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Awards and achievements

Dr. Josh Brown, professor of German and linguistics in the languages department, gave a presentation, titled “Local Immigrant Church Records,” with Angela Hoffman (Uppsala University) as part of the panel “Language Maintenance, Shift and Postvernacularity: Exploring Sources across Time” at the Historical Sociolinguistics Network annual conference, held June 1-3 at the University of Murcia in Spain. The presentation focused primarily on immigrant Swedish church records in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Kansas.

Dr. David Caithamer, senior lecturer in biology at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County, spoke to a fifth-grade class at Rice Lake Middle School May 26 about his experiences as a waterfowl biologist. He accepted the invitation at the request of a student at the school. In addition to explaining the process of capturing and banding waterfowl, Caithamer talked about waterfowl surveys, wetland restoration and potential employers. Prior to teaching at the university, Caithamer was a waterfowl biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) is the first UW-Eau Claire department to achieve gold status and be recognized as a Green Office through the Sustainable Office Certification Program, developed by the Risk Management, Safety and Sustainability
department. The program, which began this spring, was created to help the university reach its strategic goals and become a more sustainable campus. Learn more about the program.

**Dr. Eric Jamelske**, professor of economics and public health and environmental studies, had his opinion piece “It seems to me: Thoughts on inflation and food insecurity” published in the May 26 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram.

**Dr. Thomas King**, professor emeritus of communication sciences and disorders, recently completed two new textbooks: “Add Human: Human Factors & Ergonomics for All of Us” (ISBN 9798496622639) and “Writing With Lightning – Wonder and Magic of Telegraph Codes” (ISBN 9798496668224). These are his 14th and 15th published books, and are available on Amazon and elsewhere. His 16th book is in progress. King also presented two poems in Icelandic, as well as four brief works in tactile, visual and auditory Morse code, at UW-Eau Claire’s 16th annual International Poetry Reading in April. Thomas and his wife, **Debra King**, a retired Continuing Education staff member, both were elected to their second terms on the statewide board of directors of the Wisconsin Writers Association Inc. Debra’s new, unique Wisconsin memoir, “Gravedigger’s Daughter – Growing Up Rural,” will be released in autumn 2022 (ISBN 9781087960029). See photo of Thomas and Debra King, along with **Dr. Kaishan Kong**, associate professor of Chinese, at the International Poetry Reading.

**Dr. Robert Lodge**, associate professor of geology and environmental science, co-authored a book chapter, titled “The Neoarchean, a turning point for geodynamic and magmatic processes within the Superior craton?” with several geoscientists from the Metal Earth project at Laurentian University (Sudbury, Ontario, Canada). The chapter will be published in the Geological Society of America Memoirs volume “Laurentia: Turning Points in the Evolution of a Continent.”

**Dr. Jack Reid**, academic program specialist in the Academic Skills Center, was invited to speak at the “Dylan and the Beats” symposium June 3-5 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Reid will examine topics from his book, “Roadside Americans,” at the event, which celebrates the centenary of Jack Kerouac’s birth and the opening of the new Bob Dylan Center in Tulsa. Those interested can register to watch the symposium online.

**Dr. Charlotte Sortedahl**, professor and chair of the nursing department, had her article “Two Halves of a Greater Whole: The Human Touch of Caring and the Scientific Approach of Evidence-Based Practice” published in the July/August issue of the journal Professional Case Management, Vol. 27, issue 4, pages 205-206.

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**In memoriam**
Condolences to the family and friends of Dr. Jarrod Hyam, associate lecturer in philosophy and religious studies, who passed away Wednesday, May 25, at his parents’ home in Las Vegas, Nevada, after a long illness. Funeral services will be Tuesday, June 7, at Palm Northwest Mortuary in Las Vegas. A GoFundMe page has been established to help with funeral expenses and includes links to an online memorial.

In the news

Dr. Dorothy Chan, assistant professor of English, was featured in the May 16 Read Poetry article “5 Awe-Inspiring AAPI Poets to Read Throughout May and Beyond.”

UW-Eau Claire alumnus Cole Klasi was quoted in the May 30 Los Angeles Times article “What student loan forgiveness would mean to these five borrowers.”

