



FALL
Commencement
2024

COUNCIL OAK

The Council Oak stands as a symbol of UW-Eau Claire's commitment to serving as a place of meeting and exchange. The symbolism originated with the first Council Oak, a majestic tree that stood where the Ojibwe and Dakota nations as well as other nations, including the Ho-Chunk, Menominee and Potawatomi, met to share knowledge and discuss peaceful resolutions to their differences. The current Council Oak was planted and dedicated in 1990 by elders from the Ojibwe and Ho-Chunk nations after the original Council Oak, which had been damaged by lightning in 1966, fell in a windstorm in 1987.

The Council Oak remains a sacred place and is recognized by UW-Eau Claire as a symbol of the ancestral and sacred lands of Indigenous Peoples, past and present. We acknowledge that the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire occupies the sacred and ancestral lands of Indigenous Peoples. We honor the land of the Ojibwe and Dakota Nations.



OUR MARK OF EXCELLENCE

The University Seal made its entrance into the life of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in 1966, and today it remains the official symbol of the university and the values it upholds. The seal prominently features the Council Oak tree and the word "Excellence."

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

We foster in one another creativity, critical insight, empathy and intellectual courage, the hallmarks of a transformative liberal education and the foundation for active citizenship and lifelong inquiry.



DEAR BLUGOLD GRADUATES AND GUESTS,

Congratulations and welcome to The Sonnentag! Today's graduates are among the first to celebrate UW-Eau Claire commencement in our new state-of-the-art venue, which was made possible by the exceptional generosity and vision of Blugold alumni John and Carolyn Sonnentag. You are joining more than 100,000 alumni who have made this same memorable graduation-day walk. Today's featured speaker and alumnus Tayo Sanders, one of UW-Eau Claire's two Rhodes Scholars, uses his world-class education to make his dreams and aspirations come true as he makes the world a better place. I am confident you will do the same as you embark on the next chapter in your life.

Much like the growth rings depicted on the cover of this program, your college journey has been unique and remarkable. You navigated the twists and turns of the college experience, your interests branching in directions you couldn't have imagined the first time you walked under the Stowe Gateway onto campus. You have helped advance this university's reputation for excellence as one of the top academic colleges in the country, attested to by rankings from Forbes, U.S. News & World Report, Money, The Wall Street Journal and The Princeton Review.

The university's benchmark of excellence is everywhere on campus and in the community. The facility you are seated in sets the sustainability standard as the largest Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design V4 gold-certified recreational center in the nation operated by a public university. As an emerging national leader in healthcare, our colleges of Nursing and Health and Human Sciences are preparing Blugolds to shape the future of the industry and fulfill individuals' medical and human needs. Our College of Business is one of the top business schools in the Midwest, providing our highly-sought-after business graduates multiple pathways after graduation. And our College of Arts & Sciences students develop essential life-long learning skills that propel them into leadership roles in a multitude of diverse professions.

As we reflect on this momentous day, we recall the learning experiences, the friendships made, the lessons learned and the value of critical thinking. Our graduates are leaders, innovators and dreamers, who are ready to change the world.

I hope you continue to find joy, be audacious and show gratitude along the way,

James C. Schmidt | Chancellor
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Commencement Program

DECEMBER 21, 2024 • JAMES C. SCHMIDT, CHANCELLOR, PRESIDING

9 A.M.

College of Business

College of Health and Human Sciences

1:30 P.M.

College of Arts and Sciences

College of Nursing

PRELUDE BY ENSEMBLE

Robert Baca, professor, trumpet

Jacob Grewe, lecturer, tuba

Alexander Henton, associate lecturer, horn

Matthew Mealey, '99, trumpet

Phil Ostrander, professor, trombone

WELCOME AND PROCESSIONAL

Evan Weiher, Commencement Marshal, Chair, University Senate

"Pomp and Circumstance No. 1" by Sir Edward Elgar and
"Triumphal March" (from Aida) by Giuseppe Verdi

NATIONAL ANTHEM

"The Star-Spangled Banner," by John Stafford Smith

Please rise, if you are able, for the National Anthem and Presentation of the Colors.
Remain standing until the ROTC Color Guard has exited the arena.

Led by Emily E. Magee, Bachelor of Music Education, Music (9 a.m.)

Led by Grace Emily Metko, Bachelor of Music Education, Music (1:30 p.m.)

ASL Interpretation by Noelle Snestrud (1:30 p.m.)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Michael Carney, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

MEMBERS OF THE PLATFORM PARTY

James C. Schmidt, Chancellor

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Billy Felz, Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management

Mary F. Hoffman, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies

Louisa Rice, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

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Lisa Jepsen, Dean, College of Business

Carmen Manning, Dean, College of Health and Human Sciences

Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Leah Olson-McBride, Associate Dean, College of Health and Human Sciences (9 a.m.)

Jean Pratt, Associate Dean, College of Business (9 a.m.)

Margaret Cassidy, Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences (1:30 p.m.)

Debra Jansen, Associate Dean, College of Nursing (1:30 p.m.)

