

## UW-FDL Foundation awards over \$26,000 in scholarships; students recognized at reception

Students and donors to the college gathered for the annual UW-Fond du Lac Foundation Donor Recognition and Scholarship Awards Reception in the University Commons at UW-Fond du Lac on Sept. 17. This year, the evening kicked off the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the campus, complete with "birthday" cake.

This year, the UW-Fond du Lac Foundation awarded more than \$36,000 in scholarships.

"This reception provides an annual opportunity for the campus to show appreciation to the many community patrons who generously support scholarships, special events, campus programs, faculty and staff development, and the building of an endowment at UW-Fond du Lac," says Foundation Executive Director Christa Williams.

Current recipients of scholarships awarded through the UW-Fond du Lac Foundation also are recognized at the event, and many have the opportunity to meet and personally thank their scholarship donors. The foundation

awarded 40 scholarships to students attending the campus.

The evening also highlighted the presentation of the Outstanding Alumnus Award to Oscar Kraus ('69-'72).

When Kraus began attending classes in 1969, he was 30 years old, married, the father of three children and employed full-time at Giddings & Lewis. According to his wife, Delores, higher education very positively affected the Kraus family, yet college would likely not have been an option if the campus had not just opened in Fond du Lac.

After coursework at UW-FDL, Kraus completed an accounting degree at UW Oshkosh and went on to earn a CPA license. He retired as controller of St. Agnes Hospital in 1998.

Kraus has an impressive record of leadership in many community organizations, including ASTOP, Blandine House, Noon Kiwanis, FDL Area Children's Chorale, Loaves and Fishes and the Boy Scouts.

Keynote speakers at the reception included Action

Publications Managing Editor Scott Wittchow, a UW-Fond du Lac alumnus ('69-'71) and president of the UW-Fond du Lac Foundation, who shared how the personal support he received from teachers as a UW-Fond du Lac student influenced his decision to pursue journalism and resulted in a fulfilling career.

Wittchow's appreciation for his UW-FDL education inspired his service on the UW-FDL Foundation Board, which focuses on supporting student scholarships and other needed campus funding.

Additional comments provided by scholarship recipient, Logan Shine, affirmed the important role that donors to the foundation have in making education - and life goals - attainable.

The following students received scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year:

**Beaver Dam:** Brock Schwarzenbacher.

**Campbellsport:** Brett Stageman.

**Eden:** Holly Blatz, Alyssa Hernandez.

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Scott Wittchow photo

UW-Fond du Lac Foundation scholarship recipients gathered in the university commons prior to celebrating at the annual scholarship and donor reception on Sept. 17. Front left: Adelyn Schiek Liebelt, Annie Morgan, Michelle Kuczkowski, Amy Behnke, Elizabeth Casper, Jeanna Zuelke, Tyler Meyer, Andrew Johnson, Alyssa Hernandez. Second row: Sarah Freund, Brock Schwarzenbacher, Megan Robotka, Ashlianne Ehlers, Joshua Tessner, Luke Scorcio, Karl Huth, Craig Obry, Jennifer Jacobs. Third row: Melisaa Poltrock, Michael Toshner, Matthew Halter, Brittany Beebe, Nora Esposito, Robert Ullsperger, Jesse Weber, Nicholas Winters. Fourth row: Luke Joswick, Andrew Woller, Brett Stageman, Logan Shine, Peter Capoyianes, Mark Thompson, Josiah Zabel and Trevor Joswick.