Blugold FYI: March 1, 2022

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Announcements

Chancellor Briefing is March 3
The next Chancellor Briefing will be at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 3, using the Zoom webinar platform. Chancellor James Schmidt and members of his leadership team will discuss semester news and provide an overview of enrollment, mask guidance and the budget. All faculty and staff from all campuses are welcome. Please use this link to join the briefing. You may submit questions in advance to questions@uwec.edu or during the briefing by using the Q&A button in Zoom. The remaining briefings this semester will be at 3 p.m. Wednesdays, March 30 and April 27.

Consider donating to University Staff Council Advancement Fund
During UW-Eau Claire’s celebration of National Employee Appreciation Week, consider showing your appreciation by giving to the University Staff Council Advancement Fund. The University Staff Council represents about 340 university staff members at UW-Eau Claire, and this fund helps support programs established specifically for them. Learn more about the fund.

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booster. The U.S. Food & Drug Administration has authorized three vaccine boosters — Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson — and determined that it is safe for individuals to receive a vaccine booster or additional dose that is a different brand than the initial dose or doses. UW-Eau Claire students and employees can call SHS at 715-836-5360 with questions regarding eligibility or to schedule an appointment. Please bring a record of previous vaccinations with you to the clinic.

**Vaccination documentation, testing requirements and availability**

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**Blugold Dining news**

- **Dulany Inn.** The Dulany will serve a special Mardi Gras-themed menu today! Stop in from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for jambalaya, shrimp etouffee, fried okra and more.
- **Baked goods.** Baked goods can be ordered on Blugold Dining’s e-commerce website. All orders are for pickup in Marketplace; you choose the day and time!
- **Smoothies at The Cabin.** The Cabin now offers Island Oasis smoothies. Stop by and try some delicious flavors, such as Mango Madness, Strawberries & Cream and Berry Good.
- **Dining hours and menus.** For dining hours and menus, visit the Blugold Dining website.

**Lecture on criminal justice reform is March 3**

Clark Neily, senior vice president for legal studies at the Cato Institute and an adjunct professor at George Mason University’s Antonin Scalia School of Law, will present “Criminal Justice Reform: Qualified Immunity and Other Roadblocks to a More Just Society” from 5-6 p.m. **Thursday, March 3,** in Room 1804 of Centennial Hall and **via Zoom.** The event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies, Pre-Law Club and Criminal Justice Association. Learn more about the presentation.

**CERCA abstract deadline is March 4**

The deadline for abstract e-form submissions for the Celebration of Excellence in Research and Creative Activity (CERCA) is **Friday, March 4.** Please submit your information soon! Email cerca@uwec.edu with any questions and see more details.

**Central Bank Leadership Series opens March 4**
Join us at noon Friday, March 4, in the Ojibwe Ballroom of Davies Center, for a panel discussion titled “Central Banks in the 21st Century: Politics and the Fed.” The event also will be livestreamed to a virtual audience. The Federal Reserve’s dual mandate is to foster economic conditions that allow for price stability and maximum sustainable employment. The panel will explore the extent to which central banks impact and are isolated from broader, especially noneconomic, policy concerns and the pivotal role central banks play in nations worldwide. This is the first event in the Central Bank Leadership Series hosted by UW-Madison’s Tommy G. Thompson Center on Public Leadership, UW-Eau Claire College of Business, UW Oshkosh College of Business and UW-La Crosse College of Business Administration. A small luncheon will be available for in-person attendees. Register in advance for the in-person or virtual event.

WiSys launches APPStart Challenge
WiSys, a nonprofit organization that works with UW System faculty, staff, students and alumni, has launched its WiSys APPStart Challenge. The challenge connects app ideas with WiSys expertise and resources. Finalists will receive initial app development support from WiSys partners, business mentorship and cash prizes. Submit your idea in 250 words or fewer by Monday, March 7. Learn more about the APPStart Challenge.

University Bookstore reminders
All book orders for fall 2022 are due to the University Bookstore by Friday, March 18. Please submit orders by using the online adoption tool and by following these instructions.

Calling all chefs! Join campus e-cookbook project
Did you know that cooking at home allows you to source sustainable ingredients, waste less food and use less energy? The Administrative Office of Sustainability is pleased to announce the first campuswide e-cookbook. We are searching for all categories of recipes to include in the e-cookbook, which will be launched during the week of April 18 as part of our Earth Week celebrations. The e-cookbook will be available on our website and offer tips for how to make everyday recipes more sustainable. If you would like to share a recipe, please email sustainability@uwec.edu with the name, measurements, instructions and, if available, a picture of the creation. Credit will be given to recipes used within the e-cookbook. Please submit recipes by Monday, April 4.

Academic Skills Center offers peer academic coaching available
The Academic Skills Center now offers peer academic coaching. Available to all UW-Eau Claire students, these hourlong meetings offer students an opportunity to work with a trained peer to improve a variety of academic skills, including time management, study skills, note taking and reading comprehension. For more information or to schedule a session, contact Dr. Jack Reid in the Academic Skills Center.

UW-Eau Claire to host cultural connections conference in April
UW-Eau Claire will host the conference “Cultural Connections: Languages and Cultures of the Upper Midwest” on Friday, April 8. Undergraduate students are encouraged to submit research, art or other scholarship about the arts, languages, folklore or cultural traditions in the
Upper Midwest or from the cultures of people who now live in the Upper Midwest. Learn more about the conference.

**Direct students to Foundation scholarship opportunities**
Applications for most UW-Eau Claire Foundation scholarships have due dates throughout the spring semester. Many Blugolds don’t know where or how to apply for these scholarships and miss out on valuable opportunities. Please encourage the students you interact with to visit uwec.ly/scholarshipinfo for scholarship criteria and availability. Demonstrated financial need is not a requirement for many of these scholarships, and all students are encouraged to apply.

**Check out ‘Thursdays at the U’**
The “Thursdays at the U” spring lecture series at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County is underway, with a variety of presentations planned for **12:30-1:30 p.m. Thursdays** in the Blue Hills Lecture Hall (Room 234) of Ritzinger Hall. Those who cannot attend in person may watch the livestream. Learn more about the **Thursday, March 3**, talk, “Yoga for Health.”

**Reserve a time slot for ‘The Bias Inside Us’**
Pablo Center at the Confluence has created a reservation system to help individuals and groups attend “The Bias Inside Us,” which will be on display **through March 27**. Use this system to reserve a time for classes or student/staff groups to view the exhibit. Most people find that 45-50 minutes is sufficient. More information about how you can incorporate the exhibit into teaching and learning is available through the Center for EDI Training, Development and Education.

**Share your favorite book, movie, show suggestions with McIntyre Library**
Do you have favorite books, movies or TV shows that you’re passionate about sharing with others? McIntyre Library is interested in your suggestions for a pop-up display in the library. Please fill out this form with your recommendations.

**CIE to offer classroom presentations on study abroad**
Staff from the Center for International Education (CIE) would like to speak to your students about opportunities to study abroad. Presentations are approximately 10 minutes long. Please complete this form to request a presentation. Questions? Email Jackson Schmidtke.

**Academy for Lifelong Learners volunteer opportunity**
Looking for a volunteer opportunity? The Academy for Lifelong Learners (formerly Senior Americans Day) is looking for volunteers to help run the event on **Tuesday, June 7**. Volunteers are an essential part of making the event a success. All volunteers will receive a complimentary lunch ticket and T-shirt. If you are interested in volunteering, please complete this survey and contact Tamara Mumm in Continuing Education for more information.

**Viennese Ball tickets on sale**
We are thrilled to bring back the in-person Viennese Ball on Friday and Saturday, **April 8 and 9**! Join us for an evening of music, dancing and dining during this formal event recalling the
romance and elegance of 19th-century Vienna, Austria. Through your attendance and support of the ball, we have raised more than $1.5 million in scholarships and awards for our students. Proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test will be required for entry. Reserve your spot at the ball! If you can't make it this year but would like to support this scholarship fundraiser that celebrates and supports music, service and international study for UW-Eau Claire students, please consider making a gift to the Viennese Ball Scholarship Fund.

