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Chancellor Briefing focuses on expense-reduction plans, research milestones

Chancellor James Schmidt provided updates on the university's response to COVID-19 and the resulting budget impacts April 30 in a livestreamed briefing for all faculty and staff. [Read a synopsis](#) and [view the video recording](#) of the April 30 Chancellor Briefing. The next briefing will be at **5 p.m. Wednesday, May 6**.

Heritage month celebration moves online

To comply with social-distancing guidelines during the pandemic, the annual Asian Pacific Islander American Heritage Month celebration will take place online this month. This week, Dr. David Shih, associate professor of English, will present a Blugold Dialogue titled "Bamboo Ceiling" from **noon-1 p.m. May 7** [via Blujeans](#). [Read more about the monthlong virtual celebration](#).

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Call for proposals to teach in University Honors Program

The [University Honors Program](#) seeks proposals for spring 2021 Honors colloquia courses. Faculty and instructional academic staff are invited to propose a course they would love to teach, and that will excite and challenge a group of highly motivated and high-achieving students and help them to grow intellectually, personally and professionally. If you are interested in this opportunity, the deadline for priority consideration is **June 30**. Submit an e-form proposal for a [new Honors colloquium](#) or to [teach an existing colloquium](#). Email honors@uwec.edu with your questions. [Learn more about this University Honors Program opportunity](#).

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May wellness newsletter offers variety of helpful resources

The [May wellness newsletter](#) features tips for sticking with your fitness routine, healthful recipes, information about a diabetes self-management workshop and more.

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 now 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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Congratulations to the faculty and staff completers of the EDI Tier 3 professional development program. The following individuals completed 10 or more Tier 2 sessions and a project within their scope of duties to help improve EDI on campus: **Judy Berthiaume**, Integrated Marketing and Communications, “Higher Ed Glossary of Terms”; **Rochelle Hoffman**, Blugold Beginnings, “Online EDI Student Mentor Training”; **Rob Mattison**, Learning and Technology Services, “Geekcon”; **Veronica Pettigrew**, Housing and Residence Life, “Multicultural Leaders of Housing”; and **Dr. Demetrius Smith**, Equity Diversity and Inclusion, “Multicultural Leaders of Housing.” [Learn more about the EDI professional development program.](#)

Mari Bodensteiner, lecturer in the department of languages, hosted a webinar April 28 on cultivating creativity through storytelling strategies for English language educators in the U.S. The webinar was the first of a three-part series sponsored by the Center for Intercultural Education and Development at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Jerry Hoepner, UW-Eau Claire associate professor of communication sciences and disorders, has been named a recipient of the 2020 UW System Regents Teaching Excellence Award. [Learn more about Hoepner’s honor.](#)

UW-Eau Claire management and marketing faculty members **Dr. Kate Kim**, assistant professor; **Dr. Md Rokonzaman**, assistant professor; **Dr. Kranti Dugar**, assistant professor; and **Jennine Fox**, associate lecturer, have had the following paper accepted for presentation at the 2020 Summer American Marketing Association Conference Aug. 21-23 in San Francisco, California: “OK Google, What Makes an Object Smart?: Consumers' Perceptions and Experiences of Smart Objects.”

Catherine Lee, international student and scholar coordinator in the Center for International Education, has been selected through a competitive application process to join the NAFSA: Association of International Educators Trainer Corps. She will join a team of 400 other trainers

in the field of international education to educate professionals on various topics related to international students and scholars.

Cedar Marie, assistant professor of art & design, had her essay titled "Haley Prestifilippo: Primary Elements" featured on page 18 of the spring 2020 issue of [Art Focus Oklahoma](#) magazine.

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her article "[Our Old Town Chippewa Falls](#)" published in the April 25 Leader-Telegram.