Evan Weiher, Commencement Marshal, Chair, University Senate

GREETINGS	Héctor Colón, Regent, Universities of Wisconsin
CONGRATULATORY REMARKS	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor
INTRODUCTION OF ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS	James C. Schmidt, Chancellor See pages 16-21 for background on the award recipients.
CHARGE TO THE CLASS	Tayo Sanders, II, '15 Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Arrowpoint Labs and Chief Business Officer of Singular Immune
PRESENTATION AND CONFERRAL OF MASTER CANDIDATES	Mary F. Hoffman, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of Graduate Studies James C. Schmidt, Chancellor
PRESENTATION AND CONFERRAL OF BACCALAUREATE CANDIDATES	Lisa Jepsen, Dean, College of Business (9 a.m.) Carmen Manning, Dean, College of Health and Human Sciences (9 a.m.) Kristen Abbott-Anderson, Dean, College of Nursing (1:30 p.m.) Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences (1:30 p.m.) James C. Schmidt, Chancellor
ROTC OATH OF OFFICE (9 a.m.)	Captain Charles Holbrook, III, Assistant Professor of Military Science, Northwoods ROTC Battalion
BLUGOLD REFLECTIONS	“The Beauty of Ordinary” (9 a.m.) Meadow Annabella Barone Bachelor of Arts, English and Language Arts Teaching “It’s Not Fair, I Know” (1:30 p.m.) Anna Corinne Westby Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Nursing Comprehensive
UNIVERSITY ALMA MATER	Led by Lauren Elizabeth Johnson, Bachelor of Music Education, Music (9 a.m.) Led by Audrey R van Boven, Bachelor of Arts, Music (1:30 p.m.)
RECESSIONAL	“Pomp and Circumstance, No. 1” by Sir Edward Elgar Please wait to move from your seat until after the graduates have exited the arena.
PHOTOGRAPHS	Grad Images, professional photographers, will photograph graduates as they receive their diplomas. Find proofs of the photos on their website at www.gradimages.com . In order to reset the arena for the next event, there will be no personal photo opportunities in the event center following the ceremony.

Candidates for Degrees

*Graduation with distinction is being conferred on those graduates who have an outstanding scholastic record. They are identified by gold cords and recognized in the program as follows: *cum laude (GPA of at least 3.2), **magna cum laude (GPA of at least 3.5) and ***summa cum laude (GPA of at least 3.8). Graduates receiving University Honors† are identified by a gold ribbon and medal. Baccalaureate candidates who are members of scholastic honor societies are identified by silver cords.‡*



DEGREE INTERPRETATIONS

Ed.S. Specialist in Education
M.A. Master of Arts
M.B.A. Master of Business Administration
M.S. Master of Science
M.S.E. Master of Science in Education

B.A. Bachelor of Arts
B.B.A. Bachelor of Business Administration
B.F.A. Bachelor of Fine Arts
B.L.S. Bachelor of Liberal Studies
B.M. Bachelor of Music

B.M.E. Bachelor of Music Education
B.S. Bachelor of Science
**B.S.E.P.H. Bachelor of Science in
Environmental Public Health**
B.S.N. Bachelor of Science in Nursing
B.S.W. Bachelor of Social Work

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

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Anna Noelle Schultz

M.S.E., School Psychology

**James Thomas
Smith**

M.S.E., School Psychology

**Levi Meng Hong
Svaren**

M.S., Data Science

Ava Joy Tollas

M.S.E., School Psychology

**LaToya LaTrice
Washington**

M.S., Data Science

John Woodward

M.S., Data Science

Blaire Ziebol

M.S.E., School Psychology

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**Jennifer Anne
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**Benjamin George
Adams** *** †

