Judith E. Simonson (1958)  
is mission coordinator for Ministries in Chaplaincy, Pastoral Counseling and Clinical Education, Chicago, Ill. Prior to this appointment, she was ordained by the Lutheran Church in 1980 and served a congregation briefly. She was chaplain at the National Lutheran Home for the Aged in Rockville, Md., from 1984 to 1996 and served as an assistant to the bishop of the Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod of the ELCA. In 2011, she received the Distinguished Alumnae Award for Specialized Ministry by her seminary.

Richard Peterson (1964)  
is the 2017 Jonathan F. Reichert and Barbara Wolff-Reichert Award for Excellence in Advanced Laboratory Instruction Recipient

Michael J McIntyre (1972)  
is beginning his second year as president of the board of trustees of the Lake County Public Library System, Merrillville, Ind. He has been a trustee for eight years and a member and past president of the Library Foundation and board member for 30 years. The Library system was recently named the Top Library system in the state of Indiana by the Indiana Library Federation. McIntyre, who has been retired for 6 years from a career in banking, remains active in the Northwest Indiana and Munster community. He resides in Munster with his wife Cheryl.

Bill Rasmussen (1972)  
was named the River Falls Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year. He has been involved in the community, with United Methodist Church, the River Falls Police Department, St. Croix Valley Restorative Justice, and more. Rasmussen has served on the Chamber board for four years. He served as board chair in 2006.

Marilee Berry Hoffman (1975)  
was inducted into Burlington High School’s Wall of Inspiration. She has been a leadership team member, a former department head, and a Burlington Area School District Wellness Committee member. Throughout the years, she also advised/coached extra-curricular activities including cross country, bowling, volleyball, cheerleading, intramural basketball and Student Council where she helped write a Youth as Resources Grant for an all-school community cleanup project. Hoffman also served 10 years as the president of Southeastern Wisconsin Health and Physical Education Association, a group that focuses on helping to create effective physical education and health teachers.

Dave Drewiske (1977)  
was named interim executive director for the Kinnickinnic River Land Trust. After graduating from UWRF, he interned with the National Park Service. He has also worked for State Parks in St. Croix Falls, the UW-Extension, and 3M.
Sue Rowe (1979) participated in the annual “paint-in” by members of the Lake Country Pastel Society, an organization founded in 1997 by pastel enthusiasts. The Minnesota "paint-in" proves the crayon-like colors of pastels aren't just for kids.

Rod Raehsler (1981) is an economics professor at Clarion University of Pennsylvania and will serve a two-year term as vice president on the national board of directors for Omicron Delta Epsilon, the international honor society for economics. He is the director of the Honors Program and served as chairperson of the Department of Economics from 2003-2016. He has published over 40 research papers in peer-reviewed journals and presented papers at the prestigious American Economic Association meetings in eight of the last 10 years.

Bob Wittman (1981) was selected as the National Community Educator of the Year in 2008 and was recently named the Minnesota Community Educator of Excellence. He has 40 years of experience in community education and stints as president of the Minnesota Community Education Association and National Community Education Association.

Mike Laska (1985) is retiring after 32 years of teaching math and 30 years in one building at Murray Middle School.

Jim Cropp (1987) is the plant manager of Yodelay Yogurt in Madison which recently had a first-place showing at the American Cheese Society Conference & Competition in Denver. He helped create the award-winning yogurt Yodelay, a lighter craft Swiss yogurt.

Jacquie Boyer (1989) is vice president of Global OEM Sales. Boyer has more than 25 years in progressive sales and leadership roles, including experience with large, mid-size and start-up companies. She most recently held the position of vice president, global sales and marketing at Stanadyne, L.L.C., a fuel injection system supplier to the automotive and diesel markets.

Deb Henton (1989) was named the 2018 Minnesota Association of School Administrators Superintendent of the Year. Henton has served as the superintendent for North Branch Area Public Schools (NBAPS) since 2007. Under her leadership, NBAPS has implemented K-12 world language instruction, college in the classroom, technology initiatives, the ProStart Culinary Program, and Project Lead the Way. She also lead NBAPS’s energy efficiency program that has allowed the district to save over $800,000 in energy costs since the program’s inception.
Kelli Rae Tubbs (1989)
made presentations at the Chicago Drum Show and the 42nd Annual National Women's Music Festival, as well as made an appearance at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention (PASIC) in a clinic titled "Sound Off! A Re-Creation of 'Trap Drumming' from the Silent Film Era" with Daniel Glass, Theodore "Denny" Brown, and Nicholas White. Tubbs is co-authoring a book with Daniel Glass titled "The Postcard Project: A Snapshot of Drumming Life, 1900-1930." Her recently-penned articles have appeared in the new U.K. publication "Vintage Drums Legendary Sounds."

