Dear Blugold graduates,

Congratulations! Today we celebrate an achievement for which you’ve worked long and hard: You’ve earned your UW-Eau Claire degree!

Graduates, you have shown your true Blugold spirit in helping us return to in-person instruction this academic year. Your remarkable perseverance and resilience in pursuit of a world-class UW-Eau Claire education inspired you and your classmates to succeed both in and outside the classroom. It has been my distinct pleasure to meet many of you, and in our thoughtful conversations I have been inspired by your goals for the future — goals for success in your chosen careers and aspirations to make a difference in your respective communities and the world.

You can look to the future knowing there is true value in your UW-Eau Claire degree. Forbes has listed UW-Eau Claire among the top universities in the United States, and the top-ranked in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa in its 2021 rankings of America’s Top Colleges for accessibility, affordability and student success. Furthermore, the Princeton Review lists UW-Eau Claire as an “academically outstanding” institution in its 2022 Best Colleges: Region by Region, and U.S. News & World Report’s 2022 Best Colleges listing ranks us among the best value schools for academic quality and affordability.

Also know that as you leave this great university, you join the ranks of our more than 93,000 Blugold alumni making a difference through their contributions in their workplaces and communities. Your UW-Eau Claire experiences have equipped you with the knowledge and desire to make this world a better place. Your skills and wisdom, entrepreneurship and integrity of spirit, strong work ethic and inspiring creativity that helped you overcome challenges throughout your college career will serve you well in the future.

As we say in our mission statement (proudly printed on this page), UW-Eau Claire provides a “transformative liberal education.” I challenge you to courageously pursue your goals, knowing that your UW-Eau Claire degree has prepared you for all you aspire to achieve. And most of all, I wish you joy on your journey.

With all best wishes for a bright Blugold future,

James C. Schmidt | Chancellor
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Mission Statement of the University
We foster in one another creativity, critical insight, empathy and intellectual courage, the hallmarks of a transformative liberal education and the foundation for active citizenship and lifelong inquiry.
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Candidates for Degrees

Graduation with distinction is being conferred on those graduates who have an outstanding scholastic record. They are identified by gold cords and recognized in the program as follows: *cum laude (GPA of at least 3.2), **magna cum laude (GPA of at least 3.5) and ***summa cum laude (GPA of at least 3.8). Graduates receiving departmental honors are identified by the symbol †. The recognition of graduates receiving University Honors is noted under the student's name. Graduates receiving University Honors are identified by a gold ribbon and medal. Baccalaureate candidates who are members of scholastic honor societies are identified by silver cords. See Page 22 for the key listing UW-Eau Claire's degree interpretations.

College of Arts and Sciences

SPECIALIST DEGREES

Program Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing

Charlene Marie Cardona Avelares
B.S., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Madison
M.S., 2014, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Capstone Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing

Thesis: Does Responsive Classroom Experience Influence Teacher Beliefs About Social Emotional Learning?

B.A., 2016, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras
M.S.E., 2018, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Capstone: An Evaluation on the Effectiveness of Brief Social Academic Instructional Groups in the Reduction of Office Discipline Referrals

B.A., 2017, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
Capstone Advisor: Dr. Michael Axelrod

Michaela Landry Johnson

Thesis: Second Step in a Rural Middle School Program Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing

Ed.S., School Psychology
M.Ed., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
B.A., 2008, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras
Capstone: An Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Brief Social Academic Instructional Groups in the Reduction of Office Discipline Referrals
Capstone Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing

Caitlin Marie Anderson
B.S., 2018, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Eau Claire

Leah Soik
B.S., 2018, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Teacher Beliefs About Social Emotional Learning?

B.A., 2018, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
M.S.E., 2016, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Capstone Advisor: Dr. Michael Axelrod

Capstone Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing

Kayla Marie Westrich

S.E., School Psychology
M.S., 2016, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
B.S., 2013, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Stevens Point

B.A., 2017, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Michael David Becker

B.A., 2012, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

B.S., 2017, Oakland University

M.B.A., 2014, The University of Texas at San Antonio

Thesis Advisor: B.J. Hollars, M.F.A.

