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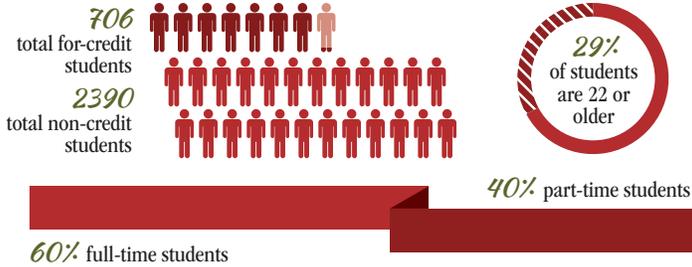


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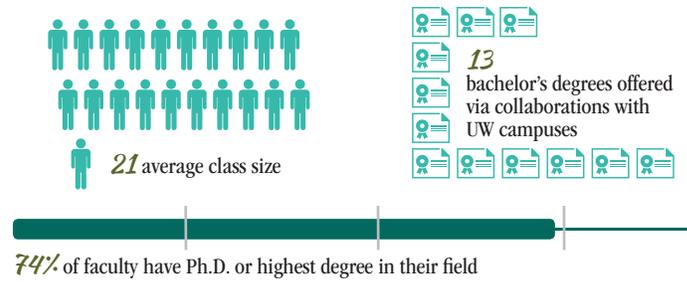
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Dear Friends,

As you read this year's Report to the Community, I hope that you will be impressed with our stories that highlight some of the many accomplishments of our faculty, staff and students, and how we are expanding on our service to the community.

For example, consider our new branding campaign, "There's a U for You." I hope that you will think about our commitment to access and how we provide a local gateway to a world-class University of Wisconsin education.

UW-Fond du Lac students are able to participate in study abroad programs where they gain information and new perspectives on other cultures. When they return, students better understand our own society, and are better equipped to function in an increasingly global environment, regardless of their chosen career path.

Our students volunteer in the community and many participate in service-learning activities that link classroom learning with real-world applications. And, our students participate in undergraduate research, complete internships with various organizations and learn leadership through participation in student organizations. Our high quality faculty and courses lead to guaranteed transfer and the ability to complete the first two years of hundreds of different majors.

In fact, many people are surprised to learn that three-quarters of our full time faculty members have earned the highest degree possible in their fields. They are actively engaged in professional

development and they are proud to mentor their students.

Not only are we well positioned to fulfill our access mission right now, we are planning for the future. Hopefully, many of you have been part of our strategic planning process in the past or in our current facilities master planning. Jointly with Fond du Lac County, we are moving ahead with a comprehensive master plan that will guide the campus for the next ten years. The plan will make recommendations on areas from sidewalks to trees, ponds to HVAC, and classroom design to innovative learning spaces. While the plan will focus on facilities, the overall impact will be on creating a positive environment for meeting future needs in teaching, learning, engagement, developing new programs and community outreach.

Please let me know if there are ways that we can be more responsive to community needs. With county ownership of our land and buildings, and with strong local support for our mission, we are proud to be your local UW campus.



Dean John Short

John Short

Campus Dean and CEO

Social worker credits campus staff for shaping her own path of helping others

Jeanna Zuelke

Attended UW-Fond du Lac: Fall 2008-Spring 2010
Completed Social Work degree: UW-Green Bay, 2012
Case Manager, Teen Parent Program: Catholic Charities of Green Bay



Roxanne Elise
Photography

by Monica M. Walk

Jeanna Zuelke is a role model. The words may not be spelled out in her job title, but they are inherent in her work with teen parents as a case manager at Catholic Charities in Green Bay.

"I always wanted to help, to be that person," Zuelke said as she traced the educational path that led her to a profession in social work.

"I knew I wanted to do some kind of work with people, but I wasn't sure what," she said, recalling the reasons she enrolled at UW-Fond du Lac in fall 2008 after graduating from Winnebago Lutheran Academy. "Attending UW-Fond du Lac gave me time to think before claiming a major. It also was high-quality and affordable."

And, beginning college in Fond du Lac kept the Green Valley 4-H Club close. "I was very active in 4-H," Zuelke said of growing up in rural Oakfield. "And the Extension office was upstairs on campus! You can be in 4-H only one more year after high school, so I was in it the maximum amount of time."

Zuelke and her pony, Diamond, earned trophies and ribbons, including 2006 State Fair Grand Champion in a carriage driving class. But, it was the volunteerism and community service components of 4-H that really drew her in as a teen. She participated in a leadership program that planned charity fund-raising events, and served as a 4-H summer camp counselor. She continues to volunteer as an adult leader.

On the UW-Fond du Lac campus, Zuelke's leadership abilities caught the attention

of Student Affairs Coordinator Maggie Gellings, who mentors the campus student government organization. Zuelke served on student government and its finance committee. She also served as a Student Ambassador, providing campus tours and information to prospective students.