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In the news

Karen Loeb, professor emerita of English, was interviewed for the May 2 Leader-Telegram article "[Writer discusses art, creativity during COVID-19.](#)"

Dr. Geoffrey Peterson, professor and chair of the political science department, was interviewed for the April 29 Leader-Telegram article "[UW-EC professor discusses COVID-19 impact on politics.](#)"

Mike Rindo, assistant chancellor for facilities and university relations, was quoted in the April 28 Leader-Telegram article "[UW-Stout, UW-Eau Claire announce furloughs](#)" and in the April 27 Rice Lake Chronotype article "[UW-Stout, UW-Eau Claire announce furloughs.](#)"

Tulio Rondón, associate professor of music, was among the guests on Wisconsin Public Radio's "Spectrum West" March 30 to discuss how musicians are faring during the current pandemic shutdown. [Learn more and listen.](#)

Dang Yang, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, was interviewed for the April 28 WQOW-TV story "[Asian-Americans dealing with coronavirus-related discrimination.](#)"

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- [UW System top teaching award goes to Dr. Jerry Hoepner](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire to be site of NCUR 2023, bringing thousands to community](#)
- [More than 300 Blugolds already receive funding from emergency fund](#)
- [Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month celebration kicks off May 1](#)
- [Health care administration grads lead long-term care facilities through COVID-19 crisis](#)

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Dr. Kaishan Kong, assistant professor of Chinese in the department of languages, has received a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program award to teach in China. [Learn more about Kong’s achievement](#).

Dr. Damir Kovačević, assistant professor of political science, recently had his article, "[Visions of Greater Serbia: Local Dynamics and the Prijedor Genocide](#)," published in Vol. 14, issue 1 of the Genocide Studies and Prevention international journal.

Dr. Marcy Leasum Orwig, associate professor of business communication, recently had her article, "[Rethinking Soft Skills Through Front-Stage and Back-Stage Genres](#)," published in Business and Professional Communication Quarterly.

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In memoriam

The UW-Eau Claire community is invited to a Nightingale Tribute for Dr. Diane Marcyjanik, assistant professor of nursing, who passed away April 13. The tribute will take place at [12:30 p.m. today, Tuesday, May 12, online](#). Gifts to the [Dr. Diane Marcyjanik Memorial Fund](#) may be made through the UW-Eau Claire Foundation.

New employees, position updates and retirements

Congratulations to the following nursing faculty and staff who will be retiring at the end of spring semester (each name is linked to an e-form where colleagues can share a message, memory or photo with that retiree): [Dr. Cheryl Lapp](#), professor of nursing; [Dr. Shelley-Rae Pehler](#), professor of nursing; [Dr. Ann Recine](#), assistant professor of nursing; [Donna Rozar](#), clinical instructor in nursing; and [Cathy Wilson](#), dean's assistant in nursing.

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences will acknowledge the lifelong achievements of their retirees and collect memories, best wishes and gift donations **through Friday, May 22**. If you are interested in making a donation, please email Samantha Pearson at parkssa@uwec.edu for details.

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In the news

Charles Bolden, Blugold baseball head coach, was interviewed for the May 9 WQOW-TV story "[Pandemic not stopping UW-Eau Claire baseball recruiting.](#)"

Gunther Carpenter, UW-Eau Claire admissions counselor and psychology alumnus, was quoted in the May 5 Leader-Telegram article "[UW-Stout grad students provide mental health counseling in area schools.](#)"

Dr. Matt Jewell, associate professor of materials science and engineering, was quoted in the May 7 Milwaukee Journal Sentinel article "[UW System leader calls for academic cuts, layoffs, online advances to survive in post-pandemic world](#)" and in the May 7 Wisconsin Public Radio story "['To Ensure The Survival' Of Universities, UW System President Calls For Further Restructuring.](#)"

Dr. Cheryl Jimenez Frei, assistant professor of history, was interviewed for the May 8 WEAU-TV story "[UWEC creates digital archive for COVID-19.](#)"

Dr. Eric Kasper, associate professor of political science and director of the Center for Constitutional Studies, was quoted in the May 8 Billboard article "[Bernie Sanders' Musician Supporters Largely Sit Out Biden Campaign So Far.](#)"

Dr. Thomas Kemp, professor and chair of the economics department, was interviewed for the May 8 WEAU-TV story "[Local businesses switching to eCommerce due to COVID-19 pandemic.](#)"

