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2012 Great Falcon Get
The 2012 Great Falcon Get-Together kicked off the start of another school year at UW-River Falls featuring free food, fun and football!
Greetings from River Falls! This has already been a remarkable year for the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Although these are challenging times for higher education and our university, I believe that two major efforts launched this April by our campus, alumni and friends will lead UW-River Falls to even greater excellence in the future: Our new strategic plan, Pathway to Distinction, and our first comprehensive fundraising campaign, Rising to Distinction. In this edition of Falcon Features you will read more about the campaign and how it supports the goals of our new strategic plan.

The challenges and opportunities before us as a university call us to reflect on our proud history. For example, the dedication and opening of River Falls Normal School on Sept. 2, 1875, with eight faculty and 130 students...the opening of South Hall in 1898, constructed at a cost of $33,000 only one year after the tragic fire in the original Normal School building...the birth of what is now our College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences 100 years ago...and the struggles of our school during World War II when enrollment at River Falls State Teachers College plummeted over a four-year period from 735 to 183. Events, buildings, all important.

Yet, the heart of River Falls has always been its people, namely, the faculty, staff and alumni who have committed themselves to supporting our students in extraordinary ways. The names are well-known to many: Benny Kettlekamp, Catherine Lieneman, Dick and Grace Swensen, Marion Hawkins, Walker and Helen Wyman, Vera Moss, Don Page, George Field and others. As we look to our future, make no mistake: our future is built upon the strong commitment of these and other individuals to students, teaching, and learning—a commitment that has made our university impactful and special for 138 years. All of us are stewards of a great institution that has been built by those before us, and that we will gift to those who come after us.

I hope you enjoy reading the latest issue of Falcon Features, and many thanks for your support of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.
CBE Re-accreditation

UWRF has maintained its business accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International. Founded in 1916, AACSB International is the longest serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer bachelors, masters, and doctorate degrees in business and accounting.

Only 643 schools of business, or less than five percent worldwide, have earned this distinguished hallmark of excellence in management education.

“It takes a great deal of self-evaluation and determination to earn and maintain AACSB accreditation,” said Jerry Trapnell, vice president and chief accreditation officer of AACSB International. “Schools not only must meet specific standards of excellence, but their deans, faculty, and staff must make a commitment to ongoing improvement to ensure continued delivery of high-quality education to students.”

UW-River Falls Chancellor Dean Van Galen stated, “Successful AACSB Accreditation of the UW-River Falls College of Business and Economics is an internationally-recognized validation of the excellence of the College, and speaks to the commitment of faculty, staff, and CBE Dean Glenn Potts to foster an exceptional learning environment for our students.”

The UWRF achievement was recognized in April at the 2012 AACSB International Conference and Annual Meeting held in San Diego, Calif.

CAFES Kicks-Off Centennial Celebration

The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences began a year-long centennial celebration April 20 by rededicating the Agricultural Hall of Fame, the wall honoring Wisconsin Distinguished Agriculturalists, on the first floor of the Ag Science building. The day culminated with the 46th Annual Awards Banquet recognizing and celebrating the achievements of CAFES students.

For more information about CAFES Centennial events, visit www.uwrf.edu/CAFES/CentennialEvents.cfm.

Cascade Reconstruction Project Finishing Up

Cascade Avenue, from Main Street to Oak Knoll Avenue, was officially closed to traffic April 4 when Phase 1 of the Cascade Avenue reconstruction project began to replace inadequate infrastructure with a reconstructed roadway. Major changes to the street include the addition of two roundabouts and the elimination of on-street parking. The project should be complete by Nov. 1.

More information about the project, including an updated traffic flow map, is available at www.uwrf.edu/CascadeProject.

UWRF Continues Tradition at NCUR

Some 44 UWRF students and staff including Chancellor Van Galen boarded a bus at the University Center on March 28 to head to the airport for their flight to Ogden, Utah, to participate in the National Conference on Undergraduate Research 2012 (NCUR) at Weber State University. Students from every discipline represented UW-River Falls at the conference.

This is the eleventh straight year that UWRF has sent a substantial delegation of students and faculty to the conference. A list of student participants and their presentations can be found at http://bit.ly/U7x5US

Ames Suites Opens to Students

The Jesse H. Ames Suites on the east end of campus opened its doors to sophomores with the start of fall semester. The co-ed suite-style residence hall houses 240 students on four floors. Arranged in 11 pods, each with 22 persons, the building was specifically designed to accommodate the needs of second-year students transitioning from their first year experience into more independent living as upperclassmen. Each pod contains two single-occupancy rooms and 10 double-occupancy rooms.

The Jesse H. Ames Suites and the George R. Field South Fork Suites are connected on first floor through the Ann Lydecker Living Learning Center. The Center, which provides programming opportunities for residents in the Ames Suites and for residence life programs, features five multipurpose spaces, a lounge space and a fireplace.

Approximately 2,500 UWRF students live on-campus. Johnson Hall, which houses nearly 300 students, is closed during the 2012-13 academic year for major facility improvements and renovations.
2012 Awards of Distinction

Each year during spring commencement the University of Wisconsin-River Falls proudly presents prestigious faculty and alumnus awards. This year was no exception as awards for Distinguished Teacher, Distinguished Alumnus, and an Honorary Doctorate Degree were presented on May 12.

Distinguished Teacher – Cheng-Chen Huang, Ph.D.
Cheng-Chen received his bachelor's degree in marine resources from the National Sun Yat-sen University, Taiwan, and a Ph.D. in cell and developmental biology from Rutgers University, NJ. Huang continued his research career for 10 years, first in the Genetics Department at Washington University in St. Louis and then in the National Research Institute Academia Sinica in Taiwan. Huang joined the UWRF Biology Department in 2008 and has been teaching courses in general biology, cell and molecular biology, developmental biology, senior seminar, and undergraduate research.

While engaged in substantial teaching, Huang also maintains active research with UWRF students and colleagues and has been awarded multiple grants for his research using zebrafish embryos to discover new chemical compounds to combat heart failure. Huang's project has the potential to discover new medications for heart failure in humans due to the similarity of the cardiac physiology of both the zebrafish embryo and human heart. In the past four years, more than 20 students were involved with the project. Several of these students were awarded with summer research grants from UWRF and other high profile research institutions and many presented their projects at local and national undergraduate research conferences.

Huang led UWRF's first ever science-based research, study and ecotourism abroad program to Taiwan in 2011. Throughout the program, students tested extracts from Chinese herbs and marine species with Huang's zebrafish model in hopes of identifying drug solutions from natural resources while also learning about Chinese medicine and natural product extraction.

Distinguished Alumnus – Marvin Lansing, Ph.D.
Marvin (Marv) Lansing, a 1954 UWRF graduate, is an award winning educator and a highly respected civic leader in the Chippewa Valley. Upon completing his bachelor's degree in history at UWRF, Lansing began his career as a teacher in Rhinelander. Lansing went on to earn a Master of Science degree in educational administration from Northern Colorado in 1960 and a Ph.D. in educational administration from UW-Madison in 1967.

