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The images above are proposed architectural renderings of the Don Page Arena, Smith Stadium at Ramer Field and Falcon Center slated for construction beginning in Spring 2014. Further details about the projects are available on page 14 and at uwrf.edu/falconcenter.

Front cover: International students Jennifer Chen and Heekyung Park take pictures of each other during a fall afternoon on the UWRF campus.
up front

With Chancellor Dean Van Galen.

I hope that you enjoy reading this issue of Falcon Features and learning about the great progress being made by UW-River Falls, including our first-ever comprehensive fundraising campaign, “Rising to Distinction.” In partnership with the UW-River Falls Foundation, the goal of the five-year campaign is to raise $20 million in gifts and new commitments by June 30, 2016 for critical needs including student scholarships, programmatic and faculty support, and capital projects such as the Falcon Center.

Catalyzed by the campaign, last year was a very strong year of giving to UW-River Falls—total cash gifts received for fiscal year 2012-13 totaled $2.9 million—the highest total in our university’s history. This fundraising success, much of which is detailed in this edition of Falcon Features, is helping us to build facilities, recruit and retain students, and provide a margin of excellence that we would not otherwise enjoy. We are extraordinarily grateful for the support of UWRF alumni and friends that make these successes possible.

Speaking of the Falcon Center, the Wisconsin State Building Commission recently voted to release construction funds for the project, the largest in the history of UW-River Falls. Weather permitting, construction will begin in May and is scheduled to conclude near the end of 2016. When complete, the Falcon Center will provide state-of-the-art classrooms, laboratories, recreational spaces, and athletic venues that will transform our university.

A long awaited renovation of David Smith Stadium at Ramer Field will begin in concert with the start of construction on the Falcon Center. By the start of the 2014 football season, Ramer Field will feature a modern press box, durable artificial turf, and added conveniences for spectators. The renovation is made possible by generous financial support from alumni, students, the School District of River Falls, and the Smith Family and First National Bank of River Falls.

While these physical transformations are exciting, what has always made UW-River Falls a great university is its people. I encourage you to read the numerous profiles included in this edition of Falcon Features. These inspirational stories are just a snapshot of the great work being done on campus and in the community by our talented alumni, inspired students, and dedicated faculty and staff.

On behalf of the faculty, staff and students of UW-River Falls, many thanks for your support of the university and its educational mission that truly changes lives.

Dean Van Galen, Chancellor
Florness 21st Executive-in-Residence

The College of Business and Economics (CBE) continues its rich history of hosting an Executive-in-Residence each semester. In Spring 2013, CBE welcomed 1986 UWRF graduate Daniel L. Florness as their 21st Executive.

Florness is Chief Financial Officer of Fastenal, located in Winona, Minn. He has held this position for the past 11 years. He started his career working at KPMG, LLP before joining Fastenal as CFO in 1996. With his leadership, the company’s earnings growth has consistently surpassed sales growth. It is this kind of performance that landed Florness among the top ten in The Wall Street Journal’s “best CFOs” list in 2012.

“We are privileged to have Dan Florness on campus this spring,” stated Glenn Potts, dean of the College of Business and Economics. “Not only was he ranked nationally as one of the best by the Wall Street Journal, Florness was chosen CFO of the Year for Public Companies by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal.”

During his visit to UWRF, Florness led classroom discussions (pictured above) and delivered his lecture “Surround Yourself with the Best” to a full house in the Riverview Ballroom on April 23, 2013.

The objective of the Executive-in-Residence program is to offer UW-River Falls students and the St. Croix Valley community the opportunity to meet and interact with influential business leaders. The program is sponsored by the UWRF College of Business and Economics and WESTconsin Credit Union.

Colt Facility's New Name Honors URF Legacies

In June, the UW-River Falls colt facility located at the Campus Farm was officially named the “Brainard-Kasten Colt Barn.” Jennifer Easton, friend and loyal donor to UW-River Falls, contributed significant private support to fund both the original facility and recent upgrades to benefit the equine program.

The Brainard-Kasten Colt Barn serves as a space for the colt training program, the only program of its kind in the state of Wisconsin. When asked to consider a name for the facility, Easton chose to honor legendary horse trainer Jack Brainard who helped develop the equine education program at UW-River Falls, and retired UWRF Professor Larry Kasten, who instructed the Colts-in-Training class from 1975 to 2006.

Brainard has bred and trained horses for more than 53 years, and judged various competitions for more than 40 years. In 1966, he helped organize the National Reining Horse Association (NRHA) and served as one of its original directors. He was named “Man of the Year in Texas Agriculture” in 2003 and was inducted into the National Reining Horse Association Hall of Fame in 2010.

Dr. Kasten taught for UWRF’s nationally recognized horse science program for more than 30 years. He served as the director of the Horse Science Institute and directed each of the first 30 Colts-in-Training sales. During its remodel, Kasten supervised the construction of the horse facilities including the young horse training barn completed in 2002. He pushed the horse science program toward the more competitive and training intensive reining and dressage/combined training horse programs. Kasten retired from UW-River Falls in 2006.
UW-River Falls was honored to host the **Rod Nilsestuen Legacy Event** again this year in early April at the Kinnickinnic Theater in the UWRF University Center.

This year’s event featured keynote speaker Jonathon Scholl (pictured here), President of American Farmland Trust, who addressed sustainable land and water use in the 21st century. The annual event is made possible by the Rod Nilsestuen Fund, established in collaboration with the UWRF Foundation, by friends, family, colleagues, and several land conservation and cooperative organizations. The fund is part of the Ralph K. Morris Foundation, whose values for cooperatives and leadership development align with Nilsestuen’s.

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**2013 Outstanding Service Award**

This year, the UWRF Foundation will bestow upon three individuals and one organization the 2013 Outstanding Service Award: Michael Davis, Constance Foster, Debbie James Timmerman and Linder’s Greenhouse, Garden and Landscape Center. The Outstanding Service Award is presented annually to individuals and/or an organization that have supported the mission of UW-River Falls. Each one of this year’s award winners has been instrumental in improving and furthering the university’s vision over the years.

