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Commencement

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University Seal and Mission

COUNCIL OAK

The Council Oak stands as a symbol of UW-Eau Claire’s commitment to serving as a place of meeting and exchange. The symbolism originated with the first Council Oak, a majestic tree that stood where the Ojibwe and Dakota nations as well as other nations, including the Ho-Chunk, Menominee and Potawatomi, met to share knowledge and discuss peaceful resolutions to their differences. The current Council Oak was planted and dedicated in 1990 by elders from the Ojibwe and Ho-Chunk nations after the original Council Oak, which had been damaged by lightning in 1966, fell in a windstorm in 1987. The Council Oak remains a sacred place and is recognized by UW-Eau Claire as a symbol of the ancestral and sacred lands of Indigenous Peoples, past and present. We acknowledge that the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire occupies the sacred and ancestral lands of Indigenous Peoples. We honor the land of the Ojibwe and Dakota Nations.

OUR MARK OF EXCELLENCE

The University Seal made its entrance into the life of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in 1966, and today it remains the official symbol of the university and the values it upholds. The seal prominently features the Council Oak tree and the word “Excellence.”



MISSION STATEMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

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

Letter from Chancellor Schmidt

DEAR BLUGOLD GRADUATES,

Congratulations and welcome to this magnificent facility on one of my favorite days of the year – commencement day. Today is a momentous and nostalgic moment for you. In just a few short years, you have grown from anxious first-year students to become an integral part of our vibrant learning community by challenging yourselves to uphold the excellence of our university motto.



Graduates, you have seen and been a part of so much of what makes UW-Eau Claire special. Many of you were among the thousands of undergraduates who proudly displayed your student-faculty research when our campus welcomed the 2023 National Conference on Undergraduate Research. You witnessed the opening of The Sonnentag, the world-class facility that we are in today that you helped support. And you have watched daily on your trek to class as the state-of-the-art Science and Health Sciences Building has risen along Garfield Avenue. You have witnessed chapters in the UW-Eau Claire story take shape.

As you prepare to join more than 100,000 Blugold alumni around the world, we thank you for participating in our Vision 2030 planning process which will help position UW-Eau Claire as a model for comprehensive public education and a premier institution in our region and beyond.

Just as this commencement is a poignant moment for you, graduates, it also is bittersweet for me as my time as your chancellor draws to a close. In July, I begin the next chapter in my career. After 12 years at UW-Eau Claire, today is the final time I will preside over a Blugold commencement, and the last time I will encourage our graduates to find their joy, be audacious and show gratitude on the wonderful journey that is about to begin.

Once a Blugold, Always a Blugold.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James C. Schmidt". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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

Commencement Program

May 17, 2025 • James C. Schmidt, Chancellor, Presiding

9 A.M. CEREMONY

College of Arts and Sciences

College of Nursing

1 P.M. CEREMONY

College of Business

College of Health and Human Sciences

GREETINGS

Kelly Murray, Commencement Marshal, Chair, University Senate

PROCESSIONAL

Robert Baca, Professor, trumpet

Jacob Grewe, Lecturer, tuba

Alexander Henton, Associate Lecturer, horn

Matthew Mealey, Alumnus ‘99, trumpet

Phil Ostrander, Professor, trombone

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Led by Gracie Hutchinson, B.M., Music, Applied Voice (9 a.m.)

Led by Alexcia Veta Johnson, B.A., Theatre Arts, Musical Theatre (1 p.m.)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Michael Carney, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

Samantha Consiglio, Student Body President (9 a.m.)

Karen Walsh, Regent, Universities of Wisconsin

James C. Schmidt, Chancellor

INTRODUCTION OF ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS

Michael Carney, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

CHARGE TO THE CLASS

John Noltner, Alumnus ’90, Professional Photographer

PRESENTATION AND CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

Mary F. Hoffman, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies

Kristen Abbott-Anderson, Dean, College of Nursing (9 a.m.)

Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences (9 a.m.)

Lisa Jepsen, Dean, College of Business (1 p.m.)

Carmen Manning, Dean, College of Health and Human Sciences (1 p.m.)

James C. Schmidt, Chancellor

ROTC OATH OF OFFICE (1 p.m.)

