

## Homecoming Message from the Chancellor

*The following message was sent via e-mail to UW-Eau Claire students from Chancellor Brian Levin-Stankevich:*

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Dear UW-Eau Claire Students,

I thought that when my twin boys had left home and finally graduated from college into gainful employment, I could relax a bit and stop worrying about them - particularly on weekend nights. Of course, that's when I became the head of a university. So now I go to bed every weekend night worrying not about my sons but about all of you. I know that I am joined in this by thousands of your parents and family members. We hope that if the phone rings late at night, it is just you calling to say you're OK or to tell us how much you miss being home, for we know that emergencies can punctuate all our lives unpredictably.

As we begin Homecoming Week at UW-Eau Claire, I ask you to enjoy the coming weekend's festivities safely. You are intelligent, serious and creative people. Many of you will provide enjoyment to us this coming weekend through the display of your talents on the playing fields and in the concert halls.

You know how to be safe and responsible, particularly when it comes to alcohol. We at UW-Eau Claire have repeated those messages since your freshman orientation. You've had them drilled into you throughout your school years. You know there are frequently consequences, and you know that few of those are good.

But none of us parents or administrators or faculty can be there when it comes time for you to make a decision. You will need to recall those messages about being safe. You will need to speak up or intervene when someone's behavior puts you or your friends at risk. You will need to watch out for yourself and for your friends.

Enjoy Homecoming Week! Stay focused on why you are here: to be successful in your studies. And in the midst of your work, study or play, call your family or loved ones and tell them how much you care.

Sincerely,

Brian Levin-Stankevich  
Chancellor