John Draxler (1991)
is a chief probation officer for the State of Colorado.

Mary Jo Gardas (1991)
teaches first grade at Elmwood Elementary. She previously taught at St. Francis Elementary in Ellsworth.

Daniel Grady (1991)
is the new district administrator for the Marshall School District. Prior to his career in educational administration, Grady served the school district in several capacities including interim athletic director, choral music teacher and athletic coach. He is currently an elementary school principal in Fall River. He was the elementary school principal, preceded by intermediate associate principal in Milton from 2011-17. He was a middle school assistant principal, preceded by high school assistant principal in Mount Horeb from 2006-11. He also worked in the Burlington and Waterford school districts.

Kimberly Kessler (1992)
studied coral reefs, manatees, howler monkeys, jaguars and other wildlife while learning the methods communities are using to sustain them in Belize. Kessler, a zookeeper at the Honolulu (Hawaii) Zoo took the graduate course in pursuit of her master's degree from Miami University's Global Field Program.

Heidi Clausen (1993)
has been promoted to editor at The Country Today. She has worked for the weekly agricultural/rural life newspaper for the past 24 years, working from her home near Clayton, and covers news throughout northwest Wisconsin and eastern Minnesota.

Kirk Dailey (1993)
is a sales development manager in the Livestock Feed Additives Division with Central Life Sciences. He is responsible for the sales team handling the feed through fly control solution ClariFly Larvicide for swine and associated products. Dailey brings more than 20 years of experience, previously holding a sales manager position at Prairieland Feeds.
Kristi Fox (1994)
is the first chief diversity officer at Securian Financial. Fox, who has been with Securian for 21 years, is charged with leading the company’s diversity, inclusion and engagement strategies, talent acquisition and development, employee benefits, and employee relations.

Bill Sucha (1995)
is the band director at Irondale (Minn.) High School where he has taught for 22 years.

Craig Broeren (1996)
is the superintendent for the Wisconsin Rapids School District. Previously, he was superintendent of the Barron Area School District.

Mike Lobinsky (1996)
is president of EOS Imaging’s North American Division. All continental functions report directly to him. Prior to joining EOS Imaging, Lobinsky served as U.S. vice president of sales and implementation for robotics at Smith & Nephew PLC, that he joined through its 2016 acquisition of Blue Belt Technologies Inc., a developer of surgical robotics.

Craig Sarnow (1996)
is a police lieutenant for the Milwaukee Police Department.

Eric Widholm (1996)
is a proposal and pursuit specialist with Hanson Professional Services Inc., Jacksonville, Fla. He will assist with business development for the firm’s Florida infrastructure market by overseeing proposal pursuits and development and presentations to clients and potential clients. Widholm most recently was a marketing editor for a national engineering firm in Eau Claire.

Patty Edelburg (Caldwell) (1998)
is vice president of the National Farmers Union. Edelburg has been active in the Wisconsin Farmers Union for over two decades and has spent 12 years on the WFU board. She also served as the director of the Wisconsin Farm Service Agency for part of 2016 and was a member of the state and county Holstein boards.

Jennifer Roettger (1999)
is the employee experience manager with Fairview Health Services, Minneapolis.

Cara Dempski (2000)
has joined the Lake Mills Leader, Cambridge News and Deerfield Independent as regional sports editor. Prior to that, Dempski worked in human services for 10 years, doing everything from working with adolescents in residential treatment to working with severely mentally ill adults.

Renee Fry (2000)
has published her first book, “I Hate Mondays!” She is the owner of TalentQ, Inc., a Certified Women’s Business Enterprise and has a 15-year career in recruiting.
Andy Jarzynski (2000)
is head football coach at North High School, Eau Claire. Jarzynski is a graduate of Eau Claire Memorial High School where he played for Pat McGinnis and Tal Tischer.

Jared Schaffner (2000)
is the principal at Onalaska High School. Previously, he was an agri-science teacher in Pulaski.

Kyle Igou (2001)
is the principal at Prescott Middle School. Four years ago, the Prescott School District welcomed Igou as the high school assistant principal and athletic director. He has two years of prior teaching experience in Gillette as well as 10 years teaching in River Falls.

Nancy Schnable (2001)
has been awarded the 2017 President’s Award by the Southern Minnesota Tourism Association. The association represents 36 counties in southern Minnesota. She is the executive director of Discover Austin, the community’s convention and visitor’s bureau.

