Jillian Eggert and Dana Gevelinger, UW-Platteville fine arts students, each won ADDY awards for graphic design work they submitted to the American Advertising Federation competition designed specifically for college students. Eggert and Gevelinger were recognized in February at an awards ceremony held in Dubuque with opportunities to move on to the regional and national levels.

J. Elmo Rawling III, UW-Platteville associate professor of geography and geology, and Kris Wright, UW-Platteville associate professor of biology, led students on the Ecology and Landscapes Winterim experience. Students traveled by train to spots including the Cascade Ocean while learning about ecology and geomorphology.

Jordan Lee, recent UW-Platteville education alumni, is currently serving with the Peace Corps in South Africa. “I have been observing and helping in the library, and science and computer labs. I started a reading club in my first few months and have about 20 learners come in every day to read or get books,” he said.

Brianna Jentz, English and history double major, receives $250 prize as winner of the Liberal Arts Essay Scholarship Competition at UW-Platteville. Jentz, along with students Rachel Oppriecht, a pre-optometry biology major, and Jeremy Stephens, a mathematics major, will now advance to the UW System competition.

Barbara Weinbrenner, 2009 UW-Platteville English alumna, has joined the College of LAE as a communications specialist.
Bob Demaree, UW-Platteville music professor, will attend the American Choral Directors Association National Conference in Chicago in March. Performance venues featured during the conference include Orchestra Hall and Buntrock Hall at Symphony Center, Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple, Auditorium Theater of Roosevelt University, Anshe Emet Synagogue and Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies.

Erin Robbins, UW-Platteville community counseling graduate student, delivered school supplies she collected to the Cloud Forest School in Costa Rica over the Winterim semester. “I hope that by me going to Costa Rica over Winterim, that others will want to experience the simplicity of life in Monteverde. It truly changed my life,” she said.

Kara Candito, UW-Platteville assistant professor of creative writing and English literature, participated in the annual U.S. Poets in Mexico Conference where she attended workshops and panels on poetry translation and began a collaborative translation project with Mexican poet Fernando de la Cruz. Candito also had a poem entitled “A Short Genealogy of Power Tools” published in the Winter 2011 issue of The Southern Review and had her interview with poet Kristina M. Darling published in the winter 2010 online issue of BOXCAR Poetry Review.

TEAM STYLUS RECEIVES LAE EXCELLENCE IN TEAMWORK AWARD

Team Stylus members Laura Beadling, UW-Platteville assistant professor of English; Russ Brickey, coordinator of the UW-Platteville Writing Center; Wendy Perkins and Gary Kriewald, lecturers in the UW-Platteville Department of Humanities; Evelyn Martens, director of UW-Platteville Writing and Tutoring Resources; and Kory Wein, chair of the UW-Platteville Department of Humanities, were recently honored at the LAE College Meeting with the LAE Excellence in Teamwork Award for their work editing and publishing “Stylus: An Anthology of Freshman Writing.”

“Stylus,” first published for the 2009-10 academic school year, is the first of its kind in the UW System,” said Wein.

“This anthology gives clear examples of the types of essays typically assigned in freshmen writing courses, and many students have commented that these examples are significantly less intimidating than the professional examples usually provided to them,” wrote Morgan McNeel Spitzer, UW-Platteville English alumnus who nominated the team and who also assisted with the publication as a student.

In addition to Spitzer, Team Stylus also received several nominations from their colleagues at UW-Platteville, including Dennis Ciesielski, UW-Platteville professor of English and chair of the Humanities Rhetoric and Composition Committee, who nominated the team “for all of their diligent work in gaining outside funding for their project, their hours of editing and organizing, their ability to combine scholarship and classroom application, and, most of all their ability to work together for the good of their students and their university.”

Chancellor Dennis J. Shields recognized Team Stylus during a reception held in October 2010 to honor the student writers featured in the publication, and the team has also received a grant from the Office of Professional and Instructional Development to continue publishing “Stylus,” as well as to engage in research to see how it is impacting students and faculty at UW-Platteville.

Out of 14,914 active LAE alumni, 10,521 currently reside in Wisconsin and 630 reside in Platteville.
WHAT’S HAPPENING IN THE ART BUILDING?

SPOTLIGHT ON STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS: FRENCH AND GERMAN CLUBS

On Thursday, March 3 from 5-9 p.m. in Velzy Commons in Ullsvik Hall, the French and German clubs will team up to host the 14th annual Fasching/Carnaval event. Bratwurst, French onion soup with bread, German potato salad and special beverages will be available for purchase, while popcorn, pretzels, crepes, strudel, coffee, and cranberry apple juice will be provided at no charge. Students often wear costumes, and throughout the evening there are activities offered including dance lessons, face painting, a life-sized chessboard, limbo competitions and costume contests. Chase Kuffel and Holly Sutcliffe, UW-Platteville students who serve as the presidents of the French and German clubs respectively, commented about their student organizations:

What led you to get involved in these organizations?
Kuffel: I’ve been speaking French for over a decade now and was involved in my high school’s French Club. I really looked forward to getting involved in something on campus that really interested me and that I felt I could make a difference in.
Sutcliffe: I was in my high school German Club for all four years and traveled to central Germany in spring 2010. I also adore hearing and speaking the German language, not to mention learning about its vast culture.

What would you like people to know about your organizations?
Kuffel: I would just like them to know that we are there to express the French culture and look forward to sharing experiences with anyone. Through French Club there are so many opportunities to expand one’s cultural knowledge.
Sutcliffe: You don’t have to be German, speak German or be taking a German class to join German Club. Any student can join and the main focus of the club is to do fun activities with the German culture and language as the connection.

Why should students get involved in student organizations on campus?
Kuffel: Getting involved is the way to make college how it should be, and to truly embrace the Pioneer spirit!
Sutcliffe: You need to develop yourself as a person and start stepping out of your comfort zone and into the many opportunities offered by the university’s hundreds of clubs.

Chase Kuffel  Holly Sutcliffe

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