Davis, Foster and Timmerman have been driving forces in the volunteer fundraising effort to support construction of the new Falcon Center. Not only have they given meaningful financial contributions of their own, but each of them has contributed a large amount of their personal time spreading the word about the importance of donating to Falcon Center. Because of them, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been raised from former students, colleagues, athletes and friends. The Falcon Center Volunteer Fundraising Committee, which also has seen the dedicated participation of current UWRF faculty and athletics staff, has helped raise over 20% of the Falcon Center private support goal.

The fourth recipient, Linder’s Greenhouse, Garden and Landscape Center, has provided invaluable opportunities for UWRF students. They have provided horticulture undergraduate research opportunities and scholarships for present and future students.

Each recipient will receive their award at this year’s Fall Commencement on December 15.

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**UWRF Alumni Association Announces Two New Alumni Awards**

Do you know an alum who you feel is deserving of an Alumni Award? The UWRF Alumni Advisory Board will be seeking nominations for two newly created alumni awards that will be presented at the annual scholarship benefit starting in Spring 2014. We encourage you to review the eligibility requirements and nominate individuals who you think fit the following descriptions.

**Outstanding Young Alumni Award**

The Outstanding Young Alumni Award recognizes the accomplishments of individuals who have excelled in professional and civic accomplishments within the last 15 years.

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes the accomplishments of alumni who have provided long-time exceptional service and leadership in their profession, community, and a continuing interest and loyalty to UW-River Falls.

Further information and nomination forms for these awards can be found at: www.uwrf.edu/UniversityAdvancement/AlumniRelations/Achievements.cfm.
PROFile

With a successful career that has spanned from Poland to Texas to Wisconsin, Magdalena Pala, Ph.D, UW-River Falls professor and inorganic chemist, is not afraid to explore the unknown.

Whether it’s researching different forms of chemical synthesis or traveling with the Semester Abroad: Europe program, Pala’s love for exploring is evident. With such a strong presence on campus, particularly in the chemistry department and study abroad program, hearing of her retirement was bittersweet. Yet, Pala couldn’t stay away for long. She returned to teach this fall semester.

Falcon Features sat down with Pala to discuss her teaching career, inorganic chemistry, and what inspired her to become co-director of the Semester Abroad: Europe program.

Q: What are the biggest changes you have seen in the Chemistry Department since you started teaching here 19 years ago?

A: One of the main changes has been computerization, particularly computers in the classroom. Also, Web-based learning programs such as Desire to Learn (D2L) and the online resources that come with textbooks. As with most things, there are advantages and disadvantages to these changes. However, the greatest advantage is the time it saves students when collecting data points - the computer calculates everything for you. This allows students to have more time to think about the experiment, analyze it and ask more questions.

Q: What is your favorite memory from teaching here at UW-River Falls?

A: A student told me she switched from biology to chemistry because of me. That touched my heart.

Q: You are known for your research in different forms of chemical synthesis. How did you become interested in such a subject?

A: I am a very manual person. I like using my hands. The type of research I do is both analytical and logical, so it fits my personality perfectly.

Q: You were the co-director of the Semester Abroad: Europe program. How did you get involved with this program?

A: I noticed an announcement that was asking for faculty to get involved with the Europe program. I had been at the university for seven years at that time and it was about time for me to take a sabbatical. I considered applying for one, but I heard that actually receiving one was difficult. So, I decided that the study abroad trip could be like my sabbatical. Also, I am from Europe, so I thought I could offer a little insight.

Q: Why do you think students should take advantage of the opportunity to study abroad?

A: I can give you a few key reasons. First of all, it really gives the students the chance to experience a different culture without the distraction of a deadline. It isn’t a vacation where the student comes home after a week; they are there for three months. Also, you learn to be responsible and rely on yourself. You get to have a taste of a foreign language and, maybe, find a new passion. Any international experience is important. It pushes you outside of your comfort zone. Without this push, no one truly knows what they are capable of.

Q: What are your post-retirement plans?

A: Well, I will be working part time in the Chemistry Department. Also, I really like making quilts and giving them as gifts. Right now, I’m working on one for a friend. I now have time to play bridge more than once a month and catch up on my reading. Also, traveling is a part of my plans because my family lives in Poland, but with teaching part time we will see how frequently that will happen.
Rising to Distinction
… and the Occasion

The First-Ever Comprehensive Fundraising Campaign Passes Halfway Point Ahead of Schedule

In less than 18 months since the launch of Rising to Distinction, the university’s first-ever comprehensive campaign, donors have already donated and pledged over half of the $20 million fundraising goal: $12.95 million (as of 9/30/13)! Rising to Distinction aims to enable UWRf to climb to new heights of excellence in student financial aid, faculty support, student learning opportunities, and facilities. The campaign aligns its goals with those of the university’s strategic plan, Pathway to Distinction: distinctive academic excellence, global education and engagement, and innovation and partnerships.

In the past year, individual and corporate donors have increased scholarship support by establishing 18 new scholarships. Thanks to the generosity of those who wish to support health, human performance and recreation at UWRf, the new Falcon Center and renovated David Smith Stadium at Ramer Field are on track to begin construction in 2014. In 2012-13, the Falcon Scholars program provided 79 incoming freshman with financial support for their next four years, plus funding for an international or research experience. Fall 2013 welcomed an additional 81 students to the program. Also being launched is the Chancellor’s Scholars program, offering high potential incoming freshman half (4 students) or full (2 students) in-state tuition, renewable for four years, in addition to a research or study abroad stipend.
Donor Profile:

Karen Handorf

For students who struggle from the financial strain that paying for tuition brings, receiving a scholarship can be one of the greatest moments in their college career. Karen Handorf, a 1972 UW-River Falls graduate experienced one of these moments. “I didn’t have a lot of money when I was going to school, so when I received a scholarship I was very grateful and relieved,” says Handorf. This support left such an impact that in 1976, soon after finishing law school at UW-Madison, she gave her first gift to UWRF. Since then she has given a gift to the university’s unrestricted fund, Fund for UW-River Falls, nearly every year.