Dr. Gerardo Licon, assistant professor of history and Latin American studies, was featured in the May 4 WQOW-TV story "[How the health department is making COVID-19 info available in Spanish.](#)"

Aubrienne Neubert, Blugold women's lacrosse head coach, was quoted in the May 9 Leader-Telegram article "[Lacrosse faces unique path among new UW-Eau Claire sports.](#)"

Mike Rindo, assistant chancellor for facilities and university relations, was quoted in the May 6 Leader-Telegram article "[DECI to give \\$1,000 grants to struggling downtown Eau Claire businesses.](#)"

Kristin Schiebe, American Sign Language instructor in Continuing Education, was quoted in the May 6 Leader-Telegram article "[Deaf community facing added challenges under COVID-19.](#)"

Chancellor James Schmidt was quoted in the May 7 Leader-Telegram article "[UW System could focus more on collaboration, online learning.](#)"

Dr. Paul Thomas, professor of physics and astronomy, was quoted in the May 5 Leader-Telegram article "[Planet walk transports neighbors to space — even while they stay at home.](#)"

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- [Blugolds remain resilient through COVID-19 crisis](#)
- [Twin sisters to earn nursing degrees from UW-Eau Claire](#)
- [Biology grad reflects on her unconventional college success story](#)
- [Continuing Education announces May programs](#)
- [Intercultural journey, continued: Fulbright award to enrich teaching of Chinese language, culture](#)
- [History class in England inspires Blugold to pursue new major, career](#)

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Planning ahead for fall

- [Over Prepare and Go with the Flow: Fall 2020 Course Prep](#): While we hope to be back on campus this fall, instructors are invited to join May sessions in which CETL/LTS staff talk through transitioning fall courses to online delivery and reflect on lessons from the emergency transition experience.

Open Educational Resources (OER) Adoption Grant Program

This pilot program supports educators in redesigning courses to incorporate OER (free teaching, learning and research materials in any medium with an open license to use, adapt and redistribute). The goal is to reduce student costs, contributing to higher rates of retention and completion, while maintaining or improving student academic outcomes. [Apply by May 15](#).

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- [Ramadan 101 Webinar from Book a Muslim](#), recorded session.
- [EDI Independent Film Viewing Series: "Mainland."](#)
- **Back by demand: Independent film viewing and reflection:** "[Awake: A Dream from Standing Rock](#)," "[Killing Us Softly 4](#)," "[The Mask You Live In](#)," "[Paragraph 175](#)," "[Pray the Devil Back to Hell](#)," "[Somali Stories of Family Separation](#)" and "[Unslut](#)." All films have been extended **through May 15**.
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Parking announcements

- **2019-20 permit refund plan:** Information about prorated parking-permit refunds was emailed to active permit holders' UW-Eau Claire email accounts on May 13. In response to that email, several employees have inquired about donating their refunds to the university. If you are interested in donating your refund, please send an email **by May 27** to blugoldcentral@uwec.edu with your request. Note: If you wish to receive your refund, it will happen automatically and no action is necessary. Also, remember that campus parking permits are not required in R, RS, S, B, A or F-permit areas or moped/motorcycle parking stalls through Aug. 28, 2020. All other parking regulations will be enforced.
- **2020-21 permits:** Faculty and staff will be contacted by email **by Aug. 1** with details about 2020-21 parking options.

McIntyre Library extends due dates on materials until Sept. 15

McIntyre Library has extended the due dates of all items checked out this academic year until **Sept. 15, 2020**. [Learn more](#) about the extended due dates and how to return materials.

Join 'Eau These Blugold Nights!'

Tune in to the [UW-Eau Claire Alumni Facebook page](#) on **Wednesdays at 6 p.m.** for the Facebook Live series "Eau These Blugold Nights!" This series, hosted by the UW-Eau Claire Alumni Association, brings Blugolds to you via Facebook Live to share an art, craft, knowledge or talent. Tomorrow, **May 20**, we're proud to feature Patti See — Class of 1990, writer, academic advisor and lifelong resident of the Chippewa Valley — who will share some of the monthly stories she tells in the Leader-Telegram's "Sawdust Stories" series.

