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Important announcements

'Blugold Spotlight' features Zac Ruch

Enjoy the latest "[Blugold Spotlight](#)," which features Zac Ruch, head strength and performance coach for Blugold athletics.

Director of Data Management, Analytics and Reporting open forum today

Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend the open campus forum with **David Scamehorn**, a candidate for the **Director of Data Management, Analytics and Reporting** position. The forum will be from **2:15-3:15 p.m. today, March 3, in the Woodland Theater** of Davies Center. The presentation will be videotaped and links to the recording and a feedback survey will be shared after the forum. [View David Scamehorn's CV](#).

Dr. Catherine Chan named ORSP executive director

Dr. Catherine Chan, an experienced undergraduate research program administrator and longtime faculty research mentor to students, has been named executive director of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs at UW-Eau Claire following a national search. [Learn more](#).

Help welcome future Blugolds on Admitted Student Days

Admitted Student Days offer our admitted high school seniors an opportunity to take an in-depth look at campus, explore the residence halls and even sit in on a class before making their final commitment to join our Blugold family. On these dates, we roll out the blue and gold carpet for these students and their families to make sure they experience life as a Blugold while they are here. Please join us in giving them a warm welcome on these upcoming Admitted Student Days: **March 6, March 13 and March 20**.

IMPACT Symposium set for March 7

IMPACT (Innovative Minds Partnering to Advance Curative Therapies) challenges undergraduate students and faculty collaborators to discover creative solutions to critical health questions. This year's competition challenged teams to develop unique hypotheses that

address this year's research question: What is the mechanistic link between binge alcohol drinking, addiction and the function of the neuroimmune system? A team representing UW-Eau Claire and a team from UW-Eau Claire – Barron County will present their research at the [IMPACT Symposium March 7](#) at Mayo Clinic Health System (Luther building) in Eau Claire. The IMPACT Symposium is a public event, and all are welcome to attend. To learn more, [see the IMPACT website](#) or email impact@uwec.edu.

Homepage pop-up testing underway

UW-Eau Claire is testing a pop-up on the homepage to engage prospective students. If you see the pop-up on your desktop or mobile device when visiting uwec.edu, please ignore it or follow these instructions to exit out of it: 1) Click the "X" in the top right corner; 2) Refresh the page; 3) Click the "X" in the top left corner of the bubble in the lower-left corner of the screen. If you experience issues removing this pop-up from your desktop or mobile device, please contact the LTS Help Desk at helpdesk@uwec.edu or 715-836-5711.

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Coming soon: Starbucks in The Cabin

Starbucks is coming to The Cabin after spring break! The UW-Eau Claire Student Dining Committee suggested Starbucks and Blugold Dining listened. Questions? Contact Jessica Elley, marketing director for Blugold Dining, at elleyjj6337@uwec.edu.

Appreciate a fellow Blugold? Let them know!

Feeling especially thankful for another Blugold? Maybe a colleague who made your day, a student employee who went that extra mile or a supervisor who's been extra supportive? Everyone loves to know they're appreciated, and you can send a note via [Thank a Blugold](#). University staff members who are recognized through Thank a Blugold will be entered into a monthly prize drawing.

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CERCA set for April 27-May 1

Faculty, staff, students and community members are invited to attend the 28th annual

Celebration of Excellence in Research and Creative Activity (CERCA) from **April 27-May 1**. Abstracts are due **March 6**. [More information about CERCA](#) is available online.

Call for nominations: 10th Annual Provost's Honors Symposium for Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity

Faculty and staff are invited to nominate outstanding student research, scholarship or creative activity by **Feb. 28** for presentation at the 10th Annual Provost's Honors Symposium on **May 1**. This is a professional-style conference where selected students from any major on campus have the chance to present their top-level work. Visit the [Provost's Honors Symposium website](#) for updates and to submit a nomination. For more information, contact [Pam Golden](#) in the [University Honors Program](#).

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Proposed curricular changes in College of Arts and Sciences

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Public surplus sale this week

Join us for our next surplus sale from **3-6 p.m. March 5** in the Central Stores warehouse on upper campus. For more information, visit the [Surplus Store website](#) or [Facebook page](#). Questions? Email surplusstore@uwec.edu or call 715-836-5555.