Chip Schneider, head track and field coach, and student-athletes Mitch Stegeman, Sam Verkerke and Marcus Weaver were quoted in the May 29 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “College track and field: UW-Eau Claire men win outdoor national championship.” Schneider and student-athlete Abrahn Schroedl also were interviewed for the May 29 WQOW-TV story “Blugolds return home with another NCAA trophy.”

Patti See, lead advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women’s, gender and sexuality studies, was featured in the May 31 La Crosse Tribune article “Here on Lake Hallie: UW-Eau Claire professor Patti See releases essay collection.”

Dr. Kyle Whipple, assistant professor of education for equity and justice, was quoted in the May 25 AMTE Teaching Math Teaching Podcast “Temple Walkowiak and AMTE Community Circles.”

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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.

Congratulations to the following faculty and staff who recently retired: Dr. Debra K. S. Barker, professor of English and American Indian studies; Dr. Gary Don, professor of music and theatre arts; Chip Eckardt, information technology director, Learning and Technology Services; Mary
Elger-Lonzarich, senior lecturer in biology; Dr. Nancy Hanson-Rasmussen, associate professor of management and marketing; Jane Hauger, clinical instructor in nursing; Dr. Steven Majstorovic, professor of political science; Signe Matson, academic advising manager in the Advising, Retention and Career Center; Sherrie Miles, academic strategic plan project specialist in the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning; Dr. Cheryl Muller, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry; Lori Snyder, senior lecturer in geology; and Christos Theo, professor of art & design.

Congratulations to Emma Dimick, who has joined the Continuing Education department as a program associate.

Congratulations to Vicky Thomas, director of Services for Students with Disabilities, who will be retiring this summer. A celebration has been planned in Vicky’s honor from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, June 17, in the SSD office, Room 2106 of Centennial Hall, near the guide-dog sculpture. All are welcome to celebrate Vicky’s accomplishments and share her dedication of a bench overlooking the river that honors students with disabilities and disability services staff. View invitation.

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**Campus news and features**

- Blugolds win Gilman Scholarships to study abroad this summer
- International student builds language skills and community through esports

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- UW-Eau Claire will offer free at-home COVID test kits at the following locations (one per person, while supplies last): Student Health Service — available to students; ASK Center (Schofield Hall 230) — available to employees; UW-Eau Claire – Barron County — available to students and employees.

Employees are encouraged to get vaccinated and to upload their vaccine documentation (vaccine card, immunization record) through MyUWPortal. Follow the directions on this tip sheet to ensure your profile is updated.

Summer hours updated for U.S. Bank office, Service Center and Blugold Card office
- Summer hours for the U.S. Bank office in Davies Center are **9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday.**
• Summer hours for the Service Center and Blugold Card office are **10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday.**

**Expense reimbursement in fiscal year 2022**
Any expense reports **fully approved by 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 29,** will be included in fiscal year 2022 financials. To be fully approved, an expense report must be approved by the UW System Expense Auditing department ID approver and project approver (if the report is associated with a project ID). Contact the Firstsource Support Team at askcenter@uwec.edu or 715-836-3131, if you have questions or would like assistance with your expense reimbursement report.

**Fiscal year-end deadline reminders**
Fiscal year 2022 ends on **Thursday, June 30.** Please see the [2022 fiscal year-end deadlines page](#) for procurement, accounts payable, university accounting and travel deadlines. Please contact the individual departments if you have additional questions.

**Honors course seeks student collaborators**
HNRS 358, Honors Seminar in Interprofessional Communication, is looking for students to perform as standardized participants during the fall 2022 semester. Please share [this link](#) with students who might be interested.

**Transferology Lab useful for transfer credit equivalencies**
Transferology Lab is a user-friendly website for faculty and staff to view transfer credit equivalencies for UW-Eau Claire coursework. To request access, visit [transferologylab.com](http://transferologylab.com), click on “Log in” and “Request Lab account” or contact Admissions at [admissions@uwec.edu](mailto:admissions@uwec.edu) or 715-836-5415 for additional information.