Zuelke credits her smooth academic path to the mentoring provided by the Student Affairs staff. "They did my academic advising...I wouldn't have had such a successful transfer to UW-Green Bay without them," Zuelke said.

At the Green Bay campus, Zuelke knew she would pursue a major in social work and anticipated a wait to enter the competitive program. She was stunned to receive a call on her first day of classes, alerting her that another student had forfeited a position in that year's cohort and she was first on the waiting list.

"Social work was a perfect fit," Zuelke said of her coursework.

The enjoyment of working in a high school during a junior-year internship at Brown County Healthy

Families Program led to a senior internship placement with Catholic Charities Teen Parent Program. When the year-long internship ended, Zuelke was invited to interview for full-time employment.

As a teen parent case manager, Zuelke works with 30 Brown County teen mothers and fathers who are in the program voluntarily, seeking guidance and support. Case management covers a wide range of duties: "Whatever goal the teen parent has, I help with," Zuelke explained. Goals may include

staying in school, finding childcare, earning a driver's license, creating a resume, practicing interviewing skills, finding a doctor, learning to breastfeed, understanding insurance and obtaining child support.

The program offers prenatal and postnatal support, and Zuelke works with the teens on parenting skills. "Although I'm not a parent yet, I do have a 17 year-old sister going through many of the same high school social situations, and I have had a lot of training and parent-educator work," she noted.

"Teen years are really hard," Zuelke said. "I had my own personal struggles. I think if I can help one person and make a difference so they don't have it quite so hard, I've done my job. On top of all that high school stuff, they are parents. Most are still in school. We try to eliminate the barriers so they can stay in school or get their GED. Some of these teens have been through abuse and neglect with their own parents. They are very strong, and I see them overcome the challenges they need to face."

Despite work that requires both mental and emotional engagement, Zuelke doesn't lie low on weekends. Instead, she works every other weekend as an advocate at Golden House, a domestic abuse emergency shelter for women and children in Green Bay. She handles intake, answers the crisis hotline, and works with residents. "I couldn't do it full-time," she said of the emotional nature of this position.

And during football season, Zuelke makes the most of her Green Bay location and celebrates her Packers fandom by working as a parking lot attendant at home games. "I love that job!" she said with a laugh.

"I always wanted to help, to be that person... social work was a perfect fit."

Professor Mumm-Jansen leads students on study abroad experiences

Receives Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching



Students celebrate their successful hike up to the Puerta del Sol and enjoy a magnificent view of Machu Picchu. Pictured are Freddie Galley, Nilo Gamarra Salas, Professor Valerie Mumm-Jansen, Brandi Damman, John Bunnell and Maggie Turek. Photo courtesy of Valerie Mumm-Jansen.

by Laurie Krasin

As a college student, study abroad experiences in Spain and Costa Rica along with four months in Peru working with children at a local orphanage, opened Professor Valerie Mumm-Jansen's eyes to diverse experiences and perspectives.

"I also quickly learned the importance of knowing another language and saw how it opened up opportunities to form personal relationships and mutual understanding that wouldn't have been possible otherwise," said Mumm-Jansen.

She is passionate about traveling and completed coursework abroad during both of her degree programs, earning a master's degree in Spanish language and Latin American literature from UW-Milwaukee and a bachelor's degree in Spanish from UW-Eau Claire.

Now, as a UW-Fond du Lac world languages professor, she has guided students on this same type of educational journey. She has led two UW Colleges study abroad programs - a three-week Winterim program to Cuernavaca, Mexico, and a two-week summer program to Lima and Cuzco, Peru.

Her dedication to students in and out of the classroom has been noticed. In 2013 she received the UW Colleges Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching for Faculty. The award recognizes her excellence in teaching, attention to scholarship, innovation in the classroom and leadership connecting students to service-learning opportunities. UW-Fond du Lac is one of the 13 UW Colleges located across the state.

A member of the UW-Fond du Lac faculty since 2008, Mumm-Jansen teaches Spanish courses and has been involved in many service-learning activities both in the community and abroad. She is also the faculty advisor for the Multicultural Club.

Hands-on learning

Her study abroad courses focus on the target culture's history, geography, literature, colloquialisms, politics, culinary customs, music and folkloric traditions. "These lessons often take place in museums and archeological sites, but also while watching parades, through discussions with host families or even while hiking parts of the Inca trail," said Mumm-Jansen.

The lesson can also be hands-on. In Peru, her students worked at a local school where they mixed concrete and hauled bricks to build a bathroom. They worked right alongside the school's director and a teacher.

"The school was in dire need of an additional bathroom to provide the boys and girls separate facilities so that the school could be officially recognized and receive funding," said Mumm-Jansen. "My students also led



Chancellor Ray Cross presented the 2013 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching for Faculty to Valerie Mumm-Jansen. UW Colleges photo.

after school tutoring, math games, literacy development opportunities and recreational activities."

