronomy and weed science. Buhler is the Director of the Michigan State University AgBioResearch and Senior Associate for research for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. He is also the Program Coordinator for the Project Generating Research and Extension to Meet Economic and Environmental Needs.

Francis Friar
In 1969, Francis Friar earned his bachelor’s degree in comprehensive agriculture education at UW-Platteville. After graduation, he continued his education, earning a master’s degree in agriculture education in 1970. Friar is the Economic Development Consultant for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection and has held the position since 2007. Friar previously spent 30 years working for the Badgerland Farm Credit Service office. He retired from the association in 2007 as the senior vice president of branch operations.

Philip Anderson
Dr. Philip Anderson earned a bachelor’s degree in secondary education with an emphasis in English in 1972 from UW-Platteville. He earned his master’s in language, literature, and speech in 1973 and earned his Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from UW-Madison in 1979. Anderson is a Professor in the department of secondary education at Queens College in New York City, N.Y. He has held professor positions in the Ph.D. program in the Urban Education and Graduate Center at City University in New York City. Anderson has also published numerous books, textbooks, and journal articles.
1945

Forrest Perkins, retired football coach and athletic director from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, was on the 2014 ballot of induction for the College Football Hall of Fame. The National Football Foundation announced 2014 included 75 players and six coaches from the Football Bowl Subdivision and 87 players and 26 coaches from the divisional ranks. Perkins coached at UW-Whitewater from 1956–84 and at the time of his retirement, he ranked second on the active wins list on the Division III level. He was named NAIA Coach of the Year in 1966 and is the all-time winningest coach in conference and school history, capturing 11 conference titles. Perkins was inducted into the UW-Platteville Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995.

1974

Patrick R.R. Sullivan celebrated his 35th year working for the ABC TV Network in Hollywood, Calif., on April 1. Sullivan said, “I am still alive and going strong. Retirement, work is fun, perks are better. Someday!”

1976

Bill Charboneau, M.D. was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of Abdominal Radiology at their annual meeting in March. Charboneau is Emeritus Professor of radiology at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

1979

The American Institute of CPAs has published Jim Lindell’s book From Controller to Business Manager. Lindell has also received the AICPA's Outstanding Discussion Leader for the third time in the spring of 2013.

1982

Kurt Seagrist was promoted to President of Malteurop North America Inc. Malteurop is a $1 billion global leader in agribusiness serving the brewing industry, operating four manufacturing facilities in North America with 200 employees.

Dan Williams is now Associate Professor of mechanical engineering at Milwaukee School of Engineering.

1986

Mary Jo (Duerst) Bergs, Director of Sales for DLG Naturals, along with Dr. Georgia Duerst Lahti, believe that if you provide it, they will come. DLG Naturals sources and supplies ethical and sustainable ingredients from Southern African countries; providing rural, sustenance farmers an additional income source. DLG Naturals follows fair trade principles in sourcing, as well as supply chain development to aid small, rural women’s cooperatives. Their efforts in this region has led to stronger sales of Marula, Baobab, Mongongo, and Kalahari Melon Seed oils in the cosmetic industry. Considerable time and effort has gone into the educational process of U.S. manufacturers whose interest in these pure, cold pressed natural oils is now becoming more apparent on the shelves in stores across the United States.

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.

1978 Charles W. Anderson • Jill M. (Stahlnecker) Bermejo • Gregory L. Cook • Susanne M. (Johnson) Evans • Joseph E. Izeke • Beth L. (Dolbier) Jaske • Roger L. Jenks • Paula A. Jerrett • Patricia M. (Stack) Koehn • David A. Krebs • Stephen J. Motiff • Mary Beth O’Halloran • Dawn A. Onggard • Yusuf M. Shalita • Debra D. Stenner • Mary E. (Johnson) Stepanek

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 relations that last a lifetime.
Eric and Lisa Kuhls announce that the Kuhls’ farm has been in the family for 150 years as of spring 2014.

1997

Angie Addison has started her own human resources consulting business. Milestones HR LLC is a business-minded, people-focused human resources consulting service offering HR expertise to small and medium companies at various milestones in their progression including start up, growth, constriction, and transition.

Roel Benavides, City of Beloit Police Officer, was the guest speaker at the Latino Service Providers Coalition of Rock County Awards in February. Benavides graduated with a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice. While at UW-Platteville, he was mentored by Joe Lomax, the first African-American police officer to work for the City of Beloit. Benavides has been with the City of Beloit Police Department since 1998 and then became active with the LSPC. At the event, he celebrated 10 years of being involved with LSPC.

2009

Ben Neureuther started a new job as a Project Manager at J.H. Hassinger in Menomonee Falls, Wis., in May after five years of being a project manager at Design 2 Construct in Jackson, Wis.