Lt. Col. James Schmitz, Wisconsin Army National Guard

BLUGOLD REFLECTIONS

“Keep Your Head Up, Champ” — Matthew Jameson Lehner, B.A. (9 a.m.)

“What’s Your Name” — Zach Jacobson, B.A. (1 p.m.)

UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER

Led by John Dorschner, B.M., Music, Applied Voice (9 a.m.)

Led by Phoebe Miller Wolf, B.B.A., Management, Human Resource (1 p.m.)

RECESSIONAL

Degree Interpretations and Regalia

ACADEMIC DISTINCTION

- * cum laude (minimum GPA of 3.2)
- ** magna cum laude (minimum GPA of 3.5)
- *** summa cum laude (minimum GPA of 3.8)

Graduation with distinction is conferred on undergraduates who are earning a first or second baccalaureate degree and who have a grade point average of 3.2 or higher.

HONORS PROGRAMS

- † Mark Stephen Cosby Honors graduates
- ‡ Departmental Honors graduates

The Mark Stephen Cosby Honors College offers high-value experiences and a supportive learning community, enabling high-achieving students to integrate specially themed courses, interdisciplinary seminars, experiential learning opportunities, research, and leadership. Graduating with university honors requires a student to complete the 26-credit curriculum and earn a resident and cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Departmental honors offer a path for students to deepen and expand their learning experience through honors-level work within their department or major.

DEGREE INTERPRETATIONS

D.N.P. Doctor of Nursing Practice

Ed.S. Specialist in Education

M.A. Master of Arts

M.B.A. Master of Business
Administration

M.E.P.D. Master of Education
in Professional Development

M.S. Master of Science

M.S.E. Master of Science
in Education

M.S.N. Master of Science in Nursing

B.A. Bachelor of Arts

B.B.A. Bachelor of Business
Administration

B.F.A. Bachelor of Fine Arts

B.L.S. Bachelor of Liberal Studies

B.M. Bachelor of Music

B.M.E. Bachelor of Music Education

B.S. Bachelor of Science

B.S.E.P.H. Bachelor of Science in
Environmental Public Health

B.S.N. Bachelor of Science in Nursing

B.S.W. Bachelor of Social Work

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Candidates for doctoral degrees wear black tams, black gowns with bell-shaped sleeves and velvet bands on the arm, and hoods that are trimmed with the colors of the institution and the color of the degree achieved.

Candidates for master’s degrees wear black mortarboards, black gowns with oblong sleeves, and hoods that are trimmed with the colors of the institution and the color of the degree achieved.

Candidates for bachelor’s degrees wear blue mortarboards and blue gowns with square sleeves.

Additional information on academic regalia, cords, stoles, hoods and medals can be found on the commencement webpage.

Candidates for Degrees

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

SPECIALIST IN EDUCATION

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM ADVISOR:
Mary Beth Tusing, Ph.D.

Courtney Lynn Claeys
Ed.S., School Psychology

Miranda Jeanne Barger Golz
Ed.S., School Psychology

Angela Nicole Greco
Ed.S., School Psychology

Jin Ying Heng
Ed.S., School Psychology

Haley Kautzer
Ed.S., School Psychology

Emma Ann Shortreed
Ed.S., School Psychology

Matthew Jeffrey Stoddard
Ed.S., School Psychology

Rachel Marie-Noll Swatloski
Ed.S., School Psychology

Morgan Rae Torkelson
Ed.S., School Psychology

Megan Ann Underwood
Ed.S., School Psychology

Karlie Rae Volk
Ed.S., School Psychology

Krista Lynn Young
Ed.S., School Psychology

MASTER’S DEGREES

HISTORY PROGRAM ADVISOR:
Patricia Turner, Ph.D.

DATA SCIENCE PROGRAM ADVISOR:
Alex Smith, Ph.D..

