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Important Announcements

Faculty and staff recognized for excellence

Seven UW-Eau Claire faculty and staff members were recognized for excellence during today's academic year opening meeting. [Learn about the 2017 Excellence Awards recipients.](#)

Tamara Johnson is inaugural assistant chancellor for EDI

Dr. Tamara Johnson, a higher education administrator with extensive experience in diversity, student affairs and faculty affairs, joined UW-Eau Claire in June as the university's inaugural assistant chancellor for equity, diversity and inclusion. [Learn more.](#)

Shawn Wilson named interim assistant dean of students

A Blugold alumnus with administrative experience in student affairs has been named interim assistant dean of students at UW-Eau Claire. Shawn Wilson began his duties in the Dean of Students Office on Aug. 21. [Learn more.](#)

Craig Ernst is new Client Support Services manager [From Learning and Technology Services]

Craig Ernst is the new Client Support Services manager in Learning and Technology Services, taking over for Charles Probst, who recently retired. Craig will oversee the Help Desk, Desktop Support and Learning Spaces units of LTS.

Opening of academic year calendar, campus construction-related reminders

- View [opening of academic year calendar](#).
- [View construction-related reminders](#) pertaining to the university footbridge, the Garfield Avenue hill and campus parking.

Call for coaches for Blugold Beginnings Learning Community [From Blugold Beginnings]

Faculty and staff are invited to consider serving as volunteer college coaches to the incoming class of [Blugold Beginnings Learning Community](#) students. Coaches meet with their students at least once a month to provide mentoring and to help connect them to campus resources. Each coach will be matched with a first-year student during a luncheon at **noon on Tuesday, Aug. 29**, in the Dakota Room of Davies Center. **Interested? Contact Cheri Snobl at snobl@uwec.edu.**

Nominate a student for Blugold of the Month! [From Dean of Students Office]

A new initiative from the Dean of Students Office — Blugold of the Month — will honor students who exhibit outstanding academic, leadership, community involvement or service achievements. Students who receive the Blugold of the Month honor will be featured on social media and will receive a \$100 gift card to the University Bookstore as well as a free meal for themselves and three friends at The Dulany Inn in Davies Center. [Nominate a student here!](#)

Have a quick, low-cost solution to help make campus better? [From Fast Fix Committee]

Do you have an idea of how we could improve our campus? If so, [submit your Fast Fix!](#) Suggestions must be able to be implemented quickly (1-3 months) and require little or no cost. Ideas that are submitted with solutions are highly encouraged.

Faculty, staff invited to participate in Experts Directory [From Integrated Marketing and Communications]

UW-Eau Claire faculty and staff are invited to be included in the university's online [Experts Directory](#), a listing of faculty and staff experts who can comment to the news media on a variety of topics and issues and who may be available to speak to service and professional groups. Faculty and staff who sign on as experts in their fields of interest and areas of knowledge will help make the Experts Directory a more comprehensive and valuable resource for the news media and community members. To participate, fill out the online [Experts Directory Form](#).

Hilltop bowling alleys to be replaced with new recreation spaces [From Recreation and Sport Facilities]

In response to student input, Recreation and Sport Facilities at UW-Eau Claire will soon replace its bowling facility in Hilltop Center with reconfigured recreation space for our students, faculty and staff. [Learn more](#).

Reuse, recycle, RECLAIM! [From Surplus Store]

[Head to the Surplus Store](#) **Aug. 23 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.** for the biweekly department [reclaim event](#) for faculty and staff. Come by to reclaim university furniture and office supplies free of charge. The Surplus Store will deliver items within three days. [See photos of what's available this week](#), visit the [Surplus Store website](#) or call 715-836-5555 for more information.

Smile! Professional portraits offered on Thursdays [From LTS Photo]

The Learning and Technology Services photo department offers free, walk-in professional portrait sessions for faculty and staff from **10:30 a.m.-noon Thursdays throughout the semester**. The photo studio is on the garden level of Schofield Hall. Enter door S59 and the studio is at the end of the hallway. Questions? Call 715-836-6005.