Surplus Store’s reclaim wish list available
Remember to add your wish-list items to the Surplus Store’s faculty/staff reclaim form. The university has reclaimed more than $40,000 this fiscal year alone. The form can be accessed through this e-form link. After you log in, follow these steps to locate the form: 1) Start New Form; 2) Select Facilities Management; 3) Select Faculty/Staff Reclaim Form. A Surplus Store staff member will contact you once they have items that fit your needs. Questions? Contact Matthew Haller in the Surplus Store.

Sign up for Shamrock Shuffle 5K!
The annual 5K fun run/walk will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 12. The event starts at the McPhee Center, goes down the Garfield Avenue hill, over the university footbridge and up the Chippewa River trail. Learn more and register.

Administrative Professionals Collaboration Group (formerly Administrative Support Collaboration Group) supports administrative professionals on campus
The Administrative Professionals Collaboration Group is for administrative professionals on campus (academic department associates, assistants, associates, coordinators, office managers and specialists). This group was created to increase communication and share information; discuss policies, procedures, ideas and changes; and share tips and tricks that relate to our positions. Meetings are scheduled monthly during the academic year. How to join: Go to teams.uwec.edu to download Microsoft Teams, a collaboration tool the group uses for communication and resource sharing. Once you are logged in, click on Join or Create Team in the upper right. Use the search bar to look for UWEC-Administrative-Support. Coordinators will be notified once you have submitted a request to join, and we'll get you added!

UW-Eau Claire updates regarding COVID-19
A running account of information regarding COVID-19 and its impact on the campus and community continues to be maintained on the COVID-19 Updates page. Check the link regularly to find resources and updates.

Submit announcement

Professional development

Upcoming Faculty/Academic Staff Forum presentations
The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs will host the spring Faculty/Academic Staff Forum series from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Wednesdays. Most presentations will be in the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) in Room 1142 of VLL Hall and also will be livestreamed, unless otherwise noted. Seating in CETL is limited to 25 attendees, first come, first served. Overflow seating will be available in Room 1128 of VLL Hall. Following are the first presentations in the series:

- **March 2:** Dr. Lesley Mayne, communication sciences and disorders, “Autism Spectrum Disorder: Understanding the Mask of Attention.”
- **March 16:** Dr. Analisa DeGrave, languages, Latin American and Latinx studies, and women’s, gender and sexuality studies, “Expressions of Protracted Trauma and Resistance to Authoritarianism and Patriarchy in 21st Century Nicaragua.” (The March 16 program will not be livestreamed.)

Next ‘ASK Us Anything!’ forum is March 16
The Firstsource Support Team of the Administrative Support + Knowledge (ASK) Center will provide virtual discussion forums on topics of interest and will answer your administrative questions. The next “ASK Us Anything!” forum will be from **11 a.m.-noon Wednesday, March 16**, on Teams. [Click here](#) to join the meeting or call 414-435-2332 and enter conference ID 359 373 414#. The forum will focus on PT card use and log reporting. The forums will be recorded and saved on the [Firstsource + Travel webpage](#). You are welcome to submit your questions and topics of interest in advance by emailing [ASKCenter@uwec.edu](mailto:ASKCenter@uwec.edu).

Professional development for faculty and staff

- **Personal development podcast:** March 24: [Celebrate the Opportunities](#) (viewing disappointment positively).
- **International Women’s Day Webinar:** Join a global panel of leaders from **10-11 a.m. Tuesday, March 8**, which is International Women’s Day, for “Emotionally Intelligent Leadership,” a virtual event in the Own Your Growth: Women’s Leadership Series. Panelists will explore the personal and organizational advantages of emotional intelligence in workplaces across the globe. Attendees will strengthen their emotional intelligence skills by identifying key emotional intelligence traits and how they contribute to professional growth; by gaining ideas to build relationships through empathy and active listening; and by assessing opportunities to tackle difficult conversations. Learn more and [click on calendar icon to register](#).
- **Leadership in the New Normal:** This self-paced, 30-minute, Canvas course is available for all management levels as an exploration of the new normal. From the perspective of UW-Eau Claire and the UW System, it shares ways to support the well-being of all employees. [Click here](#) to access the course.

WiSys grant-writing webinar series continues
WiSys encourages UW System grant seekers to cultivate their grant-writing skills, connect with experts and create opportunities through the organization’s latest grant-writing webinar series. The live and on-demand virtual series, hosted by WiSys grant-writing experts Deborah Lundin and Gina Jahn, will include the following webinars this semester:
• **Wednesday, March 2**, 2-2:45 p.m.: Finding Funding: Spotlight on the National Science Foundation.

• **Thursday, March 10**, noon-12:45 p.m.: Collaborative Grantseeking.

• **Wednesday, April 6**, 2-2:45 p.m.: Finding Funding for Your Scholarship and Creative Endeavors.

• **Thursday, April 14**, noon-12:45 p.m.: Funding for New and Early-Stage Investigators.

In addition to the scheduled webinars, the following on-demand webinars also are available: Getting Started! An Introduction to PIVOT/Grants Resource Center; Improving Your Odds for Success BEFORE the Writing Begins; Finding Funding: Spotlight on the NIH Academic Research Enhancement Award; Planning for Grants Success; Accelerate and Diversify Your Funding Search Results with Pivot-RP; Finding Funding: Spotlight on the National Science Foundation Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program; Exploring Administrator Tools for Maximizing Benefits from Pivot-RP Functionality; and Budget Building Fundamentals. The webinar series is part of WiSys’ commitment to providing research development services to the UW System’s regional campuses. To register and read full descriptions of the webinars, visit [wisys.org/grants/webinars](http://wisys.org/grants/webinars).

**Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) professional development**

- **Teaching and Technology Q&A sessions (virtual):** [View sessions.](#)
- **Transparent Design Framework Q&A sessions (virtual) and workshops (in person and virtual):** [View sessions, View workshops.](#)
- **New: Teaching Boost Short-Course Series:** Want to make a change in your teaching or course but need some flexibility to commit to the process? Our new series of asynchronous courses are open for five weeks and take about two to four hours to complete. Select one or more of the following courses to work on this semester: [Having Better Discussions: March 7-April 8](#) and [Facilitating Learning Online: April 4-May 6.](#)
- **Midterm Student Evaluations:** March 7-18. Collect midterm feedback from students to help you and your students be successful. The process will be completed virtually through Qualtrics, so you don’t have to give up any class time. [Learn more.](#)
- **Two EDI Tier 2 opportunities:**
  - Including Race and Racism in Your Courses: Why It Matters and How to Do It: Wednesday, May 25, 9 a.m.-noon. [Learn more and register.](#)
  - Inclusive Dialogues: Building Capacity to Respond: Wednesday, May 25, 1-3 p.m. [Learn more and register.](#)
  - Lunch provided if you attend one or both sessions.

**Equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) professional development for faculty and staff**

[View and register for sessions and groups.](#)

Coming up:

- **The Gender Gap: What is it and what can we do?:** Thursday, March 3, noon-1 p.m.
- **Student Accommodations Panel:** Monday, March 7, 2-3 p.m.
- **“Crip Camp” Film Viewing and Discussion:** Monday, March 7, 4-6:30 p.m.
- **“Valentine Road” Film Viewing and Discussion:** Tuesday, March 8, 4-6 p.m.
- **Trans 101:** Wednesday, March 9, 10 a.m.-noon
- **Sexual Assault Bystander Intervention Training**: Wednesday, March 9, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Identity, Privilege and Oppression**: Thursday, March 10, 9-10:30 a.m.
- **The Gender Gap: What is it and what can we do?**: Thursday, March 10, noon-1 p.m.
- **Safe Space Training**: Monday, March 14, 10 a.m.-noon
- **Reading Group: “Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do”**: Mondays, March 14, March 28 and April 4, 3-4 p.m.
- **Campus Connect: Suicide Awareness and Intervention**: Wednesday, March 23, 9-11 a.m.
- **Reading Group: “How to Be an Antiracist”**: Thursdays, April 7, 14, 21 and 28, noon-1 p.m.
- **Reading and Video Clip Dialogue Group: Whiteness, Allyship, and Taking Action**: Fridays, April 8, 15, and 22, 10-11 a.m.
- **Student Accommodations Panel**: Friday, April 8, 11 a.m.-noon
- **Reading Group: “An Unkindness of Ghosts”**: Tuesdays, April 12, 19 and 26, and May 3, 11-11:50 a.m.

