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Dr. Rahul Gomes, assistant professor of computer science, and Dr. Papia F. Rozario, lecturer in geography and anthropology, co-authored a paper, titled “A Comprehensive Review of Machine Learning Used to Combat COVID-19,” which was published in the July 31 issue of Diagnostics. In
this paper, Gomes and Rozario, along with nine UW-Eau Claire undergraduate students, explore how machine learning is being used to combat the pandemic and describe spatial distribution of the research. Learn more about the paper.

Ellen Mahaffy, associate professor of communication and journalism, and women’s, gender and sexuality studies, had her artwork, titled “The Triptych, Worn By My Father,” accepted into the Confluence of Art Annual Exhibit, which will run from Sept. 9-Nov. 13 at Pablo Center at the Confluence.

Dr. Nora Mitchell, assistant professor of biology, traveled with four students to present at the Botany 2022 conference July 24-27 in Anchorage, Alaska. Mitchell presented a talk, titled “Minimal Evidence for Contemporary Introgression in Closely Related Sunflowers in Wisconsin,” while the students each presented a poster. Michael Bylander presented “Soil Nutrients Do Not Impact Leaf Investment Strategies in Sunflowers Across the Upper Midwest”; Chloe Meyer presented “Stomatal Size in Populus is Related to Climate and Exhibits Plasticity Across Growing Environments”; Thu Nguyen presented “Temperature Has a Greater Effect on Growth Strategies in Helianthus Than Soil Type”; and Leandra O’Connell presented “Patterns of Hybridization in the Asteraceae Family Detected Through Systematic Review of the Primary Literature.”

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In the news

Catherine Emmanuelle, director of the Center for Racial and Restorative Justice, was featured in the Aug. 1 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “Catherine Emmanuelle named inaugural director of UW-EC’s Center for Racial and Restorative Justice.” Emmanuelle and Olga Diaz, vice chancellor for equity, diversity and inclusion and student affairs, also were interviewed for the Aug. 2 WEAU-TV story “New UWEC director hopes to collaborate with the Eau Claire community.”

Dr. Kim Frodl, medical director of Student Health Service, was quoted in the July 31 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “UW-EC, Mayo join forces in first-of-its-kind penicillin allergy study.”

Dr. Jerry Hoepner, professor of communication sciences and disorders, was quoted in the July 28 Volume One story “Art from aphasia: New chapbook written by poets with aphasia.”

Dr. Cheryl Jiménez Frei, assistant professor of history, and Alexis Linder, a public history graduate student, were quoted in the Aug. 2 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “UW-EC public history students create exhibit in Irvine Welcome Center.”
Dr. Kaishan Kong, associate professor of languages, was featured in the Aug. 2 Hebdenbridge News article “A love for language and culture brought this academic to Malaysia.”

Alfredo Narciso, a UW-Eau Claire alum, was featured in the Aug. 1 Volume One article “This summer, a UWEC theater grad turned (more) famous.”

Dr. Sarah Vitale, assistant professor of geology and environmental science, was quoted in the Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin article “Multidisciplinary water exploration in western Wisconsin,” which highlights an advanced freshwater science field course held in May and June.

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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.

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Staff members in the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) and Learning and Technology Services (LTS) are excited to welcome Kelly Murray as she begins a new position on campus as an instructional design consultant.

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- Fulbright Scholar finds new opportunities, inspiration in Malaysia during summer of research and teaching
- Experienced diversity educator joins UW-Eau Claire, directing Center for Racial and Restorative Justice
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**Health coaching to be offered Aug. 17 on campus**

[Bronson Stelzer](mailto:bronson.stelzer@marshfieldclinic.org), a wellness specialist from Marshfield Clinic, will be available to meet individually with faculty and staff from **11 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17**, in Room 225C of Schofield Hall (enter at the ASK Center) to discuss any of the following topics: health screening results, nutrition, exercise, stress management, weight management, blood pressure, cholesterol or nicotine cessation. **Schedule an appointment online** or by calling 715-221-9175.

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Dr. Dorothy Chan, assistant professor of English, had her third book of poetry, “BABE,” selected as a finalist for this year’s Sheila Margaret Motton Prize from the New England Poetry Club.

B.J. Hollars, associate professor of English, had his “Sawdust Stories” piece “Coaching the way to victory” published in the Aug. 4 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram. Kim Wudi, Blugold volleyball head coach, was quoted in the story.