Equipped with 13 years of experience as an educator and his terminal degree, Lansing was named assistant superintendent of the Eau Claire Area School District in 1967 and superintendent in 1969, a position he held until 1990. Lansing later served as interim superintendent of Boyceville community schools.

Lansing has been recognized for his work as an educator by numerous local, state, and national associations. Recognitions include the Distinguished Service Award from the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators and the Lifetime Membership Award from the Wisconsin PTA. Having founded, chaired, or served on numerous civic and professional boards, Lansing continues to serve as a civic leader through the Lions Club, a commitment he has maintained for more than 50 years.

Lansing recently established the Marvin and Margaret (Helmer) Lansing Scholarship through the UW-River Falls Foundation. This scholarship will be awarded to a student with financial need from Dunn, Eau Claire, St. Croix, or Pierce counties in Wisconsin.

Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters – W. Bradford Martin, M.D.
W. Bradford Martin, M.D., a former UWRF student and graduate of the University of Wisconsin Medical School, was presented with an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters award.

Martin is well known throughout Nicaragua for his humanitarian work. In 1974, he and his wife, Joanne, a pediatrician, began international service as visiting physicians in Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua. This work led to them being involved with the Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners of the Americas and has led to 30 years of projects in Nicaragua.

In 1998, during his first term as president of the Wisconsin Nicaragua Partners, Hurricane Mitch devastated Nicaragua and funds were raised to build more than 70 houses for those displaced by the hurricane along with rebuilding boats for the fisherman of Tipitapa.

In partnership with USAID, two Child Survival Projects were implemented – a three-year project in Rivas and a four-year project in Jinotega, Nicaragua.

As a member of the Whitehall Volunteer Fire Department for more than 26 years, Martin also was involved with a project called Firefighters United. As a result of this project, 23 fire trucks and 13 ambulances from Wisconsin have been sent to Nicaragua along with firefighting gear and equipment.

And finally, with glasses from the Lions Foundation, 13 projects over the years in various cities in Nicaragua have distributed over 20,000 eyeglasses to those in need.

Martin retired in 2010 after a 32-year career as a surgeon at Gundersen Lutheran in Whitehall and currently serves as a contract physician for the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.
When he isn’t mapping the universe at the South Pole, Madsen is one of UW-River Falls’ central leaders. Madsen is chair of the department of physics, has served as chair of the Faculty Senate, and chaired the search that led to Dean Van Galen’s hire as chancellor. Madsen was also named UWRF’s Distinguished Teacher in 2007.

Falcon Features sat down with Madsen to discuss science education, his department, and what led him to conduct research in the earth’s harshest environment.

Q: How did you first become involved in the IceCube project?
A: My graduate work was in low temperature physics and my post-doc work was with high temperature superconductors so I did nothing associated with astro or particle physics which is the type of work I do now. About the same time I learned that I did not get a sabbatical I had applied for, the IceCube project was gearing up and the principal investigator was visiting campus. He encouraged me to apply for another sabbatical, this time to work with him on IceCube. So I went down to Madison not knowing anything about astro or particle physics, but I have strong writing skills and I ended up writing part of the proposal that secured a $275 million grant to start the project.

Q: How do students respond when they learn of the opportunity to participate in the IceCube research? Is there great enthusiasm or do you have to twist some arms?
A: Like almost everything else in life, it becomes the norm. Some students are intrigued by the topic and others are intrigued by the opportunity to go someplace exotic. We’ve had more than 50 students work on this project. Five of those students have spent a summer in Sweden, three students went on an icebreaker, two have gone to the South Pole, and several have worked at the University of Delaware and the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Q: Why do such an unusually high number of physics graduates from UWRF go on to pursue their Ph.D.?
A: Our physics faculty enjoy what they are doing and invest a lot in helping students. This gives students the confidence to think about things that perhaps were not on their radar when they arrived at UWRF.

Q: There is a huge push nationally to get more students involved in the STEM fields. What are the keys to making that happen?
A: This is the sixth or seventh summer that we have worked with Upward Bound students, many of whom are English as a second language learners, and at the end of ten days, we have them talking about neutrinos. We teach the students through a narrative arc. We start with something the students will find familiar, like following the instructions in a recipe, and by the end of the week connect that to something we do at the South Pole such as computer programming.
Rising to Distinction

Photos clockwise from top right:

• UWRF Freshman Gabe Dwyer of Hudson shows off some tap dance moves during the program portion of the launch of Rising to Distinction.

• Nearly 150 people attended the campaign preview, which was sponsored by Greg and Donnette Wheelock’s Crop Insurance Services of Mankato, Minn., Brad Hewitt of Minneapolis, and WESTconsin Credit Union.

• Campaign Chair Bill Boehm, a 1970 graduate of UWRF and the university’s 2006 Distinguished Alumnus, announced that $7,201,510 has already been raised towards the $20 million. Boehm, a past senior vice president and president of manufacturing for Kroger, Co., went on to describe the campaign goal as both “ambitious and achievable.”

• Attendees enjoyed student research poster presentations upon their arrival to the event which raised $183,780 for Falcon Scholars—a new scholarship program that heavily promotes both student research and study abroad opportunities for students.

• The Rising to Distinction campaign preview event featured musical performances by UWRF faculty, alumni and students, including the UW-River Falls Chamber Singers.

• Students reflected on their reasons for choosing UW-River Falls during the Rising to Distinction comprehensive fundraising event April 28.
UW-River Falls and UW-River Falls Foundation Debut First-ever Comprehensive Fundraising Campaign

During a celebratory dinner event held in the University Center on April 28, UW-River Falls and the UW-River Falls Foundation announced the launch of the first-ever comprehensive fundraising campaign.

The campaign, Rising to Distinction, seeks to raise $20 million by June 30, 2016, for a variety of initiatives including student financial aid, faculty support, student learning opportunities, and facilities. The Rising to Distinction campaign aligns with the three primary goals of the university’s new strategic plan, Pathway to Distinction: Distinctive Academic Excellence, Global Education and Engagement, and Innovation and Partnerships.

The Rising to Distinction preview event, was a benefit dinner for Falcon Scholars, a new scholarship program launched along with the campaign’s debut. Proceeds from the event totalled $183,780.

For their generous contributions major Falcon Scholars donors Arlin and Marilyn Albrecht were honored with a resolution of appreciation passed by the UWR Student Senate. Dr. Bry Wyman, the first living $1M donor, was presented with a pottery piece created by Randy Johnston, chair of the UWRF Art Department.

As part of the festivities, the university also announced its re-commitment to the renovation of Ramer Field, the on-campus football stadium used by the university and River Falls High School. As part of the campaign, the university will seek to finish the fundraising efforts to renovate the stadium. Prior major financial support for the stadium has been provided by First National Bank of River Falls, the David Smith family, and UWR students.