B.S., Biology

**Devin Douglas
Adams** *** †

B.S., Mathematics

**Olaoluwa
Omowunmi
Adegoke** *** †

B.S., Computer Science

**Micah James
Arellano**

B.S., Biology

**Reese Charles
Atzmilller**

B.S., Physics

**Brett Lawrence
Juleff Baker** *** †

B.A., Political Science

Lindsey Jo Bakken ***

B.S., Criminal Justice

Nicole Lynn Barker

B.A., Theatre Arts

**Lillian Marie
Barney** ***

B.S., Psychology

**Michael Christopher
Barrow**

B.A., Geography

**Drew Anthony
Bauer** *

B.S., Art

**Annie Theresa
Begotka**

B.A., Music

Brice Scott Benusa

B.S., History

Duncan Ira Berg

B.A., Art

Grant Bird

B.S., Biology

**Molly Jee Caroline
Black** *** †

B.A., History

Delaney Rae Boehlke

B.A., Psychology

Conner Ivan Boehm

*B.S., Biochemistry /
Molecular Biology*

**Alexander James
Borsgard** **

B.S., Physics

Alex David Brandt *

B.S., English

Leah Rae Brawdy *

B.A., Political Science

**Shayla Janeen
Breen** **

B.A., Political Science

**Keith John Owen
Bryant**

B.S., Computer Science

Kaitlyn M Buckli

B.S., Biology

Erin Marie Caner **

B.S., Biology

Brett Scott Cargill

B.A., Criminal Justice

**Anna Grace
Carlson** ***

B.F.A., Art

**Jose Eduardo
Chavez-Santiago** **

*B.A., Psychology and Latin
American and Latinx
Studies*

Hailey Jean Chilson *

B.A., Psychology

Samantha J Chock *

B.S., Biology

**Derek Sydney
Coates**

B.S., Biology

Matt Aaron Craig **

B.S., Biology

Alfred Daniel

B.A., Communication

**Ashton Rebecca
Davis** **

B.A., Psychology

Gillian Lea Davis ***
B.S., Biology

Zoe Simone Davis
B.A., English

Emma Marie Day *
B.S., History

Brianna Nicole Dean *
B.A., Psychology

Nyah Faith DeGroot ** †
B.S., Computer Science

Nathan Dehmlow ** †
B.S., Actuarial Science

Nathan John Donovan ***
B.S., Biology

Lukas Robert Dopart *
B.S., Chemistry

Miranda K Dorantes ***
B.S., Mathematics

Bruce James Doughty **
B.S., Psychology and Political Science

Lucas Douglas Easker ***
B.A., Criminal Justice

Grant E Eiden **
B.S., Actuarial Science

Josephine Ellingson ***
B.S., Biology

Cecily J Ennis
B.A., Criminal Justice

Cullen Jacob Erie
B.A., Art

Grayson Farago
B.S., Political Science

Treyton Matthew Faulkner
B.S., Communication

Lauren Fealy
B.A., Communication

Wei Feng
B.S., Computer Science

Devyn Robert Fey
B.A., Psychology

Kaitlyn S Field
B.S. Geology

Joseph C Figliuzzi
B.S., Psychology

Danielle Marie Filiowich **
B.F.A., Art

Teresa Marie Fischer **
B.A., Political Science

Trey Thomas Fitzgerald *
B.S., Actuarial Science

Gavin Jacob Forkash
B.A., Spanish

Garrett Jerome Forsyth
B.S., Computer Science

Audrey Lynne Fritz **
B.A., Communication

Ida M Fugoso **
B.A., Psychology

Hannah Noelle Fynboh **
B.A., Psychology

Justin Timothy Gappa *
B.S., Chemistry

Averi Anne Garscia *
B.S., Neuroscience

Isaac Xavier Garside
B.A., Psychology

Cameron Lewis Gates
B.A., History

Mercedes Cicciolina Angelise Gibbs **
B.A., Integrated Strategic Communication

Antonia Helen Green
B.A., Political Science

Liam Renee Grossman ***
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Westley Joseph Hart
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Quinn Hartmetz **
B.S., Economics

Thomas John Hebert ***
B.L.S., Liberal Studies

Patrick Heil Jr.
B.S., Criminal Justice

Emily Kate Hendrickson ***
B.A., Psychology

Lauren Elizabeth Hennes
B.A., Criminal Justice and Psychology

Brianna Michelle Hilton ** †
B.S., Geology

Julia Renee Hoag *
B.S.E.P.H., Environmental Public Health

Lydia G Hoff ***
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Sara Ann Hoffman *** †
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Ashley Elizabeth Holton
B.S., Biology

Carson Jeffrey Huber *
B.S., Chemistry

Jack Thomas Ingram *
B.S. Biology

Trevor M Jaeck **
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Peter Jacobs **
B.S. Materials Science

Annette Joy Johnson *** †
B.A. Psychology

Sydney Elizabeth Johnson **
B.S., Biology

Jared Benjamin Jones *** †
B.S., Computer Science

Emma Marie Jordan ***
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Elina Mary Jouppi ***
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Daniel R Juedes *
B.S., Biochemistry / Molecular Biology

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Lydia Kadlec
B.S., Geology

Thashwene Kanesen *
B.A., Psychology

Vishakha Sheryll Kanwar
B.A., French

Whisper Unique Kappus-McDew
B.L.S., Liberal Studies

Alexis Kielman *
B.S., Biochemistry / Molecular Biology

Kiley Joan King *
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Breanna Marie Kinnunen **
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Katelyn Rose Kleiman-Lee
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B.S., Computer Science

Kyle Scott Kotecki
B.S., Biology

Elijah Z Krause *** †
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Sirach C Krogstad *
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Nathan R Kropidowski ***
B.S., Chemistry with Business Emphasis

Christopher Jon Krueger * †
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Alexander John Kutsunis
B.S., Computer Science

Allyson Mae Lahnala **
B.A., English

Indrajeet French Samuel Larsen
B.S., Communication

Tash A Lawer
B.A., Art

Molly E Lawton ***
B.S., Psychology

Dylan Richard Lehmann
B.A., Geography

Benjamin Merth Leurquin
B.S., Public Health

Ka Yan Lim *
B.S., Psychology

Jessica Rose Liska **
B.S., Biology

Connor Jonathan Loken *** †
B.M., Music

Mai Chee Lor *
B.S., English

Terri Ann Luethe *
B.L.S., Liberal Studies

Calvin Lucas Lutzke *** †
B.A., Spanish and Political Science and Latin American and Latinx Studies

Jiankang Ma
B.S., Computer Science

Nicholas John Maenner *
B.S., Materials Science and Engineering

Macey Lee Majewski
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Edison Alexander Marohl
B.A., Psychology

Sydney Irene Martin
B.S., Music

Sabrina M Massie ** † †
B.A., History

Isaac Douglas Mattson *** †
B.A., History

Marcus Thomas McEllistrem IV **
B.S., Geospatial Analysis and Technology

Brock Micheal McFarlane **
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Gabrielle Joy McIntosh
B.A., Psychology