Dr. Eric Jamelske, professor of economics and director of collaborative research, gave a virtual presentation, titled “The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Market Match Incentive
Program at the Eau Claire Farmers’ Market: Comparing Utilization Before and During the COVID Pandemic Using Data From 2018-2021, Aug. 6 at the hybrid Midwest Economics Research Group Summer Conference, hosted by UW-La Crosse Aug. 4-6.

Dr. aBa Mbirika, associate professor of mathematics, presented a talk, titled “GCD of sums of k consecutive Fibonacci, Lucas, and generalized Fibonacci numbers,” July 28 at the 20th International Conference on Fibonacci Numbers and Their Applications, held July 25-29 in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. The talk was based on a paper written by 2022 UW-Eau Claire graduate Dan Guyer and Mbirika. It has been published in the Journal of Integer Sequences. View a video of Mbirika’s talk.

Jennifer Schmidt and Mika Colson, school psychology graduate students, and Anaka Hanson and Kylie Moker, undergraduate students from the communication sciences and disorders department, along with faculty mentor Dr. Michael Axelrod, professor of psychology and director of the Human Development Center, presented their research at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, held Aug. 4-6 in Minneapolis. The study, titled “Implementation of a Cultural Competency Learning Module Within an Interprofessional Clinical Experience,” received a 2022 Division 16 (school psychology) student poster award.

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- Congratulations to Angela Katterhagen, IT Help Desk specialist at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County, who received the University Staff Council Employee Appreciation Committee’s “Thank a Blugold!” prize for the month of July. She was nominated by Sally Dittloff, senior lecturer in psychology at UW-Eau Claire – Barron County.

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In memoriam
Condolences to Dr. Maria N. DaCosta, professor of economics, whose mother, Maria Júlia da Costa Leite, passed away Aug. 3 in São João da Madeira, Portugal. [View obituary.]

Submit condolence item

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**In the news**

UW-Eau Claire’s recent **Fostering Success** grant was featured in the Aug. 4 WQOW-TV story “[Fostering Success program at UW-Eau Claire, Stout given $70,000 grant.](#)”

UW-Eau Claire students mentored by **Dr. Eric Jamelske**, professor of economics and director of collaborative research, oversee the SNAP Market Match table, which was highlighted in the Aug. 1 WEAU-TV story “[One Eau Claire farmers market program aims to increase access to fresh local food.](#)”

**Joanne Palzkill**, a 1981 accounting graduate, was featured in the Aug. 9 Volume One article “[Recipe for success: Joanne Palzkill (of Draganetti’s) is State Restaurateur of the Year.](#)”

Research by **Dr. Justin Patchin**, professor of criminal justice and co-director of the Cyberbullying Research Center, was featured in the Aug. 8 Scienmag Science Magazine article “[Greater empathy in adolescents helps prevent bias-based cyberbullying](#)” and in numerous other national media stories.

**Chancellor James Schmidt** was featured in the Aug. 3 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram editorial “[Our View: Changes will challenge in Schmidt’s new role.](#)” The piece highlights the chancellor’s role as chair of the NCAA Division III Presidents Council.

**Jodi Thesing-Ritter**, executive director for diversity and inclusion, was quoted in the Aug. 8 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “[Grants awarded to Stout, UW-EC will support students who were in foster care, homeless.](#)”

**Dr. Juan Zhang**, assistant professor of management and marketing, was quoted in the Aug. 5 Nature article “[Drones bearing parcels deliver big carbon savings.](#)”

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**New employees, position updates and retirements**
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Jan Larson, professor and chair of the communication and journalism department, retired on Aug. 5 after more than 30 years at UW-Eau Claire.

Please join us in welcoming Dawit Nerea, a new institutional research analyst with the Office of Institutional Research. Nerea recently graduated from UW-Eau Claire’s online master of science in data science program.

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Campus news and features

- Unique NSF-funded collaborative research underway at UW-Eau Claire
- Helping shape what shaped you: Young alum supports two key programs at UW-Eau Claire
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Sabbatical workshop offered Aug. 22
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Professional development

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Dr. Dorothy Chan, assistant professor of English, has had two new prose poems published in the latest issue of The Gettysburg Review. Both are titled “Designer” and are part of a series in her forthcoming book, “Return of the Chinese Femme,” which will be published by Deep Vellum Books in fall 2023/spring 2024. In the same issue, Christina Pugh reviewed Chan’s “Revenge of the Asian Woman” (Diode Editions, 2019) and her triple sonnets in the article “Big Macs, Machines, and Other Unexpected Guests: American Sonnets in the Recent Twenty-First Century.”