“It has been a remarkable, historic evening for our university,” said UWR Chancellor Dean Van Galen. “Yet, we have much work to do to achieve success in the Rising to Distinction campaign. Campaigns are exciting. They raise our aspirations and motivate us to give of ourselves and of our resources to make a difference. Let us remember that the true value of a successful campaign lies in how it will shape the lives of future students and the path of our university.”

The 2013 scholarship benefit dinner is scheduled for Friday, April 19, with Green Bay Packers legend Bart Starr as the keynote speaker. Dinner tickets and sponsorships are available now. For more information, call the Foundation office at 715-425-3545.

More information about the campaign can be found at www.uwrf.edu/risingtodistinction.

As part of the campaign preview event, the university announced a number of lead gifts to support campaign initiatives:

- An outright gift from Arlin and Marilyn Albrecht of Red Wing, Minn., to support Falcon Scholars through the Albrecht Challenge.
- An outright gift from Greg and Donnette Wheelock to support the Greg and Donnette Wheelock Agricultural Scholarship, Falcon Scholars and the Falcon Center.
- A gift from Charles and Anne Kao of their River Falls residence for use by visiting scholars and university special events.
- A charitable gift annuity from Marvin Lansing of Knapp to support the Marvin & Margaret (Helmer) Lansing Scholarship.
- An outright gift from John Butler of Iowa City, Iowa, to support the J. E. Butler Molecular Biology Scholarship.
- An estate gift via a retirement plan from Barbara Hanley of Tucson, Ariz., for the Frances Carolan Hanley Memorial Scholarship.
- A gift from the Ralph K Morris Foundation to establish the Rod Nilsestuen Visiting Scholar.
- A grant from the CHS, Inc. of Inver Grove Heights, Minn., to establish the Center for Agricultural Business Management and Engagement and for expanded student recruitment efforts in agronomy/crops and soils.
- An outright gift from John Bryant Wyman, M.D. of Madison to establish the Walker D. and Helen Bryant Wyman Endowed Visiting Professorships in history and art. Dr. Bry Wyman was additionally recognized and honored by Chancellor Dean Van Galen as the first living million-dollar donor to the university.

Bry Wyman, M.D., son of the late UWR history professor Walker D. Wyman, shares remarks about his father during the Rising to Distinction comprehensive fundraising campaign preview event. Dr. Bry Wyman made a gift of $1 million to establish the Walker D. and Helen Bryant Wyman Endowed Visiting Professorships in history and art.
Arlin and Marilyn Albrecht are challenging UW-RF alumni by pledging a “one-to-one match” of gifts over $1,000 from other donors up to $400,000. “Arlin and Marilyn Albrecht have made an extraordinarily generous commitment that will shape the lives of many future UW-River Falls students,” said UW-River Falls Chancellor Dean Van Galen. “The university is grateful for their support, and I encourage our alumni and friends to step up to the Albrecht Challenge by supporting the Falcon Scholars program.”

Falcon Scholars

Fulfilling a promise and a commitment to student success through the “Rising to Distinction” campaign

When reminiscing about what it was like to be the recipient of the first scholarship awarded to a student for academic success by the UW-River Falls Foundation, Marilyn (Murphy) Albrecht, ’56, doesn’t remember the exact amount of the award she received but warmly remembers its significance.

“I remember being at my parents’ home in Ellsworth,” says Albrecht. “We only had one car in the family and I couldn’t get a ride in to school to receive my award. So Dr. Wyman drove me to the North Hall auditorium. That award helped significantly finance the rest of my education and lessened the amount of time I spent working four jobs.”

Like approximately 46 percent of the current UW-River Falls student population, Albrecht was a first generation college student.

“I can’t imagine what my life would have been if I hadn’t lived so close and had the opportunity to go to River Falls,” explains Albrecht. “I had no one with experience around me to help make decisions about college and I couldn’t even have afforded to go elsewhere. River Falls opened a whole world to me.”

Albrecht went on to earn her Master of Arts degree at the University of Minnesota and became a high school English and speech teacher.

While a journalism and economics double major at UWRF, Mr. Albrecht was named editor of the student-run newspaper, the Student Voice, during his sophomore year. Upon graduation he went to work for the River Falls Journal, then the St. Paul Pioneer Press and eventually the Red Wing Republican Eagle that came to be recognized as one of the nation’s best small daily newspapers. Mr. Albrecht served in a variety of jobs, including being a Vietnam War correspondent. In time, he became chairman and CEO of Red Wing Publishing, which under his and his wife’s leadership grew to include 21 community newspapers in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Through their generous support, the Albrechts have joined UW-River Falls in opening the world for 80 UWRF students a year through the new scholarship program Falcon Scholars. Falcon Scholars aims to increase student retention and success—especially for those with financial need. The program also presents a unique partnership between donors and students. Donors commit to providing one or more $1,000 scholarships for four years. Then students provide a $2,000 stipend to fund study abroad or undergraduate research in the recipient’s junior or senior year.

Student funding for Falcon Scholars comes from a Student Senate approved increase in differential tuition, authorized in 2011 as part of the Falcon Promise partnership.

Donor funding for the Falcon Scholars program will require $800,000 in charitable gifts in the first four years. The Albrechts are challenging others to donate to the Falcon Scholars program by pledging half of that amount – $400,000 – as a “one-to-one match” of gifts over $1,000 from other donors.

“I hope that other young people can experience what I did in River Falls’ hospitable environment,” explains Marilyn Albrecht.

“Arlin and Marilyn Albrecht have made an extraordinarily generous commitment that will shape to lives of many future UW-River Falls students,” says UW-River Falls Chancellor Dean Van Galen. “The university is grateful for their support, and I encourage our alumni and friends to step up to the Albrecht Challenge by supporting the Falcon Scholars program.”

Freshman Falcon Scholars recipient, Moriah Main, echoes the same level of gratitude.

“When I received the letter stating I had been chosen as a Falcon Scholar I was shocked to hear that the University of Wisconsin-River Falls was willing to put a great amount of trust in me with a Falcon Scholarship,” said Main. “I am so thankful for it. Each day I am relieved knowing that UW-River Falls is backing me up financially as well as providing me with such an outstanding college experience.”

Priority for acceptance into the full Falcon Scholars program is given to students who demonstrate both high financial need and who excel in academics as well as placing in the top 25 percent of their graduating class or receive a 25 or higher on the ACT exam. Recipients must then maintain full-time enrollment at UWRF and a 2.75 GPA to retain their status.
Falcon Scholars at a Glance:

- 80 Falcon Scholars applicants will be accepted into the program annually with priority given to students who demonstrate financial need as well as academic strength.
- Recipients receive $1,000 a year annually for four years with an additional award of $2,000 to study abroad or to conduct undergraduate research their junior or senior year.
- Funding for Falcon Scholars is split between donor sponsorship and student differential tuition.
- Falcon Scholars is designed as a supplemental scholarship program. Recipients are still eligible to obtain additional aid, such as other scholarships or grants, throughout their enrollment at UW-River Falls.