**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.

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**Professional development**

**Professional Development Conference starts tomorrow!**
The 2022 University Staff Professional Development Conference will be **Wednesday, June 8,** which will be virtual, and **Thursday, June 9,** which will be in person at UW-Eau Claire. [Click here](#) to view the digital brochure. This annual event is open to all UWEC employees, as well as external attendees from other UW System campuses, the Wisconsin Technical College System and many of our community partners. It is designed as a collaborative environment for
networking and ongoing learning opportunities for employees who work outside the classroom. Sessions are selected to promote both professional and personal development for achieving work-life balance through enhanced skills, inspiring innovation/creative thinking and establishing goals to continuously improve the workplace. Visit the Professional Development Conference website for more information, and contact LIST.USC.PRODEV@uwec.edu with questions or suggestions.

Next ‘ASK Us Anything!’ forum is June 15
Student hire process: Are you planning to hire a student anytime soon? The next “ASK Us Anything!” forum will be from 11 a.m.-noon Wednesday, June 15, on Teams and will feature Human Resources coordinators Brittney Hakes and Joanne Huse in a question and answer session about the student hiring process. The Firstsource Support Team of the Administrative Support + Knowledge (ASK) Center is providing virtual discussion forums on topics of interest and is answering your administrative questions. Click here to join the meeting or call 414-435-2332 and enter conference ID 359 373 414#. The forums will be recorded and saved on the ASK Center’s Firstsource + Travel webpage. You are welcome to submit your questions and topics of interest in advance by emailing ASKCenter@uwec.edu.

Register for Learning Technology Development Council’s 2022 Virtual Showcase
Join keynote speakers Merlyna Valentine, an international speaker, author and consultant; Katie Linder, associate vice chancellor for digital strategy and learning at the University of Colorado Denver; and instructors and staff throughout the UW System for the Learning Technology Development Council’s 2022 Virtual Showcase Tuesday and Wednesday, June 21 and 22. This free professional development opportunity will focus on the themes of resourcefulness and resiliency as we design the new normal for teaching and learning. Sessions, panels and keynotes are synchronous online and prerecorded. Register here.

Travel refresher, virtual open house offered
UW System Travel Services is offering two additional virtual travel trainings in an open-house format. You can register for these and review previously recorded webinars by going to UW System travel training webinars page. You can find additional travel and reimbursement information on the UW TravelWise or Canvas travel training sites and in the UW-Eau Claire ASK Center Firstsource + Travel ASK Us Anything! recorded forums. Contact the ASK Center Firstsource Support Team at askcenter@uwec.edu or 715-836-3131 for your travel and reimbursement questions or for assistance.

Administrative Professionals Collaboration Group (APCG) 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. The group also uses Microsoft Teams, a collaboration tool, for communication and resource sharing. Please contact
any of the APCG coordinators, Kelly Austin, Debbie Baier, Nicole Owen or Tonya Simpson, to join the group or to ask questions.

Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) professional development
- Canvas Updates and More sessions (virtual): View sessions.
- Transparent Design Framework workshops (in person and virtual): View workshops.
- Teaching Boost Short-Courses: Want to make a change in your teaching or course but need some flexibility to commit to the process? Our new asynchronous courses are available for your convenience and can be completed in two to four hours anytime during the dates provided. The courses are: Course Revisions to Enhance Learning: July 10-16; Course Redesign — Organization in Canvas: July 17-23; Course Redesign — Accessibility for All: July 24-30; Facilitating Learning Online: Aug. 1-12; and Academic Integrity: Aug. 15-26.
- 2022 Distance Teaching and Learning Conference: Aug. 3-5.

Equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) professional development for faculty and staff
View and register for sessions and groups.
Coming up:
- Inclusive Language (register for one): Thursday, June 16, 2-3:30 p.m.; Wednesday, July 20, 10-11:30 a.m.; Tuesday, Aug. 16, 1-2:30 p.m.
- EDI Reading and Video Clip Dialogue Group: Whiteness, Allyship and Taking Action: Mondays, June 20, 27 and July 11, 1-2 p.m.
- Identity, Privilege and Oppression: Thursday, June 23, 1-3 p.m.
- Reading Group: “Biased: Uncovering the Hidden Prejudice That Shapes What We See, Think and Do”: Tuesdays, July 5, 12 and 19, 10-11 a.m.
- Allow Me to Translate: Monday, July 11, 2-4 p.m.
- At-Risk Mental Health for Faculty and Staff
- Independent film viewing series:
  - “Honor Thy Mother.”
  - “Fast-Forward.”
  - “Gather.”
  - “The Bearded-Lady Project: Challenging the Face of Science.”
  - “Latino Wisconsin.”