Dr. Kranti Dugar, assistant professor of marketing, Dr. Frances Hawes, assistant professor of health care administration, and Christopher Jones, lecturer in kinesiology, will lead an innovation and ideation session, titled “Application of AAC&U’s Global VALUE Rubric to Afghan Refugee Immersion,” at the Civic Engagement in Global Contexts session of the American Association of Colleges and Universities’ Transforming Global Learning Practice: Time for Action Conference on Global Learning, to be held virtually Oct. 12-14. In addition, UW-Eau Claire student Martin Kocher, an international business major, and Dugar will present “Salton Sea Restoration: A Stakeholder Engagement Model for Sustainable Development” at the same session.

Dr. Jeff Janot, professor and chair of the kinesiology department, and Dr. Nick Beltz, assistant professor of kinesiology, had their textbook, “Laboratory Assessment and Exercise Prescription,” published in July by Human Kinetics Publishers.

Dr. Jennifer Johs-Artisensi, professor and director of the health care administration program, recently had her book, “Quality of Life and Well-Being for Residents in Long-Term Care Communities,” published by Springer. The book lays out, in an easy-to-understand manner, practical, evidence-based practices that can be implemented by a variety of long-term care personnel, to improve quality of life for residents of their care communities.

Dr. David E. Lewis, professor emeritus of chemistry and biochemistry, has been selected as the winner of the 2019 Paul R. Jones Outstanding Paper Award (OPA) for the best paper published in the Bulletin for the History of Chemistry for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019. The paper, “1860-1861: Magic Years in the Development of the Structural Theory of Organic Chemistry,” appeared in Vol. 44, No. 2, pages 77-91 (2019). This makes Lewis the only person to ever win...
the OPA three times. Lewis now will serve as a member of the selection committee for the 2020 and 2021 OPA.

**Dr. Jennifer Muehlenkamp**, professor of psychology, and **Dr. Lisa Quinn-Lee**, professor of social work, had their paper “Effectiveness of a peer-led gatekeeper program: A longitudinal mixed-method analysis” published in the *Journal of American College Health* in March 2021.

**Patti See**, lead advisor in the Advising, Retention and Career Center/senior lecturer in women’s, gender and sexuality studies, had her “Sawdust Stories” story “Go ahead, have a couple” published in the Aug. 11 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram.

**Bruce Taylor**, professor emeritus of English, was selected as a finalist in the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters’ 2022 Fiction & Poetry Contest for his poem “Full Disclosure.”

Submit award/achievement item

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### In memoriam

Condolences to the family and friends of Dr. James Egan, professor emeritus of economics, who passed away Aug. 9 in Eau Claire. Egan served on the UW-Eau Claire faculty from 1970 until his retirement in 1997. [View obituary](#).

Condolences to Dr. Sara Monahan, visiting assistant professor of English, whose father, John T. Monahan, passed away Aug. 8 in Raritan Township, New Jersey. [View obituary](#).

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### In the news

**Dr. Randal Dickerson**, professor of music and director of the Blugold Marching Band, was interviewed for the Aug. 10 WQOW-TV story “The Blugold Marching Band is returning to town.”

**Brian Drollinger**, director of risk management, safety and sustainability, was interviewed for the Aug. 15 WEAU-TV story “UW-Eau Claire prepares for the upcoming school year.”

**Paula Gilbeck**, interim communications director in the Chancellor’s Office, was interviewed for the Aug. 11 WEAU-TV story “Business Leaders: Economy starts with workers.”
Katy Macek, a 2015 journalism graduate, was featured in the Aug. 11 Fond du Lac Reporter article “Fond du Lac Reporter names Oshkosh Northwestern’s Katy Macek as new editor.”

The Midwest Artist Academy at UW-Eau Claire was highlighted in the Aug. 12 Volume One column “Reclaiming the art inside you.”

Dr. Geoffrey Peterson, professor and chair of the political science department, was interviewed for the Aug. 10 WQOW-TV story “Political science professor talks surprises from primary results.”

