**December Newsletter**

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**Blugold Beginnings—Mentors Wanted!**

Work-study and volunteer mentors are always needed to work in area schools. A minimum 2 days a week commitment, common program times are 12:00-1:00pm, 2:00-3:00pm, and 3:30-5:00pm. Applications available online. Return the application to the Blugold Beginnings Office in Brewer 50 or to Program Director Lissa Martinez at martinlj@uwec.edu if interested!

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**Important Dates**

- **December 14th**: Fall Semester Classes End
- **December 17th-21st**: Final Exams
- **December 22nd**: Commencement
- **December 24th-25th**: University Closed
- **December 27th**: Fall Grades due
- **December 31st**: University Closed
- **January 2nd**: Winterim Classes Begin
- **January 18th**: Winterim Classes End
GET A FLU SHOT!
Flu shot clinics will be held on campus on Wednesday, December 5th in Davies 103 (the Maple Room) from 10:30am-2:30pm. Cost is $15.

Civil Rights Pilgrimage
Space is still available for both Winter (January 4th-14th) and Spring (March 15th-24th) trips! Students can register online by clicking HERE.

Students also have the opportunity to register for Women’s Studies 222: Women and the Civil Rights Movement, a three credit Cultural Diversity course (GE III). The course is offered during Winterim and Spring semesters. If interested, email thesinjm@uwec.edu

For more information visit the Civil Rights Pilgrimage website.

Recreation Events

WINTER BREAK SPECIALS FROM THE EAC
– Enjoy the great outdoors!
• Pick up your skis or snowshoes during finals week: Dec.17th – 21st. Return equipment by January 23rd.
• Cross Country ski package – just $30
• Northern Lite Snow Shoes – just $30
• For more info – call 715-836-3616

It’s not too late! Go see the Chicago Bears take on the Minnesota Vikings in Minnesota on December 9th. Bus transportation and game ticket just $65!
Stop in to the Recreation office or call 715-836-3377 to reserve your seat!

SAY YES TO LESS STRESS!
◊ Tuesday, December 4th– Hilltop Lounge
◊ Stop in anytime 1:00-4:00 pm
◊ Free stress-relieving activities!
◊ Give yourself a break!

“Get to know Group Exercise” HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA!
Wednesday, December 12th, 6-8:00pm, McPhee 210
Unwind with some fun exercise – Turbo Kick, HIIT, PiYo, etc.
ICE CREAM SOCIAL – BUILD YOUR OWN SUNDAE!
Come join in – no pre-registration needed!

Did you know the Environmental Adventure Center has an Indoor Archery Range? You can join a league for just $15/semester – or come to Open Shoot, just $10/semester or $1 per night. For more information and a complete schedule, visit our website http://www.uwec.edu/Recreation/activities/archery or call 715-836-3616.
Alternative Spring Break!

The Alternative Spring Break trip is an opportunity for students to explore the concepts of servant leadership and social justice — specifically around issues of poverty, homelessness and socioeconomic status.

Running **March 17–23**, the 2013 Alternative Spring Break trip will be in Indianapolis, Indiana, for the fourth consecutive year. Students will engage in hands-on service projects and discuss issues of servant leadership and social justice with Indianapolis organization leaders. Alternative Spring Break partner sites have included the Gleaners Food Bank, Providence Cristo Rey High School, Rebuilding the Wall, and Wheeler Mission Ministries amongst others.

"My attitude towards leadership and its relevance has been solidified and my perspective towards homelessness and poverty has deepened. We were exposed to people and things that most aren’t and it was powerful to see our world in new ways.”

Signup is at the front desk of the Student Organizations and Leadership Center, Davies Center 220. The Alternative Spring Break Trip is open to the first 20 students who sign up. The cost is $375, which includes food, travel, lodging and materials. Participants earn 30 hours of service-learning credit.

“The most valuable component of the trip was the combination of the group and the work that we did. We formed incredible bonds through helping others and it was truly an incredible experience.”

The phrase "servant leadership" was coined by Robert K. Greenleaf in 1970, in an essay that launched the modern servant leadership movement. Greenleaf wrote that "the servant-leader is servant first ... with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first. Then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead. That person is sharply different from one who is leader first, perhaps because of the need to assuage an unusual power drive or to acquire material possessions. The difference manifests itself in the care taken by the servant-first to make sure that other people’s highest priority needs are being served.”

Servant Leadership
The Eau Claire Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department announced a new winter parade and family fun celebration to promote community activities that are often overlooked during the winter months.

Saturday, December 15th

5:00 pm: Water Street Parade
6-9:00 pm: Activities at Hobbs Ice Center including—
  • FREE hot cocoa
  • Games/activities
  • General skating
  • S’mores Stand
  • Figure Skating Exhibition
  • And more!

Volunteers are needed to help with the parade and following activities. Please contact Lissa Martinez (martinlj@uwec.edu) or Nicole Rindone (feldkanm@uwec.edu) for more information!