Through study abroad experiences like this, Mumm-Jansen hopes students develop a stronger sense of global citizenry, improve their linguistic skills and increase intercultural competence. But, the experience isn't one-sided. "Students are given the opportunity to accomplish all of this while positively contributing to the communities."

Service to the community

In her UW-Fond du Lac courses, students are encouraged to identify a need in the local community for their service-learning projects and have helped the Salvation Army at their holiday assistance sign-up event and the coat distribution day serving as interpreters for local families. They have also worked at the annual Fiesta Hispana event assisting kids with various crafts and games. Others have gone into elementary school through high school classrooms to share some of their linguistic and/or cultural knowledge.

"Students are expected to use the target language during their interactions at the service site," said Mumm-Jansen. She adds that these types of interactions help students build confidence and develop additional life skills at the same time. "Over time, students form a sense of ownership not only of their learning, but also of their community as they foster personal relationships at the service site."

UW-Fond du Lac Dean and CEO John Short agrees. "Professor Mumm-Jansen has been an extraordinary asset in creating an inclusive, caring environment, and in fostering community engagement for our campus," he

said. "As advisor to the Multicultural Club, she has been instrumental in helping a student organization become actively involved in community events such as Fiesta Hispana and Celebrate Community, both of which celebrate the richness of our diverse Fond du Lac region."

On campus, Mumm-Jansen is recognized for her mentorship and advising of students, both in and out of the classroom.

"In their letters of support for this award, former and current students noted how much they valued Professor Mumm-Jansen's mentorship and her dedication to helping them reach their goals," said Short. "Learning a new language can often be a difficult process. She goes out of her way to assist students and help them to succeed."

Balancing it all

Mumm-Jansen says mentoring and guiding students is something that she enjoys doing. Many students are balancing family and job commitments while working towards a college degree. "I clearly remember the challenges of balancing many responsibilities while keeping up with my coursework in college," she said. "Since I funded my education, I consistently worked two to three part-time jobs while taking full credit loads."

She was honored to receive this recognition. "I felt surprised, excited, but mostly, extremely honored because I know there are so many deserving candidates among the great faculty I have the pleasure of working with both locally and across the entire state."

The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching for Faculty is awarded each year in the UW Colleges.



Above: UW-Fond du Lac professor Valerie Mumm-Jansen and UW Colleges students worked on a community service project at San Lorenzo school in Manchay, Pachamac (Lima, Peru) to build a bathroom so the school would qualify for funding and official recognition. Mumm-Jansen (left) and students John Bunnell, Freddie Galley, Brandi Damman and Maggie Turek show off their completed project and spend time with some of the local students.

Below: Professor Valerie Mumm-Jansen leads literacy development activities at San Lorenzo school and shares the joy of reading with a young girl.

Photos courtesy of Valerie Mumm-Jansen



Study Abroad Programs at UW-Fond du Lac

As part of the UW Colleges, UW-Fond du Lac offers the opportunity to study abroad through programs that are open to all students and community members. International learning experiences can transform students intellectually, personally and professionally. Study abroad programs have challenging coursework and provide opportunities for field study, community service, language immersion, internships, independent research, organized group excursions and personal travel.

Summer 2014 UW Colleges study abroad programs include trips to Japan, Costa Rica, Ghana, Southwest Pacific, Germany, Peru, China and Canada.

Affiliate programs such as the Wisconsin in Scotland and the Wisconsin Hessen Exchange are also available.

For more information:

UW Colleges Study Abroad website: www.uwc.edu/academics/study-abroad

Call the study abroad coordinator: (608) 890-4611



Students recognize teaching excellence

The UW-Fond du Lac Student Government Association (SGA) presented the 2013 Student Choice Teaching Excellence Award to Michael Jurmu, geography and geology professor.

At the presentation are (left to right): Brittany Gaenslen, SGA public relations, and other faculty members nominated for the award including Valerie Mumm-Jansen, world languages; Richard Klein, communication and theater arts; John Scotello, art; Jurmu; and Jessica Frame, SGA president. Not pictured is faculty nominee Eric Boos, philosophy.

This award recognizes the professor who students feel has exceeded expectations and demonstrated exemplary teaching ability.



Conversation on state of politics in America

Wisconsin's 6th Congressional District Representative Tom Petri (right) and former 7th District Congressman David Obey (left) participated in a public forum on the state of politics in America on March 27, 2013, in the UW-Fond du Lac Prairie Theater.

Moderated by political science lecturer Donald Schwartz (center), Petri and Obey had an informal conversation about the importance of restoring civility and respect in our political discourse.

The event was sponsored by UW-Fond du Lac and the Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy and Service (WIPPS).