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**Meeting notices**

- See all meetings and agendas.
- Submit your meeting notice.

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Awards and achievements

Dr. Frances Hawes, assistant professor of health care administration, co-authored the article “The Effects of Religiosity on Depression Trajectories After Widowhood,” which was featured in the March issue of Crossroads, the newsletter of the Center for Spirituality, Theology & Health at Duke University.

Dr. Joanne Jahnke Wegner, assistant professor of history, presented her poster “Captivity, Gender, and the Politics of Reproduction in Seventeenth-Century New England” at the online conference of the American Historical Association, held Feb. 21-25. She also presented the paper “Colonial Competition and Sexual Violence in the Americas” at the online Forum of Early-Modern Empires and Global Interactions 14th Biennial Meeting, held Feb. 24-26.

Dr. Marquell Johnson, professor of kinesiology, received the 2022 Parker Distinguished Multicultural Alumni Award from UW-La Crosse.

Dani Olson, residence hall director in Housing and Residence Life, received the 2022 New Professional Award from the Wisconsin College Personnel Association at the WCPA conference in October.

Dr. Kong Pheng Pha, assistant professor of critical Hmong studies and women’s, gender and sexuality studies, and co-project director with Dr. Mai See Thao, project director and assistant professor of anthropology and director of Hmong studies at UW Oshkosh, received a $10,000
Wisconsin Humanities grant for their ongoing collaborative creative exhibit project “Cia Siab (Hope) in Wisconsin: A HMoob (Hmong) Story.”

Dr. Angie Stombaugh, associate professor and director of CETL, and Jill Markgraf, professor and director of libraries, gave a virtual presentation, titled “Developing an OER Adoption Incentive Program: a Library and Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence Collaboration,” Feb. 22 during the virtual “E“ffordability Summit hosted by UW-Stout.

Staci Heidtke, director of Career Services; Dr. Debra Jansen, associate dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences; Robin Miller, head of discovery and assessment in McIntyre Library; Shawn Seuferer, operations manager in the ASK Center; Tina Wolfgram, manager of Printing Services; and Dr. Kelly Wonder, director of the McNair Program, have completed the Growth Mindset for Leaders program and earned the Chancellor’s Certificate.

Dr. Harry Jol co-authored a paper titled “Mapping Ponar (Paneriai): A Reassessment” with Jon Seligman (Israel Antiquities Authority), Paul Bauman (BGC Engineering), Richard Freund (Christopher Newton University), Alastair McClymont (BGC Engineering) and Philip Reeder, which was published in the journal Human Remains and Violence, Vol. 6, No. 1, pages 15-39.

Dr. Kaishan Kong, associate professor of Chinese in the languages department, gave the presentation “Crossing the River by Feeling the Stones: Chinese Teachers’ Perspectives and Integration of Social Justice in Teaching” March 1 as part of the University of Minnesota’s Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition Presentation Series.

Shawn Larson, admissions counselor, completed the Professional Certificate Continuing Education Program in College Admissions for Emerging Leaders through the National Association for College Admission Counseling in February. This eight-week online program with higher education professionals from around the world provided a comprehensive understanding of college admissions and student recruitment.

Catherine Lee, international student and scholar manager, has been selected by NAFSA: Association of International Educators for a one-year appointment to serve as the workshop dean for the e-learning course “J-1 Advising: Getting Started.” In this role, she will support and mentor international educators from around the U.S. in mastering the U.S. Department of State’s rules, guidance and compliance requirements for the exchange visitor (J-1) program.

Dr. Linda Young, dean emerita of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences; Dr. Mohammad Alasagheirin, associate professor of nursing; Gail Hanson Brenner, clinical assistant professor of nursing; Jan Adams, learning resource coordinator; and Stacey Stephens, graduate research assistant and doctor of nursing practice student, co-authored the “2019-2020 Wisconsin Nursing Education and Nurse Faculty Survey Report,” which was published by the Wisconsin Center for Nursing.

Submit award/achievement item
In the news

Dr. Christine Calderon Vriesema, assistant professor of psychology, was quoted in the article “Researchers examine effect of photographs on caring about biodiversity, charity,” which was published in the Feb. 26 issue of The Daily Bruin, UCLA’s main campus newspaper.

Grace Crickette, vice chancellor for finance and administration, was quoted in the Feb. 24 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “Universities spend COVID relief funds on student grants, revenue loss, pandemic impact.”

Dr. Kranti Dugar, assistant professor of marketing, Dr. Jeff DeGrave, intercultural immersions coordinator and UW-Eau Claire students Kaylin Sonen and Zachary Weerts were quoted in the opinion piece “UW-Eau Claire students find heartbreak and inspiration with Afghan refugees,” which was published in the Feb. 21 issue of The Cap Times.

Dr. Jerry Hoepner, professor of communication sciences and disorders, was mentioned in the Feb. 27 Volume One article “Blugold Brain Injury Group Helps Those With Invisible Disability.” Hoepner co-leads the BBIG group in Eau Claire.

Dr. Damir Kovacevic, assistant professor of political science, was interviewed for the Feb. 24 WEAU-TV story “A look at how sanctions work.”

Robin Miller, head of discovery and assessment in McIntyre Library, was interviewed for the Feb. 25 WEAU-TV story “‘The Bias Inside Us’ Exhibit Comes to Eau Claire.” Miller and Dr. Manuel Fernandez, professor of languages, also co-authored the “It Seems to Me” column “Exhibit addresses unconscious bias,” which was published in the Feb. 24 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram.

Kristen Schumacher, director of University Centers and executive director of the Viennese Ball, was interviewed for the Feb. 15 WQOW-TV story “UW-Eau Claire to host Viennese Ball in person.”

Submit news item

New employees, position updates and retirements
Have you recently joined UW-Eau Claire as a faculty or staff member? Moved to a different campus department or unit to start a new position? Recently retired? If so, we welcome your news.

The Center for International Education is happy to welcome Susan Alt to the role of student and program support associate. She began in December 2021 and replaces Jackson Schmidtke, who was promoted to study abroad manager. Susan comes to UW-Eau Claire from the University of Wyoming where she completed her master’s degree in international studies. You can learn more about Susan [here](#).

Congratulations to Carla Yost who recently retired from her position as an early childhood education teacher in the Children’s Nature Academy.

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**Campus news and features**

- [Arts events make connections to 'The Bias Inside Us' exhibit at Pablo](#)
- [Blugolds to present research at prestigious Posters on the Hill event in nation's capital](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire ramping up study abroad programs during spring semester](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire adds saltwater brine de-icing to sustainability efforts](#)
- [Yoga for health is focus of March 3 'Thursdays at the U' talk](#)
- [Continuing Education announces March program offerings](#)

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**Teach-in on the war in Ukraine set for tonight**
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**Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour screening March 13**
Several UW-Eau Claire departments and units, in collaboration with the Student Office of Sustainability, Chippewa Valley Nordic and other community partners have been able to secure another set of world-famous films for the [2022 Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour](#). The film festival will screen at **2 p.m. Sunday, March 13**, at Pablo Center at the Confluence. Tickets are available for sale at the Pablo Center [box office](#) or [website](#).

**Thank a Blugold!**
Have you thanked a Blugold through the [Thank a Blugold!](#) email service? It’s a fast and easy way to show your appreciation at any time. A thank you can go a long way, and it’s free!
Think about your wellbeing
Be sure to stay informed about the seven dimensions of wellbeing — physical, emotional, spiritual, intellectual, social, occupational and environmental — through the employee wellbeing website. The site also shares details about wellbeing activities and opportunities on campus and online.

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- **New this year: Viennese Ball Beer Tour.** The Viennese Ball Beer Tour is your chance to taste Austrian and German lagers brewed by Eau Claire’s own breweries. These special small-batch brews will allow you to taste-test different flavors made exclusively for the Viennese Ball. Special thanks to local breweries K Point, Ombibulous, The Brewing Projekt and Modicum for their partnership this year.
• **Faculty/staff needed as beer pourers.** We are seeking four to six volunteers to be beer pourers. These volunteers must be UW-Eau Claire faculty or staff. We will need volunteers on Friday, April 8, from 5-9 p.m. and 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m.; and Saturday, April 9, from 9 p.m.-1:30 a.m. We greatly appreciate your continued support of this event. If you have any questions about volunteering or the ball itself, please feel email volunteer coordinator [Michael St. Ores](mailto:). 