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Awards and achievements

Mari Bodensteiner, lecturer in the department of languages, presented at the 45th annual Illinois Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages and Bilingual Education (ITBE) Conference Feb. 28-29 in Lisle, Illinois. She was invited to share her experience working with the U.S. Department of State's English Language Programs.

Dr. Dorothy Ka-Ying Chan, assistant professor of English, has had [three new poems](#), "Dear Lady, Stop Gifting Me Lip Balms and Hand Cream," "Triple Sonnet for Naughtiness" and "Recipe for Teen Dramas," published in the Feb. 28 edition of The McNeese Review Online.

Dr. Marcy Leasum Orwig, associate professor of business communication, had a book chapter titled "The Conflict of Genre: Disciplinary Terminology and Conceptual Overlap in the Context of

the Annual Report" published in the edited collection "[Communication and Conflict Studies: Disciplinary Connections and Research Directions](#)" by Palgrave Macmillan.

Dr. Robert Lodge, assistant professor of geology, and UW-Eau Claire students Trevor Nelson, Makayla Chandler and Natalie Brock will present their research at the Student Minerals Colloquium of the Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada Convention March 1-4 in Toronto, Canada. This event provides industry professionals with an opportunity to support and stay current with ongoing international research from students across the world. [Learn more about the student colloquium.](#)

Dr. aBa Mbirika, associate professor of mathematics, delivered a Mathematical Association of American (MAA) invited address titled "Two research projects birthed from curiosity, recreation, and joy" at the Joint Mathematics Meetings Jan. 18 in Denver, Colorado. Conference organizers recently made [Mbirika's address](#) available on YouTube.

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her column "[It Seems To Me: Bossy women: You're in good company](#)" published in the Feb. 29 Leader-Telegram.

Nobuyoshi Yasuda, professor of music, has been invited to lead the 2020 All-National Symphony Orchestra, one of six groups that make up the All-National Honor Ensembles. The prestigious ensembles, organized by the National Association for Music Education (NAfME), are composed of outstanding high school musicians who are selected through a rigorous audition process. [Learn more about Yasuda and his latest honor.](#)

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In the news

Dr. Patricia Kress, medical director in Student Health Service, was quoted in the Feb. 26 Leader-Telegram article "[Chippewa Valley hospitals, universities brace for potential coronavirus spread.](#)"

Dr. Justin Patchin, professor of criminal justice, was quoted in the Feb. 25 Western New York Family Magazine article "[It's 2020: Time to Teach Teens 'Safe' Sexting.](#)"

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Campus news and features

- [Blugold finds joy and friendships playing Mary Poppins in local theater production](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire production of 'James and the Giant Peach' to include sensory-friendly shows](#)
- [Nobuyoshi Yasuda selected to lead national youth orchestra](#)
- [Chemistry major helping area youth see value in Blugold Beginnings, higher education](#)
- [A half pint with a big heart: Blugold wrestler Samuel Sedelbauer](#)
- [International student joins other Blugolds in studying abroad](#)
- [Mayo Clinic Health System and UW-Eau Claire to host IMPACT Symposium March 7](#)
- [The Forum welcomes gender violence prevention expert Jackson Katz](#)
- ['Thursdays at the U' welcomes expert Great Lakes diver John Janzen](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire to celebrate Women's History Month](#)

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Free management workshops to be offered in March and April

The UW-Eau Claire management and marketing department in the College of Business in partnership with PESI will offer free management workshops on **March 4** and **April 22** in the Ojibwe Ballroom C of Davies Center. Topics will include “Working Remotely: Benefits, Challenges and Keys to Success” and “Staying Competitive by Bringing Flexibility to Your Workplace.” To learn more and register online, visit the [workshop website](#). Questions? Contact Dr. Scott Lester at lestersw@uwec.edu or 715-836-5159.