United Way donation

Members of the UW-Fond du Lac Student Government Association (SGA) and staff presented a donation of \$1,569 to the 2013 United Way Campaign.

Presenting the proceeds from several campus fund raising events are first row, left to right: Ashley Miley, Brooke Morray, Shannon McCabe, Ethan Moffitt, Nathaniel Hounsell, Nate Zimdars, Nate O'Leary. Second row, left to right: Tracy Schwinn, Renee Anderson, LuAnn Nims. Third row, left to right: Jenean Hodge, Tina Potter (United Way), Fran Holzmann, Tina Duehring, Kerry Sehloff.

Photo courtesy of FDL Area United Way.

IT Director Tom Clausen retires after 41 years

Working with students keeps him young at heart

by Laurie Krasin

After a career spanning 41 years in higher education, Tom Clausen, UW-Fond du Lac director of information technology, retired in October 2013.

Clausen spent 39 of those years on the UW-Fond du Lac campus, arriving in 1974. Since then, the number of students enrolled at the university doubled and several generations of students walked through the hallways on campus.

After earning a bachelor's degree from UW-Oshkosh and a master's degree from UW-Stout, Clausen began his career at UW-Fond du Lac as a media specialist dealing with 16 mm film, filmstrips and slide projectors, now abandoned in the digital world.

He's held several positions since then - student activities coordinator, public information manager and finally, director of information technology.

He points to the changes in job duties over the years as a positive in his career and one of the reasons he stayed with the university for so long.

"It was like getting a new job, a new outlook each time," he said. "Why go to a different place?"

Supporting students

Along the way, Clausen was part of the group who presented the annual Madrigal Dinner, a

scholarship fundraiser at UW-Fond du Lac which ran for 15 years.

It was a signature event in the Fond du Lac community with 150 people attending each of the four nights the dinner was presented.

"We picked a king and queen from the community," said Clausen. "It seemed like everybody and anybody was there."

Clausen worked closely with Jack Heil, retired UW-Fond du Lac physics professor, on the annual Quiz Bowl which ran from 1989 to 2000. With Heil working on the quiz questions and Clausen handling the tech, the two brought students from six area high schools to the campus to compete for scholarships sponsored by local banks.

His involvement in student organizations has been wide ranging and includes being an advisor for the newspaper, helping students run a campus radio station in the 1980s and most recently acting as advisor to CRU (Campus Crusade for Christ).

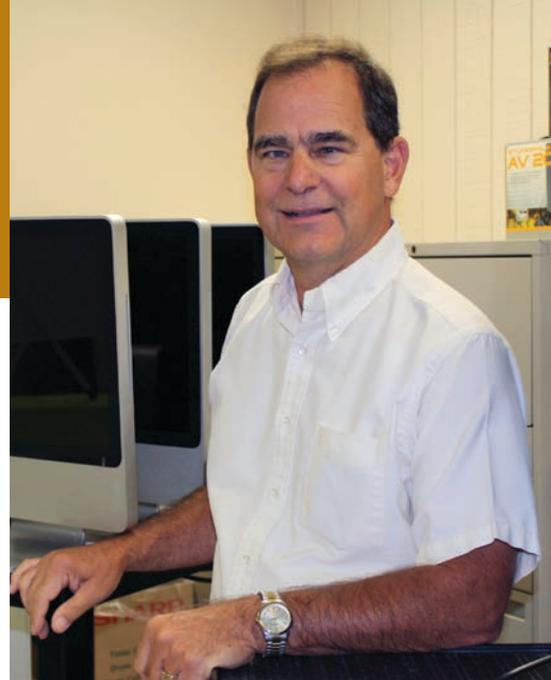
Serving as a UW-Fond du Lac golf coach for almost as many years as he has been a part of the campus, he recalls teaching a student how to improve his putting on the carpet in the hallway outside his office. "The student shaved 18 strokes off his average and we won the conference tournament," said Clausen, who was named Coach of the Year for golf in the Wisconsin Collegiate Conference (WCC) that year and every other year Fond du Lac won the event.

He also supported conference athletics by serving as UW-Fond du Lac's faculty athletic representative for 38 years in the UW Colleges.

Campus networking

As the number of computers on campus grew from just one to the more than 350 currently part of the campus network, Clausen grew in his position as well, deciding to take computer classes and update his skills. "I realized that AV (audio visual) was a dying profession and if I didn't learn computers, I would be out."

When the Internet and file sharing



Tom Clausen

came to campus in 1989, there was one shared drive for storage.

"You could look at everyone else's papers. So, if you needed one right before class..." Clausen recalled with a smile.

In 2004, the campus added wireless capability and the job evolved again to supporting laptops and mobile devices.

