



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-LA CROSSE

CLASS NOTES

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Paul Schmitz, Bethesda, Maryland, has been named the Maryland Technology Council Volunteer Mentor for 2021. His focus is on the mentee serving the customer and the tasks that need to be done, allowing the mentee to gain insight into complex business and personal issues that advance or limit results. Schmitz is a Project Management Professional, a docent at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum, and a private pilot.

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Donna M. Lindert and husband, David, have moved back to good old Wisconsin from San Jose, California. They live in Sun Prairie.



Pat Stephens

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Pat Stephens, Holmen, has received Rotary International's Service Above Self Award, the organization's highest recognition for service. The award is bestowed on fewer than 150 members worldwide. Stephens, a past president of Rotary Club of La Crosse East, is known for his leadership of La Crosse's 26-year-old Rotary Lights and many other community events.

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Loren Caulum, La Crosse, is retired. Caulum has two granddaughters, ages 8 and 2-and-a-half months.



Virgil Jones

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Virgil Jones, Jordan, Minnesota, has been named director of equity and inclusion at the Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan School District. He had been assistant principal at Apple Valley High School.

Scott Watters, Salem, Oregon, was recently promoted to senior manager software engineering in charge of the entire software group working at the Salem Garmin facility that builds avionics for all classes of aircraft.

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Candy Leigh, Franklin, has received the Independent Press Award for her book, "Finding Life In Between." The book, a memoir/self-help story of one woman's post-divorce "journey to worthy," received distinguished favorite status in the category of personal triumph.



Thomas Pahl

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Thomas Pahl, Sauk Centre, Minnesota, was named 2021 PA of the Year by the Minnesota Academy of Physician Assistants (MAPA) at its annual spring conference. The PA of the Year is awarded annually to an outstanding PA who

exemplifies qualities and philosophies that characterize the profession and uses those attributes to serve the profession and society. Pahl is an emergency medicine PA in the Glacial Ridge Health System in Glenwood. He is a skilled clinician, with expertise in point-of-care ultrasound, resuscitation and various emergency procedures.

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Abigail Gnewikow, Platteville, was named involvement coordinator for Campus Activities at UW-Platteville in January 2021.

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Joseph Hoff, Galveston, Texas, is director of Campus Recreation at Texas A&M University at Galveston.

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Leigh (Taddeucci)

Briody is a teacher with the Community Unit School District 200 in Wheaton, Illinois.

In Remembrance

- 1952** — James “Jim” T. Dexter, Davenport, Iowa.
- 1952** — Raymond C. Fellows, Roscoe, Illinois.
- 1953** — Pauline Guinther, Placerville, California.
- 1955** — M. Joyce Horle, Burlington.
- 1956** — Donald Christensen, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 1956** — Joanne Mayer, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- 1956** — Shirley Del Ray Long, De Soto.
- 1957** — Curtiss “Curt” Bawden, Wauwatosa.
- 1957** — Richard “Dick” Powell, Bay City, Michigan.
- 1963** — Elaine Louise Fjelstad, Viroqua.
- 1966** — Robert Stremcha, La Crosse.
- 1966** — John Wagner, Hernando, Florida.
- 1965** — Kenneth “Pete” Peterson, La Crosse.
- 1968** — Thomas A. Roraff, College Station, Texas.
- 1970** — Jerry Lee Briggs, Mesa, Arizona.
- 1970** — Bruce Stewart, Chetek.
- 1972** — Thomas Krenzelok, Saint Cloud, Minnesota.
- 1972** — David Daniel Lawson, Rockland.
- 1972** — Timothy Kevin Tully, New Berlin.
- 1973** — Donald “Don” Henry, La Crescent, Minnesota.
- 1980** — Mark Alan Baldwin, Oakland, California.
- 1980** — Carole Stoa Senn, Stillwater, Minnesota.
- 1980** — Michael Wayne Volden, Onalaska.
- 1986** — Sarah Ann Hundt, La Crosse.
- 1992** — Michelle Renee De Cora, La Crosse.
- 2003** — Jennifer Hauser, Andover, New Hampshire.
- 2004** — Zachary Kraus, Neenah.

Faculty & Staff

William Graumann

William “Bill” Graumann died April 21, 2021, in La Crosse. Graumann began his career on campus in 1969, serving in Business Services until retiring in 2003. He remained active on campus by participating in alumni and emeriti events, especially athletics. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann, and two children. Memorials may be given to the UWL Foundation-Athletics, 615 East Ave. N., La Crosse, WI 54601.

[See a complete obituary.]

Yvonne M. Hyde

Yvonne M. Hyde, 90 La Crosse, died April 9, 2021, at Riverside Transitional Care. She married William J. Hyde in Milwaukee in August 1950 and moved to Madison that fall where Bill, after three years, earned his doctoral degree. Yvonne received a bachelor’s degree one year later.

In fall 1953, the couple moved to San Antonio, Texas, where Bill taught English at Trinity University and Yvonne worked at the university library.

After three years in Texas, they returned to Wisconsin in 1956, Bill joined UWL's English Department, and Yvonne joined the library staff. She did various jobs before settling into Cataloging for the last 18 years of her 38 years at the library. Memorials may be sent to the Hyde English Scholarship or to the Murphy Library through the UWL Foundation, 615 East Ave. N., La Crosse, WI 54601.

Paul Manter

Paul N. Manter died June 10, 2021. Manter was hired in the English

Department in 1964, where he taught until retiring as professor emeritus in 1990. Manter taught English composition, American literature, linguistics and Chaucer. Included among his many students were three of his own children and one future son-in-law, all UWL graduates. Manter was active in the community, teaching free courses on campus, leading Webelo Cub Scouts, coaching youth hockey, and writing game recaps for the local paper. He is survived by his wife, Nelda, who also retired from UWL, and three of their four children.

[See a complete obituary.]

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