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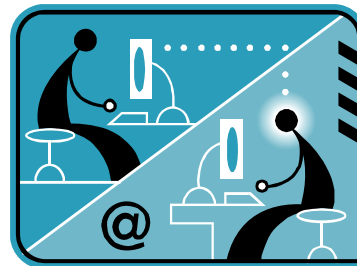
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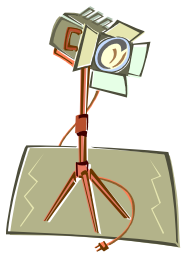
## Alumni Network Website . . . Coming This Summer!

The SSS Alumni Network Leadership Board met to determine the layout of the SSS Alumni Network Website that will (hopefully) go live this summer. The Leadership Board has developed an overall vision for the website, as well as hammered out specifics of what will be included on the website. This summer you can expect to see an SSS Alumni Network website that includes the following:

- ◆ Career Information
- ◆ Professional Development Opportunities
- ◆ Graduate School Information
- ◆ Employment Opportunities
- ◆ Upcoming Events
- ◆ Discussion Board
- ◆ Frequently Asked Questions
- ◆ Ask an Alumni
- ◆ And more . . .



*Of course, we are always open to insights and suggestions!*



## Alum Spotlight: Brittany Zold

Brittany Zold (formerly Brittany Kaye Borofka), completed her degree in May 2006 with a double major in Music and Biology. While attending UW-Eau Claire, Brittany worked at the McIntyre Library Circulation Desk and played in numerous ensembles, including: the University Orchestra, University Band, Symphony Band, Wind Symphony, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz V Ensemble and the Chippewa Valley Symphony. Brittany was also involved with numerous campus groups such as Sigma Alpha Iola (an international music fraternity for women), National Band Association, Hall Council, and, of course, Student Support Services.

When asked if there was anything that she wishes she had done differently while attending UW-Eau Claire, Brittany stated, "I wish I would have known . . . the importance of either volunteering or taking on internships in your field of study. Employers are always looking for the candidate that is both the most qualified and also has the most experience for that particular job."

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## *Kudos to our continuing SSS students!*

Our students continue to impress us with their focus and drive. Clearly, higher education is demanding, especially if one is juggling a job or two (or three!), commuting and perhaps even arranging for child care. Bearing all of that in mind, we would like to acknowledge the following students for their accomplishments.

- **Anastasia Davis** (freshman, Journalism) received the Multicultural Affairs Scholarship.
- **Paulina Duarte** (senior, Biology) was awarded the Johannes and Arlene Dahle Multicultural Scholarship.
- **Pahoua Lee** (senior, Biology and English) received a UW-Eau Claire Diversity Scholars Award.
- **Shoua Lor** (freshman, Elementary Education) and **Chong Yang** (senior, psychology) were awarded the Hmong Alumni Scholarship.
- **Emily Morseth** (senior, Nursing) was awarded the Student Support Services Achievement Scholarship.
- **Kelly Quaderer** (freshman, Accounting) received the American Indian Alumni Scholarship.
- **Sheila Runge** (senior, Special Education) was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Wisconsin Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel.
- **Nhia Vang** (sophomore, Political Science) received a full scholarship (\$21,395) to study aboard the Scholar Ship during the spring semester 2008.
- **Rogelio Encizo, Charern Lee, Kelly Quaderer, and Nou Vang** all received UW-Eau Claire Diversity Achievement Scholarships.
- Recipients of the UW-Eau Claire Diversity Incentive Scholarship included **Kiri Cooney, Mary Greenan, Duane Mateski, Josh Vang, Linda Vang, Pahoua Xiong, Amanda Yang, Chee Yang, Soua Yang, Xai Yang, and Yer Yang.**



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**Comments/Questions about this newsletter?**

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## **Bruce Ouderkirk elected to WAEOPP Board of Directors**

Bruce Ouderkirk, director of the Student Support Services program at UW-Eau Claire, has been elected to a one-year term on the Wisconsin Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel. WAEOPP is the state organization for TRIO staff members.

Bruce has worked with Trio programs since 1987. He co-chaired the conference committee for the Trio Tri-State Conference, held in April 2007, in Rochester Minn.

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Currently, Brittany works at IDEXX Computer Systems in Eau Claire, which specializes in sophisticated programs for veterinary clinics around the world. In addition, she has been a percussionist with the Army Reserve since her junior year of college. Her first assignment was with the 84<sup>th</sup> Division Band in Milwaukee, and she is now a sergeant with the 451<sup>st</sup> Army Band at Fort Snelling, MN. The 451<sup>st</sup> Army Band is comprised of several large and small ensembles, including: Concert Band, Ceremonial Band, Marching Band, Stage Band, Dance Band and a few quintets.



Since joining the Army Reserve, Brittany has performed for various military events such as change of command ceremonies, military balls, formal concerts and civilian events including parades, community festivals, sporting events and recruiting tours at various high schools and colleges.

Brittany related that, “The Army has also given me the chance to travel to various cities in both Wisconsin and Minnesota and to the states of South Carolina, North Carolina and Colorado.” In July, she plans to travel to Heidelberg, Germany with the Army Band.

In addition, in April of this year, Brittany and the 451<sup>st</sup> Army Band served as the official band of Army Reserve’s 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in Washington, D.C., which was a huge honor for the musical group. It performed at Arlington Cemetery, an Army Ball, and a ceremony on the White House lawn. The ceremony was broadcast nationally on C-SPAN. For further details on the 451<sup>st</sup> Army Band (or other Army bands), Brittany recommends the following website: [www.goarmy.com/band](http://www.goarmy.com/band).

***Questions? Suggestions? Observations? Please let us know!***

***The SSS Alumni Network Leadership Board includes the following:***

**Rhonda Olson** (cheribuns@aol.com), Alumni Network Chair, graduated from UW-Eau Claire in 2005 (Bachelor of Social Work)

**Brittany (Borofka) Zold** (borofkbk@uwec.edu) graduated in 2006 (majors in Music and Biology)

**Lisa Johnson** (johnsola@chipfalls.k12.wi.us) graduated in 2006 (Elementary/Middle School Education)

**Cathryn McCoy** (camccoy7@hotmail.com) graduated in 2006 (Elementary/Middle School Education)

**Kang Yang** (yangkang@uwec.edu) graduated in 2007 (Bachelor of Science Nursing)

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