Training available to students, faculty, staff

- The **Blugold Service Excellence** interactive one-hour session introduces participants to the five Blugold Service Excellence Standards: approachability, respect, responsiveness, effectiveness and overall well-being. All faculty, staff and student employees are encouraged to attend this fun, engaging workshop designed to enhance participants' knowledge and offer a safe place to practice customer service excellence the Blugold way! [Register online.](#)
- **SMART Goals Training:** Interested in all things SMART Goals? Register to learn about each distinct element of SMART Goals, then define, set, track and measure SMART Goals for your own and your student staff's personal, professional and academic success. [Register online.](#)

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- [Recognizing and Responding to Sexism in the Workplace and Classroom Panel](#): March 13, 12-1 p.m.
- [Film and Discussion: Somali Stories of Family Separation \(at UWEC-Barron County\)](#): March 17, 12:30-1:45 p.m.
- [EDI Independent Film Viewing Series: Somali Stories of Family Separation](#)

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It's official: HLC reaffirmation of accreditation

The Higher Learning Commission has notified UW-Eau Claire that its Institutional Actions Council took action at the end of January to continue UW-Eau Claire's accreditation, with the next reaffirmation of accreditation in 2029-30. Thanks to everyone in the campus community who works to meet the criteria for accreditation every day, and to the many who contributed to a successful assurance argument and site visit.

Work underway on next academic strategic plan

Provost Patricia Kleine has named a variety of faculty, instructional academic staff and academic staff from within Academic Affairs to support development of the next academic strategic plan during spring semester 2020. All faculty and staff in Academic Affairs should be on the lookout over the next month for opportunities to share ideas for the plan. Watch Blugold FYI and your email for additional updates. Questions about the planning process can be directed to Mary Hoffman at hoffmamf@uwec.edu.

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Check out the March wellness newsletter

The [March wellness newsletter](#) highlights Dr. Yu-Lun "Anita" Huang, assistant professor of kinesiology; tips on outdoor healthy activities from Mayo Clinic Health System; the spring Employee Wellness Challenge; a number of wellness events in the community; and more.

Check TravelWise website for latest UW System updates, monthly newsletter

A Feb. 27 post on [UW TravelWise](#), the UW System travel website, discusses the system policy regarding trip insurance. Also included on the website is the signup for the monthly UW TravelWise Newsletter, which provides travel-related updates such as the UW System travel program changes beginning in March, REAL ID deadline and more. Contact UW-Eau Claire's Firstsource Support Team (askcenter@uwec.edu, 715-836-3131) in the ASK Center for assistance with travel booking and reimbursement.

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Reuse, recycle, RECLAIM!

Head to the [Surplus Store](#) **Wednesday, March 11, 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 for on-campus use free of charge. The Surplus Store will deliver items within three days. Items to be available this week will be posted soon on the [Surplus Store website](#). Questions? Email surplusstore@uwec.edu or call 715-836-5555 for more information.

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Awards and achievements

Dr. Sean McAleer, professor of philosophy and religious studies, presented his paper, "Inside/Outside: Zhuangzi and Epictetus on Inner Virtue," at an invited symposium on inner virtue at the meetings of the American Philosophical Association (Central Division) Feb. 28 in Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Cathy Rex, associate professor of English, presented her paper, "Native Trauma and White Appropriation: The Captivity of Sarah Wakefield and the 'Scaffold' Sculpture of Sam Durant," at the 2020 Southwestern Popular/American Culture Association conference Feb. 19-22 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Dr. Matt Waters, professor and chair of languages and professor of history, gave an invited lecture, "By All Means Auramazda: Help, Support, and Protect the King," Feb. 18 at the [14th Melammu Symposium](#) at UCLA. He also gave an invited seminar, "One King to Rule Them All: Achaemenid Visions of Universal Empire," March 4 at UW-Madison's history department.

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New employees, position updates and retirements

Nevada LaPointe has joined the ASK Center Firstsource Professionals team. Nevada, a December 2019 Blugold alumna, brings to the team her degrees in mathematics and organizational communication and her leadership skills. During her college career, Nevada served as a resident assistant, an administrative assistant for Housing and Residence Life, and the financial director for GEEKcon. Welcome, Nevada!

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In the news

Dr. Jennifer Chapman, professor of theatre arts, and UW-Eau Claire students **Cole Estrem** and **Olivia Haven** were interviewed for the March 3 WEAU-TV story "[UW-Eau Claire offering sensory-friendly theatre performances](#)." Chapman also was interviewed, along with UW-Eau Claire student **Will O'Brien** and **Amanda Profaizer**, associate professor of theatre arts, for the March 4 Leader-Telegram stories "[Wild and welcoming: UW-EC Theatre stages Roald Dahl's adventurous 'James' in more inclusive environment](#)" and "[Sensory-friendly performances offer extra creative outlet for 'James' production team](#)."