Kathryn Douglass
M.S., Data Science

Gabriel Greenberg
M.S., Data Science

Alexis Rose Linder
M.A., History (Public History)

Michael John Marthaler Jr.
M.S., Data Science

Arthur Osakwe
M.S., Data Science

Nalini Uppu
M.S., Data Science

Jeffery Earl Watson
M.S., Data Science

BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Valentina Aceto *
B.A., Psychology

Elise Kathryn Adair **
B.A., Psychology

Nicholas Todd Adams ** †
B.S., Music

Lauryn Marie Keprios Ahlm *
B.S., Biomedical Engineering

Sherlyn Alam
B.S., Neuroscience

Katherine Ann Albers
B.A., Psychology

Eliot N Algrem ***
B.A., Latin American and Latinx Studies

Claire Anderson **
B.A., English

Kierstyn Brooke Anglemyer
B.F.A., Art

Requel M Anglemyer *** †
B.A., English

Micah James Arellano
B.S., Biology

Kassandra Leigh Bargender *
B.S., Biochemistry / Molecular Biology

Quinn Kersyn Bauman **
B.S., Biology

Savanna Louise Bauman **
B.A., Psychology

Christopher Robert Beadles
B.S., Biology

Mei L Bean
B.A., Sociology

Matthew David Beatrez
B.S., Geology

Ally Beckman *
B.A., Political Science

Mary Alys Bednarek
B.A., Art

Carter Michael Bement *
B.S., Computer Science

Samuel John Benson
B.A., Criminal Justice

Maia Lee Bergan ** †
B.S., Biology

Andrew James Bergquist
B.S., Mathematics

Dylan Thomas Berry *** ‡ †
B.S., Biomedical Engineering

Gabrielle A Best ***
B.S., Psychology

Owen Beumler *** †
B.S., Chemistry

Haley Kariana Blagdon *
B.S., Neuroscience

Catherine Marie Blair *
B.S., Geology

Madeline Half-Sky Blong **
B.A., Mathematics

Corey James Boerner *** †
B.S., Mathematics

Lauren Lee Bolander
B.A., Art

Quinlan James Bonnett *
B.S., Political Science and Philosophy

Ivy Bonneville **
B.S., Psychology

Shaylee Ann Boos *
B.S., Psychology

Caitlyn Emma Marie Borck **
B.A., Psychology

Elise T Bormann **
B.S., Mathematics

Mitchell Borrowman *
B.A., Criminal Justice

Sharon Marie Bowe
B.S., Biology

Patrick Ryan Boyle
B.S., Biology

Grant M Bradley
B.S., Geography

Jacquelyn Olivia Bradley
B.S., Chemistry

Elyse Evelyn Braun *
B.A., Journalism

Jamie Breeden *
B.F.A., Art

Tanner A Buck **
B.S., Biology

David D Bulin
B.S., Computer Science

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Victoria Sandra Carlsten *** †

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Alexis Reva Casares **

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Andrew A Casper

B.S., Geology

Michael John Casper **

B.S., Biochemistry / Molecular Biology

Hope J Certa-Werner **

B.S., Biology

Joseph Alan Charles

B.S., Computer Science

Yi Yang Chen

B.S., Computer Science

Zhixuan Chen

B.S., Materials Science

Oriana Catherine

Cheney *** †

B.M., Music

Hanna Marie Childs ** †

B.S., Biomedical Engineering

Max Chitwood

B.S., Computer Science

Ryan Patrick Chmelik **

B.M., Music

Kylee Jo Choate *

B.S.E.P.H., Environmental Public Health

Sara Marie Chojnacki

B.A., Communication

Austin Lee Christianson

B.S., Biomedical Engineering

Molly K Cich **

B.A., Art

Paris Rose Conkey ***

B.S., Art

Samantha Martina

Consiglio ** ‡ †

B.S., Geography

Ellen Rose Cooley

B.A., Criminal Justice

Brandy M Corwin *** †

B.S., Bioinformatics

Eric Cotton ***

B.S., Biomedical Engineering

Evan S Coursin *** ‡ †

B.S., Materials Science and Engineering

Mallory Jane Cowan *

B.S., Biology

Matt Aaron Craig **

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Matthew Joseph Craker ** ‡

B.A., History

Logan Davis Crapser

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Emily Nicole Crkvenac

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Olivia Mae Crowley *

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Margaret Jennifer Darling *

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Noelle M Davis

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Colton John Dechant *** ‡

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Karisa Marie Denig ** †

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Erkang Li

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Yuxin Li

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Isaac Henry Lindstrom ***

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Carl David Lundgren ** ‡

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Huijie Lv

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Jiankang Ma

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Qinglin Ma *

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McKenzie Michelle Mack *

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Madison Mary Magnani *

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Andrés Sylvester Mallea

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Luke Samuel Fennie Mandli *

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Tarja Dorene Manninen *

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Kaitlyn Anne Mapes

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Kylie Noelle Mayer *

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McKenzie Leigh Mayo ***

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Katherine Emma McCallum ** ‡

