



University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

CLASS NOTES

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'71

Bill Swing, Maple Plain, Minnesota, has been named Knights of Columbus District 53 Deputy for Minnesota.

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Peter DeCicco lives in Morristown, New Jersey. He is a former adjunct professor of behavioral science at Essex County College.

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Sarah (Zimmermann) Stuber, Onalaska, retired Aug. 31, 2017, after 32 years as a branch manager with the La Crosse County Library.

Pete Wysocki, Muskego, retired from Brookfield Central High School in 2015. He returned to work part-time at Brookfield Central as a student supervisor and helps with videotaping 9th grade

and varsity football, as well as varsity boy's basketball. Wysocki lives with his wife, Mary. He says they both maintain a good, healthy lifestyle of working out at area health clubs.

'84



Laurie Docken (Severson) Marsh, Galesville, has a new job. After years at the Blair-Taylor School District, Marsh has joined the Cochrane-Fountain City School district. Her work at Blair-Taylor ricocheted from special education to Title I and back to special education. At Cochrane-Fountain City, she is the K-6th grade Healthy Lifestyles Choice teacher and an interventionist

for students needing an extra boost in reading or math instruction. Marsh received a master's in reading at UW-Eau Claire. "The change has been invigorating," she says, and though she misses the staff and students at Blair-Taylor, C.F.C. is "quickly becoming like a family" to her.

Pictured: Laurie Marsh and her nephew, Ayden Lisowski, with the CFC mascot.

'85

Dave Bernatz, River Falls, is general manager of the Best Western Campus Inn. He is an assistant baseball coach at Rainy River Community College and head coach for Medford Legion baseball.

'86

Gordon Fimreite, Chicago, has a new book, "15 Steps to Healthy Living," published and available on Amazon.

Emily Schroeder Orvik, Beaver Dam, returned to Wisconsin after 30 years in the greater Minneapolis area. She worked for 14 months with Nancy Zie-
man on her PBS program, "Sewing with Nancy," before Nancy retired due to health complications. She is currently director of communications for Wayland Academy, an independent school with a global reach, in the central Wisconsin city of Beaver Dam.

'94



Scott Bouffleur, '94 & '96, Wausau, received the 2017 Chancellor Award from the University of Wisconsin Colleges and UW-Extension. The Chancellor's Award recognizes those who've gone above and beyond in extending its mission to every corner of the state. Bouffleur, a director in the UW Colleges Office of Distance Learning, joined UW Colleges as the instructional technologist at UW-Marathon County in 2000. In 2006, in addition to providing instructional technology support to faculty members, staff and students at UWMC, he assumed the responsibility for coordinating distance education for all UW Colleges campuses.

'96



Teri Wilczek, Marshfield, has received the prestigious Carol Emmott Fellowship. She is one of 18 women from 15 health organizations selected nationwide for its class of 2018. Wilczek is Marshfield Clinic Health System Foundation's chief philanthropy officer.

'04

Joshua Rybaski, '04 & '12, La Crosse, is a college resource counselor for UW Colleges. He had worked in the UWL Admissions Office for nearly 12 years.

'08

Kristin Chapiewsky and Shaun Eden were married Sept. 23, 2017. They are living in Sparta. Kristin is a community resource coordinator with Inclusa.

'09

Danielle (Balistrieri) Carlson, Platteville, is one of five state finalists for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST), considered the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government for mathematics and science teachers. Applications from Wisconsin's five finalists will be judged at the national level by a committee organized by the National Science Foundation. The recipients will be named at the end of the school year.

Amanda (Murphy) Sahr, lives in Wausau where she is an employment brand strategist with Foot Locker.

'10



Craig Kucik has joined Schenck S.C. as a manager in business valuation at the Milwaukee office. He will provide business valuation and appraisal services for potential sale, gifting, estate settlement, succession and shareholder planning, purchase price allocations and lending support. Kucik is a member of the National Association of Certified Valuators & Analysts. He is involved with the South Side Scholarship Foundation, Next Door Books for Kids and the Wisconsin

Veterans Chamber of Commerce.

Claire Ganshert, New York, has been awarded best actress at the New York Theatre Festival. Five performers out of 320 were nominated, with Ganshert taking the award for best actress in the play, "Among the Furies," which was also awarded for best set design and best play.

'11

Cody Garcia-Pusateri, Springfield, Missouri, started a new job at Drury University on Aug. 15, 2017. After spending eight years in residence life and housing, Cody has now pivoted to admissions.

Brianne Rogers, Kalamazoo, Michigan, started doctoral studies in educational leadership at Western Michigan Uni-

versity in 2016. She plans to marry Brian Steele in June 2018.

'13

Jessica Jurgella,

Menomonie, has returned to Wisconsin after four years as the coordinator for student involvement at Front Range Community College in Denver. She is civic engagement and Greek Life coordinator at UW-Stout.