Professional development for all faculty and staff
Summer is for Learning! Complete your Growth Mindset for Leaders certificate or get started on your leadership journey. Join us for upcoming courses, including the new flipped-classroom-style UW-Eau Claire courses now offered in an online format with a one-hour, in-person application session.

June and July offerings
Faculty and staff can view and register for all UW-Eau Claire offerings through the workshops website.
June
Policies and Career: Wednesday, June 15, 9-10 a.m. via MS Teams.
Communication, Budget and Working with Others (optional): Wednesday, June 22, 9-10 a.m. via MS Teams.
Ted Talk Tuesday: June 14: How Miscommunication Happens and How to Avoid It.

July
Hire to Retire (application session): Thursday, July 7, 1-2 p.m. via MS Teams.

Growth Mindset for Leaders Learning Camp (week 1):
7 Habits of Highly Effective People: Tuesday, July 19, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.
6 Critical Practices for Leadership: Wednesday, July 20, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.
Leading at the Speed of Trust (optional): Thursday, July 21, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Growth Mindset for Leaders Learning Camp (week 2): (Canvas pre-course with in-person application sessions)
Hire to Retire: Monday, July 25, 1-2 p.m. via MS Teams.
Policies and Careers: Wednesday, July 27, 1-2 p.m. via MS Teams.
Employee Performance Management: Thursday, July 28, 9-10 a.m. via MS Teams.
Communication, Budget and Working with Others: Friday, July 29, 9-10 a.m. via MS Teams.

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Meeting notices

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Awards and achievements

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Dr. Marcela Depiante, associate professor of Spanish in the languages department, and Dr. Adolfo Ausín (Michigan State University) presented a paper, titled “Predication vs. Hyper-Raising in Spanish,” June 3 at the 31st Colloquium on Generative Grammar at the University of the Balearic Islands in Palma de Mallorca, Spain.

B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English, had his “Sawdust Stories” piece “Struggling students hold the answer” published in the June 2 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram.

Dr. Thomas King, professor emeritus of communication sciences and disorders, again is serving on the national Phi Kappa Phi Academic Honor Society Love of Learning Award selection committee. Phi Kappa Phi Love of Learning awards help fund postbaccalaureate professional development for active Phi Kappa Phi members. Awards include, but are not limited to, graduate or professional studies, doctoral dissertations, continuing education, career development and travel related to teaching, research and learning. Phi Kappa Phi distributes
200 Love of Learning awards each year. King was elected to the UW-Madison chapter of Phi Kappa Phi in 1969 and is a life member.

**Dr. Doug Matthews**, professor of psychology, co-authored a paper, titled “Using animal models to identify clinical risk factors in the older population due to alcohol use and misuse,” with current UW-Eau Claire/Mayo Clinic Health System Biomedical Innovator Scholar **Gillian Rossmann**, which was published in the journal *Alcohol*.

**Dr. Dale Taylor**, professor emeritus of music and theatre arts, presented “Critical Race Theory: What Is It — Really?” at the 2022 Academy for Lifelong Learners June 7 in Davies Center at UW-Eau Claire.

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**In the news**

**Angela Blums**, a UW-Eau Claire – Barron County alumna, was featured in the June 4 Rice Lake Chronotype article “**UW-Eau Claire – Barron County Distinguished Alumna for 2022 revealed as Angela Blums.**”

**Tamara Mumm**, outreach program manager in Continuing Education, was quoted in the June 7 WQOW-TV story “**Hundreds embrace education at 34th Academy of Lifelong Learners.**”

**Nicole Rindone**, major events and conferences manager in University Centers, was quoted in the June 1 Volume One article “**Chalk and awe: Chalkfest back in person this July.**”

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**Dr. Justin Patchin**, professor of criminal justice, was interviewed for the June 10 WFAA-TV (Dallas, Texas) story “**How to keep your child safe from cyber bullying.**” Patchin also was quoted
in the June 15 Daily Star (Great Britain) article “Instagram to tell kids to stop scrolling on app with new parental controls on screentime.”