Clausen has the unique distinction of having worked with all five UW-Fond du Lac campus deans - Bill Henken, Bradley Gottfried, Judy Goldsmith, Daniel Blankenship and John Short.

"During Tom's long and distinguished career at UW-Fond du Lac, he has demonstrated exceptional dedication, willingness to take on new and varied assignments, and a relentless commitment to our students and to the mission of UW Colleges and UW-Fond du Lac," said John Short, UW-Fond du Lac dean and CEO.

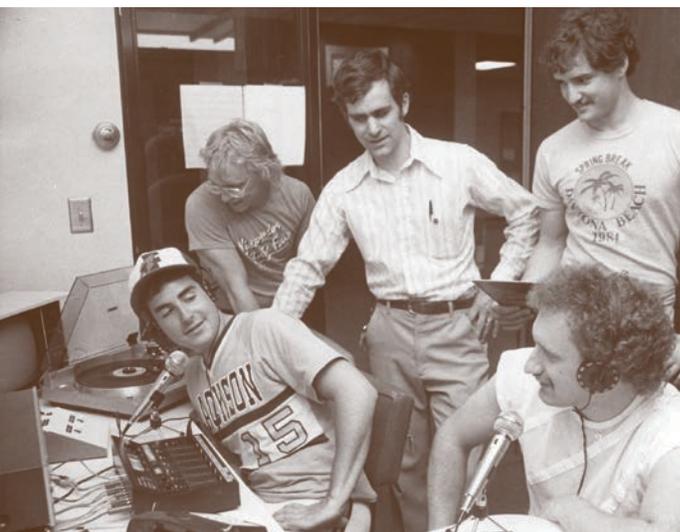
New era for campus

The campus renovation in 2000 brought a renewed sense of community to the students, faculty and staff. "That was an exciting time," Clausen said. "It brought so much energy to the campus."

The best thing about working at UW-Fond du Lac according to Clausen, is working with young people. "Being around 18- to 20-year-olds kept me young," he said.

In the community, Clausen has been a 39-year member of the Fond du Lac Evening Lions Club, most recently serving as president and chairing a "Stuff the Bus" school supply drive.

After retirement, Tom looks forward to spending time with his wife, Betty, and enjoying time on his boat, golfing, skiing and "freedom."



Tom Clausen, center, with students on the air at the former campus radio station.

Photo from UW-Fond du Lac archives.

Library awarded NEH grant for Bridging Cultures Bookshelf



Photo by Laurie Krasin

Library Director Kathryn Johnston with the collection of materials included in the Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys. The items were funded through a grant to provide resources to familiarize public audiences with the history and culture of Muslims.

Collection provides education into the history and culture of Muslims

The University of Wisconsin-Fond du Lac Library received a grant for the Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys, a collection of books, films, and other resources selected with the goal of familiarizing public audiences with the people, places, history, faith and cultures of Muslims in the United States and around the world.

UW-Fond du Lac has received 25 books, three films, and access for one year to Oxford Islamic Studies Online. These items were selected by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the American Library Association (ALA) based on the advice of scholars, librarians and other cultural programming experts.

"At this critical time, it is essential that college campuses, public libraries and educators in general make a strong effort to provide accurate, interesting and interdisciplinary information on Muslims, Islam and Muslim culture," said John Short, UW-Fond du Lac dean and CEO. "The need for public and general programming on Islamic

civilizations in the past and Muslim culture today is absolutely essential."

The Bookshelf is part of a competitive grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) awarded to libraries around the country. Support for the development and distribution of the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf was provided by a grant from Carnegie Corporation of New York, with additional support for the arts and media components from the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art.

Local citizens may check out these materials using their NEW ERA (NorthEast Wisconsin Educational Resources Alliance) library card or via interlibrary loan requests through their local libraries.

NEW ERA library cards may be obtained for free at the UW-Fond du Lac Library and other participating colleges. The Oxford Islamic Studies Online database may be searched on UW-Fond du Lac Library's public computer.

Faculty Promotions

Three members of the University of Wisconsin-Fond du Lac faculty were recently promoted.



Lisa Schreibersdorf, English, was named associate professor with tenure. She joined the UW-Fond du Lac faculty in 2007. Her teaching and research interests

include service-learning, the intersections of literature and politics and the theory of race and gender.



Carolyn Polodna, business, was promoted from associate professor to professor. A member of the UW-Fond du Lac faculty since 1990, she has also taught at UW-Parkside

and UW-Milwaukee. She is a Certified Public Accountant and her research interests include accounting for sustainability and prior learning assessment.



Michael Jurmu, geography and geology, was promoted from associate professor to professor. He began his career at UW-Fond du Lac in 1999 and serves as the UW

Colleges Service Learning Coordinator. He was a recipient of the 2012 Alliant Energy Underkofler Excellence in Teaching Award.