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Mary McCann

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Ian M McCullough

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Matthias McDermott * †**

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Joel Robert McGrane

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Aidan M W McNall *

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Kukluck R Moua **

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Maiah Lee Muelken **

B.S., Psychology

Katelyn Elizabeth Muszalski *** †

B.A., Psychology and Criminal Justice

Christine Marie Myhre ***

B.A., Psychology

Justin John Narveson

B.A., Journalism

Monica Therese Nehls *

B.A., Communication and Psychology

Brennan Nelson ***

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Alumni Award Winners

Eight alumni and friends of the university were honored with awards from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Alumni Association on Friday, May 16.

ALUMNI DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Alumni Distinguished Achievement Award recognizes distinguished service to the community, state or nation in a manner that brings credit upon the award recipient and UW-Eau Claire.

JOHN KINVILLE '03

Bachelor’s in social studies

With the many lives that a high school teacher influences over a career, it can be difficult to quantify the total impact of a life’s work.

For Chippewa Falls Senior High School social studies teacher and UW-Eau Claire graduate John Kinville, the evidence paints a clear picture.



- Voted Teacher of the Year by the student body 15 times.
- Honored four times by Chippewa Falls Chamber of Commerce as the district’s Most Influential Teacher.
- Honored by Herb Kohl Foundation as an Influential Educator.

Outside of the classroom, Kinville has published two books focused on Chippewa Falls history and founded Flags 4 the Fallen, a nonprofit educational organization to help students identify, research and honor fallen soldiers from the community. He received the 2025 American Red Cross Heroes Award for his work with students and soldiers.

Chippewa Falls High School principal Donna Goodman says Kinville deserves this alumni recognition for being so much more than an excellent teacher.

“John Kinville is not just a teacher — he is a mentor, a guide, an inspiration to everyone around him,” Goodman says. “His unwavering commitment to educational excellence and his innovative approach to teaching make him an invaluable asset to our district.”

Kinville admits to possessing a fortitude that has led to an abundance of passion and success in an ever-changing and challenging field.

“I am most proud of all the times that my students have known they can come to me for help or for someone to listen to them,” Kinville says. “My internal fire for doing this work has yet to waiver.”

Advice to graduates

“The most common road sign in the world is the red octagon stop sign. Don’t be too easily convinced to stop. If you have a good idea, hit the gas and methodically go for it.”

MICHAEL LEMAY '05
Bachelor's in computer science

When Michael LeMay began taking computer science courses at UW-Eau Claire, he was just 15 years old, and the word prodigy was not used lightly by faculty like Dr. Jack Tan.



“Of the thousands of students I’ve worked with in computer science, Michael stands out as second to none,” says Tan, professor emeritus of computer science. “It was clear to me when we met in 2000 that he was indeed a prodigy, and he remains a star at the forefront of cybersecurity.”

Today, LeMay is a senior staff research scientist at Intel Labs in Hillsboro, Oregon. After graduating from UW-Eau Claire as the department’s Outstanding Senior in Computer Science in 2005, he went on to earn a master’s degree and Ph.D. in computer science from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He is a prolific inventor, author and speaker in the world of cybersecurity.

LeMay got his start inventing at UW-Eau Claire, collaborating on research with faculty. He has been granted 92 U.S. patents, the first of which in 2010 came for his student collaboration with Tan. Hardware and software security architectures influenced by his research are deployed in a large proportion of computer systems in use today.

Tan describes LeMay’s success as not only based on supreme talent, but also on his generosity of spirit.

“Michael’s humility and his willingness to help anyone has always earned him the respect of his peers,” Tan says. “His involvement in community initiatives and events showcases his commitment to service, along with his commitment to excellence.”

LeMay says he’s deeply grateful for the early opportunities he had at UW-Eau Claire, from research to conference presentations to peer-reviewed paper submissions.

“The mentoring I received in the computer science department was pivotal in launching my career,” LeMay says. “The opportunities UWEC provided developed my fundamental research skills and the inspiration to pursue a research career.”