The Building of Dreams

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls prepares to build a long-awaited new HHP building with funding from the “Rising to Distinction” campaign

The UW-River Falls has more than a century of rich history in health, physical education, recreation, and athletics. What UW-River Falls has been lacking for almost as long, however, is appropriate facilities for these disciplines and activities. But with plans underway for a new Health and Human Performance (HHP) facility called the Falcon Center, that vision is finally beginning to become a reality.

The athletic facilities at UW-River Falls as a whole have become extremely outdated. Portions of some of the current 50-year-old health, recreation and wellness facilities have even been permanently closed due to safety concerns and high maintenance costs. The university has been looking into solutions for this facility for decades. Now with an investment from the State of Wisconsin, current students, alumni, and donors through UWRF’s capital campaign, ground may be broken for the Falcon Center as early as the summer of 2013 with completion anticipated by the fall of 2015.

“By replacing 50-year old facilities, we will be fulfilling a decades-long dream held by many of us,” said Connie Foster, Co-Chair with Mike Davis of the Falcon Center Volunteer Fundraising Committee.

In 1959 when Karges Center and Emogene Nelson facilities were opened, there were only 1,500 students enrolled at UWRF as opposed to more than 6,700 students enrolled today. Student needs have changed as much as student numbers over the past 50 years.

“To me, a college campus is not only a place to achieve academically, but also a gateway to new experiences in all walks of life. A college campus creates opportunities for individuals to connect with their peers and to try new things,” said John Keepers, a UWRF HHP student. “Having a building like [Falcon Center] can provide greater opportunities to connect with your peers whether it is by spectating or competing in varsity athletics, joining fitness or athletic clubs, or participating in intramurals.”

More than 450 UWRF students participate in athletics, 51 percent of all students at UWRF participate in intramural sports, and more than 25 percent of student organizations have a recreational focus.
“Many of our students are participating in intramural sports offerings and sports clubs are playing past the midnight hour. The new facility will allow for greater flexibility in scheduling multiple events simultaneously,” said Steve Stocker, director of recreation and sport facilities at UWRF.

The current competitive gym in Karges is comparable in size to gymnasiums often found in middle schools. It also has a ceiling that is too low and therefore prohibits UW-River Falls from hosting many regional and national events.

The Falcon Center will allow for hosting sporting events in a gymnasium designed to Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference standards and will contain two full-sized basketball courts that will seat up to 3,000 spectators.

The new facility will also become the new home to the popular UW-River Falls Health and Human Performance Department. Currently there is a large deficit in appropriate academic spaces and an overall shortage in classrooms. As Debra Allyn, UWRF faculty member, points out, “A biomechanics lab in the building will provide both undergraduate and graduate students with enhanced learning opportunities. This type of laboratory will also provide faculty with the ability to study the mechanics of movement across all populations.”

With the addition of more classrooms, the Falcon Center will meet the needs of not only students pursuing a major or minor in HHP, but also the more than 3,000 students enrolled in HHP courses. These courses are offered as a chance for all students to assess their personal health and to maintain healthy lifestyles. Cardiovascular fitness equipment will also be open for community use.

“In addition to being an outstanding academic, athletic, and health-fitness facility, this center will serve as a major economic and recruitment engine for our university, the city, and the entire St. Croix Valley region,” said Roger Ternes, director of Athletics. This project demonstrates our commitment to regional development and our belief in ‘quality of place.’”

HHP Professor Faye Perkins shares this vision.

“I have been here for 24 years and we as a faculty have been discussing this building for the past 20-22 years. It can’t be put on the back burner any longer,” said Perkins. “This is our time, and I look forward to being here to watch it.”

As part of the Falcon Center project, David Page, DDS, has been leading an effort to raise $1 million to name the basketball arena for his father and UWRF icon, Don Page. Because of David’s work and leadership, on Aug. 27, Chancellor Dean Van Galen announced a $750,000 gift from Don’s former college teammate, Ab Nicholas, toward the $1 million goal.

The Foundation is continuing to seek the additional funds to name the Don Page Arena. All gifts of $500 or more will be recognized as part of the donor honor wall in the Falcon Center.

To make a gift to the Don Page Arena, or for more information, contact the UWRF Foundation at 715-425-3505 or email foundation@uwrf.edu.
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28 Falcons Named to WIAC All-time Teams; Hall of Fame

Twenty-eight Falcon student-athletes and coaches have been recognized by the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference by being named to an All-Time team or to the WIAC’s first Hall of Fame class.

The WIAC is celebrating its 100th anniversary during the 2012-13 academic year.

The first organizational meeting of the State Normal School Conference (later to become the WIAC) was held in Madison in July 1913. The institutions represented at that meeting were River Falls, Superior, Stevens Point, La Crosse, Oshkosh, Whitewater, Platteville and Milwaukee. Stout joined the conference in 1914 followed by Eau Claire in 1917. Milwaukee left the conference in 1964 leaving the nine current members.

As part of the celebration the WIAC named All-Time teams in 24 sports. The student-athlete representation on each team has relied heavily on input provided by the sports information director from each of the nine WIAC campuses. The number of individuals selected per team varies depending upon the nature of the sport itself as well as the number of years the sport has/had been sponsored within the conference.

Former Coach and Athletic Director Don Page, men’s basketball player Nate DeLong and former football Coach Mike Farley were all named to the WIAC Hall of Fame.

Men’s Basketball
Roger Kuss (1951-53)
Rich Melzer (2001-04)

Women’s Cross Country
Becca Jordahl (2006-08)

Field Hockey
Mary Boeser (1979-82)

Football
Greg Corning (1984-87)
Gerard Sonsalla (1978-81)

Men’s Golf
Tim Kelley (1976-78)

Women’s Gymnastics
Merilee (Healy) Cardinal (1992-95)

Men’s Hockey
Brady Alstead (1986-89)
Aaron Arf (1994-97)
T.J. Dahl (2005-08)
Tom D’Andrea (1983-84)
Jim Henkemeyer (2005-08)
Adam Kragthorpe (2000-03)
Mike Piette (1980-83)
Arron Scott (1987-90)

Women’s Soccer
Sarah Carlson (2003-05)
Ashley (Peterson) Conrad (2003-06)

Softball
Emily (Howlett) Drabowski (2006-08)
Rose Tusa (2009-12)

Women’s Track & Field
Jill Crandall (2004-07)
Sarah (Peterson) Law (1996-99)

Wrestling
Dave Brandvold (1983-85)
Paul Frandsen (1981-83)
Brian Keller (1983-86)
Class Notes

1960s
Thomas Knutson 1965
Diana “Dani” Dierschow Caraveo 1968
is a banking compliance examiner at Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
Lanie Paymar 1968
has nearly completed writing her 230-page autobiography highlighting her life.