In 2012, when the Rising to Distinction Campaign began Karen was approached by a representative from the university. “They told me about the Falcon Scholars program and the Albrecht Challenge,” explains Handorf. “The program has a mission that I support. I understand that college is hard to pay for and so does the university. With the Falcon Scholars program you are giving someone who may not have had the opportunity to go to college a chance to further their education.” Being a donor of the Falcon Scholars program requires a four year gift commitment $1,000 or more, it’s a big commitment but Handorf says it’s worth it. She states, “I had to think about my own college experience and what was the most meaningful thing that happened to me, that shaped who I am now. You have to identify those things before you decide where it is you want to give within the university. Once you identify that area your giving makes a lot more sense.”

Karen Handorf received her bachelor’s degree in History and Speech Communication from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls and attended law school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has had an impressive career working for the United States Department of Labor with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). She retired from the position in 2007. She is currently a partner at the Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC law firm in Washington, DC. She resides in Silver Spring, Maryland.
Chancellor’s Scholars Program

The Chancellor’s Scholars Program is another opportunity for incoming students to receive scholarship support. Incoming freshmen recipients are competitively selected based on academic merit, extracurricular involvement, and leadership potential. The scholarship covers either full or half in-state tuition and fees for four years. Since the start of the campaign, the program has supported seven incoming freshman, one recipient in fall 2012 and six additional recipients for the 2013-14 academic year. The program currently is funded through three major scholarships: the R.E. Spriggs Family Memorial Scholarship, the Willis H. Miller Memorial Scholarship, and the Kathryn Dvarishkis Melsted Scholarship. In addition to providing each Chancellor’s Scholar with half or full in-state tuition, each Scholar also receives a $2,000 stipend for undergraduate research or to study abroad during their junior or senior year.

“This generous donation has allowed me to feel secure in my dreams to continue studying at a university and eventually achieve a career and life centered around writing,” Emily Black, the first recipient of the Kathryn Dvarishkis Melsted Chancellors Scholar Scholarship states; “Being on the receiving end of such support is very affirming. I may not know Kathryn personally, but I know she’s got my back.”

Falcon Scholars

Helping the Next Generations of Falcons Succeed

Inspired by support from students’ own imposed increase of differential tuition and the generous $400,000 challenge gift made by Arlin (’58) and Marilyn (’56) Albrecht, donors have given to date a remarkable $258,165 for the Falcon Scholars program. One of the Falcon Scholars, Joe Markgraf, is excited for the opportunities that the scholarship will provide for him not only while he attends the university, but also after he graduates. “Thanks to the Falcon Scholars Scholarship, I can focus on my school work and not have to worry so much about how I’m going to pay for next semester,” states Markgraf. “Receiving this scholarship is only one of the stepping stones on the path to my goal and I couldn’t be more appreciative.”

Student Support

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New Endowments

Providing for the future

It has become increasingly difficult to ensure long term financial support for programs and scholarships at UW-River Falls. Endowments are funds invested by the UWRF Foundation and a specific portion of the investment earnings are spent annually, thus creating a mechanism which provides support in perpetuity. Since the start of the campaign alone, generous alumni, faculty and friends have established 18 new endowments.
Support from those who truly understand

Who better than current and former UWRF faculty and staff understand the bright potential of the students at UW-River Falls, and how hard their struggle is to pay for a quality education? Personal attention and meaningful student-faculty relationships have been a hallmark of the UWRF experience for decades. Already steadfast supporters of the campus, since the launch of the Rising to Distinction campaign there has been an impressive resurgence of giving on the part of faculty Emeriti and other retired faculty and staff.

Over $549,577 has been raised in gifts and pledges from 136 former UWRF employees since July 1, 2011, funding everything from scholarships to department funds, college Funds for Excellence and athletics. 56 of those gifts are over $1,000, with a significant gift of $100,000 from former Chancellor Gary Thibodeau for his named scholarship and the Falcon Center.

Also impressive are the ranks of former employees who have decided to make the ultimate gift: leaving a portion of their estate to UW-River Falls. An impressive $1.3 million in planned gifts has been documented by Legacy Society members who are former staff or faculty emeriti since the start of the campaign, including beloved former professors like William Ammerman (Art), Mary Barrett (Art), DeAn Krey (Education) and Curtiss Larson (Physics).

It is not just those who have left the ranks of UW-River Falls who give back. Even those who are currently employed, despite cuts to take home salary and minimal wage increases, are passionate about ensuring UWRF student success. Dozens of current faculty and staff have provided nearly $160,000 in gifts since the start of the campaign. Many have found setting up a minimal automatic payroll deduction (as small as $10/month) to be the best way to support the campus; others are supporting strategic programs like Falcon Scholars or the new Falcon Center; still others have created their own named annual scholarships. Regardless of the amount or the destination, showing institutional buy-in is crucial to leveraging support from outside donors. Gifts from current staff and faculty are certainly some of the most meaningful that will be seen in the campaign.

To Give and Receive

Senior broad area English education major, Jared Ley knows the struggle many students face balancing life’s necessities and paying for an education. However, thanks to the help of Marshall Toman, chair of the English Department, Ley learned of a scholarship opportunity that would not only help him financially, but would open the door to other scholarships.

“The English department contacted me about the Nicholas and Inga Karolides Scholarship due to my strong qualifications,” explains Ley. “After applying for this scholarship I learned about two other scholarship opportunities, the Ann Dubbe Memorial Scholarship and the Kenneth L. and Martha R. Preston Scholarship. I would have been honored to receive just one of these scholarships, but all three was really a surprise.” With three scholarships, Ley has a year of tuition and fees covered, helping him pursue his career goals and reduce his student debt.