Advice to graduates

“Inventing is a mix of observation, collaboration and contemplation. Leave yourself space to think deeply. Be intentional about noticing friction points, turn them over in your mind. Creative solutions can bubble up later in unconscious thoughts.”

BARBARA LOHSE '79

Bachelor's in biology

Dr. Barbara Lohse is a professor of health sciences and director of health and well-being management programs of the Wegmans School of Health and Nutrition at Rochester Institute Technology in Rochester, New York.



As a transfer student late in her 1970s college career, Barbara Lohse spent just one year at UW-Eau Claire before completing her biology degree, but she says her time as a Blugold shaped her career trajectory in significant ways.

“The UWEC faculty strongly encouraged me to attend graduate school,” Lohse says. “And because the quality of the teaching in biology was so strong, I felt that I had a jump-start on my grad studies. I still have all my notebooks and when I look through them, I’m amazed at the depth and breadth of lectures and labs.”

Lohse completed a master’s degree in food and nutrition studies at UW-Stout and a doctoral degree in nutritional science and educational psychology at UW-Madison.

Lohse has carried such regard for UWEC faculty that she and her husband, Donald Fischman, created the Lohse-Fischman Faculty Excellence Award for biology faculty who “go above and beyond for their students.”

“Donald is a physician, and we share the experience that biology faculty were key to our success,” Lohse says. “We are pleased to offer this fund which provides dedicated faculty the needed resources for research, teaching and dissemination of findings.”

“I’m honored by this Distinguished Achievement Award from the Blugold Alumni Association,” Lohse says. “UW-Eau Claire allowed me to achieve my dream of finishing college when I was unsure it would be possible. The biology faculty was so supportive and will always be a role model for me in how I approach learning, research and teaching.”

JOHN NOLTNER '90

Bachelor's in journalism

Commencement speaker: 'Charge to the Class'

John Noltner is a freelance photographer based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. For over 25 years, he has traveled across four continents to document images and stories of human courage, grace and resilience for national magazines, Fortune 500 companies and nonprofit organizations.



His images have appeared in National Geographic Traveler, Smithsonian, Forbes, Health, Midwest Living, New York Daily News and more.

In 2008, Noltner founded "A Peace of My Mind," a multimedia arts project that uses portraits and personal narratives to bridge divides and encourage dialogues around important issues in communities.

"This project reflects my belief that art and storytelling can help individuals, organizations and communities articulate their deepest values and reweave our frayed social fabric," Noltner says.

Noltner has published four books. The most recent, "Lessons on the Road to Peace," won the 2024 Minnesota Book Awards for general nonfiction, a Budapest International Foto Award Gold Medal and Peacemaker of the Year from the Independent Press.

Richard Mickelson, emeritus staff and professional photographer at UW-Eau Claire, says Noltner is an ideal recipient of a Blugold alumni honor.

"John Noltner is a peacemaker who never sits on the sidelines," Mickelson says. "He is out there every day asking questions, listening carefully and allowing others to communicate important truths. His communication skills are transferred to his subjects, his co-creators."

Advice to graduates

"Things happen to us, and some of those things are difficult. Some devastating, some unforgiveable. But that's not the end of the story. The biggest question we can ask is 'What's next?' How are we going to respond to that thing and how are we going to choose to move forward?"

JASON PLANTE '97

Bachelor's in marketing

For Eau Claire native Jason Plante, supporting the community always has gone hand in hand with doing his job. And in his 25 years as vice president of Market & Johnson construction, his job has held a major focus on projects with UW-Eau Claire.



“As a Blugold, it has been especially rewarding to be a part of growth for UW-Eau Claire, through projects like the Priory, Aspenson Mogensen Hall, Haymarket Landing, Pablo Center at the Confluence and, of course, The Sonnentag,” Plante says.

Plante has served on the Universities of Wisconsin Board of Regents, as well as serving on numerous community boards of directors, including the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Greater Chippewa Valley, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Feed My People Food Bank, Momentum West, Friends of Sacred Heart Foundation, Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce and the Eau Claire Area Economic Development Corp.