1970s
Patricia (Casey) Backes 1971
recently retired after working 33 years, 29 of them as a physical sciences/engineering librarian for the Naval Air Warfare Center at China Lake, Calif.
Robert J. Toftness 1971
Daniel Duden 1973
is the youth director at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Blue Earth, Minn.

1980s
Greg Boorsma 1980
recently celebrated his 25 year anniversary with Northwest Airlines, now Delta, as a purser/flight attendant. He is based and living in Honolulu, Hawaii.
Steve Dewald 1980
has published his first book, “Under a Poacher’s Moon-Stories of a Wisconsin Game Warden,” based on his 31 years of experience as a conservation warden.
Jolene (Britten-Plummer) Johnson 1980
is a banking compliance examiner at Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
Carl Nachreiner 1980
received Landmark Services Cooperative - International Certified Crop Adviser of the Year Award in 2011 at the 2011 International Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, for The American Society of Agronomy. He was awarded the WI Certified Crop Adviser of the Year award in 2010. Carl is the agronomy territory account manager with Landmark Services Cooperative, Cottage Grove. He has 31 years of crop advising experience and was in the first class of Wisconsin Certified Crop Advisers. He has served on the Wisconsin Nutrient & Pest Management Advisory Board, WEEDeSoft Advisory Committee, Wisconsin Fertilizer Research Board, Wisconsin Certified Crop Advisers Board, and is on the Wisconsin Agrichemical Technical Advisory Committee.
Ralph Rauterkus 1980
entered his second year as Red Wing City Council president.
George Olson 1982
retired from the US-Department of Agriculture in September 2011 after 23 years of service as a food inspector. He works as a substitute teacher in the New London-Spicer (Minn.) School District.
Lee Eide 1984
authored and published “How To Overcome Any Personal Obstacle, Including Alcoholism, By Understanding Your Ego.” He was inspired to write the book after his wife died at age 41.
Tracy (Hagen) Gwin 1985
is an executive assistant to the general counsel for The Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine in Bethesda, Md. She and her husband, Robert, reside in Rockville, Md.
Kirsten Szykitka 1985
is the local coordinator specializing in high school exchange programs for the Center for Cultural Interchange in Chicago, Ill. She and her husband, Joshua Sage, reside in Sante Fe, N.M.
Lori (Mesik) Hamilton 1986
received her National Board Teaching Certification as an exceptional needs specialist, early childhood to young adult. She is a special education teacher at Burlington (Kan.) High School. She resides on a cattle ranch outside Williamsburg, Kan., with husband, Jim, and children, Ruby and Wyatt.
Robert Casey 1986
was promoted to vice president of business lending at WESTconsin Credit Union and has relocated to the Menomonie branch. He has been with the credit union for 19 years.
Hjordis Olson 1987
recently published her first memoir, “Faith and the Return of the Banjo.”

1990s
Scott Bowe 1992
is a conservation warden supervisor with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in Ladysmith.
Stephanie (Trombley) Ryan 1992
is a sales operations manager at Comcast in St. Paul, Minn. She and her family reside in Woodbury, Minn.
Jeffrey Bub 1996
is a product development research associate II with Gen-Probe – Waukesha. He has worked for Gen-Probe since 2008.
Jill (Staufenecker) Eichler 1996
and husband, Mike, have a herd of registered milking Shorthorns, Jerseys and Holsteins. She is a presentation team member at Target in St. Cloud, Minn. Mike is employed with Legend/Johnson Seed.
Korie (Daemmrich) Hall 1997
is a licensed sales producer at Jeff Neumann Allstate Agency in West Bend.

2000s
Kate Christensen Roberts 2000
became a partner specializing in architectural sales at Spark Design Resource in July 2011.
Kelly Conroy 2000
received a Ph.D in foreign language education from the University of Texas at Austin in May. She is an assistant professor of Spanish linguistics at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Iowa.
Matt McConico 2000
is the news director at KNRV-TV in Reno, Nevada.
Kelly Soczka Kaiser 2000
is a communication instructor at Mid-State Technical College in Stevens Point.
Morgan (Jindrich) Baum 2001 is the manager of events & outreach for external relations at Consumer Reports in Yonkers, N.Y. She is working towards her master’s degree in fundraising and nonprofit management at Columbia University. She resides in New York, N.Y. with her husband, Ian.

Tracy Gillette 2001 is working towards her Ph.D in clinical psychology at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

April Rykal 2001 opened Back on Track Chiropractic, LLC in Appleton in December 2011.

Rebecca Reimann 2002 received her MBA from the University of Denver in August 2011.

Jennifer Marzu 2002 is a responsible care field coordinator at BASF-The Chemical Company in Wausau.

Alexia Kjos 2003 accepted a recruitment position with Plus Relocation Services, Inc. in May 2011.

Amber (Borchardt) Reif 2003 is an accounting clerk at Graebel Companies in Wausau. She and her husband, Charles, reside in Marathon.

Bobby Woodford 2003 is a landscape technician with the City of Eau Claire.

Jill Brainard 2004 was named the 2011/2012 Elementary/Intermediate Teacher of the Year for the Aldine School District and 2012 ESL Elementary Teacher of the Year for SHABE (Suburban Houston Association for Bilingual Education). She received a $10,000 grant in 2011 to travel along Fairy Tale Road in Germany to study fairy tales and stay with a storyteller in Northern Ireland to learn Celtic folktales to impact students’ literacy. She resides in Houston, Texas, and teaches pre-kindergarten for the Aldine School District.

Brittany (Schumitsch) Kersten 2005 is a teller with Johnson Financial Group. She and her husband, Nicholas, reside in Janesville.

Mamie (Henderson) Luhmann 2005 received a master’s degree in human resource development from the University of Minnesota in May 2011.

Emily Antinoja 2006 is the southern Iowa region technical trainer with Iowa Select Farms in Iowa Falls, Iowa. She resides in Ames, Iowa.

Melanie (Moon) Cuper 2006 has received her EMT certification at WITC in New Richmond. She and her husband, William Lubahn (’06) reside in Clear Lake.

Dawn Wilson Lubahn 2006 is a private pre-kindergarten teacher with Primrose School of Rochester. She and her husband, William Lubahn (’06) reside in Chatfield, Minn. William Lubahn 2006 is a machinist with Fastenol in Winona, Minn. He and his wife, Dawn Wilson Lubahn (’06), reside in Chatfield, Minn.

Carlos Warren 2006 has worked for Coloplast since 2009 and recently moved to Hugo, Minn.

Andrea (Crownhart) Fritts 2007 received her Ph.D in fisheries from the University of Georgia, Athens, Ga. She and her husband, Mark, reside in Athens.