Chancellor James Schmidt was quoted in the Aug. 11 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “Reeling them in,” the Aug. 16 WQOW-TV story “Can’t pay for college? Help is on the way for low-income UW System students” and the Aug. 16 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “UW System president visits to tout Wisconsin Tuition Promise.”

Jeffrey Schott, a 1997 criminal justice graduate, was featured in the Aug. 13 Spectrum News 1 article “City of La Crosse Police and Fire Commission selects new fire chief.”

Jodi Thesing-Ritter, executive director for diversity and inclusion, was interviewed for the Aug. 10 WEAU-TV story “UW-Eau Claire and UW-Stout receive $70,000 grant.”

Dr. Ryan Weichelt, professor of geography, was quoted in the Aug. 11 PBS Wisconsin article “How nationalized politics shape the vote in Wisconsin’s 3rd Congressional District” and the Aug. 15 Fairfield Sun Times article “Voting laws trial begins by zeroing in on how new regs affect Native Americans.”

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**New employees, position updates and retirements**

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‘Fenced Waves’ exhibit opens Sept. 9 in Foster Gallery
The Foster Gallery, located in the Haas Fine Arts Center, will present “Fenced Waves,” an exhibition featuring socially engaged interdisciplinary artists Sherrill Roland and Antoine Williams, from **Sept. 9-Oct. 7**. Roland and Williams investigate cultural identity by exploring power, migration and parameters as well as the complexities of liminal spaces of existence in contemporary Black life. Please join us from **6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8**, as we welcome the artists to campus, listen to their artist talks and attend the opening reception.

University travel updates
Adding personal days to business travel? Prefer to drive rather than fly? The university will only pay for costs associated with university-sponsored travel and for the most cost-effective mode of transportation. Visit the UW System Travel [combining business and personal travel](http://combining-business-and-personal-travel) page to determine what is needed if you are adding personal travel to university business. Visit the [determining the appropriate mode of transportation](http://determining-the-appropriate-mode-of-transportation) page for points to consider when choosing your mode of transportation. A cost comparison must be done at the time of booking and then
included with your travel expense report or PT card log. Contact the Firstsource Support Team of the ASK Center at askcenter@uwec.edu or 715-836-3131 if you have questions or would like assistance.

**Daily planners available through Printing Services**
Printing Services is offering several different options this year for daily planners. Large and small planners are available, as well as those with fillable dates or with dates and time slots already printed. Planners are $15, $10 or $8, depending on the type, and will be printed to order. Email printingservices@uwec.edu with questions and/or orders.

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Professional development

Brush up on the library Aug. 31
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John Hildebrand, professor emeritus of English, has had his most recent book, “Long Way Round: Through the Heartland by River,” issued in paperback by the University of Wisconsin Press.
Dr. Lauren Likkel, professor emeritus of physics and astronomy, had her article “Saturn graces the evening sky again” published in the Aug. 19 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram.

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In the news

Dr. Debra K. S. Barker, professor emerita of American Indian Studies and English, was interviewed July 28 on the Canadian nationally televised program “Your Morning Canada.” During her interview with host Anne-Marie Mediwake, Barker was asked to comment on Pope Francis’ Canadian visit, as well as his apology for the role of the Catholic Church in its management of Canadian Indigenous residential schools. Barker’s mother was a 1950s survivor of the St. Francis Indian Boarding School on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota.

Sarah Beer, assistant archivist in McIntyre Library, was quoted in the Aug. 23 Eau Claire Leader-Telegram article “Evers visits EC, touts plans to spend $1.2 billion in surplus revenue” and appeared in the video portion of the Aug. 23 WQOW-TV story “Evers announces plan to help working families fight inflation using budget surplus.”

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Kristin Schumacher, director of University Centers, was interviewed for the Aug. 22 WEAU-TV story “UWEC introduces robots to campus” and the Aug. 22 WQOW-TV story “Robots to deliver food to UWEC students.”

Dr. Jennifer Smith, assistant professor of biology, had her research featured this month in Episode 30: “Privilege & Inequality in Animals” of the podcast “The Shape of the World.” The conversation explored the implications of Smith’s recent article “The nature of privilege: intergenerational wealth in animal societies,” which was published in Behavioral Ecology and covered in various media outlets, including The New York Times.

Dr. Linda Young, dean emerita of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, was quoted in the article “Lack of nurse educators fuels Wisconsin’s nursing shortage,” which was published in the Aug. 23 edition of The Cap Times.