Dr. Geoffrey Peterson, professor and chair of the political science department, was a guest on Wisconsin Public Radio’s “The Morning Show” June 14 to discuss the Jan. 6 hearings. Learn more and listen.

Chancellor James Schmidt was quoted in the June 12 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “CVTC partners with UW System, creates Associate of Arts degree.” The new partnership also was highlighted in the June 14 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram editorial “Our View: Degree deal good for students, schools.”

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Offices, services to be closed July 1
Offices and services on UW-Eau Claire’s Eau Claire and Rice Lake campuses will be closed on Friday, July 1, in addition to the national holiday on Monday, July 4. All 12-month employees have the option to take an extra-long holiday weekend this year. Employees may choose to work remotely or on campus, or take a vacation day on July 1.
Explore Blugold View online
The UW-Eau Claire Foundation, Alumni Association and Integrated Marketing and Communications have created the annual Blugold View online publication to highlight a collection of stories from the past year that feature students, alumni and UW-Eau Claire supporters as a way of sharing campus happenings with our community of Blugolds across the world. Take some time to explore the site, read stories and updates from a record-breaking year on campus and enjoy videos and photos from throughout the year.

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In the news

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**Announcements**

**Faculty to speak about UW System response to public emergencies**
Dr. Thomas Kemp, professor and chair of the UW-Eau Claire economics department, and Dr. Matthew Jewell, associate professor of materials science and biomedical engineering, will present “Implementing the Wisconsin Idea during Crises: Identifying Opportunities for UW System to Respond Effectively to Public Emergencies” from 3:30-5 p.m. tomorrow, **Wednesday, June 29**, in the Clearwater Recital Hall of Pablo Center at the Confluence. Kemp and Jewell will speak about their project involving interviews with leaders and faculty members at UW System comprehensive campuses, representatives and physicians from health systems across the state and leaders from the Wisconsin Hospital Association. They will be joined by Dr. Alvin Ang, professor of economics at Ateneo de Manila University in the Philippines and a visiting research fellow at the Institute for the Study of International Migration at Georgetown University. Ang will discuss migration and the future of work processes during and after COVID-19. For more information, email Dr. Thomas Kemp.

**Search and screen committee nominations due tomorrow for dean of College of Nursing and Health Sciences position**
Provost Patricia Kleine has announced a plan to launch a search to permanently fill the position of dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. This position is currently held by Dr. Sonja Meiers, acting dean and Jane W. and James E. Moore nursing research professor. The planned timeline is for the committee to be formed in early July and the position publicized shortly thereafter. The committee will meet twice virtually during the summer. Review of applicants will begin in late summer/early fall, with interviews taking place in October. The goal will be to appoint the new dean by January 2023. The draft position description is available for review here. The procedures for searches for academic deans can be found here. If you are able to serve, submit your nomination by 5 p.m. tomorrow, **Wednesday, June 29**, as follows: **College of Nursing and Health Sciences faculty and instructional academic staff**, submit nominations to Jane Becker; **administrative/professional academic staff**, submit nominations to Jasmine Case; and **university staff**, submit nominations to usc@uwec.edu.

**‘Healing Reflections’ mural on display through today**
The “Healing Reflections” collaborative mural project, featuring stories and artwork from UW-Eau Claire and Mayo Clinic Health System, is on display until 5 p.m. today in the Flesch Family
Welcome Center. Stop by to explore the mural and visit the [UWEC Healing Reflections](#) webpage to read the stories behind the art.

**Fiscal year 2022 announcements**

- **Fiscal year 2022 expense reimbursement reports due tomorrow.** Expense reports fully approved by 6:30 p.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, June 29, will be included in fiscal year 2022 financials. To be fully approved, an expense report must be approved by the UW System Expense Auditing department ID approver and project approver (if the report is associated with a project ID). Contact the Firstsource Support Team at [askcenter@uwec.edu](mailto:askcenter@uwec.edu) or 715-836-3131, if you have questions or would like assistance with your expense reimbursement report.

- **Fiscal year 2022 ends on Thursday, June 30.** See the [2022 fiscal year-end deadlines page](#) for procurement, accounts payable, university accounting and travel deadlines. Please contact the individual departments if you have additional questions.