In her long tenure with the UW-Eau Claire Foundation, Kimera Way worked closely with Plante and Market & Johnson on all the projects above, and she sees Plante as an ideal recipient of the Alumni Distinguished Achievement Award

“Jason is the best personification of a Blugold,” says Way, Foundation president emerita. “He has provided strong leadership at Market & Johnson throughout his career and has been an active community volunteer. Whenever groups are seeking strong and engaged volunteers, Jason’s name is usually mentioned first. I can’t think of a more deserving recipient of an alumni award. He wears his Blugold pedigree with pride.”

Plante is grateful for the positive influences on his early career at Spectrum and his time at Market & Johnson, adding that UW-Eau Claire also shaped his path in significant ways.

“My time at UWEC was perhaps some of the most rewarding,” Plante says. “It is where my educational foundation was built, where many friendships developed and the place where I learned to dream big and strive for my goals.”

Advice to graduates

“There are four key attributes that I hope all current and future Blugolds recognize.

- First is the importance of a strong work ethic — my success has always come when our teams have outworked everyone else.
- Second is to take advantage of every single opportunity that comes your way.
- Thirdly, cultivate strong relationships — you’ll never regret having too many good relationships and you never know when you will need one.
- Lastly, give back to your community, whether it is your time, expertise or financial support.”

LIFETIME EXCELLENCE AWARD

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

MILTON AND PEGEEN SNOEYENBOS

For many years, Milton and Pegeen Snoeyenbos have made generous annual gifts in support of UW-Eau Claire’s jazz program, becoming the largest single donors in the program’s history.



In addition to their annual gifts, the Snoeyenboses made a significant estate gift plan that has endowed major aspects of the UW-Eau Claire jazz program.

The Margaret and Jack O’Farrell Jazz Advancement Fund and the Margaret and Jack O’Farrell Director of Jazz Fund honor Peg’s parents, Jack and Margaret O’Farrell, both local musicians who made significant contributions to the Eau Claire jazz scene.

Peg and Milton both attended UW-Eau Claire. Peg completed an English degree in 1966 and worked in the health education unit of the Minneapolis Health Department prior to the couple’s move to Atlanta, Georgia. In Atlanta, Peg worked as an instructor for an adult literacy program called Literacy Action. She took up writing and has published five children’s books, numerous short stories and pieces of short-form humor.

Milton began his college career at UW-Eau Claire, later completing a bachelor’s degree at the University of Montana and a Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of Minnesota. He taught at Georgia State University, primarily in organizational ethics and logic, areas in which he has over 100 publications. He now enjoys spending time with his cat, gardening, canoeing and keeping up with Peg, who continues her interest in writing.

Marcia Van Beek, major gift officer emerita at UW-Eau Claire, is proud to recognize Milton and Peg Snoeyenbos with the Lifetime Excellence Award.

“What Milt and Peg have done for music at UW-Eau Claire is transformative,” Van Beek says. “Their generous and humble nature have helped enshrine the jazz legacy of UW-Eau Claire and the O’Farrell family for generations to come.”

Advice to graduates

“The big question most graduates have when leaving college is whether they are truly prepared for the future. Keep in mind that you are graduating from one of the finest state universities in the entire Midwest so you can answer that question now, and for the rest of your lives, with a confident ‘Yes!’”

HONORARY ALUMNUS AWARD

The Honorary Alumnus Award is presented to non-alumni or non-degreed alumni who have demonstrated great love of and service to UW-Eau Claire or the greater community.

STEVEN ROBBINS

Entrepreneur and real estate agent

Steven Robbins enrolled at UW-Eau Claire in the early 1970s and quickly became a student leader as president of the student ski club, then the largest student organization on campus with nearly 1,000 members.

While life and business passions took him elsewhere before completing his degree, Robbins has been a lifelong supporter and champion of all things Blugold.



“In reality, minus a few busy years here and there, UWEC has remained a huge part of my life since the day I moved into Towers Hall in 1973,” Robbins says.

Robbins enjoyed a 16-year career in various ski-related industries (including a television career as a ski stunt double), followed by three decades of success in residential real estate in Phoenix, Arizona.

Throughout the years, Robbins has returned to campus regularly, attended events and fundraisers, and financially supported many campaigns and causes. He also has worked diligently to connect Blugold alumni in the Phoenix area on a regular basis through golf outings, Packers game-day festivities and simple dinner gatherings.