**Blugold Dining news**

• **Pi Day.** In honor of **Pi Day** on **Monday, March 14**, we’re selling pies that day in Davies Center’s Marketplace! Stop in to try our apple, blueberry and cherry pies, on sale for $9.99 each. The pies are made fresh in Hilltop Bakery.

• **Dulany Inn.** Faculty, staff and students are welcome to have lunch at the Dulany Inn from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday-Friday to try the fantastic new menu created by campus executive chef Angel Alcantar. Rent out the Heritage Room for an elevated dining experience with no extra charge. Reservations are welcome, but not required; they can be made by calling 715-836-5261 or emailing dining@uwec.edu. Weekly menus can be found [here](mailto:).

• **Baked goods.** Baked goods can be ordered on Blugold Dining’s [e-commerce website](mailto:). All orders are for pickup in Marketplace; you choose the day and time!

• **Dining hours and menus.** For dining hours and menus, visit the [Blugold Dining website](mailto:).

**March employee wellbeing newsletter now available**

Be sure to read this month’s [employee wellbeing newsletter](mailto:) for helpful information about screen time, hiking etiquette, National Kidney Month, health coaching on campus and more.

**University Bookstore reminders**

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**Calling all chefs! Join campus e-cookbook project**

Did you know that cooking at home allows you to source sustainable ingredients, waste less food and use less energy? The Administrative Office of Sustainability is pleased to announce the first campuswide e-cookbook. We are searching for all categories of recipes to include in the e-cookbook, which will be launched during the week of April 18 as part of our Earth Week celebrations. The e-cookbook will be available on our website and offer tips for how to make everyday recipes more sustainable. If you would like to share a recipe, please email sustainability@uwec.edu with the name, measurements, instructions and, if available, a picture of the creation. Credit will be given to recipes used within the e-cookbook. Please submit recipes by **Monday, April 4**.

**Academic Skills Center offers peer academic coaching available**

The Academic Skills Center now offers [peer academic coaching](mailto:). Available to all UW-Eau Claire students, these hourlong meetings offer students an opportunity to work with a trained peer to improve a variety of academic skills, including time management, study skills, note taking and
reading comprehension. For more information or to schedule a session, contact Dr. Jack Reid in the Academic Skills Center.

**UW-Eau Claire to host cultural connections conference in April**

UW-Eau Claire will host the conference “Cultural Connections: Languages and Cultures of the Upper Midwest” on **Friday, April 8**. Undergraduate students are encouraged to submit research, art or other scholarship about the arts, languages, folklore or cultural traditions in the Upper Midwest or from the cultures of people who now live in the Upper Midwest. Learn more about the conference.

**Direct students to Foundation scholarship opportunities**

Applications for most UW-Eau Claire Foundation scholarships have due dates throughout the spring semester. Many Blugolds don’t know where or how to apply for these scholarships and miss out on valuable opportunities. Please encourage the students you interact with to visit uwec.ly/scholarshipinfo for scholarship criteria and availability. Demonstrated financial need is not a requirement for many of these scholarships, and all students are encouraged to apply.

**Check out ‘Thursdays at the U’**

The “**Thursdays at the U**” spring lecture series at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County is underway, with a variety of presentations planned for **12:30-1:30 p.m. Thursdays** in the Blue Hills Lecture Hall (Room 234) of Ritzinger Hall. Those who cannot attend in person may watch the livestream. Learn more about the **Thursday, March 10**, talk by Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, “Deacons for Defense and Justice.”

**Reserve a time slot for ‘The Bias Inside Us’**

Pablo Center at the Confluence has created a reservation system to help individuals and groups attend “The Bias Inside Us,” which will be on display through March 27. Use this system to reserve a time for classes or student/staff groups to view the exhibit. Most people find that 45-50 minutes is sufficient. More information about how you can incorporate the exhibit into teaching and learning is available through the Center for EDI Training, Development and Education.

**Share your favorite book, movie, show suggestions with McIntyre Library**

Do you have favorite books, movies or TV shows that you’re passionate about sharing with others? McIntyre Library is interested in your suggestions for a pop-up display in the library. Please fill out this form with your recommendations.

**CIE to offer classroom presentations on study abroad**

Staff from the Center for International Education (CIE) would like to speak to your students about opportunities to study abroad. Presentations are approximately 10 minutes long. Please complete this form to request a presentation. Questions? Email Jackson Schmidtke.

**Academy for Lifelong Learners volunteer opportunity**
Looking for a volunteer opportunity? The Academy for Lifelong Learners (formerly Senior Americans Day) is looking for volunteers to help run the event on **Tuesday, June 7**. Volunteers are an essential part of making the event a success. All volunteers will receive a complimentary lunch ticket and T-shirt. If you are interested in volunteering, please complete this survey and contact [Tamara Mumm](#) in Continuing Education for more information.

**Surplus Store’s reclaim wish list available**
Remember to add your wish-list items to the Surplus Store’s faculty/staff reclaim form. The university has reclaimed more than $40,000 this fiscal year alone. The form can be accessed through this [e-form link](#). After you log in, follow these steps to locate the form: 1) Start New Form; 2) Select Facilities Management; 3) Select Faculty/Staff Reclaim Form. A Surplus Store staff member will contact you once they have items that fit your needs. Questions? Contact [Matthew Haller](#) in the Surplus Store.

**Sign up for Shamrock Shuffle 5K!**
The annual 5K fun run/walk will begin at **10 a.m. Saturday, March 12**. The event starts at the McPhee Center, goes down the Garfield Avenue hill, over the university footbridge and up the Chippewa River trail. [Learn more and register](#).

**Administrative Professionals Collaboration Group (formerly Administrative Support Collaboration Group) supports administrative professionals on campus**
The Administrative Professionals Collaboration Group is for administrative professionals on campus (academic department associates, assistants, associates, coordinators, office managers and specialists). This group was created to increase communication and share information; discuss policies, procedures, ideas and changes; and share tips and tricks that relate to our positions. Meetings are scheduled monthly during the academic year. **How to join:** Go to [teams.uwec.edu](http://teams.uwec.edu) to download Microsoft Teams, a collaboration tool the group uses for communication and resource sharing. Once you are logged in, click on Join or Create Team in the upper right. Use the search bar to look for UWEC-Administrative-Support. Coordinators will be notified once you have submitted a request to join, and we'll get you added!

**UW-Eau Claire updates regarding COVID-19**
A running account of information regarding COVID-19 and its impact on the campus and community continues to be maintained on the [COVID-19 Updates page](#). Check the link regularly to find resources and updates.

[Submit announcement](#)

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**Professional development**

**WiSys grant-writing webinar series continues**
WiSys encourages UW System grant seekers to cultivate their grant-writing skills, connect with experts and create opportunities through the organization’s latest grant-writing webinar series.

The live and on-demand virtual series, hosted by WiSys grant-writing experts Deborah Lundin and Gina Jahn, will include the following webinars this semester:

- **Thursday, March 10**, noon-12:45 p.m.: Collaborative Grantseeking.
- **Wednesday, April 6**, 2-2:45 p.m.: Finding Funding for Your Scholarship and Creative Endeavors.
- **Thursday, April 14**, noon-12:45 p.m.: Funding for New and Early-Stage Investigators.

In addition to the scheduled webinars, the following **on-demand webinars** also are available: Getting Started! An Introduction to PIVOT/Grants Resource Center; Improving Your Odds for Success BEFORE the Writing Begins; Finding Funding: Spotlight on the NIH Academic Research Enhancement Award; Planning for Grants Success; Accelerate and Diversify Your Funding Search Results with Pivot-RP; Finding Funding: Spotlight on the National Science Foundation Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program; Exploring Administrator Tools for Maximizing Benefits from Pivot-RP Functionality; and Budget Building Fundamentals.

The webinar series is part of WiSys’ commitment to providing research development services to the UW System’s regional campuses. To register and read full descriptions of the webinars, visit [wisys.org/grants/webinars](http://wisys.org/grants/webinars).