**Offices, services to be closed July 1**

Offices and services on UW-Eau Claire’s Eau Claire and Rice Lake campuses will be closed on **Friday, July 1**, in addition to the national holiday on **Monday, July 4**. All 12-month employees have the option to take an extra-long holiday weekend this year. Employees may choose to work remotely or on campus, or take a vacation day on July 1.

**Watch for increased campus traffic during Blugold Experience Days**

The Orientation and Advising teams are on track to host nearly 2,000 students with their families this summer, spread out during nine Blugold Experience Days — July 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25 and 29, and Aug. 1 and 5. All staff on campus are encouraged to visit and engage with families and plan for increased campus traffic to your offices throughout the day. Thanks for making this a welcoming place for our incoming Blugolds!

**Mail Services tips on Amazon orders to campus**

Are you ordering from Amazon to deliver to UW-Eau Claire? If so, please use the following address format:

**UW-Eau Claire**

Attn: Your name and department

651 University Ave.

Eau Claire, WI 54701

Packages have been delivered and dropped off to unattended areas by delivery drivers. Please help prevent package loss by addressing them correctly. Questions? Email [Mail Services](mailto:Mail%20Services) or call 715-836-5489.

**McIntyre Library carpeting project underway**

McIntyre Library is open to the public, with limited access to some first-floor areas where new carpet is being installed. The project is estimated to take two weeks. Questions? Email [library@uwec.edu](mailto:library@uwec.edu).
Explore Blugold View online
The UW-Eau Claire Foundation, Alumni Association and Integrated Marketing and Communications have created the annual Blugold View online publication to highlight a collection of stories from the past year that feature students, alumni and UW-Eau Claire supporters as a way of sharing campus happenings with our community of Blugolds across the world. Take some time to explore the site, read stories and updates from a record-breaking year on campus and enjoy videos and photos from throughout the year.

Recreation and Sport Operations offers summer programs
- **EAC ropes course is open.** UW-Eau Claire’s Environmental Adventure Center has opened the Eagle’s View Challenge Ropes Course to university and community members this summer. Individuals and families are welcome to reserve a two-hour time slot on Saturdays throughout the summer. [Follow this link](#) to reserve your spot, or call 715-836-3616 for more information. See the [June 22 WEAU-TV segment](#) featuring Al Wiberg, assistant director of sport facilities, on the ropes course.
- **Fitness classes offered.** A variety of group exercise classes, which are free with a Blugold ID, will be offered through Thursday, Aug. 18. [Learn more](#).

Honors course seeks student collaborators
HNRS 358, Honors Seminar in Interprofessional Communication, is looking for students to perform as standardized participants during the fall 2022 semester. Please share this link with students who might be interested.

Summer updates on COVID-19 testing, vaccination documentation
Testing services at Hilltop are no longer available. Students may schedule appointments with [Student Health Service](#) for symptomatic testing. Employees should contact their health care providers for testing options. Other COVID-19 testing updates are:
- The White House administration is offering a third round of free COVID test kits. Through this program, eight additional free at-home tests are available to each U.S. household. To order tests, visit the [free at-home COVID-19 tests](#) page.
- UW-Eau Claire will offer free at-home COVID test kits at the following locations (one per person, while supplies last): Student Health Service — available to students; ASK Center (Schofield Hall 230) — available to employees; UW-Eau Claire – Barron County — available to students and employees. Employees are encouraged to get vaccinated and to upload their vaccine documentation (vaccine card, immunization record) through [MyUWPortal](#). Follow the directions on this [tip sheet](#) to ensure your profile is updated.
- 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

Travel refresher, virtual open house offered
UW System Travel Services is offering two additional virtual travel trainings in an open-house format. You can register for these and review previously recorded webinars by going to UW System travel training webinars page. You can find additional travel and reimbursement information on the UW TravelWise or Canvas travel training sites and in the UW-Eau Claire ASK Center Firstsource + Travel ASK Us Anything! recorded forums. Contact the ASK Center Firstsource Support Team at askcenter@uwec.edu or 715-836-3131 for your travel and reimbursement questions or for assistance.

Administrative Professionals Collaboration Group (APCG) supports administrative professionals on campus
The Administrative Professionals Collaboration Group is for administrative professionals on campus (academic department associates, assistants, program 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. The group also uses Microsoft Teams, a collaboration tool, for communication and resource sharing. Please contact any of the APCG coordinators, Kelly Austin, Debbie Baier, Nicole Owen or Tonya Simpson, to join the group or to ask questions.

Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning professional development
- **Transparent Design Framework workshops (in person and virtual):** View workshops.
- **Teaching Boost Short-Courses:** Want to make a change in your teaching or course but need some flexibility to commit to the process? Our new asynchronous courses are available for your convenience and can be completed in two to four hours anytime during the dates provided. The courses are: **Course Revisions to Enhance Learning:** July 10-16; **Course Redesign — Organization in Canvas:** July 17-23; **Course Redesign — Accessibility for All:** July 24-30; **Facilitating Learning Online:** Aug. 1-12; and **Academic Integrity:** Aug. 15-26.
- **2022 Distance Teaching and Learning Conference (virtual):** Aug. 3-5.
- **Canvas Updates and More sessions (virtual):** View sessions.
- **Individual consultations (in person and virtual):** Email cetl@uwec.edu to schedule a virtual or in-person meeting about a teaching and learning question or topic you would like to explore.

Equity, diversity and inclusion professional development for faculty and staff
View and register for sessions and groups.

Coming up:
- **Allow Me to Translate:** Monday, July 11, 2-4 p.m. (in person).
- Inclusive Language (register for one): **Wednesday, July 20, 10-11:30 a.m.;** Tuesday, Aug. 16, 1-2:30 p.m. (virtual).
• **At-Risk Mental Health for Faculty and Staff** (virtual).

• Independent film viewing series (virtual):
  - “Honor Thy Mother.”
  - “Fast-Forward.”
  - “Gather.”
  - “The Bearded-Lady Project: Challenging the Face of Science.”
  - “Latino Wisconsin.”

**LTS Training workshops**

• **Excel Basics**: Monday, July 11, 11-11:50 a.m. (in person).
• **Wix Blog**: Monday, July 11, 2-2:50 p.m. (in person).
• **Excel Master Formulas**: Wednesday, July 13, 11-11:50 a.m. (in person).
• **Qualtrics Basics**: Wednesday, July 13, 2-2:50 p.m. (in person).
• **Qualtrics Intermediate**: Friday, July 15, 11-11:50 a.m. (virtual).
• **Kaltura**: Tuesday, July 19, 11-11:50 a.m. (in person).
• **Excel Pivot Tables**: Tuesday, July 19, 2-2:50 p.m. (in person).
• **Photoshop Basics**: Tuesday, July 26, 11-11:50 a.m. (in person).
• **Illustrator Basics**: Tuesday, July 26, 2-2:50 p.m. (in person).
• **Excel Charts**: Thursday, July 28, 2-2:50 p.m. (in person).

**Professional development for all faculty and staff**

Summer is for Learning! Complete your Growth Mindset for Leaders certificate or get started on your leadership journey. Join us for upcoming courses, including the new flipped-classroom-style UW-Eau Claire courses now offered in an online format with a one-hour, in-person application session.

**July offerings**

Faculty and staff can view and register for all **UW-Eau Claire offerings** through the **workshops website**.

• Hire to Retire (application session): Thursday, July 7, 1-2 p.m. via MS Teams.
• Ted Talk Tuesday: July 12: [3 Rules for Better Work-Life Balance](#).
• Personal development podcast: Thursday, July 21: [Build Your Career with 5 Keys of Emotional Intelligence](#) (air date: Sept. 2, 2021).

**Growth Mindset for Leaders Learning Camp (week 1):**

• 7 Habits of Highly Effective People: Tuesday, July 19, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.
• 6 Critical Practices for Leadership: Wednesday, July 20, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.
• Leading at the Speed of Trust (optional): Thursday, July 21, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.

**Growth Mindset for Leaders Learning Camp (week 2):** (Canvas pre-course with in-person application sessions)

• Hire to Retire: Monday, July 25, 1-2 p.m. via MS Teams.
• Policies and Careers: Wednesday, July 27, 1-2 p.m. via MS Teams.
• Employee Performance Management: Thursday, July 28, 9-10 a.m. via MS Teams.
• Communication, Budget and Working with Others: Friday, July 29, 9-10 a.m. via MS Teams.