Ley will graduate in December 2013 with a Bachelor of Science degree in broad area English education. He aspires to pursue a career in higher education working in student affairs. He has spent his last semester this fall student teaching in Glenwood City, Wis.
We sat down with her to uncover her family’s history with the university and discover the differences in higher education through the years.

Maria Olson was very familiar with the name University of Wisconsin-River Falls when she began her college search. Olson’s grandmother, father, uncle and aunt all attended the university in different eras. “My grandmother came to the university back when it was called the River Falls Teachers School and received her degree to teach in a one-room school house,” explains Olson. “Then, my father and his brother attended the university. Although my father never graduated, my uncle received his degree in music education in 1958. In the late 1960s, my father’s sister began attending school at UWRF and received her degree in secondary education and geography in 1972. Then it was my turn.” While at the university, Olson had similar experiences as her aunt and uncle did, namely living in the same residence hall as her aunt had and becoming a member of the university band like her uncle did.

A lot of things have changed since her family attended UWRF, however, “one of the biggest differences between my grandmother’s time at UWRF and my time here is the expansion of the campus and the amount of tuition,” she explains. “My grandmother didn’t have to pay off student loans and I did.” When Olson’s grandmother attended the university in 1927, tuition was free to all Wisconsin residents who had declared intention to teach in the state. The only fees paid by students were room, board and extra fees for activities and books. In 1958, the year Olson’s uncle graduated, the estimated expenses per quarter were between $262 and $342. In 1972 it had risen to just $475 per quarter. In 2000, Olson paid $3,294 per semester for tuition including textbook rental, student fees and housing. In addition she paid expenses for a trip with the UWRF Music Department to New York City.

“Getting to travel was my favorite experience while attending UWRF. I was able to go to New York City during my undergraduate years, then to Ireland and Paris in my graduate career. However, I did have to take out loans to be able to afford these opportunities,” says Olson.

Even though the cost of tuition has risen over the years, Olson believes her experience at the university was well worth it. “I’ve had a lot of fun working in the music department while getting my graduate degree. I found out what I really wanted to do with my career.”

Olson has her Master of Science in Education – Fine Arts from UWRF. She plays percussion in the St. Croix Community Band and sings soprano in the community choir, Lumina Cantorum. She is working on a book based on her graduate thesis on the development of bands in the United States, “The Band in America.” She resides in Red Wing, Minn.
**Pulitzer-Prize Winning Watergate Journalist to Speak at UWRF**

UW-River Falls will welcome Pulitzer Prize-Winning Writer Bob Woodward as the keynote speaker for our Third Annual Scholarship Benefit Dinner on May 2, 2014.

Working at the same newspaper for more than 40 years, Bob Woodward’s career may sound ordinary; however it has been quite extraordinary. In the years since he started working at the Washington Post in 1971, Woodward has won almost every American journalism award, including a Pulitzer Prize for his reporting on the Watergate scandal in 1973. He then went on to be the lead reporter of the Pulitzer prize-winning team that reported on the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Along with Woodward’s reporting career, he is also a national best-selling author, having authored and co-authored more #1 national best-selling nonfiction books than any contemporary American writer. His latest book, “The Price of Politics,” examines President Obama and other higher profile Republican and Democratic leaders of the United States Congress’s attempts to restore America’s economy by managing federal spending and tax policies between 2009 and summer 2012.

With such a successful career and a busy schedule, UW-River Falls is honored to have Bob Woodward present at the Third Annual Scholarship Benefit Dinner. Tickets are $45 and include a buffet dinner in the Riverview Ballroom in the University Center and attendance of the main program with keynote address by Bob Woodward in the Abbott Concert Hall in the Kleinpell Fine Arts building. Individual and corporate sponsorship levels are available and have additional benefits over and above general admission.

For more information on sponsorships or the Third Annual Scholarship Benefit Dinner, contact Katie Koets in University Advancement at katie.koets@uwrf.edu or call 715-425-3545.

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**Cost of Education Paid by Resident Undergraduates**

10 year History

- **Paid By Student and Family**
- **Paid By State**

**Cost of Going to College Across the Generations**

- **Cost of In State Tuition, Fees, Room & Board (thousands)**
- **Cost of In State Tuition, Fees, Room & Board adjusted for inflation (thousands)**
- **# of hours a week at that year’s federal minimum wage* needed to pay for college**

* 1958 = $1.00  
1972 = $1.60  
2000 = $5.15  
2013 = $7.25
Donors to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls are investing in an innovative new facility that will meet the educational, recreational and athletic needs of our campus and community.

**Falcon Center**

The university introduced plans a year ago to build its long-awaited new Health and Human Performance building, the Falcon Center. With financial support from the State of Wisconsin, current students, alumni, and donors, the Falcon Center is about $369,125 away from the $2 million fundraising goal set by the State. This success is due in part to the generous donors who have made significant naming gifts to the facility. So far, funding has been provided for:

- **Paul Dykstra Men’s Hockey Locker Room**
- **HealthPartners/Hudson Hospital Wellness Suite**
- **St. Croix Orthopedics and Sports Medicine Athletic Training Room**
- **Greg and Donnette Wheelock Commons**
- **Dr. Keith Wurtz Classroom**

Contributions are still being accepted for three named facilities honoring important individuals in UWRF’s history:

**Don Page Arena**

With the goal of raising $1 million to honor the distinguished UWRF teacher, coach and athletic director, Don Page, family and friends are behind this fundraising effort. One such person, Page’s longtime friend and Badger basketball teammate, Ab Nicholas, made a $750,000 contribution to insure that Don Page’s name is honored. To date nearly $800,000 has been donated for the arena.

**Bowen Court**

A group of former athletes have begun to raise $160,000 to name the Falcon Center basketball court in honor of Rick Bowen, UWRF head basketball coach from 1987 to 2005. To date $155,050 has been pledged or received for the Bowen Court.