Paul Nordhaus 2007 is the chair of the International Advisory Board of the National Science Teachers Association for 2012-13.

Ryan Stovern 2007 is a GIS analyst with Lake County.

Ryan Umlauf 2007 is an agronomy manager with Northside Elevator in Loyal. He and his wife, Ashley, reside in Abbotsford.

Nicole Aune 2008 received an education specialist degree from UW-Stout in December 2011. She has been a school psychologist with Minnesota Valley Education District in St. Peter, Minn., since August 2010.

Stephanie Grover 2008 is an ophthalmic tech specializing in eye care health with Winona Health.

Kristen English 2009 recently received her master’s degree with a clinical counseling/ Latino mental specialization from The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. She is a mental health practitioner at Nystrom & Associates, Ltd.

Joshua Kerr 2009 is a financial analyst/accountant in Internal Reporting/Cost Allocation at TCF Financial in Wayzata, Minn.

Jason Phillippi 2009 received his master of educational leadership degree from St. Mary’s University in July 2011. He is a health and physical education teacher in the Rockford (Minn.) School District.

Amanda Reckner 2009 is a horticulturist for the City of San Antonio, Texas. She resides in Cibolo, Texas.

Steven Wiegosh 2009 is employed with the City of Schertz. He resides in Cibolo, Texas.

2010s

Kellie Claffin 2011 is an agriculture teacher at Gillett and Suring Schools.

Alex Block 2011 Is a crop specialist with AgVantage FS in Lyle, Minn.

Adrian Estrada 2011 is a bilingual customer service representative in accounts payable at C.H. Robinson Worldwide.

Kelly (Frye) Howe 2011 recently completed a training coordinator internship with the State of Minnesota – Department of Commerce. She and her husband, Richard, reside in Prescott.

Brent Pederson 2011 is a financial planning representative at Northwestern Mutual in the Twin Cities.

About Alma Matters

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Donor Profile: Heather Wilert

Heather Wilert’s life as a non-traditional student at UW-River Falls was extremely fulfilling. She was able to participate in a couple of different campus activities and was also fortunate enough to have some flexibility so that she did not have to work full-time when she returned to school and could focus on her classes.

As a 28-year-old student, Wilert did not look for friendship, guidance, or support while finishing her degree. However, she describes receiving way more than that from fellow students, advisors, professors, and the Communication Studies program.

“UWRF provided me with not only an education, but also friendship and mentorships with the most wonderful people,” said Wilert.

Upon graduation, Wilert resumed her role as a bank manager for Associated Bank in Hudson.

“Our advisors were incredibly supportive and provided great mentorship. Starting this annual scholarship was a way for me to give back to the university, even if only to one student directly per year,” explained Wilert.

Second, Wilert was a student that needed to work multiple jobs while attending school in order to pay for it and knew that many other students face similar challenges.

“I know first-hand how challenging it is to balance 18-credit semesters with financial responsibilities,” said Wilert. “With the continuously increasing cost of education, I feel it is necessary to do a small part to help students have more time for homework and studying.”
4. He joins a sister, Kayla (3). The family resides in Marathon.

Jennifer (Fabry) Reis 2001
and husband, Jason, welcomed son, Easton William, on May 24, 2011. He joins a sister, Taylor (3).

April Rykal 2001
welcomed a daughter, Kendall Elizabeth, on Sept. 22, 2010.

Melissa Schleppenbach 2001
and husband, Tyrus, welcomed a daughter, Samuel “Sam” James-Tyrus, on Sept. 30, 2011. He joins a brother, Max (5), and a sister, Madeline (3).

Angie Schott 2001
welcomed son, Boden Benjamin, on Dec. 16, 2011.

Travis and Alicia (Sinnett) Schneider 2003, 2002
welcome a daughter, Sophia Ann, on May 9. She joins a brother, Bennett. The family resides in Hudson.

Lisa (Melby) Schmidt 2003
welcomed a son, Aeron James Schmidt, on Feb. 27, 2012.

Bernadette Zuber 2003
and husband, Trent, welcomed a son, Robert Davis III, on May 11, 2011.

Lindsay Draz 2005
welcomed a daughter, Roxy Rae, on Aug. 28, 2011.

Louis and Ashley (La Valley) Muench 2005, 2007
welcomed a daughter, Riley Lola, on Aug. 22, 2011.

Sam and Laura (Goldsmith) Nikolaus 2005, 2005
welcomed a daughter, Nina Jane, on Oct. 2, 2011. She joins a brother, Dante Stephen (2), who was adopted in 2010.

Daniela (Dvantman) Goldfine 2006
and husband, Leonard, welcomed a son, Maximilian, on April 25, 2011. He joins a brother, Alexander (3). Daniela obtained her Master of Arts degree in Spanish and Portuguese studies from the University of Minnesota in 2009.

Helen (Clarke) Ebert 2006
welcomed a son, August, on Dec. 7, 2011.

Danielle (Begalke) Endvick 2009
and her husband, Jesse, welcomed their first child, Blake Donald, on May 31, 2011.

Ashley (Gerds) Harguth 2009
and her husband, Steve, welcomed a son, Ryan, on March 31, 2012.

In Memoriam

Milton J. Schuette 1927, 1928

Esther C. (Reinke) Becker 1934
died Dec. 18, 2010.

Carol E. (Murphy) Cody 1934
died May 17, 2012.

M. Irene (Dickey) Gavic 1934
died June 21, 2010.

Margaret V. Carlson 1937, 1972
died Nov. 25, 2011.

Bernice H. Jacobsen 1937
died July 11, 2011.

Elaine (Clausen) Wood 1937
died Sept. 15, 2010.

Lucile E. (Creswell) Hanson 1938
died May 2, 2012.

Mildred F. Pedersen 1938

Effie V. Tobiassen 1938
died May 21, 2012.

Juliette D. (Harding) Schoeneck 1939

Grace L. (Nelson) Ffall 1940
died Oct. 31, 2011.

Florence A. (Pearson) Howe 1940
died Oct. 21, 2011.

Florence G. (Krismer) Ruether 1940

Lloyd E. Yanisch 1940
died June 23, 2012.

Everett E. Chapman 1941
died Sept. 30, 2011.

Theodore P. Gleiter 1942
died May 31, 2009.

Mae L. (Rockman) Henrichs 1942

Grace (Foley) Johnson 1942
died Dec. 8, 2011.

Donor Profile: Larissa Schmitt

Larissa Schmitt, a 2002 University of Wisconsin-River Falls graduate, grew up on a hobby farm in the small, unincorporated town of Marystown, Minn. Like many other UW-River Falls students, she and her siblings were first generation college students.

Schmitt chose to come to UWRF as a freshman to study broad area agriculture. However, she ultimately switched her major to soil science after taking her first soils class. She was greatly inspired by her advisor/instructor Larry Myers.

“He taught in a way that really helped you retain information,” Schmitt said. “I gained a lot of information in class and when the hour was up I didn’t want to leave. I still use a lot of what I learned in that class.”