2012

Mark Kalscheur helped produce a chair as an auction item for An Evening in Monte Carlo in the spring. Several other alumni helped with the chair. Pictured from left to right: Shane Stutzel ’13, Mark Kalscheur ’12, Taylor Cherry ’13, Tim Pozzi ’12, Julie Emmerich ’13, and Jaryd Ellenbecker ’13.

Donna Anderson, Director of International Studies, along with Chengwu Xia, International Recruiter, and Dr. Yuanyuan Hu, hosted an alumni gathering in Wuhan, China, in March. The alumni in attendance were from seven different cohorts who attended UW-Platteville.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

UW-Platteville will be celebrating its sesquicentennial anniversary in 2016 and is collecting photos for use in a commemorative book, sesquicentennial website, and photo exhibit. If you have photos you would like to share, you can submit them using the form located at www.uwplatt.edu/uic/photo-request.
Alumni

1940
Joy (Peterson) Hosking, Stoughton, Wis.

1946
Robert E. Clarke, Medford, Ore.

1948
Harriet Gibbon, Platteville, Wis.

1949
Thomas W. Murphy, Minnetonka, Minn.

1950
Farris Harrison, Verona, Wis.

1951
Lloyd Edge, Elkhorn, Wis.
Harold M. Ayer Sr., Fond du Lac, Wis.

1952
Charles E. Jordan, Hamilton, Ill.
Jack R. Calder, Green Bay, Wis.

1953
Beverly Everson, Versailles, Ky.

1954
Ruth (Colden) Ziehr, Madison, Wis.

1957
Wendell "Pete" A. Harker, Fitchburg, Wis.

1958
Robert D. Kindschi, Fall Creek, Wis.

1959
Karen A. Booth, Yerington, Nev.

1960
James P. Richard, Madison, Wis.
Fay L. Ohlert, Andrew, Iowa
Jerry W. Huffman, Waynesboro, Va.

1961
Robert J. Vincent, Ft. Atkinson, Wis.
Robert L. Nicholson, Platteville, Wis.

1962
Linnie F. Bray, Fennimore, Wis.

1963
Myles A. Nelson, Manitowoc, Wis.

1964
Neil C. Riter, Cuba City, Wis.

1965
Valentine St. George Mitchell, Jamaica
Frieda (Stark) Swiggum, Monroe, Wis.
Patricia "Pat" K. Lueck, Argenta, Ill.

1966
Irina (Andrews) Curry, Delavan, Wis.

1968
Ronald L. Trumm, Poynette, Wis.
Ronald R. Infield, Cassville, Wis.
Edward J. Sokolowski, Elkhorn, Wis.

1969
Peter C. Cowie, Prairie du Chien, Wis.
Judith M. Grampovnik, Lansing, Iowa
Thomas R. Kellom, Dubois, Idaho

1970
Lanning L. Lucey, Cuba City, Wis.

1975
J. Leonard Garside Jr., Gentry, Ark.

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Joel L. Klinger, Cleveland, Ga.
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Carl J. Hartung, Dubuque, Iowa
Jayne R. Schambow, Dubuque, Iowa

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In Memoriam

1966
Irina (Andrews) Curry, Delavan, Wis.

1968
Ronald L. Trumm, Poynette, Wis.
Edward J. Sokolowski, Elkhorn, Wis.

1969
Peter C. Cowie, Prairie du Chien, Wis.
Donald L. Mundth, Mineral Point, Wis.

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Lanning L. Lucey, Cuba City, Wis.

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1. Dan '04 and Kristin (Shimpach) '05 Determan welcomed Emma Kathryn on April 16, 2014. Dan is an Investment Advisor and Managing Partner at Capitol Lakes Financial. Kristin is an Academic Advisor in the School of Business at UW-Madison. They live in McFarland, Wis.


3. Bret '08 and Brooke (Gratz) McGraw '07 welcomed their daughter, Mira, on March 6, 2013.

4. Marlo Marjorie was born on May 15, 2014 to Matt '13 and Sarah '11 Miller, weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces at 20.5 inches long.

5. Ben Neureuther '09 and his wife, Teresa, had their second child, Sam, on Jan. 31, 2014. Their first son, Aaron, turned 2 on May 9.

6. Mike '06 and Kallie (Bierman) Schultz '04 welcomed their first child, Pieper Rae, on Feb. 3, 2014.

7. Jared '07, engineering, and Jenni (Stauffacher) '08, fine arts-education, Stackman are proud to announce the birth of twin daughters, Josephine Ann and Hazel Louise born Oct. 22, 2013. Josephine weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces, and Hazel weighed 5 pounds, 1 ounce.

8. Ryan '02 and Candy (Droeszler) Temperly '02 are happy to announce the arrival of June Rose Temperly, born on Sept. 8, 2013. She was 7 pounds, 3 ounces and 21 inches long. June joins Wyatt (4) and Charlotte (3).
Dear Marching Pioneers Alumni,

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville Department of Performing and Visual Arts cordially invites you to participate in the 2014 Marching Pioneers Alumni Day during Homecoming on Oct. 11.

