Welcome Back
Blugold Beginnings will offer After School Clubs, for third through fifth graders, featuring Robotics, Art and STEM themes throughout the year. If your child is interested in one of these programs, please request a registration form from your Partnership Coordinator.

September programming will include:

Augusta Elementary:
Robotics (14-18)
Arts (21-25)
STEM (28-October 2)

Lakeshore Elementary
Robotics (21-25)

Sherman Elementary
STEM (21-25)

Putnam Heights Elementary
Arts (28-October 2)

Manz Elementary
Robotics (28-October 2)

Fall 2015 Programming
Blugold Beginnings will begin tutoring and mentoring the week of September 28th in the schools that we serve. Parents/Guardians interested in having a mentor for their student should complete an application and return it to their teacher, guidance counselor, or partnership coordinator by September 24th.

A Note:

Visit our website:
http://www.uwec.edu/blugoldbeginnings
Blugold Beginnings offered eight fabulous summer camps. Kids had the opportunity to build their own websites, launch rockets, design their own business, paint and so much more. Our terrific staff of UW-Eau Claire students made it a memorable summer for over 400 area students. Blugold Beginnings is grateful to our many sponsors and volunteers who provided tours, instruction, and guidance to our campers throughout the summer.

We hope you’ll consider sending your student to one of our nine summer camps in 2016:

- June 12th – June 17th: STEM Overnight Camp
- June 20th – June 24th: Exploring the Arts Day Camp
- June 26th – June 30th: Exploring the Arts Overnight Camp
- July 9th – July 23rd: Youth Leadership Camp
- July 10th – July 15th: Entrepreneurship Overnight Camp
- July 18th – July 22nd: STEM Day Camp
- July 25th – July 29th: Service and Leadership Camp
- July 31st – Aug 5th: Bio/Kins Overnight Camp
- Aug 8th – Aug 12th: Splashing into 6th Grade Day Camp
- Navigating 9th Grade Day Camp

Research shows that students are more likely to aspire to post-secondary education if they feel comfortable on a college campus. Blugold Beginnings plans monthly campus events to help increase students’ comfort level with a college experience. The whole family is welcome at all of our events! Mark your calendars now to attend our monthly events this year:

October:
- 17 - Football Game, Carson Park, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- 26 - Night at the Museum, Chippewa Valley Museum, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

November
- 08 - McPhee Family Fun Night, McPhee, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- 14 - Hmong New Year, Eau Claire Sport Center, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

December
- 01 - Cookie Decorating and A Capella Concert, Schofield Auditorium, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

February
- 13 - Men's Hockey Game, Hobbs Ice Arena, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

March
- 10 - Movie Night, Woodland Theatre, Davies Center, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

April
- 14 - Blugold Beginnings’ Got Talent, Schofield Auditorium, 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

May
- 08 – Year End Celebration & Education Fair, Ojibwe Ballroom, Davies Center, 5:00 p. m. – 7:00 p.m.

Blugold Beginnings Learning Community

Blugold Beginnings welcomed 73 new students to UW-Eau Claire in August! Learning Community students spent one week gearing up for the first year of college during our Jump Start Camp. Students faced their fears and got to know one another on the ropes course at the Eagle’s Nest. They also had the opportunity to find their classes, get their books, learn valuable studying and test taking tips, and locate campus resources to prepare them for a successful semester at UW-Eau Claire.

The students are each paired with a campus faculty or staff member who serves as a ‘college coach’ during the first year.

College Coaches and students enjoyed a get-to-know-you lunch during Jump Start Camp and made plans to meet during the first couple of weeks of classes. These students will serve as tutors and mentors in our middle and elementary school programs. By giving back to future college-bound students, these student have the opportunity to flex their leadership and service muscles while building their resumes. This opportunity is especially exciting for those students who had Blugold Beginnings Tutor/Mentors when they were in fifth through twelfth grade!
Meet our staff!

Blugold Beginnings was impacted by the recent budget cuts at the State level. Unfortunately three of our trusted staff members had their positions eliminated. We were very fortunate to receive AmeriCorps support for Members to provide a term of service through Blugold Beginnings for the coming year. These service members will join Jodi Thesing-Ritter and Dennis Beale in coordinating a team of over 150 UW-Eau Claire students who will serve as Tutor/Mentors in area schools. We are eager to begin our programming in the coming weeks and look forward to meeting your children!