Molly Merfeld *** †
B.S., Biology

Allison Danielle Meschke ***
B.A., Psychology

Samantha A Meznarich *** † †
B.S., Computer Science

Caleb Jerdon Michlig ***
B.S., Computer Science

William Henry Miers ***
B.S., Biology

Owen Nels Mitchell
B.S., Psychology

Tobin E Mohr **
B.A., Journalism and Political Science

Morgan Leigh Moore *
B.A., Psychology

Jack William Morrison
B.S., Computer Science

Jalynn Kay-Marie Morter**
B.S., Psychology

Maddison Millicent Mueller**
B.S., Biology

Riley Jon Murphy
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Evan Michael Nelson
B.S., Biochemistry /
Molecular Biology

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Naomi Grace O'Leary***
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Jacklyn Mary Oldroyd* †**
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Stephen Joseph Olson
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Communication

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Ivan Meier Ruble
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Jiayi Rui
B.S., Computer Science

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B.S., Art

Jenna C Salzwedel
B.A., Music

Kayla Mae Sayovitz***
B.S., Biology

Emily Ann Schaefer*
B.S., Physics

Jordan Schmaltz
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Business Emphasis

Samantha Irene Schmitt
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Sara Lindsey Scott
B.S., Geology

Yoshihiro Sesoko**
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B.S., Geology and Business
Administration

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Morgan Elena Shepherd*
B.A., Communication

Timothy Gerard Skierka*
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Jon Michael Smith
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Noelle Marie Snesrud***
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Tyler Sobojinski*
B.S., Computer Science

Kailey Maria Sodke**
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Elizabeth Mary Stange**
B.S., Psychology

Lilia Genevieve Stearns**
B.S., English

Jagger Mitchell Steiner
B.A., Psychology

Brendon D Stelling**
B.A., Sociology

Seth David Stevens
B.S., Physics

Bryn Stewart* †**
B.A., Psychology

Kathryn Cummins Stewart***
B.A., English

Alexis M Stock* †**
B.S., Psychology

Ella Josette Stratmann*
B.A., Art

Dawson Bo Stroik
B.S., Computer Science

Benjamin Levi Stuckey
B.S., Geology

Wen Sun
B.S., Computer Science

Sierra Ann Szydel
B.A., Public Health

Nathan Carlos Temprano*
B.A., Psychology

Samuel Forrest Terry
B.S., Communication

Jacob Douglas Thompson***
B.A., Physics and
Mathematics

Noah D Thompson-Hall
B.S., Physics

John R Trapp
B.A., Criminal Justice

Alyza Maree Travis
B.S., Psychology

Hunter Allen Tullius**
B.A., Journalism

Hope Rena Patricia Turvaville***
B.A., Communication

Audrey R Van Boven**
B.A., Music

Skylar Trey VanDenElzen
B.A., Art

Blake R Vander Weide †**
B.S., Neuroscience

Jasmine Nkauj Dawb Vang**
B.A., Art

Ashlin VonRuden †**
B.S., Biology

Caleb Eliot Vos Benkowski
B.A., Communication

Benjamin Gregg Wacker***
B.S., Mathematics

Mengxing Wang
B.S., Computer Science

Sophie Katherine Watson
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B.A., Political Science

Elizabeth Marie Winter***
B.A., Psychology

Hunter Witt
B.S., Political Science

Elijah Thomas Witzel
B.S., Biochemistry /
Molecular Biology

Zhennan Xie
B.S., Materials Science

Morchoua Yang
B.S., Computer Science

Yuxian Yang
B.S., Materials Science

Zhiwei Zhang**
B.S., Computer Science

Zhilin Zhao*
B.S., Computer Science

Brandon Alexander Zuniga
B.S., History

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**Jaida Korrin
Armstrong ****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Katelyn Paige
Avery *****

B.S.N., Nursing

Braxten Ann Blood *

B.S.N., Nursing

Olivia Eve Bluhm **

B.S.N., Nursing

**Danielle Plete
Bowe ****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Brianna Alexis
Brandsma *****

B.S.N., Nursing

Marnie Jo Britton *

B.S.N., Nursing

Kylee A Bro **

B.S.N., Nursing

**Emma Grace
Bunkelman *****

B.S.N., Nursing

Tianna Marie Bunn **

B.S.N., Nursing

**Chris Rose Lay
Corriea ****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Emma Grace
Dieckman ****

B.S.N., Nursing

Haley Lynne Ehmke **

B.S.N., Nursing

**Megan Elizabeth
Farley ****

B.S.N., Nursing

Jenna A Fenner **

B.S.N., Nursing

Ashley Gasser **

B.S.N., Nursing

**Cianna Mae
Gemignani ***

B.S.N., Nursing

Eden Reilly Gruber ***

B.S.N., Nursing

**Vanessa Ann
Grunwald *****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Greysen Lee Higbe-
Harrah ****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Elizabeth Marie
Hosmann *****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Nathalie Jane
Hryniewicki ***

B.S.N., Nursing

**Jennifer Rose
Huettl ****

B.S.N., Nursing

Annika Jeanquart **

B.S.N., Nursing

**Camilla Liesel
Johnson *****

B.S.N., Nursing and Spanish

**Rosebud Anne
Johnson *****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Chase Roman
Jorgensen *****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Kennedi H
Kielpikowski ****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Jonathan James
Kneer ** †**

B.S.N., Nursing

**Olivia Marie
Kratzke ****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Reighlynn Dawn
Larsen ****

B.S.N., Nursing

Abigail Ann Lee **

B.S.N., Nursing

**Abigail Linlihan
Lenz ****

B.S.N., Nursing

Jaida Nicole Maki **

B.S.N., Nursing

Brent Allen Martin ***

B.S.N., Nursing

Bailey R Matis **

B.S.N., Nursing

Kali Meixner ***

B.S.N., Nursing

**Paige Elizabeth
Mewhorter ****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Megan Shirley
Modeen ****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Amanda Grace
Mohr ****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Trey Jonathon
Myers *****