Amy Fink, ECLIPSE program director, was interviewed for the March 2 WEAU-TV story "[Celebrate the joy of reading at 'Book Scootin' Boogie!'](#)"

Staci Heidtke, associate director of the Advising, Retention and Career Center, was interviewed for the March 4 Leader-Telegram story "[UW-EC, CVTC see more grads taking jobs in region.](#)"

Rochelle Hoffman, associate student services coordinator for Blugold Beginnings, was interviewed for the March 5 WEAU-TV story "[Blugold Beginnings and Roosevelt Elementary team up for STEAM night.](#)"

Dr. John Mann, professor of history, was interviewed for the March 5 WEAU-TV story "[UWEC hosts Northwestern WI Regional History Day competition.](#)"

Nobuyoshi Yasuda, professor of music, and UW-Eau Claire students **Emma Campbell** and **Sam Lakmann** were interviewed for the March 4 Spectator story "[UW-Eau Claire professor's dedication leads to national recognition.](#)"

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- [Dr. Catherine Chan to lead UW-Eau Claire Office of Research and Sponsored Programs](#)
- [Dr. Heather Fielding named director of UW-Eau Claire University Honors Program](#)
- [Saturn's upper atmosphere to be focus of March 12 'Ask a Scientist' presentation](#)
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- **Earn the Tier 3 certificate:** Faculty and staff are encouraged to consider the completion of a certificate in equity, diversity and inclusion professional development. Tier 3 provides participants with the opportunity to earn an EDI certificate and letter of accomplishment following completion of 10 sessions and a project within their scope of duties that incorporates their learning. After completing five sessions, faculty/staff should [schedule a consultation](#).

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Campus event cancellations related to COVID-19

Many events have been canceled at UW-Eau Claire, including major signature events and annual series. See the list of the major events impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak. [Full story](#).

LTS webpage connects to resources for working remotely

As many faculty and staff make plans to work from home to assist in preventing the spread of COVID-19, Learning and Technology Services has created a resource to help prepare for that transition. [Visit the LTS Remote Services webpage](#) for helpful links to technology solutions as you set up a remote working environment. If you need additional information, LTS Help Desk support is available at helpdesk@uwec.edu or 715-836-5711.

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Printing Services spring break hours

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Call for nominations: 2020-21 University Staff Student Scholarship

All university staff (active or retired) should take the time to nominate a student of their choice for the University Staff Student Scholarship for the 2019-20 academic year. This scholarship is an opportunity for university staff members to ease the financial burden of college for a student. Once all nominations are in, one nominee will be chosen to receive \$300 for fall semester and \$300 for spring semester (\$600 total). The deadline for nominations is **April 6**. [Learn more about the scholarship and nomination details](#).

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Joanne Jahnke Wegner, lecturer in history, presented her paper "'To bring them in plentifully': Captivity, Gender and the Politics of Reproduction in Seventeenth-Century New England" at The Forum on Early-Modern Empires and Global Interactions (FEEGI), held Feb. 14 and 15 at St. Louis University.

Dr. Dorothy Ka-Ying Chan, assistant professor of English, had her second full-length poetry book, "Revenge of the Asian Woman" (Diode Editions, 2019), chosen as a finalist for the 2020 Lambda Literary Awards for Bisexual Poetry. Learn more on the [Lambda Literary](#) and [Oprah Magazine](#) websites.

Dr. Dale Taylor, professor emeritus of music and theatre arts, presented "Therapeutic-Oriented Music Products Marketed Across Populations: Overview, Advocacy, Evaluation and Consultation Resources" with Alison Deran at the 2020 Great Lakes Region Conference of the American Music Therapy Association March 6 in Chicago.

Dr. Linda Young, dean and professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, presented at Nurses Day at the Capitol March 4 in Madison. Her focus was on the decline in the number of nurse educators and strategies that may be employed to reverse the trend. Faculty and students from the UW-Eau Claire nursing program joined the more than 1,000 others in attendance. [Learn more about Nurses Day at the Capitol](#).

