



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-LA CROSSE

# CLASS NOTES

JANUARY 2022

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## '82

**Terri Zeh**, Hartland, is completing the 28th season as club manager at Songbird Hills Golf Club in Hartland.

## '84

**Jan Von Ruden, '84 & '88**, Cashton, has retired as University Registrar at UWL. She was employed in the university's Office of Records and Registration for over 30 years.



Janie Morgan

## '85

**Janie Morgan, '85 & '86**, La Crosse, received the Rotary Lifetime Achievement Award on Aug. 25, 2021. The award acknowledges

a high level of Rotary service over an extended period. Morgan joined the Rotary Club of La Crosse Valley View in 1998. Since, she's served as club president and several terms on the board of directors. At the district level, she has served as assistant governor, assistant governor coordinator and on the District Conference Committee on three occasions. At the international level, she served as the Wisconsin Zone Reunion Dinner Coordinator in 2014. Rotary is important to Morgan not only because of the friendships, but also because she feels honored to be associated with Rotary's service focus. Morgan is executive director of the UWL Alumni Association, a position she has held for 24 years.

## '86

**John Groeschel**, Pine, Colorado, has retired to the mountains in Colorado after serving in the U.S. Navy for 30 years.

## '93

**Jeffrey J. Fleig**, Cedarburg, was named superintendent of the Fond du Lac School District July 1, 2021.

**Tim Gleason**, Winona, has been named Winona Education Association Teacher of the Year. Gleason has taught and coached in the district for nearly three decades.

**See a story from the Winona Daily News.**



Ajamu Olaniyan

**Ajamu Olaniyan, '93 & '05**, Whitefish Bay, has been named the 2021-22 "Wall of Success" recipient at Sun Prairie High School. The honor identifies role models and demonstrates the

relationship between the education they receive at Sun Prairie High and success. Olaniyan, known as Dean Cash in high school, graduated in 1988 and holds the school's record for the triple jump, as well as at UWL, and is a record-holder in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Olaniyan is an educator, president and coach at Top Flight Sports Performance Engineering.

'97

**Ian M. Zaur**, Estacada, Oregon, has started a new career as a foreign service officer with the U.S. Department of State. He serves overseas in U.S. embassies.

'04

**Jodie E. Daniels**, Lanesboro, Minnesota, is an elementary education/middle school science teacher in the Chatfield Public School District.

'07

**James D. Misudek**, Fond du Lac, has been named general manager of the Fond du Lac Dock Spiders, a team in the Northwoods League, a collegiate summer baseball league.

'08

**Ashley (Peck) Kennedy**, West Salem, is a commercial title examiner with First American Title Insurance Co., Onalaska.

'09

**DeAndre Taylor**, Kenosha, started as director of Housing and Residence Life at UW-Parkside, Oct. 4, 2021. In May 2021, Taylor received a doctor of education in educational leadership and equity from the University of Colorado Denver.

'16

**Jessica (Schmidt), '16, and Jared J., '96, Hauser**, live in West Salem. Jessica is a special education

teacher in the School District of Holmen. Jared works for Frito-Lay.

'17

**Zachary Woodcock**, La Crosse, is a network specialist with TDS Telecom, based in Madison.

'18

**Dylan D. Wojtkowski**, moved to New Zealand after graduation to work in his field and travel. Wojtkowski has been living in Germany since September 2020 and recently started a job with Trivago, a major tech company, based in Germany.