Sustainability

2013-14 Campus Theme



Growing Power's Will Allen signed copies of his book for community members following his presentation at UW-Fond du Lac. His presentation was part of the university's exploration of the common theme of sustainability during 2013-14.



A sustainability fair was held in conjunction with Allen's presentation and included local organic food producers and other vendors. Other events during the year included a panel discussion on the opportunities and challenges of local and organic food production and a series of faculty lectures.

Photos by Laurie Krasin

Kaplan Awards

The Kaplan Award recognizes significant and innovative improvement in instruction and/or service to students. This award honors Arthur M. Kaplan, who retired in 1993 as vice chancellor of the UW Colleges. Kaplan was committed to improving the quality of instruction and service to students at the UW Colleges' campuses. Recipients of the award receive a \$250 grant that can be used to further enhance their creative approaches to education.

Laurie Krasin, director of marketing and communications; **Bethany Rusch**, assistant dean for administration and finance; and **Kathy Strong Langolf**, special events coordinator; share an award

for their development, planning and implementation of the Corks & Forks signature fundraising event in spring 2013 which showcased students, faculty and staff. The event raised \$18,000 for student scholarships and the UW-Fond du Lac Foundation, strengthening the university's ability to provide scholarship awards.

Paul Sager, English lecturer, received an award for his dedication to assisting students with their writing skills through creative use of competition, teamwork and rewards to motivate students and his recognition of the challenges associated with teaching grammar through conventional methods.

Will Allen, leader of urban farming movement, talks about importance of sustainable food system

By Laurie Krasin

Will Allen, founder and CEO of Growing Power, Inc., of Milwaukee believes a sustainable food system is the only way to solve hunger around the world.



"This is such an important issue, regardless of where we are in the world," said Allen during his presentation in November 2013 at UW-Fond du Lac. "There is a food crisis that's going to impact us in the future; impacting our health; impacting in a negative way our community to be able to grow and prosper."

Allen is recognized as a leader in the expanding field of urban agriculture and spoke as part of UW-Fond du Lac's Sustainability lecture series. His presentation in the Prairie Theater attracted more than 250 people; community members, faculty, staff and students of all ages.

Growing Power is the last working farm inside the Milwaukee city limits and it is dedicated to being a leader in integrated, diversified urban sustainable agriculture and a center of innovation, learning and inspiration.

Allen says food is supposed to be our medicine and what keeps us healthy. He also believes we need to inspire people, especially our youth, in terms of the way they look at food and introduce them at an early age to good food.

"That's important... that kids get to taste what an organic tomato tastes like at that pre-school level or even before."

Beyond the current politics of healthcare, Allen says we need to grow healthy people. "The way we do that is through our local food system. We need to go back to those days in Wisconsin in the '30s and '40s when the majority of the food we ate was from the state of Wisconsin."

He adds that 99% of the food in the Milwaukee area comes from over 1,500 miles away. "Our local food system has gone away. But, there are encouraging signs with increasing numbers of community gardens and community sustained agriculture."

Allen is author of "The Good Food Revolution" and is a recipient of the MacArthur Genius Grant.

Sustainability was the common campus theme during the 2013-14 academic year at UW-Fond du Lac. Students studied the topic in their courses in many different disciplines.

"It was exciting to see students from many different classes - from philosophy to English composition to biology - learning about sustainable agriculture and applying it both in their classrooms and in their lives," said Paisley Harris, UW-Fond du Lac history professor and Engaging Students in the First Year (ESFY) coordinator.

"The lectures, presentations and events enhanced that learning and brought the community into the conversation."

The events were sponsored by the UW-Fond du Lac Engaging Students in the First Year (ESFY) and Fine Arts and Lecture Committee. Funding was provided by UW-Fond du Lac's Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee (SUFAC).




Corks & Forks

Signature event supports student scholarships and Foundation

Guests at the first Corks & Forks in 2013 enjoying a four-course Italian meal. Photo by Victoria Vegter.

UW-Fond du Lac's first Corks & Forks event in March 2013 raised more than \$18,000 for student scholarships and the UW-Fond du Lac Foundation.

Almost 200 guests at the fundraiser enjoyed international hors d'oeuvres, a four-course Italian dinner and wines from the region. The evening included presentation of the 2013 Spirit of Excellence Award to Judith Berger O'Brien, a silent auction, wine pull and a live auction.

Major sponsors for the event were Michel's Corporation and Sadoff Family Foundation. The media sponsor was Action Reporter Media. Silver level sponsors were CD Smith Construction, Inc. and Dr. Tom Kraus Dentistry.



Presenting the proceeds from the event to the Foundation Board of Directors are Bethany Rusch, assistant dean for administration and finance; John Short, dean and CEO; Darin Garbisch, Foundation board president; Laurie Krasin, marketing and communications director and Kathy Strong Langolf, special events coordinator.