This year’s Marching Pioneers will be joined by band members from years past during a portion of the halftime show 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 during part 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 noon for warm-up and marching to the stadium from there.

If you wish to participate, please e-mail Matthew Gregg at greggm@uwplatt.edu or call 608.342.1019 no later than Friday, Oct. 3. We will be able to provide some instruments, but if you need us to supply any such equipment please inform us well in advance. We look forward to seeing you on Oct. 11.

Sincerely,

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

2014 UW-Platteville Alumni Association Membership Campaign
For more information on membership go to alumni.uwplatt.edu/?page=Benefits

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☐ I would like to make a gift to the Alumni Association of $ ___________
Friday, Oct. 10
Chemistry Reunion

Recognition Breakfast
8 a.m. Markee Pioneer Student Center
Former faculty will be recognized. All current faculty, staff, and alumni are invited to participate.

Alumni Presentations
10 a.m. Ottensman Hall

Lunch
Noon Markee Pioneer Student Center
Following lunch there will be tours and poster presentations by students.

Chemistry Social
5:30 p.m. Velzy Commons, Ullsvik Hall
Prior to the College of EMS Graduating Senior and Alumni Recognition Dinner

Criminal Justice Panel
3 p.m. Platteville Rooms, Markee Pioneer Student Center

Medical Associates Room Naming
3 p.m. Room 305, Boebel Hall

Opus 88 Unveiling
4 p.m. Center for the Arts
Opus 88 is a ceramic sculpture and mural commissioned to acknowledge individuals who support the university's Steinway Fund.

COLLEGE BANQUETS AND ALUMNI AWARD PRESENTATIONS

College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture Alumni Forum
2 p.m. University Rooms, Markee Pioneer Student Center
Award recipients: Paul Miller ’65, agriculture; Joanne Rash ’97, biology; Shawn Stankovich ’01, industrial technology; Mary Twinem ’82, accounting; Jim Wargowski ’86, radio/TV broadcasting

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: Kathleen Blum, ’74 and ’94, elementary education; Dani Crase ’81 and ’87, elementary education; Ellen Schwartz ’74, criminal justice; Arts and Letters Hall of Fame award: G. Dan Fairchild

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: Joe Bunker ’96, civil engineer; John Krogman ’76, mining engineering; Faculty Emeriti Award: Max Andersen

Have questions about Homecoming?
Contact Alumni Services at 1.800.897.2586 or alumni@uwplatt.edu
Saturday, Oct. 11

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 fourth 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. 26 will receive a long-sleeve T-shirt, and all participants will receive refreshments following the run.

Thank you to our Homecoming Hustle sponsors:
SNAP Fitness, Southwest Health Center, Milio’s Sandwiches, McKinstry, Morrissey Printing, UW-Platteville Foundation, Capstone On-campus Management, Edward Jones-Amanda Wright

Alumni Association Homecoming Parade Tent
9 a.m. 385 West Main Street, Platteville
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 and enjoying the Wundo Band. We’ll announce the winner of the fourth annual Custard Creation Challenge at noon, followed by free custard for all, sponsored by Culver’s.

Celebration of UW-Platteville Foundation’s 50th Anniversary

Family Fun
11 a.m. Velzy Commons, Ullsvik Hall
Games, temporary tattoos, face painting, and much more
Sponsored by Liberty Mutual Insurance

International and Study Abroad Alumni Event
11 a.m.–1 p.m. Los Palmas, Platteville

Homecoming Football Game
1 p.m. Ralph E. Davis Pioneer Stadium
UW-Platteville vs. UW-River Falls

All Marching Pioneers alumni are invited to play with the band at halftime.

100 Years of Ag Reunion
6:30 p.m. The BARn, 6935 Mound View Road, Platteville

Criminal Justice Reunion
7 p.m. Steve’s Pizza

“M” Lighting
9 p.m.

R.S.V.P. by Oct. 6
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 2014 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
☐ International and Study Abroad Alumni Event
☐ 100 years of Ag Reunion
☐ $10 commemorative pint glass

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Tulips and painted pottery, tatted lace and diamonds—these iconic treasures are found in the pastoral countries on the North Sea coast. Discover both the renowned and the hidden gems of Holland and Belgium. Along the way, explore historic, cosmopolitan cities and charming canal side villages. Pamper yourself with the modern comforts and impeccable, old-world services of the MS Amadeus Silver, an elegant river cruiser. Travel experts have meticulously planned this exciting program, which showcases the highlights of Holland and Belgium. Enjoy preferred access to popular attractions and an exclusive educational program that will enhance your appreciation of the people and the culture. Our educational program features expert local speakers and is the hallmark of our Alumni Campus Abroad programs. This trip combines the security, ease, and value of group travel with opportunities for independent exploration.

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