Visit Blugold View online

Faculty and staff are invited to view the [2020 Blugold View online](#). Though born of necessity in these COVID-19 times, this online edition is an excellent way for alumni and friends to stay connected to campus through a collection of student, faculty and staff success stories and important campus updates.

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Goodbye to D2L: Deactivation set for June 30

Educators: This is your last chance to export D2L content as the program will be **deactivated on June 30**. Refer to the Convert D2L Courses page in the Course Management section of the [Canvas for Educators](#) course. Questions? Contact Tiffany Lewis in LTS at lewistg@uwec.edu.

LTS Help Desk announces summer hours

The LTS Help Desk summer hours will be Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. and Friday, 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Questions? Email helpdesk@uwec.edu or call 715-836-5711.

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Dr. Todd Wellnitz, professor of biology, has been awarded the 2020 biology department's Vic and Eileen Cvancara Outstanding Teaching Award. Wellnitz is well recognized for his high-impact domestic and international immersion courses, his excellence and innovation in teaching practices and his dedication to student learning and collaborative student-faculty research.

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Congratulations to art & design department's **Li-Ying Bao**, professor of graphic design, who will be retiring at the end of the spring semester. The department wishes to present Li-Ying with a collection of memories, and we invite colleagues to share a message and/or photo in [this form](#) **through Friday, May 22**.

Katie Larson has joined LTS and CETL as an instructional design consultant. Welcome, Katie!

Congratulations to the following nursing faculty and staff who will be retiring at the end of spring semester (each name is linked to an e-form where colleagues can share a message, memory or photo with that retiree): [Dr. Cheryl Lapp](#), professor of nursing; [Dr. Shelley-Rae Pehler](#), professor of nursing; [Dr. Ann Recine](#), assistant professor of nursing; [Donna Rozar](#), clinical instructor in nursing; and [Cathy Wilson](#), dean's assistant in nursing. The College of Nursing and Health Sciences will acknowledge the lifelong achievements of their retirees and collect memories, best wishes and gift donations **through Friday, May 22**. If you are interested in making a donation, please email Samantha Pearson at pearsosa@uwec.edu for details.

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In the news

Dr. Wil Denson, professor emeritus of music and theatre arts, and **Ron Keezer**, associate professor emeritus of music and theatre arts, were quoted in the May 17 Leader-Telegram article "[Larry Heagle's book shares experiences from his life of performing.](#)"

Dr. Bob Eierman, professor emeritus of chemistry and L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library board president, was quoted in the May 14 Leader-Telegram article "[EC public library to remain closed through June.](#)"

B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English, was quoted in the May 15 Tuscaloosa News article "[Civil rights leader Linton passes.](#)"

Bergine Haakenson, professor emerita of English, was featured in the May 11 Leader-Telegram article "[A conversation with a senior citizen about COVID-19.](#)"

Dr. Cheryl Jiménez Frei, assistant professor of history, and **Greg Kocken**, McIntyre Library archivist, were guests on Wisconsin Public Radio's "Spectrum West" May 14 to discuss the new [Chippewa Valley COVID-19 Archive](#) project. [Learn more and listen.](#)

Jill Markgraf, McIntyre Library director, and student **Demi Cimiaskaite** were interviewed for the May 11 WQOW-TV story "[UW-Eau Claire students prepare for online finals week.](#)"

Mike Rindo, assistant chancellor for facilities and university relations, was quoted in the May 11 Leader-Telegram article "[UW-Stout furloughs 46 additional employees.](#)"

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her article on a local septic pumper cited in the May 2020 Pumper article "[Chippewa Septic Service Follows the Philosophy to 'Do Things Others Wouldn't Do.'](#)"

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- [Faculty mentors help new grad succeed despite health challenges and pandemic](#)
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- [Blugold's roller-coaster college journey ending with psychology degree](#)

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Professional development

Alternatives to face-to-face teaching support from CETL

To assist faculty and staff teaching through alternative course formats, support through CETL and LTS is available. [View virtual session schedules, consultation information and resources](#) on CETL's website.