B.S.N., Nursing

Ashley Anne O'Neil *

B.S.N., Nursing

Emily Sue Olson ***

B.S.N., Nursing

**Olivia Anne
Oscarson ****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Kyla Jean
Osowski ** †**

B.S.N., Nursing

**Emma Jane
Panasuk ****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Emma Christine
Paradise ****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Elizabeth K
Patrick *****

B.S.N., Nursing

Kaitlyn Popp ***

B.S.N., Nursing

**Stephanie Marie
Powell ***

B.S.N., Nursing

Lexi Jean Radies **

B.S.N., Nursing

Lauren R Rekucki ***

B.S.N., Nursing

**Hannah SheAnn
Schimmel *****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Sydney Ann
Schmidt *****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Emma Claire
Schrauth *****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Skyeler Ann
Schroeder**

B.S.N., Nursing

**Chloe Adeline
Schwartz *****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Claire Alyssa
Semenske *****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Samantha Jean
Skalla ****

B.S.N., Nursing and Public

Health

**Cassandra J
Spinarski *****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Anabella
Konstantinovna
Stuckert**

B.S.N., Nursing

Justine J Swenning **

B.S.N., Nursing

**Lillian Jane
Swenson *****

B.S.N., Nursing

Lexi Marie Tobias **

B.S.N., Nursing

**Zachary Matthew
Todd ****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Emmalyn Katherine
Tritschler *****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Kimberly Maria
vanDoorn ****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Elizabeth Ann
Vedbraaten *****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Anna Bernadette
Walczak ****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Kurt Isaac Walstrom

B.S.N., Nursing

**Mikayla Marie
Weasler *****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Anna Corinne
Westby *****

B.S.N., Nursing

**Martin Samuel
Williams *****

B.S.N., Nursing

HONORS PROGRAMS

The University Honors Program cultivates a challenging and supportive learning community that encourages highly motivated, high-potential students to develop fully in their distinctive abilities, creating a foundation for sustained intellectual, professional, and personal growth. The Honors Program at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire offers a rigorous and evolving curriculum that assists students in the pursuit of creativity, innovation, discovery, and engagement across disciplines. Honors students often have significant responsibility for the design and execution of learning activities within their honors coursework, and many honors students engage in undergraduate research that is uniquely matched to their experiences, skills, and longer-term goals. The program offers an enhanced education, enabling students to integrate honors liberal education courses, honors interdisciplinary seminars, honors work in their

major and minor programs, and honors experiential learning opportunities into a high-value whole. The Honors Program has two components: University Honors and Departmental Honors. Students may graduate with honors by completing one component or both. Graduates receiving University Honors are identified by a gold ribbon and medal.

In addition, 32 scholastic honor societies are recognized at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. They exist primarily to recognize the attainment of scholarship of a superior quality and to confer distinction for high achievement in undergraduate, graduate and professional studies; in student leadership; and in various fields of research. Baccalaureate candidates who are members of scholastic honor societies are identified by a silver cord.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The academic apparel traditionally worn by the faculty and staff in the processional has its origins in the universities of the Middle Ages. Because the universities grew out of church schools, both faculty and students were regarded as part of the clergy and wore clerical clothing based on monastic dress.

The head covering was developed from the skullcap worn to protect tonsured heads in cold weather. In the universities, the skullcap acquired a point on top, which gradually evolved into a tassel. In Europe the bonnet with tassel is still worn but has been replaced in America by the mortarboard cap or tam with tassel.

The style of the gown may have been borrowed from the Benedictine monk's habit. In the Middle Ages, those with

bachelor's and master's degrees could be distinguished by the simplicity or elaborateness of their gowns. The master's gowns were often furred, a decoration surviving as the three velvet bars now used on the sleeves of the doctoral gown.

The hood was originally worn over the head in bad weather and otherwise dropped onto the shoulders. First worn by faculty and students, the hood is now added to the apparel of those with master's, specialist in education and doctoral degrees. The color of the velvet trim on the hood indicates the scholarly field: for example, dark blue (philosophy), golden yellow (science), light blue (education), pink (music), apricot (nursing), drab (business), white (arts). The colors of the satin lining are those approved and authorized by the college or university from which the degree was earned.

UNIVERSITY MACE AND STAND

The University Mace represents the proud history and community connections of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. It was donated in 2016 in honor of the University's centennial by Dr. Susan Harrison, professor emerita of mathematics, who served for 15 years as chair of the University Senate and commencement marshal. The mace includes wood from the original Council Oak tree and Kent

State Memorial trees that was saved when the trees were replaced. It was crafted by members of the Chippewa Valley Woodturners Guild. The University Medallion at the center of the mace was Dr. Harrison's, given in recognition of her university service. The mace reminds graduates of the university's history of excellence and its many contributions to the people of the region and of Wisconsin.

Senior Class Gift

Graduates are invited to commemorate their achievement with a gift of \$20.24 to the UW-Eau Claire Foundation. Graduates are encouraged to donate to areas of the university that impacted their time as students, such as academic departments, campus programs, or scholarship funds. With their gifts, these graduates have supported current and future Blugolds even before becoming alumni.