Janey Ruesch, Lake

Bluff, Illinois, is a senior analyst for vendor governance and projects at AbbVie Inc. in North Chicago. Ruesch is applying for graduate school to get an MBA.

'16

Katy Zart, Grinnell, Iowa,

holds a position with Intercultural Affairs at Grinnell College. She has met some “really amaz-

ing” social justice educators and activists from around the world through planning intercultural and identity development programming and advised some “truly passionate” student leaders. She plans to lead students to the White Privilege Conference in 2018. Zart says living in a small town has also been great. The coffee shop owner knows her by name (the only coffee shop in town), and she loves being involved in the community as a board member for a new non-profit organization that connects local, healthy food to low-income families.

'17

Kaylie Connaughty,

Onalaska, has been hired as an admissions counselor at UW-La Crosse.

Jacob T. Moore,

Chicago, has a job at SAP, a German software producer, in Chicago. While applying for jobs, he was interning at SAP in La Crosse. He moved to Chicago at the end of July 2017 and went on a three-week training boot camp in Philadelphia at SAP's headquarters in North America. “I'm very glad that I chose to join SAP and I can't wait to see where this takes me,” he says.

Class of 20??

Teri (Passow), '08 & '10, and Christopher,

'10, Durkin, Fond du Lac, a son, Henry, born in March 2017. He joins sibling, Norah (3).

Alumni Remembered

1949 — Robert D. Webster, Lake City, Minnesota

1952 — Robert Leroy Elmer, Fort Wayne, Indiana

1956 — John Cody, Appleton

1958 — Frederick F. Adams, Janesville

1958 — Donna O. Nordstrom, Lodi

1968 & '74 — Janine Bina, West Bend

1968 — Nels Stenson, Holmen

1972 — Gary L. Nissalke, Buffalo City

1973 — Alan Narish, Elkhorn

1977 — Robert Dvorak, Onalaska

1978 — Jodi Ilstrup Davig, Viroqua

1979 — Laurie Sutherland, Rochester, Minnesota

1981 — Tamara L. Mueller, Spring Green

1986 — Carolyn R. Fischer, Janesville

1993 — Charlie Smith, La Crosse

2005 — Shawn Poellinger, Madison

Faculty & Staff Remembered

Kenneth Becker

Kenneth Carl Becker, 79, died in Green Valley, Arizona, Oct. 25, 2017. Becker graduated from Brooklyn College in 1961 with a degree in health and physical education. He continued studies at the University of Illinois,

graduating with a master's in health education in 1962, and a doctorate in health education from the University of Oregon in 1968. He taught in and chaired the UWL Department of Health Education and Health Promotion

from 1971 until retiring as professor emeritus in 1998. He was preceded in death by his wife and fellow professor, Margaret F. Dosch. He is survived by his wife, Gwendolyn, and a son.

Faculty & Staff Remembered

John Betton

John Howard Betton, 68, died at his home in La Crosse on Oct. 22, 2017. Betton attended Dartford Grammar School and Oxford Brookes University in England. He emigrated to the U.S. when he married and received a doctorate from

the University of South Carolina in Columbia. He moved with his wife to La Crosse when he became a professor in UWL's Department of Management in 1986. He taught classes in comparative management, business and human rights, and business and

the environment until retiring in 2012. He pushed students out of their comfort zones to get them to think critically and wisely. Betton is survived by his wife, Deborah Cromer, and a son.

Larry Trammell

Larry Leonard Trammell, 71, La Crosse, died Dec. 6, 2017, at the Tomah VA Medical Center. Trammell served in the U.S. Army

from 1969-71. He worked in UWL Biology Department labs for 32 years. He is survived by his wife, Kathy. Memorials may be

given to the Larry Trammell Microbiology Prep Room Scholarship at the UWL Foundation: www.uwlax.edu/foundation

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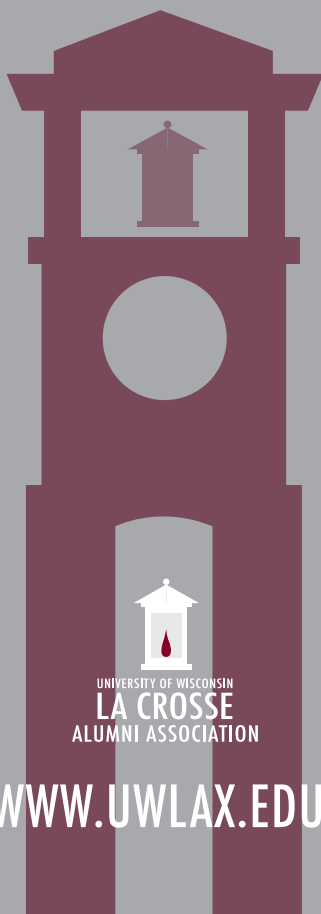
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