**Emogene Nelson Classroom**

Alumni, current faculty and emeriti put together a campaign to raise $87,500 to honor physical education teacher and 1944 River Falls graduate Emogene Nelson. A total of $50,900 has been raised toward the naming gift. Because the existing Emogene A. Nelson Center will be closed once Falcon Center opens, the administration recently committed to preserving the Emogene Nelson name on campus by deeming the amount raised to date already sufficient to name a classroom after her in the new building. Any additional gifts will be used to ensure that a fitting tribute to Dr. Nelson is installed in the classroom, and to improve the classroom’s technological facilities.
The Falcon Center will be replacing the 1959 Karges Athletic Center and will be built connected to the existing W.H. Hunt Hockey Arena and Robert P. Knowles Center field house. Both of these facilities will be renovated. The Falcon Center will be 162,300 square feet, double the size of the current Hunt/Knowles complex.

Join UWRF at the milestone **Falcon Center Ground Breaking** on Friday May 2, 2014

12:00 Lunch in Hunt Arena (tickets: $10, reservations needed) followed by 2:00 pm Ground Breaking Ceremony (free and open to the public)

To purchase lunch tickets or for more information visit: www.uwrf.edu/risingtodistinction

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**David Smith Stadium at Ramer Field**

With renovation plans years in the making, the David Smith Stadium at Ramer Field is now starting to get the updates and add-ons it so rightfully deserves. The building has served both UWRF and the River Falls High School sports teams for more than four decades. With the Rising to Distinction campaign underway, additional attention has been brought to the renovation of the facility. The estimated cost for the David Smith Stadium at Ramer Field project is $1,900,000. As of September 2013 $1,575,000 had been pledged or received, including a generous pledge of $300,000 from the River Falls School District.

For more information about how you can support the Falcon Center or David Smith Stadium at Ramer Field, contact the UW-River Falls Foundation at foundation@uwrf.edu or call 715-425-3505.
Class Notes

1960s
Charles Cederholm (1961) lives in Flagstaff, Ariz. “Dealing with Parkinson’s Disease in a beautiful part of the world makes it a bit easier. We have mountains, forests, deserts, and canyons all around us. Our son lives here and the family gathers often for Packer games, family events, etc. I am unable to travel and we miss Wisconsin and events back there. If anyone gets out here, we are the only Cederholms in the phone book. Come on by!”

Sandra Dicke (1968) retired from Chief Sergeant-at-Arms for the Minnesota House of Representatives. “I retired from the MN House of Representatives in January 2011 after 30 years of service. My position was that of Chief Sergeant-at-Arms. The Sergeant’s Department is responsible for security in the House Chamber and State Office building, hiring a staff of 25 yearly for page positions to assist with committee hearings and chamber session. I had a very rewarding career in politics.”

Harry Phipps (1968) has resided in South Korea and worked in Waegwan where he has been a S3 Readiness Officer in Logistics with URS since January 2005.

1970s
Randy Knapp (1971) is a UW Extension Agricultural Agent for Chippewa County and was recently inducted into the Hall of Fame of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents.


Pamela (Weiss) Williams (1976) retired in 2011 after teaching high school English at Ellsworth High School for 35 years. Several of those years she also coached the Ellsworth girls tennis team. In 2011, she received the Ellsworth Foundation’s Teacher of the Year Award.

Richard Ruemmele (1978 B.S., 1979 MST) is a national account director with CHS in Inver Grove Heights, Minn.

1980s
Sonja (Lee) Maki (1982) was a member of a team of scientists and educators who earned a Science IBI (Inquiry Based Instruction) Prize for developing a Web-based tool for teaching genomics. The project is described in a paper, “Keeping an Eye on Biology” (Science 25 January 2013: 408-409).

Lynn Boogren (1983) has been a head photo specialist with Walgreens in St. Paul, Minn., since November 2001.


William (Bill) Merrill (1983) resides in New Zealand and works in Wellington for Indigo New Zealand on a contract with the Ministry of Justice.

Mark Pominville (1984) is a commercial product manager in New Product Development for Tennant Company in Minneapolis.

Robert Theim (1984) recently retired from the Federal Bureau of Prisons as a vocational training instructor. He is a freelance videographer out of Friendship.

Brad Tvedt (1984) is the area vice president for ResMed Corp. in San Diego, Calif., where he resides.

Barbara (Thompson) Hoverman (1985) is field crew coordinator at William O’Brien State Park in Marine on St. Croix, Minn., for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Scott Hyslop (1985) was a guest recitalist at the Trier Orgelsummer concert series at the Konstantin Basilika in Trier Germany in August 2012. He served as a guest conductor at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., in April and also received a commission from St. Paul’s United Methodist Church in Rochester, Mich., to write an extended anthem for choir and orchestra.


Anya Szykitka (1985) is an editorial assistant with Brooklyn Museum in Brooklyn, N.Y., where she resides.


1990s
Brad Carlson (1992) is a reconciliation specialist with Bloom Health (Minneapolis). “Since June 2011, I have been hosting a weekly radio show on Twin Cities station AM 1280 WWTC (The Patriot). I have spoken to scores of newsmakers (e.g., political candidates, sports figures, entertainment industry individuals, etc.) during my time with the station. My program can be heard every Sunday from 1 until 3 p.m. Check us out on the Web at am1280thepatriot.com or via iheartradio.com.”

Mandy Fox (1993) became a student support services coordinator at Marshalltown Community College in Marshalltown, Iowa, in October 2010. She resides in Marshalltown.

Paul Oman (1993) was a watercolor finalist in the Fine Art Views International Painting Competition in February 2010. He served as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Birchwood from 2003-2011.

Mark Kinders (1994) was selected as chair-elect of the Higher Education Government Relations Conference to establish the 2014 conference agenda. He also is the vice president for Public Affairs at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Okla. He served as the director of public affairs at UW-River Falls from 1985-2008.