**Join ‘ASK Us Anything!’ forum March 16**

The Firstsource Support Team of the Administrative Support + Knowledge (ASK) Center will provide virtual discussion forums on topics of interest and will answer your administrative questions. The next “ASK Us Anything!” forum will be from **11 a.m.-noon Wednesday, March 16**, on Teams. [Click here](http://join.me) to join the meeting or call 414-435-2332 and enter conference ID 359 373 414#. The forum will focus on PT card use and log reporting. The forums will be recorded and saved on the [Firstsource + Travel webpage](http://www.wisc.edu/otr). You are welcome to submit your questions and topics of interest in advance by emailing ASKCenter@uwec.edu.

**Upcoming Faculty/Academic Staff Forum presentations**

The Office of Research and Sponsored Programs will host the spring **Faculty/Academic Staff Forum series** from 12:10-12:50 p.m. Wednesdays. Most presentations will be in the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) in Room 1142 of VLL Hall and also will be **livestreamed**, unless otherwise noted. Seating in CETL is limited to 25 attendees, first come, first served. Overflow seating will be available in Room 1128 of VLL Hall. Following are the first presentations in the series:

- **March 16**: Dr. Analisa DeGrave, languages, Latin American and Latinx studies, and women’s, gender and sexuality studies, “Expressions of Protracted Trauma and Resistance to Authoritarianism and Patriarchy in 21st-Century Nicaragua.” (The March 16 program will not be livestreamed.)
- **March 30**: Dr. Lenita Davis, management and marketing, “Mass Incarceration and Consumer Financial Harm: Critique of Rent-seeking by the Carceral State.”

**Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) professional development**

- **Teaching and Technology Q&A and Canvas sessions (virtual)**: [View sessions](http://www.wisc.edu/otr).
• **Transparent Design Framework Q&A sessions (virtual) and workshops (in person and virtual):** [View sessions](#), [View workshops](#).

• **New: Teaching Boost Short-Course Series:** Want to make a change in your teaching or course but need some flexibility to commit to the process? Our new series of asynchronous courses are open for five weeks and take about two to four hours to complete. Select one or more of the following courses to work on this semester: [Facilitating Learning Online: April 4-May 6](#).

• **Midterm Student Evaluations:** March 7-18. Collect midterm feedback from students to help you and your students be successful. The process will be completed virtually through Qualtrics, so you don’t have to give up any class time. [Learn more](#).

• **Two EDI Tier 2 opportunities:**
  - Including Race and Racism in Your Courses: Why It Matters and How to Do It: Wednesday, May 25, 9 a.m.-noon. [Learn more and register](#).
  - Inclusive Dialogues: Building Capacity to Respond: Wednesday, May 25, 1-3 p.m. [Learn more and register](#).
  - Lunch provided if you attend one or both sessions.

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**Equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) professional development for faculty and staff**

[View and register for sessions and groups](#).

**Coming up:**

- **“Valentine Road” Film Viewing and Discussion:** Tuesday, March 8, 4-6 p.m.
- **Trans 101:** Wednesday, March 9, 10 a.m.-noon
- **Sexual Assault Bystander Intervention Training:** Wednesday, March 9, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- **Identity, Privilege and Oppression:** Thursday, March 10, 9-10:30 a.m.
- **The Gender Gap: What is it and what can we do?:** Thursday, March 10, noon-1 p.m.
- **Safe Space Training:** Monday, March 14, 10 a.m.-noon
- **Reading Group: “Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think, and Do”:** Mondays, March 14, March 28 and April 4, 3-4 p.m.
- **Campus Connect: Suicide Awareness and Intervention:** Wednesday, March 23, 9-11 a.m.
- **Reading Group: “How to Be an Antiracist”:** Thursdays, April 7, 14, 21 and 28, noon-1 p.m.
- **Reading and Video Clip Dialogue Group: Whiteness, Allyship, and Taking Action:** Fridays, April 8, 15 and 22, 10-11 a.m.
- **Student Accommodations Panel:** Friday, April 8, 11 a.m.-noon
- **Reading Group: “An Unkindness of Ghosts”:** Tuesdays, April 12, 19 and 26, and May 3, 11-11:50 a.m.

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**Professional development for all faculty and staff**

**Ted Talk Tuesdays:** March 15: [Inside the Mind of a Procrastinator](#); April 12: [Five Tips for Dealing with Meeting Overload](#)

**Personal Development Podcasts:** March 24: Episode 763: [Celebrate the Opportunities](#) (viewing disappointment positively); April 21: [Showing Up In Life Even When You Don’t Feel Like It](#) (happiness).
Communication, Budget and Working with Others (optional): Wednesday, March 16, 9 a.m.-noon via MS Teams. See details and register.

Hire to Retire: Wednesday, April 6, 9 a.m.-noon via MS Teams. See details and register.

7 Habits of Highly Effective People: Wednesdays, April 13, 20 and 27, 1-4 p.m. via Zoom. See details and register.

Watch for new course offerings coming soon!

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Meeting notices

- See all meetings and agendas.
- Submit your meeting notice.

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**Awards and achievements**

**Dr. Dorothy Chan**, assistant professor of English, is the book review co-editor of *Pleiades* with Taneum Bambrick. They recently published three new reviews on their site.

**Dr. Chelsea Collins**, clinical assistant professor of nursing, co-authored a paper, titled “Using critical appraisal tools to evaluate research and determine applicability to clinical practice,” with Sandie Nadelson, University of Central Arkansas, which was published in the January 2022 issue of the *Journal of Nursing Research and Practice*, Vol. 6, No. 1, pages 1-2.

The following faculty and staff have completed Tier 3 of the EDI professional development program by participating in 10 or more Tier 2 sessions and a project within their scope of duties to help improve EDI on our campuses: **Dr. Colleen Duffy**, mathematics; **Dr. Kranti Dugar**, management and marketing; **Dr. Frances Hawes**, management and marketing; and **Kimberly Reed**, intercultural immersions, “Assessment of Global Learning from an Afghan Guest Immersion Experience in Western Wisconsin – an Application of the R1 & AAC&U’s VALUE Rubrics.” Learn more about Tier 3.

**Dr. Eric Kasper**, professor of political science and director of the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies, had his “Ink blog” column “The First Amendment and symbolic speech” published in the March 8 issue of the Rice Lake Chronotype.

**Dr. Marcy Leasum Orwig**, associate professor of business communication, had her chapter, titled “Using Adobe XD to Create Student App Prototypes: New Methods of Teaching Business Communication in a Post-Covid World,” accepted for publication in the forthcoming book “Effective Methods for Teaching Business Related Topics During and Post Crisis,” which will be published by the National Business Education Association.

**Dr. Chuck MacLean**, lecturer of political science, presented “The Blurred Blue Line: Police Ethics and Deception in Obtaining Confessions” at the 31st Annual International Conference of the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics Feb. 25 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Copies of the presentation slides are available from MacLean upon request.
Dr. J. Brian Mahoney, professor of geology, and co-authors James Haggart (Geological Survey of Canada), Marty Grove (Stanford University), David Kimbrough (San Diego State University), Virginia Isava (Stanford University), Paul Link (Idaho State University), Mark Pecha (University of Arizona) and C. Mark Fanning (The Australian National University) had their paper “Evolution of the Late Cretaceous Nanaimo Basin, British Columbia, Canada: Definitive provenance links to northern latitudes” published in the December 2021 issue of Geosphere, Vol. 17, No. 6, pages 2197-2233.

Dr. Jessica Miller, professor of French in the languages department, and Liliana LaValle, assistant professor/digital learning and instruction librarian in McIntyre Library, presented “It Takes a Village: A Collaborative Model to Promote OER Across Campus” on March 5 at the virtual 2022 Language OER Conference, co-hosted by the Open Language Resource Center at the University of Kansas and the Center for Open Educational Resources and Language Learning at the University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Peter Myers, professor of political science, is editor of the recently published anthology “Race and Civil Rights: Core Documents,” Ashbrook Press, 2021.

Dr. Cathy Rex, professor of English, served as chair and respondent for a panel she organized, titled “Public Memory, Race, and Heritage Tourism of Early America,” at the Southeastern American Studies Association conference March 3-5 in Birmingham, Alabama. The panel highlighted four essays from Rex’s edited collection (co-edited with Dr. Shevaun Watson) by the same name.

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women’s, gender and sexuality studies, had her “Sawdust Stories” column “‘Tis the season for ‘Freezing Man’” published in the Feb. 25 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram and in the Feb. 28 issue of The Country Today.