Thesis: From City Boys to White Men: The Long Nineteenth Century and the Civilian Conservation Corps, 1933-41

Program Advisor: Dr. Alex Smith

Shelby Township, MI

B.A., 2019, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Brady Joseph Reynolds

B.S., 2010, Texas State University

Program Advisor: Dr. Alex Smith

Buffalo, MN

B.S., 2018, The College of New Jersey

B.S., 2020, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Program Advisor: Dr. Alex Smith

Chippewa Falls

Rajeev Arora

B.S., 2005, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Program Advisor: Dr. Alex Smith

La Crosse

M.A., History – Public History

Andrew Francis Hannenbach

M.A., History

B.A., 2016, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Program Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing

B.A., 2017, Indiana University of Pennsylvania

B.A., 2014, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Program Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing

Cameron

B.A., 2019, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Program Advisor: Dr. John W. W. Mann

B.S., 2017, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Program Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing

La Crosse

M.A., History

Jennifer Ann Schmidt

M.B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison

B.S., 2000, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Program Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing

Century and the Civilian Conservation Corps, 1933-41

Raisa Beth Schmitz

M.S., Data Science

B.A., 2016, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Program Advisor: Dr. Alex Smith

Green Bay

Capstone: A Linked Essay Collection

Thesis Advisor: B.J. Hollars, M.F.A.

Thesis: Unfaltering Flame: A Linked Essay Collection

Capstone Advisor: Dr. Michael Axelrod

Eau Claire

Joel Peter McCormick

M.S., Data Science

B.A., 2016, Winona State University

M.S., Data Science

Jennifer Anne Meyer

B.A., 2016, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Program Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing

B.A., 2016, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Program Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing

Poplar Grove, IL

Meredith Anne Colson

B.S., 2016, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

B.S., 2017, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Program Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing

Michael David Becker

B.S., 2018, The College of New Jersey

Program Advisor: Dr. Alex Smith

Green Bay

B.A., 2020, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

B.S., 2018, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Capstone Advisor: Dr. Mary Beth Tusing

B.A., 2019, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Program Advisor: Dr. Alex Smith

B.A., 2017, Simpson College

M.S., Data Science

Joyce Marie Schlotter

B.S., 2018, Moorhead State University

M.S., Data Science

B.A., 2019, Hamline University

M.S., Data Science

M.A., English-Media

B.A., 2017, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Program Advisor: Dr. Alex Smith

B.A., 2016, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

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B.A., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Madison

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B.S., 2017, University of Texas at San Antonio

Program Advisor: Dr. Alex Smith

B.A., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

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B.S., 2005, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Program Advisor: Dr. Alex Smith

B.S., 2018, The College of New Jersey

Program Advisor: Dr. Alex Smith

B.S., 2012, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Program Advisor: Dr. Alex Smith

B.A., 2015, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

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The academic apparel traditional worn by the faculty and staff in the professional has its origins in the universities of the Middle Ages. Because the universities grew out of the monasteries, the clerical clothing based on monastic dress. The faculty and staff in the processional has been distinguished by previous and current critical inquiry and independent learning, and to develop their potential for leadership in their future vocations. The Honors Program has two components: University Honors and Departmental Honors. Students may complete one or both components. Students graduating with University Honors have attained a grade-point average of at least 3.5 and have completed at least 24 University credits. Graduates receiving University Honors are identified by a gold cord.
Senior Class Gift

Each year, graduating seniors have an opportunity to commemorate their graduation by making a gift to the UW-Eau Claire Foundation. Students are encouraged to donate to any area of the university, including academic colleges and departments or the Excellence Fund to support UW-Eau Claire’s overall mission. By making a senior class gift, students can support current and future Blugolds even after they graduate.

Graduates who have made a senior class gift have received Blugold Spirit Cords to wear during their Commencement celebrations and display proudly to remember their time at UW-Eau Claire. Each graduate who made a gift was also given an opportunity to celebrate a favorite faculty or staff member with a Blugold Tribute. At the beginning of the spring semester the UW-Eau Claire Foundation will honor these faculty and staff with the gift of a beautiful stone coaster on behalf of the student who chose to honor them.

The UW-Eau Claire Foundation thanks the following seniors for their generosity and for participating in the Senior Class Gift Campaign with a gift of at least $20.21 in support of UW-Eau Claire and to commemorate their graduation year:

For graduates who would still like to make a senior class gift to receive their Blugold Spirit Cords and honor a faculty or staff member with a Blugold Tribute, visit impact.uwec.edu/2021grad. Friends and family are also welcome to contribute on behalf of graduates.

Alumni Awards

Six alumni will receive awards from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Alumni Association on Dec. 17 as part of the university’s fall commencement celebration.

OUTSTANDING RECENT ALUMNUS AWARD

The Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award acknowledges the special achievements and great promise of alumni who are within 15 years of their graduation from UW-Eau Claire.

