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# CLASS NOTES

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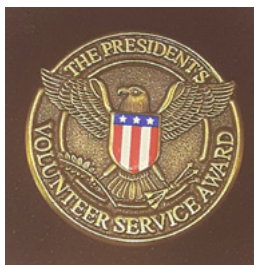
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## '64

**John P. and Julia M. Olson, both '64**, are retired and living in Appleton. They are thrilled that their granddaughter, Kelly E. Cline from Appleton, is a currently a junior at UWL. "She represents the third generation in our family to attend UWL," notes Julia. "We are proud grandparents!"

## '69

**Mary (Tornowske) Lubner**, Cedarburg, is retired. She earned her 6th degree Black Belt in Taekwon-do Dec. 5, 2021.



## '70

**Margaret Ewert**, La Crosse and New Port Richey, Florida, received the President's Award from the La Crosse Retired Senior Volunteer Program. "I am humbled and grateful for this award given to me," says Ewert. "It is more important what I do for others. Thank you to La Crosse's RSVP for this wonderful recognition."

## '74

**Gregory A. Staat**, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, reports he's loving retired beach life in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

## '76

**Robert "Bob" Bassuener**, Port Edwards, will be inducted into the Wisconsin Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame for "Lifetime of Service to Wrestling" in a May ceremony. Bassuener is an Auburndale High School graduate who went on to win a national title at UWL in 1975. He then spent more than 25 years coaching and officiating wrestling throughout central Wisconsin. As an athlete, coach and official, he has had the chance to interact with many great wrestlers.

## '82

**Matt, '82, and Kris, '87, Woychek**, Onalaska, work at Miller Coors, where Matt is a senior vice president.



Kevin Falkenberg

'84

**Kevin Falkenberg, '84, '86 & '96**, Rice Lake, has been retired since 2018. His career included working as a grad assistant in the UWL Recreation Department from 1984-86, Boy Scouts of America District Executive in La Crosse from 1986-87, UW Extension 4-H Youth Development Educator in Green Bay from 1987-94, UWL grad assistant in Student Centers from 1994-96, Student Center director at Valley City State University in North Dakota from 1997-98, and Senior Student Services Coordinator at UW-Eau Claire Barron County in Rice Lake from 1998-2018.

'87

**Joe and Pat, '95, Chilsen**, live in Onalaska. Joe retired in 2020 after teaching in the UWL Marketing Department and working at the UWL Small Business Development Center office for 27 years. He holds the title of Instructional Academic Staff Emeritus. Joe is actively involved in the **Silver Eagle CBA Alumni group**. He encourages CBA alums of 25 years and more to **consider joining**.



Lanna Luzar

'88

**Lanna Luzar**, Kenosha, has been named the 2021 Activity Professional of the Year at

the Wisconsin Representatives of Activity Professionals Conference in Marshfield. Luzar, life enrichment coordinator at Library Terrace Assisted Living, was also selected as the Kenosha.com Kenoshan of the Week for Oct. 5, 2021.

'99

**Jonathan Evert**, Prairie du Sac, is a credentialing coordinator for Lake Superior Community Health Center, Superior.

**Aimee Glocke**, Northridge, California, is an associate professor at California State University in Northridge.

'00

**Monica (Jensen) Wellner**, Seattle, Washington, is a laboratory director at Seattle Children's Hospital.

## '05

**Kristine Van Handel**, Madison, completed a master's degree in special education with certificates in autism and applied behavior analysis from UW-Whitewater in August. Van Handel has been promoted to behavior analyst at the Wisconsin Early Autism Project.

## '07

**Michael Mankovecky**, Green Bay, completed podiatric medical school in 2011, completing his surgical residency at Gundersen Health Systems from 2011-2014. Mankovecky has been owner-operator of Elite Foot and Ankle SC in Green Bay since 2014.

## '09

**Lindsey Kirschbaum**, La Crosse, is a doctoral candidate for parks, recreation, and tourism management at Clemson University. Her research focus is siblings. Specifically, her dissertation looks at the effects of a recreation therapy-based bibliotherapy program on stress and coping in siblings. Kirschbaum plans on graduating this year and hopes to be the leading researcher in siblings and sibling support in recreation therapy. Kirschbaum is currently an assistant teaching professor in UWL's Recreation Management & Therapeutic Recreation Department.

## '12

**Jake, '12, and Beth Ann, '11, Meckstroth** live in Wauwatosa. Jake is an audit senior manager with RSM US LLP in Milwaukee; Beth Ann works for Continental Properties.



**Shantel Hartzell**

## '19

**Shantel Hartzell**, La Crosse, about a year and a half into a role with Performance Foodservice, just officially received CPA certification and is looking toward master's programs. Hartzell is living and working in downtown La Crosse and can't believe "how much this beautiful city has become a part of who I am and how much pride I carry from being a UWL graduate."