**Corks and Forks 2014 will be held on March 20 and will feature Greek cuisine.
For tickets: (920) 929-1111 • fdl.uwc.edu/corksandforks**



Judith Berger O'Brien

2013 Spirit of Excellence Award presented to Judith Berger O'Brien

Understanding the financial challenges of attending college for many students, Judith Berger O'Brien wanted to make a difference. While scholarships and grants often help with tuition costs, many students struggle to cover the cost of textbooks, essential for success in the classroom.

Berger O'Brien established the Berger Book Fund in honor of her late husband Joseph S. Berger, Sr. and his father Joseph S. Berger, Jr. who were a driving force behind the efforts to establish a University of Wisconsin campus in Fond du Lac. Through this fund, students who might otherwise have difficulty in purchasing required books receive assistance.

She was awarded the UW-Fond du Lac Foundation's 2013 Spirit of Excellence award in recognition of her continuing support of UW-Fond du Lac students through this fund. The award was presented by UW-Fond du Lac Dean John Short at the university's Corks & Forks event in March 2013.

Previous UW-Fond du Lac Spirit of Excellence Awards have been given to Harold "Danny" and Charmaine LaShay and founding campus Dean Bill Henken.

Scott Wittchow honored with Distinguished Alumni Award

The University of Wisconsin-Fond du Lac awarded its 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award to Scott Wittchow, retired managing editor of Action Publications.

Wittchow was with Action Publications for 22 years before retiring in 2011. He received both the Cheers for Volunteers Outstanding Business Volunteer award and was the recipient of the first Leadership Fond du Lac Alumni Award in 2003.

"I certainly realize how valuable an education can be – in my case – life changing," said Wittchow. "Coach Dick Knar sent me a letter back in 1969 and then called me asking me to come and look at the campus, attend classes and play some basketball."

Born and raised on a farm near Rosendale, Wittchow attended UW-Fond du Lac from 1969 through 1971 and played basketball under Coach Knar.

"It was during that initial visit and following weeks that I learned that UW-Fond du Lac offered an affordable start to a four-year degree," said Wittchow. "Coach Knar assured me that I would receive the encouragement and faculty mentoring

to get through two years worth of classes - and I did."

He then transferred to UW-Oshkosh where he earned a bachelor's degree in journalism. "A UW-Fond du Lac English professor discovered that I could string words together and steered me into writing which evolved into 40 years in journalism."

An active community volunteer, he serves on the Fond du Lac Area Foundation Board and is a member of Fond du Lac Noon Kiwanis. He has previously served as a member of Big Brothers Big Sisters Board, American Red Cross Fond du Lac Chapter, Leadership Fond du Lac Board, Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District of Kiwanis International Board, Peace Lutheran Church of Rosendale Church Council and the Citizens Advisory Council to International Paper. He served on the UW-Fond du Lac Foundation Board of Directors until last year.

In 2000, Wittchow became a bone marrow donor to Nicola Coates, a young woman from Great Britain who was fighting a third round of cancer. His donation extended her life another 10 years before the cancer returned and took her life three years ago.

"The UW-Fond du Lac experience gave me a fabulous foundation for a rewarding career and a wonderful life," said Wittchow. "As the 10th person selected to receive the award I am humbled as I look at the list of previous winners."

The UW-Fond du Lac Distinguished Alumni Award has been established to honor and recognize alumni who have attained notable achievement in their career field, demonstrated philanthropic or public service activity in support of the community or provided inspiration to others.

Created in partnership with the UW-Fond du Lac Foundation, the Distinguished Alumni Award is presented each fall. To receive a nomination form for this award, call UW-Fond du Lac at (920) 929-1100.



Retired managing editor of Action Publications Scott Wittchow received the 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award from UW-Fond du Lac Dean John Short at the Foundation's annual scholarship and donor recognition event.



UW-Fond du Lac alumnus Scott Wittchow and Dick Knar, retired UW-Fond du Lac basketball coach, at the 2013 scholarship and donor recognition reception where Wittchow was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award. Photos by Laurie Krasin.

Previous Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

2012	William (Bill) Lamb	2007	Robert (Bob) Carew
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2009	Sandi Roehrig	2004	Brenna Garrison-Bruden
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Giving Tree honors lifetime giving to UW-Fond du Lac Foundation

Donors to the University of Wisconsin-Fond du Lac Fond du Lac are now recognized on the new Giving Tree at the entrance to the University Center Commons.

Designed to thank lifetime giving to the Foundation, this project was unveiled at the annual Scholarship and Donor Recognition reception in October 2013.

The tree displays five separate levels of giving: Root - \$2,000 to \$9,999; Trunk - \$10,000 to \$24,999; Branch - \$25,000 to \$49,999; Leaf - \$50,000 to \$99,999; and Legacy – (at the top of the tree) \$100,000 and up.