Submit professional development item

Meeting notices

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

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Awards and achievements

B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English, received a silver medal in the nonfiction autobiography/memoir category of the 32nd annual Midwest Book Awards for his book “Go West Young Man: A Father and Son Rediscover America on the Oregon Trail.”

Dr. Jennifer Johns-Artisensi, professor and program director for the health care administration program, was elected and sworn in as chair-elect of the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Boards on June 10. Learn more.

Harlie Juedes, assistant director of the Small Business Development Center, has earned the Wisconsin SBDC Network’s 2022 State Star award and will be recognized this fall at the America’s SBDC conference in San Diego. Learn more.

Dr. Doug Matthews, professor of psychology, Blugold Biomedical Innovator Scholars Gillian Rossmann and Quinn Petersilka and students Carolyn Shult, Tia Wieden and Payton Oliver presented a poster, titled “Aged Male Rats Show Increased Motoric Activity to Low-Dose Ethanol Compared to Adult and Adolescent Male Rats,” at the 45th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism, held June 25-29 in Orlando, Florida.

Submit award/achievement item

In the news

Dr. Julie Ackerlund Brandt, a 2007 psychology graduate, was interviewed for the June 24 WEAU-TV story “Eau Claire academy doubles as preschool, one-on-one therapy center for young children with autism.”

Barry Fried, a 1993 marketing graduate, was featured in the June 23 WKBT-TV story “Viterbo AD named NSAA’s 2022 Athletic Director of the Year.”

Melissa Gehring, a 2002 history education graduate, was featured in the June 28 WQOW-TV story “Gehring hired as WIAA assistant director.”

Dr. Adam Kunz, assistant professor of political science, was interviewed for the June 28 WEAU-TV story “Gov. Evers and AG Kaul challenge Wisconsin abortion law.”
Eric Lindquist, a 1983 journalism and political science graduate, was featured in the June 23 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram story “Sawdust Stories: Reporter leaves legacy in our stories,” which was written by B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English. Gary Johnson, content manager in Integrated Marketing and Communications, was quoted in the story.

Dr. Sonja Meiers, acting dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, was quoted in the June 27 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “Professors at UW-EC, Stout talk reproductive health curriculum in wake of Roe decision.”

Dr. Douglas Olson, professor of management and marketing, was quoted in the June 27 Senior Living News article “The Vision 2025 Initiative Adopts New Name as Senior Living and Higher Education Leaders Gathered to Reshape the Aging Services Workforce.”

Autumn Schacherl, a 2017 music graduate, was featured in the June 26 Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette article “‘Love On The Rocks’: Opera in Ozarks schools fans on romance.”

Chancellor James Schmidt and students Katie Murphy and Natalie Johnson were featured in the June 22 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “UW-EC chancellor goes to great lengths to help student.”

Dr. David Shih, professor of English, was a guest on WNYC Radio’s “All of It with Alison Stewart” June 23 to discuss his June19 New York Times guest essay, “How I Became an Asian American.”

Dr. Kyle Whipple, assistant professor of education for equity and justice, was quoted in the June 24 Tech & Learning article “5 Pieces of Advice for New Teachers.”

Al Wiberg, assistant director of sport facilities, was featured in the June 22 WEAU-TV story “New heights! Eagles View ropes course open for summer.”

Submit news item

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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 division of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Student Affairs welcomes several new staff members to campus. Catherine Emmanuelle is the inaugural director of the Center for Racial and Restorative Justice, and Charlie Kernan, Jon Vega, Anthony Wallace and Xia Xiong are new...
coordinators in the Multicultural Student Services office. Please help EDISA welcome our new colleagues.

Welcome to Christine Mattson, the newest team member in Parking and Transportation. Christine serves as a front-desk professional at the first-floor desk of the Flesch Family Welcome Center, where she assists campus visitors with parking and transportation information. Please feel free to stop by and say hello.

Please welcome Jacob Stansberry to campus. Jacob has joined Learning and Technology Services and the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning as the new training coordinator in LTS Training. LTS and CETL staff are excited to have him on board.

Submit employee updates

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Campus news and features

- UW-Eau Claire honor society chapter wins national award
- Blugold alumnus and high-fidelity sound expert back in Eau Claire after 35 years
- First-of-its-kind study ensures penicillin allergy labels in Blugolds’ medical records are accurate

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