Those who contributed received Blugold Spirit Cords to wear during Commencement, and many also elected to make their gift in honor and appreciation of a favorite faculty or staff member, who were recognized with a certificate including the graduate's name.

The UW-Eau Claire Foundation thanks the following graduates for their generous support for their alma mater:*

Chloe Birschbach

Keith Bryant

Vanessa Calica

Amber DeLong

Evelyn Fryza

Jocelyn Hancock

Hannah Hart

Nathalie Hryniewicki

Breanna Kinnunen

Katie Kleiman-Lee

Ka Yan Lim

Ashleigh Madsen

Kylie Marth

Jordan McDonald

Grace Emily Metko

Maddison Mueller

Hope Nye

Emma Panasuk

Kaylie Paul

Shelby Rundquist

Abigail Schroeder

Savanah Smith

Elle Snesrud

Kristi Springer

Jagger Steiner

Samantha Whyte

Shangyan Yap

**Graduates listed here made their gifts by the time of this program's print deadline.*

Graduates who made a Senior Class Gift through the end of the semester are also appreciated for their contributions.

Alumni Awards

Seven alumni and friends of the university were honored at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Alumni Association awards on Friday, Dec. 20.

HONORARY ALUMNUS AWARD

The Honorary Alumnus Award is presented to non-alumni or non-degreed alumni who have demonstrated great love of and service to UW-Eau Claire or the greater community.



KIMERA WAY

Kimera Way joined the university in 2001 as the executive director of development for the UW-Eau Claire Foundation, charged with leading the first capital campaign. Way became president of the Foundation in 2007, CEO in 2022 and retired in summer 2024.

Way oversaw the planning and execution of many fundraising campaigns for projects such as the Flesch Family Welcome Center, Garfield Avenue redevelopment, the Stowe Family Gateway, fountain and outdoor classroom, and developed the \$150 million Sustaining Human Innovation campaign. Way served as executive director of the Blugold Real Estate Foundation and was instrumental in projects such as Pablo Center at the Confluence, Haymarket Landing, the Children's Nature Academy, Aspenson Mogensen Hall and the \$122 million The Sonnentag complex.

Former University Foundation chair Eric Wan says he cannot think of a more perfect selection for an honorary alumnus award than Kimera Way, someone he says "bleeds blue and gold."

"Kim has a unique talent of seeing opportunities, solving tough challenges, and bringing people together to get big things done," says Wan.

Way says she is honored by this award and recognition for the work she feels lucky to have been part of. "I've been blessed by the greatest bosses, colleagues and friends at UWEC," Way says. "Best of all, I've been able to change the lives of Blugolds for the better."

Way has some advice for the Fall 2024 graduates, which includes fostering a drive to remain curious, asking lots of questions, and embracing every opportunity.

"A favorite saying of mine is 'When opportunity knocks, you can't just say no one is home.'"



JASON JON ANDERSON

Jason Anderson began working at UW-Eau Claire in 2007, after years as a lighting designer and production manager in the music and theater industry.

First hired as a technical operations coordinator for University Centers, he soon became event coordinator and eventually Assistant Director for Conferences and Event Services from 2014-2018.

Anderson's expertise not only elevated the quality and number of campus events, but greatly expanded student employment opportunities for Blugolds.

"When I joined Event Services, there was a 12-student stage crew," says Anderson. "I worked to grow the Event Production Crew to over 80 students, becoming the first-ever university student crew to produce an international music festival, Eaux Claires Festival in 2015-18."

Anderson's committee work shaped many key campus and community projects, such as the Schofield Auditorium renovation, campus mall and Garfield Avenue renovations, Phoenix Park, Grand Avenue and Haymarket bridge lighting projects, and Pablo Center at the Confluence.

Anderson oversaw the last phases of construction at Pablo and served as Executive Director through the center's first seven years of operation.

Anderson currently serves as president of the Wisconsin Independent Venues Association and the production director of Boston Calling Music Festival.

"Jason is a talented leader who can see and break down large-scale ideas into manageable pieces, and his willingness to serve our campus and community has made a tremendous impact—we are lucky to have him as a true Blugold," says Julia Diggins, vice president of development for the UWEC Foundation.

Anderson says he is grateful for all the opportunities and experiences he was provided at UW-Eau Claire and he offers a few words to the newest class of graduates:

"We all get one chance on this incredible blue marble we call home, so truly experience it. And if you agree to do something, give it your all and do it with excellence."

OUTSTANDING RECENT ALUMNUS AWARD

The Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award acknowledges the special achievements and great promise of alumni who are within 15 years of their graduation from UW-Eau Claire.



DR. TAYO SANDERS II '15 **BACHELOR'S IN MATERIALS SCIENCE**

During his final semester as an undergraduate at UW-Eau Claire, materials science major Tayo Sanders became the second Blugold ever to be named a Rhodes Scholar, a full scholarship to pursue a Ph.D. at the prestigious Oxford University in England.

Sanders completed that doctoral program in biomedical engineering in 2019 and currently serves as the Co-Founder and Managing Partner of Arrowpoint Labs, a pioneering venture creation and advisory firm dedicated to supporting the growth of regional innovation ecosystems across the United States. He also serves as Chief Business Officer at Singular Immune, a Dallas-based biotechnology company focused on developing effective and accessible personalized cell therapies.