Planning ahead for fall (from CETL)

[Over Prepare and Go with the Flow: Fall 2020 Course Prep](#): While we hope to be back on campus this fall, instructors are invited to join May and June sessions in which CETL/LTS staff talk through transitioning fall courses to online delivery and reflect on lessons from the emergency transition experience.

EDI spring professional development

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Check out the important UW-Eau Claire employee info in this week's **Blugold FYI**.

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Important announcements

Celebrating our spring 2020 graduates

With UW-Eau Claire – Barron County honoring its graduates in a virtual ceremony and the cancellation of UW-Eau Claire's traditional commencement ceremonies due to COVID-19, our campus communities honored our spring 2020 graduates in many heartwarming ways. Explore the "[Celebrating May 2020 Grads](#)" website and mark your calendars for **Oct. 2**, when we will welcome back our newest UW-Eau Claire grads to celebrate in person during Homecoming weekend.

Chancellor Briefing: May 21 summary

The May 21 Chancellor Briefing included an update on emergency funds provided to students through the federal CARES Act; plans to reopen the campus in June for small admissions tours; and a review of 2020-21 budget-planning scenarios. Read a [summary](#) and view the [video recording](#) of the May 21 briefing. The next briefing will be at **5 p.m. Thursday, June 11**.

UW-Eau Claire updates regarding COVID-19

A running account of campus information regarding COVID-19 and its impact on the campus and community continues to be maintained online at uwec.edu/coronavirus-updates. Check the link regularly to find resources and updates, including emails sent to faculty, staff and students, regarding UW-Eau Claire's response to the pandemic.

2020-21 FY travel policy now in effect

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, travel is a health and safety concern as well as a fiscal concern for UW-Eau Claire and UW-Eau Claire – Barron County faculty, staff and students. See the [2020-21 fiscal year travel policy](#) now in effect. For approval of faculty, staff and/or student travel or attendance at a virtual event, please submit a request through the [Shared Financial System \(SFS\) Travel Authorization module](#). The vice chancellor of the appropriate division will evaluate each travel request. Contact Travel Manager Shawn Seuferer at seufersr@uwec.edu with questions.

Parking announcements

- **2019-20 permit refund plan:** Information about prorated parking-permit refunds was emailed to active permit holders' UW-Eau Claire accounts on May 13. In response to that email, several employees have inquired about donating their refunds to the university. If you are interested in donating your refund, please send an email **by May 27** to blugoldcentral@uwec.edu with your request. Also, remember that campus parking permits are not required in R, RS, S, B, A or F-permit areas or moped/motorcycle parking stalls through Aug. 28, 2020. All other parking regulations will be enforced.
- **2020-21 permits:** Faculty and staff will be contacted by email **by Aug. 1** with details about 2020-21 parking options.

Join 'Eau These Blugold Nights!'

Tune in to the [UW-Eau Claire Alumni Facebook page](#) on **Wednesdays at 6 p.m.** for the Facebook Live series "Eau These Blugold Nights!" This series, hosted by the UW-Eau Claire Alumni Association, brings Blugolds to you via Facebook Live to share an art, craft, knowledge or talent. On **May 27**, we're pleased to feature **Dr. Cheryl Jiménez-Frei**, assistant professor of history at UW-Eau Claire, who will present "Documenting Today for Tomorrow: Building the Chippewa Valley COVID-19 Digital Archive." Dr. Jiménez-Frei is leading the Chippewa Valley COVID-19 Archive on behalf of the UW-Eau Claire public history program in collaboration with McIntyre Library and the Chippewa Valley Museum.

Duo Security to be added to VPN

On **May 29** Duo Security will be added to UW-Eau Claire's virtual private network (VPN) service. This update will enable an extra layer of protection to secure these private gateways into our university. If you have questions about this change or would like more information about Duo Security, please contact the LTS Help Desk at helpdesk@uwec.edu or 715-836-5711, or [view the Duo Security Knowledge Base article](#).