## '20

**Emilie J. Graff**, Hartland, is a children's autism treatment technician with FamilyPath Autism Services in Brookfield.

# '21

**Corinne Kaleta**, Madison, was a featured actress in Madison Shakespeare Company's production of "A Valentine's Affair 2022," which opened Feb. 12. Kaleta played the famous lovers, including Juliet and "The White Queen" Elizabeth Woodville, along with an improvised sonnet in the style of the audience's choosing.

**Collin Kandler**, Rochester, Minnesota, is a physician assistant at Mayo Clinic. He is engaged to fellow alum, **Rachel Wessel**, '21. They are planning an October 2022 wedding.

**Kailey J. Mael**, La Crosse, is a teller for State Bank Financial in La Crosse. Since starting her professional career, Mael has discovered an interest in doing internal management/communication.

## Strength in UWL members in Wisconsin association



It was a UWL reunion in February when the Wisconsin chapter of the National High School Strength Coaches Association held its first state clinic with more than 70 coaches attending.

More than 20 UWL alumni and current students (18 pictured above) attended, with several playing critical roles in the event. Others were key in promoting education for coaches and quality strength and conditioning at high schools.

Alumni with specific roles during the clinic included:

State director —  
Michael Duehring, '99

State advisory board —  
Jimmy Litscher, '11;  
Scott Rasmussen and  
Joel Mroczenski

Host school —  
Jimmy Litscher, '11,  
St. Thomas More

Presenter —  
Kevin Schultz

Sole Sponsor/Summit  
Commercial Fitness —  
Steve Berghs, '91

# In Remembrance

## Alumni

- 1942** — Katherine Gorman Arenz, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 1948** — Eileen (Collington) Gerke, Sparta.
- 1948 & '51** — Alice Marie Sather, Coon Valley.
- 1954** — Edward "Ed" Noe, Oshkosh.
- 1955** — Dean P. Murphy, Racine.
- 1959** — Geraldine Stauffacher, Buffalo Grove, Illinois.
- 1959** — Eileen Temte, La Crosse.
- 1960** — Sondra (Knutson) Beranek, Locust Grove, Virginia.
- 1961** — Florence Spors, Onalaska.
- 1966** — Edna M. Spohn, La Crosse.
- 1967** — James Patrick "Pat" Doyle, McComb, Mississippi.
- 1967** — Janice (Holtze) Smith, Eau Claire.
- 1968** — Louis "Louie" Ferris, La Crosse.
- 1968** — Carol (Kapernick) Larsen, Fitchburg.
- 1968** — Gregory T. Stellrecht, Onalaska.
- 1969** — Joan (Hackner) Barrett, Duluth, Minnesota.
- 1970** — Mary Ellen (Lohmann) Lee, Papillion, Nebraska.
- 1971** — Ruth Guzman, La Crosse.
- 1971** — Michael Stanek, La Crosse.
- 1973** — Kenneth Montanye, Eau Claire.
- 1973** — David Schani, Pleasant Prairie.
- 1973** — Colleen (Wolfe) Stender, La Crescent, Minnesota.
- 1975** — Dale M. Wisby, Lolo, Montana.
- 1976-79 attendee** — Glenn "Goose" Gossfeld, Brookfield.
- 1977** — Joel Appler, Centennial, Colorado.
- 1977** — Mark Larsen, Tucson, Arizona.
- 1978** — Alex McKeown, Gahanna, Ohio.
- 1979** — Terri Ellen Grose, Owatonna, Minnesota.
- 1981** — Sheri Rosing, Boscobel.
- 1992** — Tamara Durand, Beaver Dam.
- 1998** — Chad Larson, '98, Readstown.
- 2012** — Melvyn G. Rousseau, Stevens Point.

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## Faculty & Staff

### Katherine Gorman Arenz

Katherine "Kay" Gorman Arenz, 99, died Jan. 18, 2022, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Arenz, '42, worked in Murphy Library for 23 years until retiring in 1987. She collected and compiled detailed statistical records and reports, acting as the "face of the library." Arenz taught high school English and spent summers working in a munitions factory while her husband served in WWII. They raised their family in La Crosse before moving to Indiana in 2003. She will be buried by her husband at Arlington National Cemetery.

### William "Doc" Estes

Professor Emeritus William "Doc" Estes died Jan. 3, 2022, in La Crosse. Estes, who taught in the Music Department for more than three decades, from 1959-91. He served as department chair for 15 years. Estes directed the University Singers, Collegiates, Women's Chorus and Chamber Choir and was part of the team that helped design and construct the Center for the Arts. He also led the department's successful effort to achieve accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Music.

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