Leadership Seminar Series

The Leadership Seminar Series is an eight-week, non-credit opportunity available for up to 20 students. Seminar participants meet for 90 minutes each week throughout the duration of the program. There is no cost to participate, and all books and materials are provided for participants.

There will be two Spring 2013 sessions for the Leadership Seminar Series. They will be held on the following days and times:

• Thursdays from 4–5:30 p.m., beginning January 31 and concluding March 28.
• Mondays from 2–3:30 p.m., beginning February 4 and concluding April 1.

Interested individuals must select session day and time in registration form and must be available to meet at that time in order to participate.

> REGISTER FOR THE SPRING 2013 LEADERSHIP SEMINAR SERIES

Seminar Description:
The Leadership Seminar Series is designed to provide you with an opportunity to explore leadership with a small group of your peers and apply what you learn to your life experiences. Students will examine the history and evolution of leadership, will learn about personal strengths and preferences and how to work with others, will learn about important components of effective leadership, and will identify strategies for creating positive change.

Testimonial:
“I learned how to better be a leader and how I need to include all members into the group development. I have also learned more about my strengths and what I need to work on.”
Upcoming Athletic Events:

**December 5th**  
*Women’s Basketball*  
vs. UW-Platteville  
Zorn Arena  
7:00 pm

**December 8th**  
*Wrestling*  
McPhee  
1:00 pm, 3:00 pm, & 5:00 pm

**December 12th**  
*Men’s Basketball*  
vs. UW-Superior  
Zorn Arena  
7:00 pm

**December 15th**  
*Men’s Basketball*  
vs. Ashford  
Zorn Arena  
3:00 pm

Find a full calendar of events at [http://blugolds.com](http://blugolds.com).

News from Athletics

**FALL SPORTS**
- Women’s cross country took 5th at nationals, men’s cross country was 10th (which was their best NCAA finish ever).
- Women’s volleyball competed in the NCAA Championship, first and second rounds. They fell to St. Thomas, MN in the second round and St. Thomas went on to win the national title.
- Football finished in fourth place in the conference with a 4-3 record, its best WIAC record since 2009.

**WINTER SPORTS**
- Both hockey teams started on Oct. 26th. Men’s hockey is off to one of its best starts in school history.
- Both swimming & diving teams started in late October.
- Both basketball teams started on Nov. 16th.
- Wrestling started on Nov. 10th.
- Women’s gymnastics is practicing and will hold its first meet on Jan. 5th.
- Indoor track & field teams will hold their first meet on Jan. 12th.

Remember, all students may attend any regular season Blugold athletic event FOR FREE with your Blugold ID card!
National Student Exchange

Now is the time to begin thinking about NSE participation for the 2013-2014 academic year. It is never too early to begin planning your National Student Exchange. NSE is a great opportunity for you to study at one of 200 different universities in the United States, Canada, Guam, Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. UW-Eau Claire students pay tuition to UW-Eau Claire (same as if they were a student here) while earning resident credits at their host institution. NSE participants must be full-time students with a minimum 2.5 GPA and in good standing (academic, personal, and financially). Successful NSE applicants also are flexible, goal oriented, and curious.

Participating in NSE is a wonderful way for students to develop academically and personally. If you are interested, please attend one of our upcoming information sessions.

Student Affairs Spotlight:

Jacqueline Bonneville
Assistant Dean of Students
Dean of Students Office

What do you do in your position?
I have many different aspects of my job. I primarily work to support students who are struggling. I also work with our student conduct system. I coordinate our National Student Exchange program. I also supervise the Women's and LGBTQ Resource Center and work closely with our Veteran's Center.

How did you get to UWEC?
My story is a full-circle story. I was born in Eau Claire, Wisconsin while my Mom attended UW-Eau Claire and my Dad attended CVTC. I grew up in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin. I earned my Bachelors of Business Administration (Human Resource major) from the University of Minnesota, Duluth. I then earned my Master's degree in Counseling with an emphasis in Higher Education from UW-Whitewater. My partner, Darrin, and I moved to Menomonie, WI in 2000. I earned my Education Specialist degree in 2009 from UW-Stout.

What is your favorite part about being a Blugold?
This will sound cliché, but it is truly the students. How Blugolds feel about being Blugolds is the reason I have passed on different job opportunities at other institutions. Even when I work with students through our conduct process I find them usually respectful and honest and really committed to being a part of UW-Eau Claire. After working at five institutions, I know this place is special.

Any words of advice?
Don't just go through the motions. It is possible to earn a degree from UW-Eau Claire and never truly engage. However, your experience here will be so much more if you get involved more in the experience. I realize all of the ways to get connected may feel overwhelming so start small and make it happen. I wish that for all of you!

The Student Affairs newsletter is sent to all UW-Eau Claire students each month. To submit information for the newsletter, please send a detailed description to Jackie Lee at leejacqui@uwec.edu.