Jamie Tester Morfoot, assistant professor of social work, and Daniel Pollack (Yeshiva University) co-authored the article “Public safety and health and human services: How a midwestern city took a hard sociological look following police-involved shootings,” which was published in the December 2021 issue of Policy and Practice.

Dr. James Walker, professor emeritus of mathematics, authored the article “Bringing the World into the Math Classroom Through Music,” which is a featured post on the Mathematical Association of America’s Math Values blog. Dr. Shanise Walker, assistant professor of mathematics, is a deputy editor of the blog and assisted Walker in preparing his article.
In memoriam

Condolences to the family and friends of Keith Daniels, professor emeritus of physics and astronomy. Daniels, a member of the UW-Eau Claire faculty from 1963 until his retirement in 1997, passed away March 4. View full obituary.

In the news

Dr. Rose-Marie Avin, professor of economics and director of women’s, gender and sexuality studies, was quoted in the March 2 WQOW-TV story “International Women's Day comes early at UW-Eau Claire.”

Rochelle Biegel Hoffman, assistant director of Blugold Beginnings, was featured in the March 7 La Crosse Tribune article “Meet the women leading us to a world with better food” and in other newspapers throughout the country.

Dr. Heather Fielding, director of the University Honors Program, was quoted in the March 7 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “Local Ukrainian Americans express anger, sorrow over Russian invasion.”

Dr. Damir Kovačević, assistant professor of political science, was interviewed for the March 7 and 8 WQOW-TV stories “UW-Eau Claire hosting teach-in on war in Ukraine” and “UW-Eau Claire panel answers questions at Ukraine teach-in,” respectively. Kovačević also will be a guest on Wisconsin Public Radio’s “Route 51” on March 11 to discuss the war in Ukraine.

Colleen Marchwick, director of the Center for International Education, was quoted in the March 2 WQOW-TV story “Will the Ukraine crisis affect study abroad programs?”

Dr. Karen Mumford, associate professor of public health and environmental studies, was quoted in the March 8 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “Food policy expert to speak Wednesday in return of UWEC's Forum series.”

Tamara Mumm, outreach program manager in Continuing Education, was interviewed for the March 7 WQOW-TV story “Academy for Lifelong Learners returns to UWEC” and the March 8 WEAU-TV story “Academy for Lifelong Learners.”

Dr. Kent Syerson, professor of geology, was quoted in the March 3 Wisconsin Public Radio story “Despite oil price surge, analysts don't expect resurgence of Wisconsin frac sand industry.”

Kimera Way, executive director of the UW-Eau Claire Foundation, and Chancellor James Schmidt were quoted in the March 8 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “Mayo Clinic to build
$11M sports medicine, imaging center in County Materials Complex.” Related stories included the March 8 WQOW-TV story “Mayo Clinic gives new details on future Sports Medicine Center” and the March 8 WEAU-TV story “Mayo Clinic announces new Sports and Diagnostic Center.”

Al Wiberg, assistant director of sport facilities, was interviewed for the March 9 WEAU-TV story “Sport of bouldering climbing its way to the top.”

Submit news item

New employees, position updates and retirements

Have you recently joined UW-Eau Claire as a faculty or staff member? Moved to a different campus department or unit to start a new position? Recently retired? If so, we welcome your news.

Submit employee updates

Campus news and features

- Mayo Clinic Health System unveils plans for Diagnostic Imaging and Sports Medicine Center
- Student finds her voice and makes a difference at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County
- Break from performing helps Blugold reimagine his music and his future
- UW-Eau Claire presents mainstage production ‘Silent Sky’ beginning March 4
- Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton to discuss Deacons for Defense and Justice during ‘Thursdays at the U’
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Announcements

Next Chancellor Briefing is March 30
The next campuswide Chancellor Briefing will be Wednesday, March 30, beginning at 3 p.m. using the Zoom webinar platform. Chancellor James Schmidt will be joined by other university leaders to provide campus updates and answer your questions. All faculty and staff from all campuses are welcome. Please use this link to join the briefing. You may submit questions in advance to questions@uwec.edu or during the briefing by using the Q&A button in Zoom. The remaining briefing this semester will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 27.

Virtual option added for tonight’s ‘The Bias Inside Us’ keynote
Pablo Center at the Confluence has added a virtual option for tonight’s “The Bias Inside Us” keynote address by Dr. Calvin Lai of Project Implicit. The program, titled “Project Implicit: Understand and prevent the impact of hidden bias in everyday life,” will begin at 6 p.m. tonight, March 15. Learn more and register.

Tommy Thompson to be honored March 16 on campus
UW System President Tommy Thompson will visit UW-Eau Claire at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 16, as campus and community leaders join faculty, staff and students to celebrate the former governor’s leadership and service. President Thompson also will help Blugolds take the
first steps toward the planned Science and Health Sciences Building that will one day replace Phillips Hall. President Thompson, Chancellor James Schmidt and invited guests will get a chance to swing sledgehammers at the corner of Putnam Hall, one of two residence hall buildings that will be razed this summer to make way for the Science and Health Sciences Building. Learn more.

Bicycles and airplanes and cars, oh my!
Do you know a student who needs transportation? Do you need transportation? Several options are available to get you where you want to go locally and long distance. Check out the Student Transportation Options — Local and Long Distance page on the UW-Eau Claire website. The article link also can be found on the UW-Eau Claire Campus Life and Firstsource + Travel pages. You will find information about bike rentals, buses, shuttles, cars and planes. Happy travels!

Join ‘ASK Us Anything!’ forum/virtual Q&A with UW System representative
Elizabeth Dressel, director of travel management services and Administrative Transformation Program expenses co-design lead for UW System Administration, will be at UW-Eau Claire on Wednesday, March 16, to host a virtual Q&A session on expense policy and pain points. You can tune in to the discussion, which will immediately follow the “ASK Us Anything! Using Your PT Card and Log” presentation starting at 11 a.m. on Teams. Click here to join the meeting or call 414-435-2332 and enter conference ID 359 373 414#. The Q&A will be recorded and saved on the ASK Center Firstsource + Travel webpage. You are welcome to submit your questions and comments in advance by emailing ASKCenter@uwec.edu.

International webinar offered on milestones in HIV treatment, prevention
The political science department at Stellenbosch University in South Africa — a UW-Eau Claire partner institution — and the Embassy of Japan will offer the webinar “Milestones in HIV treatment and prevention research: Implications for global public health” on Thursday, March 17, from 5:30-7 a.m. Central time. (Note: The time listed in the registration materials is Central African time.) Four decades after the first official report on AIDS in 1981, there has been much progress in global efforts toward the prevention and treatment of HIV. Advances in biomedical and scientific research have produced successful interventions and improved care for those living with HIV. Yet HIV remains a global public health challenge. In southern Africa, which accounts for a significant number of people living with HIV, there is evidence that the HIV epidemic compounded the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. In this webinar, experts will share their work on HIV treatment and prevention and the advances toward HIV immunity. Learn more and register.

Seeking nominations for Campus Ambassadors
Faculty and staff are invited to nominate standout students to apply for the Campus Ambassadors organization. This group of volunteer student leaders represents the university and shares their enthusiasm for life at UW-Eau Claire through prospective student visits and tours, Foundation and alumni events, student panels and more. Please submit nominations via this form by Thursday, March 31. Multiple submissions are welcome if you have multiple
students to nominate. Contact campus visit coordinator Katy Braunsky or admissions counselor Maggie Meyers with questions.

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**Printing Services announces spring break hours**
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**New system to replace Presence/Blugold Connect**
UW-Eau Claire will be transitioning to a new and improved campus experience management system and an all-in-one campuswide app hub over the next three to four months. This new system will replace the current Presence system, also known as Blugold Connect. Current Presence users should download any information they wish to save out of their respective portals **no later than Friday, April 1**. A temporary student organization website will be utilized during this software transition time. The new Blugold Connect+ system will be hosted by campus groups and will be readily available to campus by the fall 2022 semester. Questions? Email Sara Thommesen.