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COVID-19 updates to be shared twice per week

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COVID-19 support webinar offered March 26

Employees are encouraged to participate in a webinar titled "Coping with the Uncertainty and Disruption of COVID-19," which is offered by FEI, the UW System employee assistance program provider, at **11 a.m. March 26**. [Learn more and register for the webinar](#).

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Printing Services update

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Awards and achievements

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Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her column "[Ice fishing on Lake Hallie](#)" published in the March 14 Leader-Telegram.

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Employee assistance offered through FEI

If you are looking for personal or professional development opportunities, please consider accessing our employee assistance program, FEI. The FEI EAP website, feieap.com (username: SOWI), offers articles and webinars on many topics related to work and family life, such as COVID-19, financial stress, legal resources, wellness, nutrition and more. Questions? Call 866-274-4723.

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Ergonomics for telecommuters

Are you feeling uncomfortable or achy as you work from home in your improvised office space? Awkward postures can increase your chance of becoming injured. UW-Madison has created [Ergonomics for Telecommuters](#) to help optimize your home or virtual work environment to avoid symptoms and maintain productivity. If you have questions or are experiencing discomfort related to your remote workstation after trying the modifications recommended in this resource, please contact ergo@uwec.edu.

McIntyre Library announcements

- The Chronicle of Higher Education, which is tracking the impact of COVID-19 on higher education, is available to all UW-Eau Claire and UW-Eau Claire – Barron County faculty, staff and students through our institutional subscription. If you do not already have a Chronicle account, you can [create one using your UW-Eau Claire email address](#). You also may [download a pdf of the April 3 issue](#).
- Subscription access to The New York Times also is available by following [these instructions](#).
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Dr. Thomas King, professor emeritus of communication sciences and disorders, had his article "Sticking with Code Skills" accepted for publication in the April issue of *QST*, the journal of the American Radio Relay League of Newington, Connecticut. *QST* has a global readership of more than 200,000.

Sherrie Miles, a process improvement coordinator for Learning and Technology Services, recently completed an eight-week certification program and received the Organizational Management Specialty Certificate through the International Association of Administrative Professionals.

On March 24 **Dr. Katherine Schneider**, psychologist emerita in Counseling Services, started a column titled "[The Corona Chronicles: Dispatches from the Sidelines](#)" in the Chippewa Valley Post. The introduction reads, "Three times a week Kathie Schneider will dispense hope, heart and even a bit of humor on the coronavirus from the perspective of a retired Chippewa Valley clinical psychologist, blind from birth. In an upcoming guest column, a UW-Eau Claire graduating senior will reflect on a "'gentler graduation.'"

Dr. Todd Wellnitz, professor of biology; collaborator **Dr. Evan Weiher**, professor of biology; and UW-Eau Claire graduates **Jenna Barlow**, **Cory Dick**, **Terrance Shaurette**, **Brian Johnson** and **Troy Wesley** recently had their paper, "Campsites, forest fires and entry point distance affect earthworm abundance in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness," published in the journal *PeerJ*. The paper describes how humans and natural fires affect the distribution of invasive earthworms in the BWCAW.

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Andy Jepsen, director of University Recreation and Sport Operations, and Sheryl Poirier, assistant director of University Recreation and Sport Operations, were quoted in the March 10 Campus Rec article "[Advice on Forming a Strategic Plan](#)."

Dr. Thomas Kemp, professor and chair of the economics department, was interviewed for the March 26 Leader-Telegram article "[Economics professor talks relief package.](#)"

Dr. Gary Schwartzhoff, professor emeritus of music, was featured in the March 28 Leader-Telegram article "[Clear direction: Gary Schwartzhoff, whose interest in choral music began at a young age, earns major award.](#)"

Dr. Kent Syverson, professor of geology, was quoted in the March 28 O&G Links article "[Minnesota, Wisconsin frac sand mines crushed by oil industry shifts.](#)"

Dr. Sasha Showsh, associate professor of biology, was interviewed for the March 28 Leader-Telegram article "[Professor discusses COVID-19, social distancing.](#)"

Dr. Linda Young, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, was quoted in the March 26 Wisconsin State Journal article "[Wisconsin's nursing shortage in the spotlight as hospitals face influx of COVID-19 cases](#)" and the March 25 Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article "[Hospitals and patients may be hit harder if nursing students don't graduate.](#)"

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