Dr. Juan Zhan, assistant professor of management and marketing, was quoted in the Aug. 23 JDA Journal article “Good, green news about UASs.”

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**Dr. Won Jang**, professor of communication and journalism, has received a position as a nonresident scholar at the Sigur Center for Asian Studies at the Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University, effective Aug. 22, 2022–Aug. 22, 2023. He plans to pursue his research project, “Territorial Disputes, Nationalism and Propaganda in East Asian Countries.”

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## Announcements

### Consider volunteering for Blugold Welcome Week

The Blugold Welcome Committee is coordinating more than 20 different events across campus from **Aug. 31-Sept. 11**, and they need your help to make them successful. Please check out the entire Blugold Welcome schedule. If you’d like to volunteer for an event, please sign up here. A member of the Blugold Welcome team will contact you in advance to finalize details, and you’ll receive an automatic reminder two days before the event. Thank you!

### Faculty, staff invited to Welcome Picnic

Multicultural Student Services and the Alumni of Color Network invite all faculty and staff to their Welcome Picnic from **11 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8**, on the Chippewa Lounge along the river. Questions? Contact Cheri Snobl.
University Honors seeks holistic reviewers
The University Honors Program is looking for faculty and staff to be part of our nationally recognized holistic review process. Through this rewarding service opportunity, reviewers evaluate applications to identify high-ability prospective students whose potential may not be visible in their test scores or class rank. Holistic review plays an important role in recruitment and EDI efforts in Honors. Reviewers read about 15-20 applications per month, October-February. For more information, contact Heather Fielding.

Interested in external grants?
If you are interested in applying for a grant through an external agency or want to learn more about grant opportunities, please contact the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs early in the process. ORSP can assist with budgets, proposal feedback, administrative signatures for submission and more. Email orsp@uwec.edu for more information.

Brush up on the library Aug. 31
Prepare for a new academic year by attending a quick webinar about using McIntyre Library’s resources and services. Tomorrow, Wednesday, Aug. 31, from 10-10:50 a.m., library staff members will demonstrate ways to access essential resources and place requests, respond to questions and connect faculty and staff with their library liaison. Log in to the webinar via Zoom.

Help support study abroad and request a classroom speaker!
The Center for International Education has trained interns to give five- to seven-minute presentations about study abroad. To request a speaker, please fill out this form and CIE will confirm your request within five business days.

BluBox reminders
Last fall UW-Eau Claire launched the BluBox reusable food container program for dining at Davies Center or picking up meals to go in Riverview Café. Don’t forget to bring your token with you as you return to campus. This program was developed in alignment with UW-Eau Claire’s sustainability goals, is easy to use and makes a significant impact on waste reduction on campus. Visit the BluBox webpage for additional program information.

‘Fenced Waves’ exhibit opens Sept. 9 in Foster Gallery
The Foster Gallery, located in the Haas Fine Arts Center, will present “Fenced Waves,” an exhibition featuring socially engaged interdisciplinary artists Sherrill Roland and Antoine Williams, from Sept. 9-Oct. 7. Roland and Williams investigate cultural identity by exploring power, migration and parameters as well as the complexities of liminal spaces of existence in contemporary Black life. Please join us from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, as we welcome the artists to campus, listen to their artist talks and attend the opening reception.

University travel updates
Adding personal days to business travel? Prefer to drive rather than fly? The university will only pay for costs associated with university-sponsored travel and for the most cost-effective mode of transportation. Visit the UW System Travel combining business and personal travel page to determine what is needed if you are adding personal travel to university business. Visit the determining the appropriate mode of transportation page for points to consider when choosing your mode of transportation. A cost comparison must be done at the time of booking and then included with your travel expense report or PT card log. Contact the Firstsource Support Team of the ASK Center at askcenter@uwec.edu or 715-836-3131 if you have questions or would like assistance.

**Daily planners available through Printing Services**
Printing Services is offering several different options this year for daily planners. Large and small planners are available, as well as those with fillable dates or with dates and time slots already printed. Planners are $15, $10 or $8, depending on the type, and will be printed to order. Email printingservices@uwec.edu with questions and/or orders.