Tyler Patterson ‘09 bachelor’s degree in information systems

Tyler Patterson has worked for Fortune 250 company CH Robinson since 2009. He opened offices in two different countries— in Warsaw, Poland, in 2010 and in Cork, Ireland, in 2021.

“Opening a new office is no small feat; doing it nearly 3,000 miles from your friends and family during a global pandemic is an experience that lives with you a lifetime,” Patterson says. “Learning a new language, engaging with new cultures, and building relationships with people in a new country were incredibly challenging. This challenge made the reward of success much richer.”

Patterson’s philanthropy shows his appreciation for UW-Eau Claire and future generations of Blugolds. He started a scholarship in 2015 for information system students and recently endowed that scholarship to ensure it will continue forever.

“Never stop being a student, keep learning and stay curious,” Patterson says of his advice to new UW-Eau Claire graduates.

LIFETIME EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Lifetime Excellence Award is presented to UW-Eau Claire alumni who have demonstrated longevity and successful commitment to their careers and communities. These individuals have made a positive and dramatic impact through enthusiastic dedication to service and living their lives as a testimony to UW-Eau Claire’s motto, “Excellence.”

Dr. Woubeshet Ayenew ’92 bachelor’s degree in biochemistry/molecular biology

Dr. Ayenew is a staff cardiologist who serves as the director of the Cardiovascular Clinic and Outreach Services at Hennepin Healthcare in Minneapolis. He is a respected leader in the cardiology field whose name regularly appears on lists of Minnesota’s top doctors. He serves on the boards of the American Heart Association Twin Cities and Open Hearts Big Dreams.

Dr. Ayenew, a native of Ethiopia, has focused his work primarily on advocating for underserved communities locally and internationally. He champions self-reliance and sustainability in these communities. He has worked tirelessly to increase the number of minority physicians after realizing during his residency training at Hennepin County Medical Center that people of color who sought care often benefited when there was diversity in the care team that was advocating for them.

He is a co-founder and the first board chair for the East African Health Board, where he organized Twin Cities doctors and nurses to engage 3,000 members of the surrounding communities in health education and advocacy. Since 2003, he has taken regular medical mission trips to Ethiopia and has facilitated international volunteering to underserved public hospitals for more than 100 volunteers from Minnesota and other states.

Dr. Ayenew calls UW-Eau Claire the “launching pad” for his career.

“Without UWEC, I would not have known teachers who could take you under their wing, mentor you and give you opportunities and encouragement, so you could do things you never thought you would do,” Dr. Ayenew says. “So many people at UWEC gave me these opportunities.

“It felt like my mentors at UW-Eau Claire were holding a torch and they handed it to me, telling me to keep doing this sort of thing for others. I’ve tried to keep the torch going.”
Jennifer Borski ’96

Jennifer (Tobias) Borski is a hydrogeologist with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources whose specialty is cleaning up contaminated brownfields. For 20 years, she was a project manager who led efforts to clean up and redevelop complex contaminated properties. For her redevelopment work on one brownfield site along the Fox River near Appleton, she was recognized with the naming of Borski Boardwalk.

For the past two years, Borski has been a DNR hydrogeologist serving as the vapor intrusion team leader, specializing in developing policy and training regarding the contaminated air (vapors) emanating from the historical soil and groundwater contamination. Borski remembers her time as a UW-Eau Claire student, especially the importance of her geology department field courses, which she called “by far the most valuable courses I took while at UWE.”

Borski also appreciated the opportunities for internships, undergraduate research and independent thought that were encouraged by her professors.

“Getting an education at UW-Eau Claire was so much more than a classroom setting,” Borski says. “I fondly recall hours in Phillips Hall working on undergraduate research projects in the labs and routinely meeting with professors to continue discussions beyond the classroom. Phillips Hall was the hangout where everyone was treated as contributing adults and opinions mattered.”

Her advice to graduates today is simple: “Be true to who you are – the world deserves to know you. And always be kind.”

Paul Kohler ’88

Paul Kohler has been president and CEO at Charter Bank for the past eight years, recently celebrating his 20th year with the financial institution. Charter Bank is one of the largest banks headquartered in Wisconsin with approximately $1.2 billion in assets.

Kohler had an internship at First Wisconsin Bank during his senior year at UW-Eau Claire and was hired as a management trainee upon graduation. The extensive training gave Kohler insight into all areas of banking that would be valuable in his banking career.

Every job teaches an individual something to grow in their working lives, Kohler says. He recommends that graduates take risks and follow their instincts to find a career they love.