To quote Julia Diggins, vice president of the UW-Eau Claire Foundation, “There are so many dedicated Blugolds, but few embody the spirit of UW-Eau Claire as fully as Steven Robbins. Since his time as a student, he has become one of the university’s most steadfast champions, dedicating his life to fostering connections among alumni, students and the broader campus community.”

Advice to graduates

“Stay involved with this campus and the people you’ve met here. Being a Blugold has been the greatest thing that ever happened to me, and it will be a blessing to remain a part of the Blugold nation for years to come.”

CHANCELLOR JAMES SCHMIDT

As Chancellor James Schmidt prepares to leave the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire for the next chapter of his career, he will take with him a parting gift from the UW-Eau Claire Alumni Association.



Schmidt was surprised that the final alumni award in a ceremony Friday, May 16, was presented to him, an Honorary Alumnus Award. This award is typically presented to non-alumni or non-degreed alumni who have demonstrated great love of and service to UW-Eau Claire or the greater community.

Schmidt has been honored by alumni for his significant role in overall student success, and “instilling in our students a great sense of pride, audacity and joy that has transformed them into Blugolds for life.”

Making the role of chancellor more accessible to students

From the start of his tenure, Schmidt worked diligently to break down historical barriers between students and the office of the chancellor, repeating often his goal to personally talk to as many students as he could each day on campus.

According to Curt Krizan, president of the UW-Eau Claire Foundation, Schmidt’s efforts in achieving that goal were evident.

“My first week on campus, the chancellor and I were walking to Schofield Hall in the morning, and as we passed the students on their way to class, he greeted each one with a friendly, ‘Good morning,’” Krizan says.

“It was very apparent from my first moments here that we have a special person as chancellor who not only values every student but takes the time to connect with them and brighten their day.”

Building alumni connections from commencement day forward

Since joining UW-Eau Claire in the fall of 2013, Schmidt presided over more than 20 commencement ceremonies, shaking the hands of about 27,000 graduates and welcoming them to the Blugold alumni family.

Along with Eau Claire and Barron County commencement ceremonies, Schmidt also traveled to China multiple times for the celebrations of Chinese students who completed the dual degree programs between UW-Eau Claire and several Chinese institutions.

From that commencement-day handshake forward, Schmidt has pledged to be available to alumni and has been frequently known to meet with individuals or groups of alumni visiting campus, even providing occasional tours of the many additions and improvements to campus.

But it’s not only seeing those alumni who stop by campus — Schmidt has often met up with alumni across the country, or beyond, for dinner, coffee or just a quick chat.

For Jacob Truby, a 2010 music graduate and the current alumni board president, an unexpected dinner invitation came while he was living abroad.

“In 2022, I was living in the Netherlands and participating in alumni meetings via Zoom,” Truby says. “I was pleasantly surprised to hear from Chancellor Schmidt, informing me that he and Michael Carney would be in Amsterdam for a conference and wished to meet for dinner. We spent hours discussing education, future campus plans and our shared enthusiasm for Eau Claire.”

A true Blugold, no longer just at heart

In recognizing Schmidt with the Honorary Alumnus Award, the Alumni Association is pleased to recognize not only the countless and immeasurable contributions Schmidt has made to the institution, its mission and its reputation for excellence. They also celebrate the intangible quality of his contributions, like his deep and abiding affection for the thousands of Blugolds who have shared their love of UW-Eau Claire with him.

Gary Berg, 1979 graduate and alumni board vice president, summarizes why this honorary alumni award is the perfect way to thank Schmidt and wish him well in his new position.

“I am extremely grateful for having the opportunity to know Jim and for our many discussions on topics important to students,” Berg says. “He is smart, focused and genuine, always true to his mission of providing opportunities for Blugold students and alumni.

Schmidt will indeed leave a legacy of strong connections to students, alumni, faculty and staff. As his successor in the role of interim chancellor, Dr. Michael Carney is grateful for those connections and the myriad ways Schmidt moved the university forward.

“Jim had an extraordinary and transformational impact on our university,” says Carney, interim provost until Schmidt’s departure in July.

“He pushed and prodded us to think beyond what we originally imagined and often far beyond our comfort zones. Admittedly, I wasn’t always thrilled to be pushed. However, looking back I see how beneficial his approach was to UW-Eau Claire achieving extraordinary goals.”



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