Linda Sattler (1995), Kimberly Houser (1998) & Nikki Beucler (2011) Several agricultural education teachers participated in a South Africa Study Tour during summer 2013. The trip was coordinated by U of M Professor Claudia Parliament. Participants included Nikki from Lake City High School, Lake City, Minn.; Kimberly from Wisconsin Heights High School, Mazomanie; and Linda from Laconia High School, Rosendale.

Curtis Larson (1996) is a director of human resources for Equity Livestock Sales Association in Baraboo.

Shawn Gudmunsen (1997) is working toward his MSE-Fine Arts in music education at UWRF.

Cherish (Hudalla) and Kevin Keuker (1998, 1998) are dairy farmers in Waverly.

Valerie (Hause) Zahorski-Schmidt (1998) received her M.S. in higher education administration from St. Cloud (Minn.) State University in May 2012. She is an enrollment management marketing & communication coordinator with UW-Parkside in Kenosha.

Sidney Scott (1998) is a certified cognitive skills trainer for LearningRx in Issaquah, Wash.

Joe Stanek (1998) is a sire analyst with Accelerated Genetics in Baraboo.

Kirsten Duooos (1999) received her Ph.D in education curriculum and instruction from Capella University in Minneapolis in July 2012. She is an administrative intern/ IB coordinator with the White Bear Lake (Minn.) School District.

2000s

Dawn (Pechacek) Benoy (2000) is a certified ophthalmic assistant with Mayo Clinic Health System.

Kristin Hanson (2000) an agriculture instructor at Prairie Farm High School, was honored as the Outstanding Agricultural Educator at the Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Education Annual Professional Conference in Green Bay in June.

Kelly (Soczka) Kaiser (2000) is a communication instructor at Mid-State Technical College in Stevens Point.

Jolene Bracy (2001) is an administrative coordinator with National Scholarship Providers Association in Boulder, Colo.

Amanda (Schweitzer) Klein (2001) is a Germplasm IP – Soy & Cotton in Intellectual Property with Monsanto. She lives in Wabasso, Minn.

Maria Bendixen (2002, 2010) is a farm business program instructor at Chippewa Valley Technical College. She had been the Clark County Extension dairy and livestock agent.

Annie Marek (2002) recently received an International MBA from the Vlerick Business School in Leuven, Belgium. She resides in Chicago and works for Ernst & Young as an assurance manager.


Nicholas Folk (2003) is head superintendent at Rochester (Minn.) Golf & Country Club.

Terri (Ellman) Rosenstock (2003) received accreditation in public relations from the Public Relations Society of America in July 2012.

Toni (Martin) Sorenson (2003) & Terry Sorenson (2003) Toni and Terry met in the UWRF Crops and Soils Club and are married, have two kids, and own Soren’s Valhalla Orchards in Door County growing tart cherries, strawberries, and apples.

Brian Pfannes (2004) has been director of purchasing with Steel King Industries in Stevens Point since September 2012.
Jacob Eisch (2006) received his Master’s Degree in higher education administration from Western Illinois University in 2009 and is associate director of Student Activities at Carroll University in Waukesha.

Eli Eschenbauch (2007) received his Master’s of education degree in literacy education from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, in December 2012.

Leah (Johnson) James (2007) is U.S. Jersey marketing manager with Genex Cooperative, Inc. in Shawano.


Kenzie Payne (2007) returned from Peace Corps-Tanzania service in 2012 where she was an environmental volunteer for 27 months in a rural village. Upon return to the U.S., she enrolled in the bioregional planning and community design graduate studies program at the University of Idaho-Moscow.

Anna Hunter (2009) received her Masters of Science in college counseling and student development from St. Cloud (Minn.) State University in May 2011 and is a student organizations and leadership coordinator with Student Life at UWRF.

Sarah Saal (2009) is a realtor with Keller Williams Realty in Austin, Texas, where she resides.

Lyssa Seefeldt (2009) is received a Master of Science degree in animal science from South Dakota State University in Brookings and is a Marquette County agriculture agent for the University of Wisconsin Extension in Montello. She resides in Neshkoro.

Chue Shee Vang (2009) Received a Master’s Degree in computer information systems from Boston University.

Tara Fisher (2010) is a social worker with Family Child Care Licensing and Children’s Mental Health in Gaylord, Minn.

Kati Matuseki (2010) is an admissions counselor with University of Colorado-Boulder.

Jason Cavadini (2011) completed a M.S. degree at Purdue University last spring and is the assistant superintendent at the University of Wisconsin Ag Research Station in Marshfield. His main responsibilities are to coordinate crop research and manage the production of forage and grain to supply the station’s dairy herds.

Amanda Collura (2011) is a university services associate in the Registrar’s Office at UWRF.

Ashley (Julka) Curtis (2011) is a public relations practitioner and copy writer for Monte Consulting in Houghton, Mich., where she resides.

Zach Czech (2011) is a CST associate in Credit Underwriting for AgStar Financial Services in Baldwin.

Sean Johnson (2011) is a technology support specialist II with South Washington County Schools District #833 in Cottage Grove, Minn. He was a Web content administrator in Digital Promotions and Programming for CBS Radio in Minneapolis until August 2012.

Laura Krawczyk (2011) is a marketing communications coordinator at Calabrio in Minneapolis.

Todd Sarnstrom II (2011) is attending Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Mich., as a grad student pursuing a Ph.D. in economics.

Jill Susa (2011) is a sponsorship coordinator with Farm Rescue in Jamestown, N.D.

Kelsey Ryan (2011) is an information and referral coordinator with Epilepsy Foundation MN in St. Paul.
She was a staffing consultant with Express Employment Professionals in Woodbury, Minn.

Seth Weir (2011) is a service technician on vegetable harvesters in Clear Lake.

Heather (Gifford) Willert (2011) is a bank manager at Associated Bank in Hudson.