'19

**Jennifer L. Hill**, La Crosse, is a household coordinator for La Crosse County in West Salem.

'20

**Jack Ault**, La Crosse, is a business change analyst with Fastenal in Winona, Minnesota.

# In Remembrance

- 1945** — Suzanne Verhulst, Santa Barbara, California.
- 1947** — Elvern J. Nyseth, West Salem.
- 1950** — Elaine M. Nelson, Onalaska.
- 1951** — Gerald “Jerry” Clarence Sauer, De Pere.
- 1953** — Dale Alfred Bjorklund, South Saint Paul, Minnesota.
- 1955** — Isabel “Mimi” Schuette, Woodstock, Illinois.
- 1956** — Wayne Willard Welch, Estero, Florida.
- 1957** — Kathleen “Kathy” M. Jensen, North Prairie.
- 1957** — Margaret M. Muehlenkamp, La Crosse.
- 1959** — Eileen Temte, La Crosse.
- 1959** — Lois Ekern Galbraith, Tallahassee, Florida.
- 1960** — Garmen “Gar” Kenneth Ammerman, Boulder Junction.
- 1961** — William “Bill” G. Terry, Onalaska.
- 1963** — Susan Ann Flynn, Monona.
- 1967** — Frank Charles Mittermeyer, Cottage Grove.
- 1968** — Grady Steensrud, Kennesaw, Georgia.
- 1969** — Judith Jannicelli, West Milford, New Jersey.
- 1972** — Terry Strangstalien, Westby.
- 1975** — Michael “Buster” E. Mathes, Milwaukee.
- 1975** — Charles “Chuck” J. Miller, Westby.
- 1978** — Steven “Steve” P. Terry, Menomonie.
- 1983** — Karen Matushek, Holmen.
- 1985** — Daniel Robert Balduzzi, Onalaska.
- 1986** — Susan Marie (Helsel) Lynch, Monona.
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## Faculty & Staff

### Michael “Mike” J. Coulombe

Michael J. Coulombe died Oct. 27, 2021, in La Crosse. He had Parkinson’s disease for several years and experienced a fatal fall on Oct. 25. Coulombe earned an undergraduate degree at St. Thomas University in St. Paul, and a master’s and doctorate from Purdue University. He taught high school in Melrose, Minn., for two years before coming to UWL in 1969 to teach American Literature. He retired in 2005. Coulombe is survived by his wife, Theresa, and two daughters. Two sons preceded him in death.

**See his complete obituary.**

### Kenneth E. Lindner

Former UWL Chancellor Ken Lindner, 99, died Dec. 4, 2021. Lindner’s career in education and service to Wisconsin spanned more than 40 years. He served UWL with distinction in various positions from 1956-1988. He began teaching in the Chemistry Department and was named president (later chancellor) in 1971. In 1978, Lindner was appointed Secretary of Administration under Wisconsin Gov. Lee Sherman Dreyfus. He returned to UWL in 1983 as a distinguished professor until his retirement in 1988. He is survived by his wife, Marcia, six children and three step-children.

**See his complete obituary.**

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## Eileen Temte

Eileen Gertrude (Hughes) Temte, 85, died Nov. 4, 2021. Temte earned a bachelor's in physical education from UWL in 1959 and started her teaching career. She returned to UWL to earn a master's in biology and then joined the Biology Department in 1967, where she taught nature study until retiring in 1994. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold Temte, who taught in the UWL Math Department.

**See her complete obituary.**

## William “Bill” G. Terry

William “Bill” Terry died Oct. 8, 2021, in Onalaska, Wisconsin. Terry was UWL's head baseball coach from 1969-79, finishing 199-144 (.580) in 11 seasons — third in school history and 10th in WIAC history. His teams recorded nine winning seasons and made six appearances in NAIA playoffs. Terry, an assistant UWL football coach from 1961-67, was inducted into the UWL Wall of Fame in 1994. Along with coaching, he assisted the student teaching program from 1968-89. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and son, Larry.

**Read his complete obituary.**

## Marilyn Wigdahl

Marilyn J. Wigdahl, 89, died in La Crosse Oct. 25, 2021. A lifelong La Crosse resident, Wigdahl was employed by UWL for 30 years, retiring in 1996 from the Business Services Office. Her civic and community work resulted in numerous leadership positions, including the Wisconsin Retirement Board and the Wisconsin Employee Trust Board, serving as chair of both. Wigdahl served on the La Crosse Common Council for 12 years, as well as with many community and civic organizations. She is survived by a son and two daughters.

**See her complete obituary.**

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