**Center for Academic Preparation has openings for fall semester**
UW-Eau Claire’s Center for Academic Preparation (CAP) has limited openings for fall semester. Children ages 6 months to 6 years (pre-K) are eligible to attend the hourlong program Monday-Thursday, one to four mornings per week. The CAP program, offered at no charge to families, prepares typical and atypical learners for preschool and kindergarten. Questions? Contact Dr. Kevin Klatt at klattkp@uwec.edu or 715-579-9998. Learn more.

**Sponsor a care package for a first-year student**
The Campus Ambassadors lead an annual fundraiser, creating and delivering welcome kits (a bin full of snacks) to Blugold students in the residence halls at the start of the fall semester. If you’re interested in sponsoring one or more welcome kits to be delivered to students, you may order a welcome kit online or send a cash/check payment of $25 per welcome kit to Sarah Tweedale at Welcome Center 215. Reach out to Maggie Meyers at hallmm@uwec.edu for any other questions. Thank you for helping support the Campus Ambassadors’ fundraiser and for sending a special gift to help show students they belong here at UW-Eau Claire!

**Calling all makers!**
The Blugold Makerspace in McIntyre Library is available by appointment. All UW-Eau Claire students, staff and faculty are welcome to tour the space and try out its tools and materials by setting up a consultation using the online form. The Makerspace is located in Room 109 on the library’s lower level.

**COVID-19 updates and information**
Feeling sick? Please stay home. Following are COVID-19 testing details and other resources:

- The White House administration is offering each U.S. household eight free at-home tests. To order tests, visit the free at-home COVID-19 tests page.
- UW-Eau Claire has a limited supply of free at-home COVID test kits. For locations, visit the testing protocols page.
Information about testing, vaccination, masking and the impact of COVID-19 on the campus and community continues to be maintained on the COVID-19 Updates page.

Professional development

Navigate training available for faculty and staff
Navigate is a platform that allows for coordinated student support. Open office hours are available for faculty and staff seeking to learn more about using the tools in Navigate, such as notifications, appointment scheduling and campaigns, as well as addressing troubleshooting or usage questions. Virtual office hours are offered from 1-2 p.m. Mondays. In-person hours are available from 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays and Thursdays in VLL 2110. Sign up for virtual or in-person office hours. Questions? Contact Trudy Bement.

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 one of the following APCG coordinators to join the group or to ask questions: Nicole Owen, Kristi Bergstrom, Candis Sessions or Tonya Simpson.

Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning professional development
- **How to Use the New SSD Software, for faculty (in person):** Register for one of the following: Tuesday, Aug. 30, 1-2 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 31, 10-11 a.m. or Thursday, Sept. 1, 2-3 p.m.
- **Fall Midterm Student Evaluations:** Request either a virtual or in-person evaluation from Oct. 10-28. Learn more.
- **‘White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism’ Reading Group Series (virtual):** Tuesdays, Oct. 11, 18 and 25, and Nov. 1, 1-1:50 p.m.
- **Transparent Design Framework workshops (in person and virtual):** View workshops.

Equity, diversity and inclusion professional development for faculty and staff
View and register for sessions and groups.
Available through August:
- **At-Risk Mental Health for Faculty and Staff** (virtual).
- Independent film viewing series (virtual):
  - “Honor Thy Mother.”
September/October learning opportunities for all employees

- **Policies and Career (application session):** Tuesday, Sept. 20, 1-2 p.m. via MS Teams.
- **Communication, Budget and Working with Others** (optional application session): Monday, Sept. 26, 9-10 a.m. via MS Teams.
- **7 Habits of Highly Effective People:** Tuesdays, Oct. 4, Oct. 11 and Oct. 18, 9 a.m.-noon via Zoom.
- **Hire to Retire (application session):** Friday, Oct. 7, 10-11 a.m. via MS Teams.
- **Employee Performance Management (application session):** Wednesday, Oct. 19, 1-2 p.m. via MS Teams.
- [View all upcoming workshops](#).

**Ted Talk Tuesdays:**

- Sept. 13: The Importance of Using Inclusive Language.
- Oct. 18: How to Avoid Catching Prickly Emotions From Other People.

**Personal Development Podcasts:**


Submit professional development item

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**Meeting notices**

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

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**Blugold FYI archive**

*Blugold FYI compiles many bits of information and announcements about the business of working at UW-Eau Claire into one single email for your convenience. Reply to give us your feedback, or [head to the form](#) to submit items for a future issue.*