Prior to these current roles, Sanders spent several years launching and managing Birmingham, Alabama's biotechnology commercialization hub. For nearly a decade he has advised biotechnology start-ups and venture capital firms, directing investments in breakthrough biomedical and industrial technologies. Sanders was an early investor in two companies developing Nobel Prize-winning technology while at Anzu Partners and supported the deployment of over \$130 million across Anzu's portfolio.

Sanders returned to UW-Eau Claire in 2023 as the keynote speaker for the annual National Conference on Undergraduate Research, an event that hosted 3,600 student researchers and their faculty mentors from across the U.S. His message focused on the impact of research experiences and student-faculty mentor relationships, both of which he said have the power to "shape lives and careers."

"UW-Eau Claire gave me the space to practice failing," Sanders says. "My research was largely about learning to be OK not being the best, not doing things correctly, making mistakes, and learning how to draw insight and grow from it. That's an invaluable skill."

In advice to graduates, Sanders says, "Don't feel like you need everything figured out. Continue to be guided by problems that inspire you and places that invest in you."

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The President's Award recognizes outstanding professional and personal achievements and service to UW-Eau Claire.



JEFFREY KOWIESKI '93 **BACHELOR'S IN ACCOUNTING**

Jeff Kowieski is a partner and general counsel for Wipfli LLP, one of the largest accounting firms in the U.S., with more than 3,200 employees located throughout the country and around the world.

After graduating with his bachelor's degree in accounting, Kowieski went on to the University of Wisconsin Law School and completed a law degree in 1996. Prior to joining Wipfli in Eau Claire, he practiced law for seven years at Ruder, Ware & Michler in Wausau.

"Along with my wife, Sue Ellen, also a Blugold, we made the decision to return to the town where we met and I joined Wipfli LLP, then a regional Wisconsin firm," he says. "It's been a wonderful place to live and raise our daughters, Emma and Caroline."

Kowieski's primary responsibilities at Wipfli include legal and risk management functions. He previously also served as chief operations officer at Wipfli and a member of the board of directors.

"My education at UW-Eau Claire set a strong foundation for my career and afforded me opportunities and experiences I never would have imagined possible when I enrolled here as a freshman in 1989."

Kowieski focused on core values in advice to the graduates of fall 2024.

"I'd tell them to maintain curiosity – listen, absorb and read as much as possible to develop an understanding of the world and how it works. And 'The Five P's' are an excellent rule: Prior Preparation Prevents Poor Performance."

ALUMNI DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Alumni Distinguished Achievement Award is given to two Blugold alumni in December and recognizes distinguished service to the community, state or nation in a manner that brings credit upon the award recipient and UW-Eau Claire.



HEATHER HOYTINK '99 **BACHELOR'S IN MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS**

In 2022, Heather Hoytink became the first woman ever named Division President at PepsiCo Beverages North America (PBNA).

PBNA is one of the largest beverage companies in North America today, with nearly 60,000 associates and \$27 billion in net revenue in 2023. Hoytink leads a team of thousands of employees across the 13-state southern territory.

Hoytink has been recognized for her leadership, recently being honored as a "Woman Who Means Business" by the Orlando Business Journal and as one of Florida's 500 most influential business leaders in the state by Florida Trend Magazine.

"I'm very passionate about taking a people-first leadership approach and I'm a big believer in the power of mentorship," Hoytink says about her career.

One people-first initiative she helped to establish is the PBNA South Division's Returnship Program, an effort in partnership with nonprofit Path Forward aimed at helping professionals return to the workforce after taking time off for caregiving.

Hoytink says that without the mentorship she received as a Blugold, she would not be where she is today at PepsiCo.

"During my time at UWEC, I went through a huge transition from a nursing major to pursuing a marketing and communications degree," Hoytink says. "I owe the courage it took to make that change to the late Dr. Chuck Tomkovick; he believed in me and encouraged me to pursue my interests in business."

As a result of his mentorship and the other strong relationships she built at Eau Claire, Hoytink says she now aims to embody servant leadership with empathy and inclusivity, helping her team to reach their true potential.

Hoytink's words of advice for the newest class of Blugold graduates is all about perspective.

"Graduation brings pressure to quickly build a professional career. I would encourage them to enjoy the journey and this phase of life when the opportunities are endless. Also, keep the mindset of being a student throughout your career and strive to be a continuous learner."

LIFETIME EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Lifetime Excellence Award is presented to alumni who have demonstrated longtime and successful commitment to their careers and communities. These individuals have made a positive and dramatic impact through their enthusiastic dedication to service and living their lives as a testimony to UW-Eau Claire's motto, "Excellence."



LEIV ERIK LUNDBERG '84 BACHELOR'S IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Leiv Erik Lundberg came to UW-Eau Claire in 1981 as an international student from Norway, a decision that changed his life's trajectory. He recounts "eyes opened up to a world that was much larger and more interesting" than the one he left.

"This is where I learned about American culture and civilization and made many friends, some in my life to this day," Lundberg says.

It is also where he discovered his interest and aptitude for finance and met his life partner, Kathy, and where they started their journey together.

Lundberg's Blugold finance degree and subsequent MBA laid the foundation for a professional career that took him to his current role as chief investment officer at the University of Michigan. He is responsible for directing the university's \$20 billion long-term investment portfolio, which includes the university's endowment. Under his 25 years of management, the endowment has grown from \$2.5 billion to over \$19 billion in value, now one of the top 10 largest funds in the country.