Nichole Budahn (2012) received a Master's Degree in social work from St. Catherine University in May 2013 and is a mental health practitioner with an emphasis on eating disorders for The Emily Program in St. Paul, Minn.

Ashley Fischer (2012) is a lead third grade teacher at Hazel Park Preparatory Academy in St. Paul, Minn.

John Hunchar (2012) is an associated system administrator with Lancet Software in Burnsville, Minn.

Chelsi Lauer (2012) is an education assistant in emotional behavioral disorders for Northeast Metro Intermediate School District #916 in Little Canada, Minn.

John Williams (2012) is a customer service representative with Ecolab in Eagan, Minn.

Audra Zentner (2012) is a regulations compliance specialist at Bonide in Rome, N.Y.

Elizabeth Byers (2013) is pursuing a Master of Science in Education: Student Affairs Administration in Higher Education degree at UW-La Crosse and is a grad assistant in Conferences & Events at UWRF.

Bethany Gapinski (2013) is the sustainability coordinator in the new Office of Sustainability at UWRF. She works in collaboration with the St. Croix Institute for Sustainable Community Development directed by Kelly Cain, to enhance student, faculty and staff awareness and participation; further raise campus reputation for sustainability; and enhance integration of students, faculty, and staff in both on-campus and off-campus initiatives, especially in the city of River Falls.

Weddings

Larry Feltes (1964) married Anne Hartlage on Jan. 9, 2011. Larry recently retired as a lieutenant colonel with the United States Air Force and is now coordinating classes at Northwestern University, Chicago, and volunteers with the USO, a veteran's hospital, and the Executive Service Corps of Chicago.


She and her husband welcomed a daughter, Gianna Marie, on Feb. 21, 2012. She is a registered investment advisor with Global View Capital Advisers in Bloomington, Minn.


Angie (Roggenbuck) Glodowski (2004) married Roy Roggenbuck on June 16, 2012. She is a graduate hall director as Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in Winona, Minn.

James Mesik and Cassandra (Dahl) Mesik (2005, 2005) were married June 26, 2007. James has been an agriculture teacher and FFA advisor at Central Public High School in Norwood Young America, Minn., since 2009 and was awarded the 2011-12 Teacher of the Year.


Nicole Aune (2008) married Brian Prom on Aug. 10. They reside in North Mankato, Minn.
Future Falcons

Kim (Hovde) Suhr (1995)
welcomed a son, Elijah Roger, on Nov. 26,
2012. She is a diaconal minister with Ezekiel
Lutheran Church in River Falls.

Karlean (Krause) Clifford (1997)
welcomed a son, Tristan Alexander, on Dec.
12, 2012.

welcomed a daughter, Zynita Tolve, on Dec.
12, 2012. She joins big sisters Sykora (8) and
Cyana (2).

Rebecca J. (Schulz) Zivkovich (1998)
and husband, Brian, welcomed a son, Ethan
Richard, on May 24, 2012. He joins a brother,
Cashton (2). They resides in Fond du Lac.

welcomed a son, Cooper Davis, on Oct. 15,
2012.

Jese Ledbetter (1999)
welcomed a son, Vince William Swanson, on
June 2, 2012.

Molley (Possehl) Ashwood (2000)
welcomed a son, Carlin, on March 31, 2012.

Tera Forbeck (2000)
welcomed a son, Andrew Julius Ramig,
on Nov. 13, 2011. Tera is a large animal
veterinarian at All Points Equine, LLC. in
Allentown, Penn.

Melanie (Barta) Lucht (2000)
welcomed a son, Reuben Timothy, on April
27, 2012.

Jessica (Gustafson) Denham (2001)
and husband, Eler, welcomed twin son and
daughter, Elijah Charles and Isabella Rae, on

welcomed a son, Evan James, on Sept. 5,
2012. He joins Emma (6), Ethan (5) and Elsa
(2). They reside in Richland County.

Rachael (Koester) Johnson (2002)
welcomed a son, Anton Rene, on Feb. 27.

Danelle (Haugen) Kinney (2002)
welcomed a son, Merrick Travis, on March 7,
2012.

Jamie (Lintner) Beyer (2003)
and husband, Reed, welcomed a son, Cayden
Allen, on April 16, 2012. He joins sister,
Emma Marie (6) and brother, Trent Edward
(3). They reside in New Holstein.

Leah (Pohjonen) Smith (2003)
welcomed a son, Isaac Dale, on May 15.

Kate (Knoespel) Knauff (2004)
and husband, David, welcomed a son, Cole
Christopher, on Oct. 15, 2012. He joins a
brother, Blake. The family relocated from
Mooresville, N.C. to Lakeville, Minn., in
November 2012.

welcomed a son, Joseph Oliver, on October
6, 2011. Eric is a senior associate director of
admissions for Strategic Communications for
the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa.

welcomed a son, Calvin James, on April 20,
2012. She married Matthew Thomas on Aug.
20, 2010 and is a senior food technologist at
Michael Foods in Gaylord.

Christina (Caribeau) White (2004)
and husband, Nathan, welcomed a son, Gavin
Michael, on July 28, 2012. The family resides
in Frederic.

Mamie (Henderson) Luhmann (2005)
and husband, Paul, welcomed a daughter,
Hazel Louise, on Sept 1. She joins a sister,
Clara (3).

Molly (Gilbert) Wildenberg (2011) and Joe
Wildenberg (2010)
welcomed a son, Hank James, on July 21. Joe
is a reliability engineer for Manitowoc Crane;
Molly is a grower with Floral Plant Growers
in Denmark. They reside in Manitowoc.