Schmitt secured a position as a soil scientist for the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) within six months of her graduation and is currently based out of Duluth, Minn. Her work involves doing soil surveys and creating inventories of different soil types.

During her time at UWRF, Schmitt was involved with Block and Bridle and the Association of Women in Agriculture. She also had the opportunity to study abroad for a semester during her junior year in Freiburg, Germany, where she met with German scientists to talk about soil science and the Black Forest. Her UWRF adventures abroad sparked an interest in traveling that continues today with fairly regular trips abroad, including her most recent two-week trip to Japan in August.

“Traveling abroad is important to me and something I work into my budget as regularly as I can,” said Schmitt.

“I grew up seeing my parents give to organizations they believed in and I too wanted to give back to organizations that have helped me along the way,” Schmitt said when asked what inspired her to give back to UWRF. “To me, it’s not really a question of if I should. It’s what you do and something I want to do.”
In Memoriam

George R. Field, Ph.D.
Former UWRF President and later Chancellor George R. Field, age 82, died Feb. 10. Field led the university with great wisdom during a time of growth, challenge and change, including periods of political and social unrest, substantial growth in student enrollment and facilities, and the transition of the Wisconsin State University-River Falls in 1971 to become part of the University of Wisconsin System.

During his tenure from 1968-1985, Field built extraordinarily strong and positive relationships on campus. More about his considerable accomplishments can be viewed at www.uwrf.edu/AboutUs/Chancellor11Field.cfm. Following his retirement, Field remained actively engaged with the university and is the namesake of the George R. Field South Fork Suites.

M. Wayne Wolfe, Ph.D.
Former UWRF Vice Chancellor M. Wayne Wolfe, age 93, died May 6. Wolfe joined the staff at what then was Wisconsin State College at River Falls in 1950 as a journalism teacher, public relations director, and as an adviser to the Student Voice and later the Meletean yearbook. In 1964 he became administrative vice president and is credited with starting the journalism major. He retired in 1985 and spent much of his retirement traveling abroad with his wife, Marian.

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Marjorie A. (Reid) Zimbelman 1942
died March 19, 2012.

Robert W. Van Keuren 1943
died July 20, 2011.

Felicia J. (Turner) Langer 1944, 1974
died Oct. 4, 2011.

Eileen G. (Anderson) Hager 1945
died July 8, 2012.

Betty J. (Aasterud) Hanson 1945
died Feb. 18, 2012.

Lola M. (Estenson) Yde 1948

Richard A. Meindl 1949

Gladys E. (Briesemeister) Fossen 1950
died Oct. 21, 2011.

Betsy M. (Welch) Gilbertson 1950
died Dec. 24, 2011.

Aloha J. Hovde 1950
died Aug. 6, 2010.

Margaret E. (Brown) Kocian 1950
died April 7, 2012.

William J. Greer 1951
died Nov. 6, 2011.

Clayton E. Hoyt 1951
died Sept. 9, 2010.

Carol E. (Landberg) Larson 1951
died Aug. 19, 2011.

Russell C. Magnuson 1951
died April 20, 2012.

Oscar Keith Nelson 1951
died Nov. 3, 2011.

Edwin B. Schweitzer 1951
died March 6, 2012.

Heather O. (Dopkins) Houston 1953
died Dec. 6, 2011.

Dale L. Nestingen 1953

Nancy L. (Anger) Clausen 1955
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John D. Sharp 1956
died March 17, 2012.

Frederic W. Beede 1957
died Nov. 16, 2011.

Oren P. Barker 1958
died Aug. 24, 2011.

Richard P. Doetkott 1958
died Dec. 20, 2011.

Gerald T. Schramski 1958
died June 12, 2012.

Lavern L. Sonsalla 1958, 1976
died July 22, 2012.

Lutifali Ansari 1959

David R. Jacobson 1959
died March 13, 2011.

Marilyn C. (Elliott) Pierre 1959, 1975
died May 3, 2012.

Kenneth J. Cernohous 1960

June M. (Dowling) Hirsch 1960, 1964
died May 22, 2012.

Nancy C. (Ingwell) Milanovich 1960
died April 26, 2012.

James R. Walsh 1960
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died Jan. 5, 2012.

James A. Michaels 1960

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Edward N. Mathison 1966
died Nov. 8, 2011.

Dennis E. Nelson 1966

George M. Ouimette 1966
died April 1, 2012.

Hobart K. Sailor 1966
died Nov. 24, 2011.

Michael C. Rinaldi 1966
died July 14, 2011.

Mary J. (Ptacek) Rusch 1966

Scott A. Gaalaas 1968

James L. DeMarce 1961
died April 12, 2010.

Thomas A. Steele 1961
died Aug. 15, 2011.

Sherman W. Stoflet 1962
died April 19, 2012.

Dennis H. Doonan 1963
died March 17, 2012.

Iris B. (Bear) Lumsden 1963
died March 16, 2009.

Rachel A. McDiarmid 1963

Tracy R. Radosevich 1963

James R. Walsh 1963
died Dec. 6, 2011.

Richard C. Germain 1964

Marvelle J. Kuettner 1965
died June 5, 2011.

Edmond P. Kinney 1965
died May 25, 2012.

James M. LeCount 1965
died Sept. 6, 2009.

Hobart K. Sailor 1966
died Nov. 24, 2011.

Michael C. Rinaldi 1966
died July 14, 2011.

Mary J. (Ptacek) Rusch 1966

Scott A. Gaalaas 1968
Seventeen years after his retirement from UW-River Falls, professor emeritus Robert Pionke continues to contribute to UWRF. In addition to his contributions to UWRF’s scholarship program, Pionke recently collaborated with the university to document and create an online listing of notable speakers who had come to campus since its founding in 1874.

The sources of historical information about the speakers were taken from the Badger Normal from 1895 to 1909 and from the Student Voice for the years of 1909 and beyond.

During his tenure at UWRF (1963-1995), Pionke spent three years on the Concerts and Lectures Committee, including one year as chair. The purpose of this committee was to bring well-known speakers, choral singers, artists, poets, and experts to the university. The committee made arrangements with a booking office in New York to establish a date and time for each engagement.

Pionke’s involvement with this committee was during the civil rights movement and represented a time of many cultural changes. Therefore, many of the speakers who came to campus during this time period reflected issues such as women’s, racial, gay and lesbian rights along with the anti-war movement. Some of the more notable speakers of this time who came included: Maya Angelou, Indira Gandhi, Allen Ginsberg, Alex Haley, Vincent Price, Ralph Nader, Eleanor Roosevelt, Benjamin Spock, Kurt Vonnegut, and Andy Warhol.

Pionke was excited to document occurrences that had helped define his time as a professor at UWRF. He ultimately ended up spending more than 100 hours on the project to locate all the speakers’ names and topics. The entire collection of more than 300 speakers currently documented can be found at www.uwrf.edu/NotableVisitors/. Additional submissions or changes can be sent to archives@uwrf.edu.