Goodbye to D2L: Deactivation set for June 30

Educators: This is your last chance to export D2L content as the program will be **deactivated on June 30**. Refer to the Convert D2L Courses page in the Course Management section of the [Canvas for Educators](#) course. Questions? Contact Tiffany Lewis in LTS at lewistg@uwec.edu.

McIntyre Library extends due dates on materials until Sept. 15

McIntyre Library has extended the due dates of all items checked out this academic year until **Sept. 15, 2020**. [Learn more](#) about the extended due dates and how to return materials.

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Awards and achievements

Dr. Erna Kelly, professor emerita of English, had her essay "Dress for Success" published in the spring 2020 issue of Shorts Magazine, an online journal featuring poetry, fiction and essays. View the [first](#) and [second](#) pages of Kelly's essay.

Karen Loeb, professor emerita of English, had her poem "[The Agility of Chopsticks](#)" recognized with an honorable mention award in the Wisconsin People and Ideas Poetry Competition. It was published on page 50 of the spring 2020 issue of Wisconsin People and Ideas magazine.

Sherrie Miles, process improvement coordinator for Continuous Improvement Services within LTS, has been named the 2020-21 Western Great Lakes Branch director for the [International Association of Administrative Professionals](#). In this role Miles will work with a team of members to plan educational and networking events locally; promote and represent IAAP professionally; and create connections through active participation in the organization. IAAP is a nonprofit professional association serving the administrative profession.

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women's gender and sexuality studies, had her column "[Thirty-six Questions](#)," on how social distancing can lead to unexpected and deeper bonds among loved ones, published in the May 15 Leader-Telegram. See also received first-place honors in the 2019 Wisconsin Newspaper Association Better Newspaper Contest for her three columns that appeared in The Country Today: one about a Chippewa Falls fish fry in one of the oldest taverns in town; one on a snapping turtle that laid eggs in her yard; and one about her "septic guy." All were first published as part of the Leader-Telegram's "Sawdust Stories" series.

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New employees, position updates and retirements

Congratulations to **Dr. Janice Bogstad**, professor and head of technical services in McIntyre Library, who will be retiring July 10, after 30 years of service. The library wishes to present Janice with a collection of memories, and we invite colleagues to share a message and/or photo via [this form](#) through **June 5**.

The faculty and staff of the communication sciences and department recognizes and celebrates those who are retiring at the end of the spring semester: **Kay Hagedorn**, clinical associate professor; **Gayle Holte**, clinical instructor; **Donna Schemm**, clinical instructor; and **Lori Tufte**, clinical instructor. The collective clinical knowledge and experience they brought to the department has been a critical piece of educating future speech-language pathologists.

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Dr. Marquell Johnson, associate professor of kinesiology, was featured in the May 18 WEAU-TV story "[Dr. Marquell Johnson named to Eau Claire Area School Board,](#)" the May 18 Leader-Telegram article "[UW-EC professor tapped to fill open school board seat](#)" and the May 18 WQOW-TV story "[Eau Claire School Board announces next commissioner.](#)"

Dr. Justin Patchin, professor of criminal justice, was interviewed for the May 18 WQOW-TV story "['Pandetiquette' tips for interacting on social media.](#)"

Chancellor James Schmidt was quoted in the May 18 WEAU-TV story "[UW-Eau Claire honors spring 2020 graduates.](#)"

Dan Schumacher, director of athletics, was quoted in the May 24 Spectrum News 1 article "[Sports programs at Wisconsin's state schools plan for upcoming season.](#)"

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- [Graduating with a second family: OMA grad Gaoki Lee](#)
- [Political science major earns UW-Eau Claire degree in two years](#)
- [Five Blugolds named Fulbright recipients for 2020-21](#)
- [New grad is fifth in family to graduate from UW-Eau Claire](#)
- [Blugold Beginnings to offer virtual summer camps](#)

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Professional development

Course planning for fall (from CETL)

Instructors are strongly encouraged to start planning this summer for the fall semester. The current fall instructional plan assumes students will be present on campus and social distancing practices will be in place. This means that some face-to-face classes will need to incorporate some degree of remote or virtual instruction. CETL will be offering sessions and one-on-one support all summer to help instructors prepare. [View sessions](#).

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