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Questions on Alma Matters submission policies
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blake.fry@uwrf.edu.
In Memoriam

Joseph J. Gurnoe       1923  died July 1, 2011
Gwenith C. Loney       1932  died March 16, 2012
Gladys Rock       1935  died Dec. 17, 2012
Norma M. Warwick       1938  died Sept. 18, 2012
Rosella C. Hendrickson       1939  died March 19
Harold Patton       1940  died July 31
Victor Ulvestad       1940  died Feb. 24
Virginia D. Griffey       1941  died Jan. 25, 2011
Arthur A. Palm       1941  died May 12, 2010
Dola Simonson       1941  died Dec. 6, 2011
Arnold K. Solstad       1941  died Oct. 4, 2010
Myrtle H. Stirrat       1941  died Jan. 26
Veta M. Wichman       1941  died April 8
Eugene L. Wycoff       1941  died April 10
Jeanne H. Fish       1943  died Jan. 13
Betty J. Gallagher       1943  died July 7, 2012
Raymond L. Hoeft       1943  died Dec. 8, 2012
Dolores M. Day      1945  died Jan. 11
Madolyn Weldon      1945, 1963  died Feb. 27, 2011
Alice M. Casey      1946  died Jan. 28
Myron D. Groskopp      1946  died May 11
Margaret O. Lien      1946  died Feb. 27
Edwin R. Olson      1946  died Aug. 10, 2011
Ruth (dec.) Anding      1948  died Oct. 6, 2012
Terrence A. Hayes      1948  died April 23
Floyd J. Doering      1949  died April 18
Gretchen M. Krueger      1949  died Nov. 5
Robert J. Olson      1949  died Jan. 4
Graydon M. Peterson      1949  died Nov. 6
Lawrence Bates      1950  died March 26, 2010
Roy H. Brede      1950  died Sept. 7
Franklin K. Dietzler      1950  died March 29
Frank T. Hayes      1950  died Nov. 15, 2012
Ardyce M. Peterson      1950, 1956  died Jan. 22
Charles J. Taylor      1950  died July 2
Wayne W. Joubert      1951, 1963  died Feb. 17
William J. Wisdom      1951  died March 26
Robert J. Dewitte      1952  died April 1, 2010
George M. Melby      1952  died May 24

Professor Emeritus

Daniel Brown

passed away on March 2, 2013
at the age of 85. Originally
from Medford, Wis. and a
graduate of Black River Falls
High School, Brown received
his Bachelor of Science degree
in elementary education from
UW - Eau Claire, a Master of Science degree in school
supervision and administration from UW - Superior
and a Doctor of Education degree from Kansas
University.

Following a career in elementary and junior high
school education and administration in Superior and
Platteville, Wisconsin, and after serving two years as
an instructor at Kansas University, Brown began his
tenure at UW - River Falls in 1962. He served as a
Professor of Education and as Dean of the College of
Education at UWRF until 1990. Daniel and his wife,
Ruth, had four children: Diane, Suzanne, Thomas, and
Ellen. All are UWRF graduates.

Memorials may be made to the University of
Wisconsin-River Falls Foundation, the Daniel H.
Brown Scholarship Fund, 410 South Third Street,
River Falls, Wisconsin 55402.
715-425-3505 Phone
877-258-6647 Toll Free
Dr. Clifford Fortin passed away on June 16, 2013. Clifford had been a valued member of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls community since 1955 when he was hired as an instructor. In 1970 he went on to get his Ph. D in Education from the University of Minnesota leading him to become a Library Studies professor at River Falls. The University remained an important part of Clifford’s life even after his retirement in 1988. He continued to support the university through event attendance and donations, in particular toward the Davee Library Endowment. One of Fortin’s former students, Howard Burfeind, states “I sadly acknowledge the passing of Dr. Clifford C. Fortin, a dedicated educator and devoted friend. Clifford spent 33 years at UW-River Falls. He was known as a practical academic and an inspiring teacher. He will be missed by his former colleagues and students.”

Memorials in remembrance of Clifford may be sent to:
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June 30, 2013

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Mary Barrett began her career at UW-River Falls in 1963 when she left St. Cloud State University to teach in UWRF’s Art Department. “The faculty in the art department were very close, almost like a family,” states Barrett. “Also, the students were so excited to learn and try new things.” In her 29-year career at UWRF, Barrett taught printmaking and drawing until her retirement in 1992. After retirement, Barrett began focusing on her own studio art, but never forgot those students just starting in their pursuit of art.

In 2004, she started the Mary L. Barrett scholarship, an annual scholarship that supports art majors. “I knew the Ammermans fairly well and I knew they had a couple of scholarships established at the university. I enjoyed the idea of giving back to a university that was smaller in scale, like River Falls. I discussed the idea of establishing a scholarship with my banker and he thought it would fit well with my finances,” explains Barrett.

Since the scholarship was established, nine students have benefited from Barrett’s generosity. “Students who have received my scholarship express such a great amount of gratitude when I meet them at the scholarship event held in the fall of each year. It’s nice to see that my scholarship means so much to them,” said Barrett.

In 2010, Barrett, decided to increase the amount of her annual scholarship by $500 and in 2012 began awarding two annual scholarships of $1,500 each. The increase in her scholarship amount falls in line with the goals of her personal legacy. “I am leaving much of my estate to UW-River Falls, to support the students of URF even after I pass. I want young people to have a chance to go to college even after I’m gone,” she said. Based on present values, Barrett’s estate gift will be enough to permanently endow five scholarships equal to full in-state tuition, all for incoming Art majors with demonstrated financial need.

Barrett has multiple degrees from Michigan State University, the University of Wisconsin-Madison and Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. She is an avid supporter of the arts and continues to make prints and paintings in her studio. She lives in St. Paul, MN.

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UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

· Northern Green Expo Reception at Minneapolis Convention Center – January 9, 2014
· Orange County Area Alumni Event (Southern CA) - January 28, 2014
· San Francisco Area Alumni Event (Northern CA) – January 29, 2014
· Men’s Basketball Reunion – February 8, 2014
· Denver Area Alumni Event – February 13, 2014
· Arizona Alumni Event – February 15, 2014
· Twin City Networking Event – April 2, 2014
· Golden Jubilee Reunion – May 16-17, 2014
· Spring Commencement – May 17, 2014

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Friday, May 2, 2014

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