**Check out the CIGE Canvas page**
The Council on Internationalization and Global Engagement (CIGE) invites the campus community to visit its [Canvas page](#) to learn about events and professional development opportunities and access resources on internationalization and global engagement for professional development. CIGE assists UW-Eau Claire in preparing students, faculty and staff for active, informed and ethical participation in a pluralistic and globally interdependent world through meaningful learning opportunities on and off campus. CIGE supports a campus culture of global awareness and engagement, and the cultivation of mutually beneficial relationships between our university community and people of color, places and cultures within and beyond the borders of the U.S.

**Save the date: Tunnel of Awareness is April 13**
The [Tunnel of Awareness](#) will take place from **5-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 13**, in the Dakota Ballroom (Room 340) of Davies Center. This event is a valuable opportunity for faculty, staff and students to explore, discover and address the implicit biases they might carry. Questions? Email Joshua Gonzalez, graduate assistant in the Center for EDI Training, Education and Development.

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**Professional development for all faculty and staff**

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Watch for new course offerings coming soon!

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Awards and achievements

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Dr. Eric Kasper, professor of political science and director of the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies, authored a journal article, titled “Free Speech, Social Media, and Public Universities: How the First Amendment Limits University Sanctions for Online Expression and Empowers Students, Staff, and Faculty,” that was published in the Mitchell Hamline Law Review, Vol. 48, issue 2, pages 407-466.

Dr. Kaishan Kong, associate professor of Chinese in the languages department, had a chapter, titled “‘Zoom’ In and Speak Out: Virtual Exchange in Language Learning,” on the virtual exchange between students in a Chinese class during the pandemic, published in the book

Jane Strong, associate lecturer of business communication, and Bridget Kurtenbach, lecturer of business communication and Collegiate DECA advisor, had their case study, titled “Online Reputation Management: A Shark Tale from Instagram,” published in the March 2022 issue of the International Journal of Instructional Cases.

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In the news

Dr. Heather Ann Moody, associate professor of American Indian studies, was featured in the March 15 Madison365 article “Wisconsin’s 39 Most Influential Native American Leaders, Part 2.”

Chancellor James Schmidt was quoted in the March 16 WQOW-TV story “Symbolic start made for new $256 million science hall at UW-Eau Claire” and the March 16 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “Steadfast advocate:’ UW-EC names first floor of new science building after Thompson.” Schmidt and Dr. Michael Carney, assistant chancellor for strategic partnerships and program development, also were interviewed for the March 16 WEAU-TV story “UWEC officially begins new science building project.”

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New employees, position updates and retirements

Have you recently joined UW-Eau Claire as a faculty or staff member? Moved to a different campus department or unit to start a new position? Recently retired? If so, we welcome your news.

The languages department welcomes two new members to the English as a second language section: Shannon Roach, lecturer; and Dr. Mary Ellis, senior lecturer.

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Campus news and features
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Campus Harvest personal hygiene product drive underway
Please consider supporting the Campus Harvest Food Pantry in celebrating Women’s History Month by donating personal hygiene products **through Thursday, March 31.** Items can be dropped off any time at the pantry (Room 49 of Brewer Hall) or in the Dean of Students Office (Room 240 of Schofield Hall). Questions? Contact Sarah Snyder in the Dean of Students Office. [See more details](#).

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  - Including Race and Racism in Your Courses: Why It Matters and How to Do It: Wednesday, May 25, 9 a.m.-noon. [Learn more and register.]
  - Inclusive Dialogues: Building Capacity to Respond: Wednesday, May 25, 1-3 p.m. [Learn more and register.]
  - Lunch provided if you attend one or both sessions.

_Equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) professional development for faculty and staff_
View and register for sessions and groups.

**Coming up:**
- **The Gender Gap:** Thursday, April 7, 12-1 p.m.
- **Reading Group: “Dying of Whiteness”**: Thursdays, April 7 and 21, 2-3 p.m.
- **Student Accommodations Panel**: Friday, April 8, 11 a.m.-noon.
- **Safe Space Training**: Monday, April 4, 5-7 p.m., Monday, April 11, 10 a.m.-noon, Monday, April 25, 5-7 p.m.
- **Reading Group: “An Unkindness of Ghosts”**: Tuesdays, April 12, 19 and 26, and May 3, 11-11:50 a.m.
- **Recognizing and Responding to Microaggressions in the Workplace**: Tuesday, April 12, 2-4 p.m.
- **Identity, Privilege and Oppression**: Wednesday, April 13, 10-11:30 a.m.
- **Tunnel of Awareness**: Wednesday, April 13, 5-8 p.m.
- **Campus Connect: Suicide Awareness and Intervention**: Monday, April 18, 2-4 p.m.
- **The Gender Gap**: Tuesday, April 19, 3-4 p.m.
- **Trans 101**: Wednesday, April 20, 10 a.m.-noon.
- **A Person of Color in Different Spaces**: Thursdays, April 21 and 28, and May 5, 11 a.m.-noon.

_Professional development for all faculty and staff_

**Ted Talk Tuesdays:** April 12: [Five Tips for Dealing with Meeting Overload](#)

**Personal Development Podcasts:** April 21: [Showing Up In Life Even When You Don’t Feel Like It](#) (happiness).

**Hire to Retire:** Wednesday, April 6, 9 a.m.-noon via MS Teams. [See details and register.]

**7 Habits of Highly Effective People:** Wednesdays, April 13, 20 and 27, 1-4 p.m. via Zoom. [See details and register.]

**Watch for new course offerings coming soon!**

**WiSys grant-writing webinar series continues**

WiSys encourages UW System grant seekers to cultivate their grant-writing skills, connect with experts and create opportunities through the organization’s latest grant-writing webinar series. The live and on-demand virtual series, hosted by WiSys grant-writing experts Deborah Lundin and Gina Jahn, will include the following webinars this semester:

- **Wednesday, April 6**, 2-2:45 p.m.: Finding Funding for Your Scholarship and Creative Endeavors.
- **Thursday, April 14**, noon-12:45 p.m.: Funding for New and Early-Stage Investigators.
In addition to the scheduled webinars, the following **on-demand webinars** also are available: Getting Started! An Introduction to PIVOT/Grants Resource Center; Improving Your Odds for Success BEFORE the Writing Begins; Finding Funding: Spotlight on the NIH Academic Research Enhancement Award; Planning for Grants Success; Accelerate and Diversify Your Funding Search Results with Pivot-RP; Finding Funding: Spotlight on the National Science Foundation Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program; Exploring Administrator Tools for Maximizing Benefits from Pivot-RP Functionality; and Budget Building Fundamentals. The webinar series is part of WiSys’ commitment to providing research development services to the UW System’s regional campuses. To register and read full descriptions of the webinars, visit [wisys.org/grants/webinars](http://wisys.org/grants/webinars).

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**Meeting notices**

- [See all meetings and agendas](#).
- [Submit your meeting notice](#).

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**Blugold FYI: March 31, 2022**

Welcome to today’s **Blugold FYI**, which highlights faculty/staff awards and achievements, condolences, media mentions, new employee/retirement updates and campus news and
features. Tuesday’s edition will feature announcements, professional development opportunities and meeting notices.

- **Have content for an upcoming edition?** Send it via the [Blugold FYI submission form](#).
- **Interested in the latest UW-Eau Claire news stories?** Visit the news page.

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**Awards and achievements**

**Dr. Dorothy Chan**, assistant professor of English, presented a poetry reading March 25 at Brickbat Books in Philadelphia as part of the Association of Writers & Writing Programs #AWP22 Conference & Bookfair. Chan also interviewed Zoe Donald, her publisher/designer at Diode Editions, for the Palette Poetry feature “*If These Covers Could Talk.*”

**Dr. Anne Cummings Hlas**, professor of languages, has achieved inter-rater reliability in scoring the Torrance Tests of Creative Thinking-Verbal and Figural Forms from The Torrance Center for Creativity & Talent Development at the University of Georgia.

**Dr. Frances Hawes**, assistant professor of health care administration, with researchers from the LeadingAge LTSS Center at the University of Massachusetts Boston and the Center for Consumer Engagement in Health Innovation at Community Catalyst, released a report titled “Person-Centered Care: Why Taking Individuals’ Care Preferences into Account Matters” and an accompanying infographic.