Top to bottom: Maya Angelou, Vincent Price, Eleanor Roosevelt and Alex Haley.

Historically Speaking

Paul J. Kulig 1968
died Nov. 22, 2011.

James C. Ottman 1968
died June 4, 2011.

Alvin E. Johnson 1970
died Nov. 20, 2011.

Craig B. Milligan 1970
died March 1, 2011.

Nina L. (Tipps) Binkley 1972
died March 21, 2012.

William H. Erickson 1972
died Nov. 18, 2009.

Paul E. Strege 1972
died April 18, 2012.

Jan R. Yde 1975

Patti J. Anderson 1976

Nancy K. (Kuntz) Erickson 1976
died Sept. 21, 2011.

Katherine C. Brown 1977

Charlene J. (Barrett) Delawyer 1978, 1990

Margaret (Dalton) Murray 1979
died Nov. 24, 2011.

Jody I. (Senora) Rossetti 1980

Karen J. (Poff) Fasching 1981

Branislav R. Stankovsky 1981
died April 24, 2012.

Gail L. (Larson) McNally 1982
died Aug. 23, 2011.

Elizabeth L. (Lunt) Even 1984

Peter M. Stellpflug 1984
died Oct. 25, 2011.

Marie A. Staiger 1987

Nancy L. (Bryan) Hinrichs 1988
died Aug. 31, 2011.

Catherine A. (Linden) Haug 1990
died Sept. 6, 2011.

Troy A. Larsen 1998
died July 30, 2012.

Dale R. Coenen 1999

Jamison N. Kampmeyer 1999
died March 4, 2012.

died Sept. 12, 2011.
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Investments 15,968,123
Total Assets $16,815,516

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Accounts payable $39,249
Salaries & related payables 43,504
Annuities payable 178,497
Total Liabilities $261,250

Unrestricted 1,177,741
Temporarily restricted 4,429,710
Permanently restricted 10,946,815
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John E. Butler, Ph.D.

John E. Butler, Ph.D. a 1961 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls with a double major in chemistry and biology, has very fond memories of his instructors and peers. “I enjoyed my teachers and working together with my fellow students,” proclaims Butler. “They were a great bunch.”

Butler recently endowed the J.E. Butler Molecular Biology Scholarship, with an outright gift which will provide half-tuition support to select UWRF biology students who intend to pursue studies in the field of eukaryotic molecular biology/biochemistry, and have a career goal to conduct basic science research. Butler has also committed to fund additional scholarships through his estate plan.

“I came from a farm family of seven in northern Wisconsin with parents that had only grade school educations,” Butler explains. “I could not have afforded to attend a major state university. UWRF is a place where young people who do not have the means or credentials to choose a private school or major state university, can get a start, prove themselves and then move on if they are successful. UWRF is an entry-level university that provides good value at a modest price. Such places deserve the support of those who can afford to give it.”

Butler’s own path after graduating from UWRF includes obtaining his Ph.D. from Kansas University. He then went on to spend four years in Washington D.C. where he became an international leader in research on the antibodies and antibody genes of cattle and swine, mucosal immunology and solid phase immunoassay. He spent several years in Germany and has trained doctoral and postdoctoral scholars from seventeen countries. He has retained this position of leadership for four decades while professor of immunology/microbiology at the Carver College of Medicine at the University of Iowa. His expertise includes three separate areas: solid-phase immunoassay, mucosal immunity, and the antibody genes and immune system of swine and cattle. He has published more than 170 peer-review articles and more than 70 invited book chapters and reviews and has organized multiple national and international conferences. He published 14 articles in 2011.

Butler has twice received awards as a distinguished veterinary immunologist and is a strong advocate of comparative immunology/biochemistry, basic research in veterinary medicine and of the use of the swine in biomedical research. “The American Dream is only possible if the adult population is willing to help the younger population make it happen,” explains Butler. “When I was at UWRF you could still work your way through college and that is what most all of us did at that time. I think that is pretty impossible nowadays so someone has to help.”

UWRF Alumni in Scotland
Sept. 29-Oct. 6, 2013

Join fellow alumni on a trip to Dalkeith Palace, home to the popular education abroad program, Wisconsin in Scotland.

-Morning educational sessions with faculty in residence and leading Scottish scholars.

-Day trips including lunch at Bowhill, the residence of the Duke of Buccleuch, North Sea, Melrose Abbey and Sir Walter Scott’s home.

-Add-on option for the Scottish Highlands and St. Andrews.

Estimated cost (based on exchange rates): $1750 per person plus airfare. Only 40 spots available! $250 deposit holds your place. For more information please call 715-425-3505 or visit go.uwrf.edu/alumscot.
Upcoming 2012 UW-River Falls Alumni Events

MINNEAPOLIS NETWORKING EVENT
Tuesday, Oct. 23
The Local Irish Pub, 931 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis
Bring your business cards! Join with other Minneapolis alumni from 5 – 6:30 p.m. mingling and developing networks. A staff member from UWRF Career Services will be on hand to answer career related questions. A database of those attending will be developed and shared after the event to be utilized for future networking purposes. Cost is $10 per person and includes door prizes, appetizers and two drink tickets.

Please confirm your reservation to the Office of University Advancement toll-free at 877-258-6647 or email alumni@uwrf.edu by October 12.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL AT THE GUTHRIE
Sunday, Dec. 2
Guthrie Theater, 818 2nd Street South, Minneapolis
Join us for a holiday classic, A Christmas Carol. The Guthrie’s perennial holiday favorite, which received a new adaptation by Crispin Whittell in 2010, continues the Theater’s holiday tradition for the 38th year, telling the story of an old miser who learns real compassion when three ghosts visit him on Christmas Eve. J.C. Cutler returns for a second consecutive year in his acclaimed performance as Ebenezer Scrooge.

The group will meet at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 233 Park Ave, Minneapolis, at 5 p.m. for dinner before attending the 7 p.m. performance. Adult dinner and theater ticket cost is $55. Senior dinner and theater ticket cost is $50. Child (Age 8 and older) dinner and theater ticket cost is $40. When R.S.V.P.‘ing please specify child’s age. R.S.V.P. deadline: Thursday, Nov. 1.

WISCONSIN DELLS UWRF ALUMNI WEEKEND (Family Event)
December 7-9
Wilderness Resort, Wisconsin Dells
Join us for waterpark fun at Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells December 7-9! For $109/night plus tax and resort fees a family of four can reserve a double queen room and receive unlimited access to three indoor waterparks and the Timberland Play Park. Reserve your room by Nov. 7.

Call 800-867-9453 and mention reservation group name: UW-River Falls Group Number #A78928. The alumni staff will be located in a cabana in the Wild Waterdome area on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Please stop by for some refreshments.

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