The plaque honors 97 individuals, businesses and organizations. These supporters of the campus have contributed a minimum of \$2,000. The levels of giving will be updated annually as donors add to their lifetime giving amounts.



Chemistry Professor Ron Theys receives research grant



Ron Theys, Ph.D., UW-Fond du Lac chemistry professor, has received a \$7,300 University of Wisconsin System Portals of Discovery grant for undergraduate collaborative research on an anti-inflammatory drug.

He will collaborate on the study with M. Mahmum Hossain, Ph. D., UW-Milwaukee chemistry professor. UW-Fond du Lac students Dillon Abhold and Alex Lundberg will also participate in the research study.

This grant is part of the larger National Science Foundation (NSF)-funded Portals of Discovery initiative which seeks to increase the number of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) graduates in Wisconsin. Funded projects focus on research collaborations between two-year and four-year colleges with the goal of increasing student interest in STEM fields.

Theys also plans to involve students at the high school level by collaborating with Fond du Lac High School teacher Robert Doeckel. Students in Doeckel's concurrent enrollment chemistry class will participate by doing a joint lab experiment with UW-Fond du Lac chemistry students related to this research. Concurrent enrollment students are earning high school and UW-Fond du Lac college credit for their coursework.

"Participating in undergraduate research is an exceptional way to enhance the learning opportunities for our students," said John Short, UW-Fond du Lac dean and CEO. "Undergraduate research allows students to become socialized into the discipline, to forge professional networks and create clear educational and career paths."



UW-Fond du Lac Professor and Athletic Director Lee Watson shows the scoring table which was purchased with support from the Fond du Lac Noon Optimist Club and B104.7.

FDL Noon Optimist Club donates fair booth proceeds to support UW-Fond du Lac Falcon athletics

The Fond du Lac Noon Optimist Club recently presented a \$1,500 check to the UW-Fond du Lac Athletics Department.

The donation was from the proceeds of the club's food booth at the 2013 Fond du Lac County Fair in partnership with UW-Fond du Lac and B104.7 radio station.

UW-Fond du Lac faculty, staff, students and alumni volunteered to work in the booth throughout the five-day fair held July 17-21.

In exchange, the club helps support athletics at the campus with this donation.

"This is the third year in a row that we teamed up with the Noon Optimists and B104.7 to run the Fond du Lac County Fair stand," said Lee Watson, athletic director and health and exercise science professor. "We have used the proceeds in the past to help purchase new women's basketball uniforms, a new scorer's table, new baseball batting cage and other much needed items for our athletic department."

The funds for the athletic department are administered through the UW-Fond du Lac Foundation.

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University of Wisconsin-Fond du Lac students, parents, donors and Foundation board members enjoyed a festive evening at the campus in early October designed to commend 37 students who received more than \$30,000 in scholarships.

The 2013 Scholarship & Donor Recognition reception was held Wednesday, Oct. 2, in the University Center Commons. Scott Wittchow, who was the 10th recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award, was also honored.

At the event, UW-Fond du Lac staff, faculty and board directors mingled with students and supporters of the Foundation's objectives which are: to provide scholarship opportunities for students; to encourage and support programs designed to involve the community in the campus; and to help improve the resources available to students, faculty and staff.

Speakers at the reception included Dr. John Short, UW-Fond du Lac dean and CEO; Brian Jones, UW-Fond du Lac Foundation vice president and benefactor of the Bernie Jones Memorial Scholarship; Darin Garbisch, board president; student Lisa Swast, one of two recipients of the Jones Scholarship; Scott Wittchow, and Patty Brandl, executive director of the Foundation.

Shown in the picture above are, from left to right: Allen Buechel, Fond du Lac County Executive and Foundation board member; Gretchen Jones; Leo Santini, board member and Scholarship Committee co-chair; John Wright, former board member and benefactor of the John K. and Sandra J. Wright Scholarship Endowment Fund; and Brian Jones, board vice president and co-chair of the Scholarship Committee.

UW-Fond du Lac Foundation scholarship recipients

The 2013-2014 scholarship recipients were recognized for their outstanding academic achievements and leadership qualities at the annual Foundation Donor and Scholarship Recognition Reception held on Oct. 2, 2013.

More than \$30,000 in scholarships were awarded to new and continuing UW-Fond du Lac students.

Friends of the Foundation were also honored, as their generosity makes scholarships for UW-Fond du Lac students possible. To create or contribute to a scholarship fund at UW-Fond du Lac, contact the Foundation Office at (920) 929-1335.

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UW-Fond du Lac Dean John Short (left) with retired emeritus professor Dr. Jack Heil (right) and Marjorie Heil at the Foundation's annual scholarship and donor recognition event held each fall. The Heils have established a scholarship fund to support UW-Fond du Lac students. Photo by Laurie Krasin

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