Lundberg has earned multiple industry awards for his outstanding achievements, including Public Endowment CIO of the Decade in 2015 and 2024 Endowment CIO of the Year from the Institutional Investor Allocator's Choice awards.

Lundberg brings his expertise to his philanthropic efforts, serving as director of Father Flanagan's Fund for Needy Children and the investment committee of the Skillman Foundation serving children in Detroit. He has been a long-trusted advisor on numerous other charitable funds and councils, including the UW-Eau Claire Foundation.

He offers the following advice to the fall graduates of 2024:

"Keep plugging away at your challenges and opportunities. There will be ups and downs. It may take longer than you'd like, but you'd be surprised what you will accomplish if you stay focused and keep working at it."

DR. KATHLEEN M. HANLON-LUNDBERG '83 BACHELOR'S IN BIOLOGY

After graduating from UW-Eau Claire, Kathleen M. Hanlon-Lundberg completed a medical degree at the Medical College of Wisconsin in 1987 and a fellowship in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Chicago in 1993.

"I learned my trade providing care for persons from myriad backgrounds in a severely under-resourced setting," Hanlon-Lundberg says. "It was an immersive experience that profoundly shaped my life, making me acutely aware of the many different worlds within our world."

Hanlon-Lundberg's first "real job" after a decade of training was at the University of Wisconsin Medical School Milwaukee campus, where, she says, "each day provided the chance to change the world for the better."

Hanlon-Lundberg returned to academia, completing a Ph.D. in medical anthropology at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, where she now is on the faculty. Her teaching and research lives at "the intersection of human social and biological evolution, medicine, technology and public health."

Hanlon-Lundberg credits UW-Eau Claire with both the foundations of her medical education and career, and the opportunity to meet her partner in life.

"One of the greatest paths that flowed from my time in Eau Claire is the wonderful journey with my life partner, Leiv Erik Lundberg. We have three beautiful children, all adults now," she says.

The advice Hanlon-Lundberg offers December graduates is to foster resilience in their futures.

"Challenges both anticipated and unforeseen will inevitably arise," she says. "Be willing to reexamine yourself and adjust your perspectives and actions based on new information, as there is something to be gained in every experience."

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A history of excellence in teaching and learning

Eau Claire State Normal School

1916–27

The school offered one-, two- and three-year preparation programs for elementary and secondary teachers and school principals. Programs would be housed in a single building, then called Old Main and later named Schofield Hall, for 35 years.

Eau Claire State Teachers College

1927–51

With this name change in 1927 came the introduction of a four-year bachelor of education degree program and accreditation by the American Association of Teachers Colleges. This was a time of academic program expansion as well as growth of the campus footprint with the acquisition of 20 acres atop the bluff overlooking campus for future expansion.

Wisconsin State College at Eau Claire

1951–64

In 1951 the school was granted authority to offer a four-year liberal arts curriculum leading to a bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degree. Major construction projects, as well as the gift of 200-acre Putnam Park from the city of Eau Claire and the acquisition of 23 additional acres for upper campus, greatly changed the face of campus during this time.

Wisconsin State University-Eau Claire

1964–71

This era of vast change under the leadership of President Leonard Haas saw the creation of the schools of Arts and Sciences, Education and Graduate Studies in 1964, followed by the School of Nursing in 1965 and School of Business in 1966. Nearly 17 new buildings were completed or under construction during this time as well.

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

1971–present

Since 1971, UW-Eau Claire has established itself as a nationally ranked public regional university that prepares students to succeed in a connected world — a world influenced by global economic and social forces. It has a widespread reputation for its outstanding, engaged faculty and staff who are dedicated to providing students with transformative learning experiences, and for a culture in which students play an integral role in shaping the university's future.

1952 Teacher education students in the observation deck of the former Campus School

ALMA MATER

Melody by William Croft
Harmonized by George Frederick Handel

Words by Mark D'Amico
and William Oesterreich
Members of The Singing Statesmen, 1969

1. Oh School of Eau Claire, our voices we raise; Ac-cept thou this
2. Give hon-or to thee, and sing out thy name. Oh col-lege of

an-them of un-dy-ing praise. We pledge to be faith-ful, stout-
ours, we dear-ly ac-claim. In-still thou with-in us a

heart-ed and strong. And cher-ish thy mem-ry as our lives are long.
feel-ing of pride. We pray Al-ma Ma-ter for-ev-er a-bide.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system includes two verses of lyrics. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the piece with the final line of lyrics. The bass line provides harmonic support for the vocal melody.



GRADS, WELCOME TO THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION!

The UW-Eau Claire Alumni Association strives to keep UW-Eau Claire's 100,000 alumni connected to the university and to each other.

The Alumni Association has served the university's alumni, current students, faculty and staff since 1921.

Every UW-Eau Claire graduate is a full-fledged member of the association (no dues required!) and eligible for all Alumni Association events and benefits.

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Annual events

HOMECOMING

A celebration all about you. Come home, Blugolds!

GOLDEN BLUGOLD DAY

Lunch, tours and presentations for alumni who graduated 50 or more years ago.

ALUMNI AWARDS

Presented during May and December commencement.

Special events

We host reunions and gatherings of all kinds on campus and around the country. Talk to us about where you'd like to see fellow Blugolds, and watch our events calendar online.

We hope to see you again soon!



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