**Dr. Harry Jol**, professor of geography and anthropology, co-authored a paper, titled “The effects of coastline and river changes on anchorages, harbors and habitation patterns: The case of Akko/Acre (Israel) as an example,” with Michal Artzy, Matthieu Giaime and Yossi Salmon (all of University of Haifa); Amani Abu-Hamid (Israel Antiques Authority); Gloria López (CENIEH, Spain); Christophe Morhange (AMU-CEREGE, France); David Kaniewski (Université Paul Sabatier-Toulouse); Paul Bauman (Advisian WorleyParsons); and Anne Killebrew (Pennsylvania State University) that was published in the volume “Under the Mediterranean 1: Studies in Maritime Archaeology,” edited by Stella Demesticha and Lucy Blue (Leiden, The Netherlands, Sidestone Press, pages 267-278).

**Dr. Chuck MacLean**, lecturer of political science, delivered three presentations at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences March 15-19 in Las Vegas: “Police Tactics and Ethical Legalism”; “Capital Punishment, Devolving Standards of Decency, and the Roberts Court” (co-authored with professor Adam Lamparello of the Georgia College and State University); and “Justifiable Self-Defense Principles in the People’s Republic of China and the United States” (co-authored with professor Ye Chengfang of the Beijing Youth Politics College). MacLean also chaired two panels: “Ethnicity and Culture Impact in Court Outcomes” and “Race and Ethnicity as Correlates of Victimization.”
Dr. Nora Mitchell, assistant professor of biology, was one of 278 co-authors on a paper in *Science* titled “Global urban environmental change drives adaptation in white clover.” Together, this team sampled 160 cities worldwide to detect adaptation and evolution of this cosmopolitan plant along urban-rural gradients. Full citation: *Science*, Vol. 375, issue 6586, pages 1275-1281, DOI: 10.1126/science.abk0989. Mitchell also gave an invited presentation, titled “Experimental and macroevolutionary approaches to studying plant hybridization,” on March 21 as part of the University of Georgia’s Department of Plant Biology seminar series.

Dr. Douglas Olson, professor of management and marketing, recently received the 2022 Education Individual Award from the American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA). The award, which was presented during the ACHCA Annual Convocation & Exposition March 23 in New Orleans, recognizes Olson’s impact and excellence in post-acute and aging services leadership.

Shellie Patwell, financial manager in Blugold Central-Bursar’s Unit, has completed the Growth Mindset for Leaders program and earned the Chancellor’s Certificate.

Patti See, academic advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women’s, gender and sexuality studies, had her “Sawdust Stories” column “Breaking Up is Hard to Do” published in the March 18 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram and in the March 21 issue of The Country Today. Her article “What’s So Cool About 1872?” was published in the March 11 issue of Volume One.

Dr. Kaia Simon, assistant professor of English and director of the Writing Program, gave a presentation at the 2022 Conference on College Composition and Communication, held March 9-12. She was part of the panel “Combatting Linguistic Racism: Praxis for Equity and Justice for Multilingual Writers,” which was made up of editors and authors of the book “Linguistic Justice on Campus: Pedagogy and Advocacy for Multilingual Students,” published in 2021 by Multilingual Matters Press.

Dr. Judy René Sims, professor emerita of communication and journalism, had research from her 2003 article “Politicians and media owners in Greek radio: Pluralism as diaploki” (2009 online), cited by Avgustina Zaimi in her May 2021 master’s thesis, “Alternative media in Greece: Diving into the pool of millennials’ attitudes,” Department of Informatics and Media, Uppsala University, Sweden. Sims’ research derived from her 2001 sabbatical, “Struggling toward pluralism: The structure of Greek broadcasting since privatization” (Athens, Greece). The research was supported, in part, by a University Research and Creative Activity Grant from the UW-Eau Claire Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

The university community sends special birthday wishes to Elizabeth “Betty” Stabenow, a 1943 UW-Eau Claire graduate who celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday, March 26. Stabenow, who received the Alumni Association’s Lifetime Excellence Award in 2012, retired in 1992 after teaching at Altoona High School for 30 years. She then served as a volunteer at Sacred Heart Hospital for 20 years. Happy birthday, Betty!
Dr. Kelly Wonder, director of the Ronald E. McNair Program, and Ami Christensen, Intensive English Program coordinator and senior lecturer in languages, had their article “Using Inquiry Notebooks to Assess Critical Thinking and Writing Among Chinese English Language Learners” published in Vol. 9 of Double Helix: A Journal of Critical Thinking and Writing.

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In memoriam

Condolences to the family and friends of Robert Elliott, professor emeritus of physics and astronomy, and planetarium director. Elliott, a member of the UW-Eau Claire faculty from 1965 until his retirement in 1996, passed away March 17. View full obituary.

Condolences to the family and friends of David Hansen, professor emeritus of communication and journalism. Hansen, a member of the UW-Eau Claire faculty from 1977 until his retirement in 2003, passed away March 19. View full obituary.

Condolences to the family and friends of Gerald Jahn, professor emeritus of mathematics. Jahn, a member of the UW-Eau Claire faculty from 1964 until his retirement in 1988, passed away Feb. 17. View full obituary.

In the news

UW-Eau Claire student Zach Caterer was interviewed and Dr. Michael Walsh, assistant professor of materials science and biomedical engineering, was mentioned in the March 18 Volume One article “UW-Eau Claire student shares story of endurance after injury.”

Dr. Selika Ducksworth-Lawton, professor of history, was interviewed for the March 23 WQOW-TV story “Local professor analyzes historic SCOTUS nomination hearings.”

Tyler Edmondson, event production coordinator in Event Services, was interviewed for the March 17 WEAU-TV story “UWEC launching Viennese Ball Beer Tour.”

Mary Hoeft, professor emeritus of French and communication arts, was featured in the March 23 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “UWEC-BC professor emeritus celebrates 50 years of service.”
Dr. Harry Jol, professor of geography and anthropology, was interviewed for the Jan. 21 Associated Press story “U.S. academics use radar to help seek missing in split Cyprus.” The story ran in multiple national and international media outlets.

Dr. Eric Kasper, professor of political science and director of the Menard Center for Constitutional Studies, was quoted in the March 25 NBCLX story “Zelensky’s Rise to Presidency — And How Political Fiction Affects Real Life,” about fictional portrayals of politics and democracy in movies and on television.

UW-Eau Claire student Broc Kelley and Dr. Kurt Wiegel, professor of chemistry and biochemistry, were quoted in the March 20 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “From homeless to med school.”

Dr. J. Brian Mahoney, professor of geology, was quoted in the March 29 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “Regional campuses receive water quality grants totaling nearly $700,000.”

Dr. Justin Patchin, professor of criminal justice and co-director of the Cyberbullying Research Center, was quoted in the article “Instagram Rolls Out Parental Controls,” which was published in the March 16 issue of The Daily Wire.

Chancellor James Schmidt was mentioned in the March 23 Volume One story “Thompson breaks bricks to launch UWEC campus project.”

Dr. Kyle Whipple, assistant professor of education for equity and justice, was quoted in the March 28 Tech & Learning article “Teacher Burnout: Recognizing and Reducing It.”

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New employees, position updates and retirements

Have you recently joined UW-Eau Claire as a faculty or staff member? Moved to a different campus department or unit to start a new position? Recently retired? If so, we welcome your news.

Tyler Bauer has been hired by Learning and Technology Services as the system administrator for high-performance computing at UW-Eau Claire. Tyler had been the lead student employee for the high-performance computing clusters for two years. He will continue to support faculty, staff and students, along with moving our technology and high-performance computing forward.
Student Health Services welcomes two new staff members: **Janelle Larkowski**, medical assistant; and **Shawna Strzok**, medical office assistant.

**Julia Perkins**, who recently moved to Eau Claire from California, is the new academic department associate in the communication and journalism department. Welcome, Julia!

Submit employee updates

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**Campus news and features**

- [Final guest of The Forum season: Nora McInerny on April 19](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire Continuing Education to offer foot and nail clinic this spring](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire receives $133,000 from Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin to train next generation of water scientists](#)
- [Blugolds return from immersion with rescue dogs, new understanding of Latin American culture](#)
- [‘Freedom of Expression and Civil Discourse’ topic of spring event at UW-Eau Claire](#)
- [UW-Eau Claire maintains military-friendly rank for upcoming year](#)
- [ $1 million gift supports Mary L. Hilfiker Scholarship Fund for Rice Lake High School students](#)
- [Continuing Education announces April program offerings](#)

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