Awards and Achievements

Dr. Eric Kasper, associate professor of political science, had his article titled "[Musicians are now more likely than ever to object to American presidential candidates' use of their songs](#)" published by the U.S. Centre for American Politics and Policy at the London School of Economics.

Jyl Kelley, associate professor of art & design, has been honored for one of her most recent time-lapse video projects. Titled "[Inside Out](#)," the project won Best Experimental Film and

editing awards in the Los Angeles New Wave International Film Festival. Art & design alumnus Daniel Lee Ruff Smith collaborated with sound editing on the piece. A public screening of the video project was held Aug. 5 at the Complex Theater on Santa Monica Boulevard in Los Angeles.

Dr. David Lewis, professor of chemistry, has had his third essay on the history of chemistry published in *Angewandte Chemie*, International Edition: "[Aleksei Yevgen'evich Chichibabin \(1871-1945\): A Century of Pyridine Chemistry](#)," *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* 2017, 56, 9660-9668). The same article appears in the German Edition of *Angewandte Chemie*: "Alexei Jewgenjewitsch Tschitschibabin (1871-1945): ein Jahrhundert Pyridinchemie," *Angew. Chem.* 2017, 129, 9788-9796.

Dr. Tarique Niazi, professor of sociology, recently was named chair-elect of the Marxist Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association. Niazi presented two of his recent papers, "Ecological Question and Development of Productive Forces: Finding a Way Out of Global Climate Change" and "The Industrial Capitalist Order and 'Production Science': Why 'Conservatives' Tend to Trust GMO Food" at the ASA 112th Annual Meeting, held Aug. 12-15 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Dr. John R. Stewart, assistant professor of music and director of Concert Bands, and Dr. Casey Clementson (University of Minnesota-Twin Cities) will present "[The Composer Collaboratory: Transforming the Relationship Between Pre-service Teacher and Student in Young Band Settings](#)" at the biannual Society for Music Teacher Education Conference Sept. 8 in Minneapolis.

The **UW-Eau Claire Wind Symphony**, under the direction of **Dr. John R. Stewart**, has been selected through blind peer review to perform at the annual Minnesota Music Educators Association Mid-Winter Clinic Feb. 22, 2018, at the Minneapolis Convention Center. We are proud to represent the university, the department of music and theatre arts, and UWEC bands at the annual conference.

Dr. Dale B. Taylor, professor emeritus of music and theatre arts, was interviewed on the topic of music therapy benefits for the Alzheimer's population by Toril Fisher of WDRT radio. The interview was broadcast March 30, 2017, via WDRT.org. Taylor's [May 17 interview by Media Democracy](#) on the topic of overcoming lethal media racial stereotyping now is available online.

Professional Development

Workshops to focus on teaching, student learning [From Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning]

Faculty and staff are invited to attend a variety of 50-minute sessions highlighting small changes instructors can make to enhance student learning, be more efficient with their time or better organize their resources. The workshops will be from **9 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 28** (lunch on your own from noon-1 p.m.) in Rooms 3814 and 3504 of Centennial Hall. The afternoon sessions will be 75 minutes each and will focus on strategies to consider when teaching larger classes. [View the workshops](#) and email cetl@uwec.edu to register.

Support available for WWHEL fall conference

The annual Women in Higher Education Leadership fall conference, "[Celebrating Diversity: Moving the Needle from Tolerance to Inclusion](#)," will be held Oct. 19-20 at Milwaukee Area Technical College. Support is available for 15 UW-Eau Claire faculty or staff to attend at no cost. If interested, please contact Faith Pawelski, WWHEL institutional representative, at pawelsfa@uwec.edu by **Aug. 30**.

Blugold Excellence in Supervision series [From Administrative Support + Knowledge Center - Human Resources]

Learn about employee hiring, performance management and employee engagement. Attend each monthly two-hour session to obtain the Blugold Excellence in Supervision certificate.

August session: (click on time/date to register): **Team Building**, [9 a.m. Aug. 23](#). **September sessions:** What Planet Are They From?, [1 p.m. Sept. 13](#) and [9 a.m. Sept. 27](#). Questions? Contact Karen Callaway at callawkl@uwec.edu or 715-836-4202.