“Perhaps the most important advice I can give is to be a good, genuine and kind person,” Kohler says. “Doing the right thing and doing what’s best for your coworkers, company and community will always pay dividends.”

Kohler has been a leader on state and local banking organization boards, and in many community activities including the United Way, The Community Table and the Eau Claire Children’s Museum, Boy Scouts, Lions Club and the Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Ronald Walsh ’79

Dr. Ronald Walsh has dedicated his career and life to education in Wisconsin. During his long career, Walsh worked his way through the ranks as a teacher, guidance counselor, principal and school superintendent. In 2014, he was selected Wisconsin’s Superintendent of the Year by the state and national school district administrators associations.

In his retirement, Walsh has mentored new superintendents to ensure that Wisconsin schools maintain strong leadership.

“I truly believe that success is never individually earned,” Walsh says. “It’s a combination of luck – not to be discounted, either – and the help of countless others. We don’t necessarily deserve the help and support of others and such kindness reminds us that our purpose in life is really to focus on the wellbeing of others. I hope I’ve helped others succeed in their lives.”

Walsh says his college advisor, Dr. John “Jack” Whooley, professor emeritus of education, helped him narrow his career path by suggesting he major in elementary education.

“Dr. Whooley’s kindness and caring drew me to always try to be kind to everyone I teach in the future, as well as everyone else,” Walsh says. “Dr. Whooley is second only to my father in helping me shape my future and the successes I’ve enjoyed in education.”

Walsh is a strong advocate for organ donation as he donated a kidney to his then six-year-old daughter Laura in 1991.

Pamela White ‘82, ’89

Pamela White has been chief nursing officer for Mayo Clinic Health System Northwest Wisconsin since 2012, working collaboratively with physicians and operations colleagues to maintain a regional practice consisting of five hospitals, 14 ambulatory clinics, and a home health and hospice program. She leads more than 2,400 individuals within the nursing department across the region.

“I have had many proud moments as a leader, yet nothing is even close to the pride of leading and working alongside thousands of staff throughout the COVID-19 pandemic over the last two years,” White says. “These staff have continuously given back to the ongoing patient care needs in our region and I am proud to be a part of that team.”

White advises UW Eau Claire graduates to be patient, yet persistent, as they figure out their purpose in life.

“It will happen in time,” White says. “Be attentive and learn from those around you. Timing is everything, and your current challenges can turn into future opportunities and success. This will all help to shape your future.”

“Be confident in everything you learned at UWE. Your education is well grounded in principles and concepts that will be the foundation of your ongoing success and future learning.”
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ALMA MATER
Melody by William Croft
Harmonized by George Frederick Handel
Words by Mark D’Amico
and William Oesterreich
Members of The Singing Statesmen, 1969

1. Oh School of Eau Claire, our voices we raise; Accept thou this
   an-anthem of und-derly-ly praise. We pledge to be faith-ful, stout,
   heart-ed and strong. And cher-ish thy mem-ory as our lives are long,

2. Give hon-or to thee, and sing out thy name. Oh col-lege of
   ours, we dear-ly ac-claim. In still thou with-us a
   feel-ing of pride. We pray Al-ma Mat-er for-ev-er a-bide.

Eau Claire State Normal School 1916–27
The school offered one-, two- and three-year preparation
programs for elementary and secondary teachers and school
principals. Programs would be housed in a single building, then
called Old Main and later named Schofield Hall, for 35 years.

Eau Claire State Teachers College 1927–51
With this name change in 1927 came the introduction of a four-
year bachelor of education degree program and accreditation
by the American Association of Teachers Colleges. This was a
time of academic program expansion as well as growth of the
campus footprint with the acquisition of 20 acres atop the
bluff overlooking campus for future expansion.

Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire 1951–64
In 1951 the school was granted authority to offer a four-year
liberal arts curriculum leading to a bachelor of arts or bachelor
of science degree. Major construction projects, as well as the
gift of 200 acre Putnam Park from the city of Eau Claire and
the acquisition of 23 additional acres for upper campus,
greatly changed the face of campus during this time.

Wisconsin State University-Eau Claire 1964–71
In 1964, followed
by the School of Nursing in 1965 and School of Business in
1966. Nearly 17 new buildings were completed or under
construction during this time as well.

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire 1971–present
Over the last 45 years, UW-Eau Claire has established itself as
a nationally ranked public regional university that prepares
students to succeed in a connected world — a world
influenced by global economic and social forces. It has a
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and staff who are dedicated to providing students with
transformative learning experiences, and for a culture
in which students play an integral role in shaping the
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