Sam Zimmermann (2001)
and his wife, Jenn, were named winners at the 62nd Annual National Outstanding Young Farmers Awards Congress held Feb. 15-18 in Sacramento, Calif. Four national honorees were selected from a group of 10 finalists for the award based on their progress in an agricultural career, extent of soil and water conservation practices, and contributions to the well-being of the community, state and nation. They reside in Ringle.

Angela Lallemont (2002)
opened her new office, Lallemont Law, LLC. in 2017. She is an adjunct professor for the legal studies program at Winona State University and serves on the Board of Directors for Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers.

Josh Miller (2003)
works in development services for the City of Marshfield. Prior to this appointment he served as the zoning administrator and city planner.

Beth Buckmaster-Dulon (2005)
was one of three teachers recently honored with Star Excellence Awards by The Education Foundation of Hudson. She teaches German 2 and 4 at Hudson High School and has taught for 13 years, including the last six in Hudson. She and her husband, Nathan, reside in Hudson with their children Ella, 7, and Owen, 4.

Sara Tischauser (2005)
is a new reporter for the Pierce County Herald, Ellsworth.
Todd Willems (2005)  
is director of schools for Siena Catholic Schools of Racine. Prior to this, he worked for  
the Messmer Catholic Schools in Milwaukee where he has served as principal of the high  
school since 2013. Prior to Messmer, he filled a variety of administrative roles while also  
teaching for eight years at Catholic Central High School in Burlington.

Molly Gursky (Sharpe) (2006)  
owns Driven Restorations near Randolph with her husband, Steve. They are expanding  
their shop, located on the four-acre rural property that is also home. The $70,000  
project will add more mechanics bays, a dedicated welding and metal room, a new paint  
booth and provide more space for the growing business.

Blake Hickman (2008)  
was married Estelle Richard July 15, 2017, at Mendakota Country Club, Mendota  
Heights, Minn.

Laura Miron Mendel (2008)  
purchased the historic Withrow Ballroom, an 89-year-old event center that has fostered  
and hosted multiple local weddings through the years. Mendel grew up on a farm in  
Princeton, graduating from UWRF before spending two years as an elementary teacher  
in the Princeton School District. As her entrepreneurial drive became stronger, she  
earned her master’s degree in business administration then began to plan events for  
Buffalo Wild Wings Corporation followed by Maple Grove (Minn.) Tavern. In between,  
she produced and hosted sports- and real estate-focused radio shows for WCCO and  
ESPN and earned certification to become a loan officer with Envoy Mortgage, Edina,  
Minn.

Mikayla Fischer (2009)  
is teaching in the veterinary technician program at Dakota County Technical College.

welcomed a son, John Charles Hanley, V on Nov. 9, 2017.

Kati Matuseki (2010)  
is a holistic freshman review supervisor in undergraduate admissions at the University  
of Minnesota.

Melissa Ploeckelman (2010)  
is outreach specialist at the Marshfield-based National Farm Medicine Center. She is  
responsible for assessing the program’s outreach efforts and heading the center’s  
website and social media outlets. She also serves as a member of the outreach team at  
the Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center at the University of  
Minnesota. Previously, she taught at her alma mater, Colby High School, for six years.
where she also served as the chapter’s FFA advisor and youth apprenticeship coordinator.

**Charlee Borg (2012)**
is the first anti-trafficking coordinator at HopeWorks of Howard County, Md., which serves victims of sexual and domestic violence and human trafficking.

**Klaudia Glowacka (2012)**
was named Teacher of the Year at Tracy Area Elementary School after three years of teaching.

**Nicole Witzel (2013)**
recently appeared on the PBS outdoor adventure show, “Tennessee’s Wild Side,” for her ongoing research on streamside salamanders.

**Mike Merritt (2014)**
is the K-6 physical education teacher at Isle schools. Last year, he was a long-term substitute teacher in Osceola for third-fifth grade physical education.

**Holly Hale (2015)**
was selected as the 2018 Family Childcare Provider of the Year at the recent Wisconsin Family Child Care Association Conference. Hale has been working in childcare for most of the last 35 years and has been licensed since August 2006.

**Christina Licari (2015)**
is a Peace Corps volunteer in Benin, West Africa. She is helping tackle insufficient classroom space and lack of girl’s enrollment at the middle/high school. Through building two new classrooms, school hours will be at appropriate times favoring female students who prepare meals for their families. The new rooms will also provide each grade level with their own classroom.

**Michael Mader (2016)**
is the owner and founder of Hippy Feet, a Minneapolis-based sock company dedicated to providing support to people affected by homelessness. Hippy Feet has expanded its brand ambassador program to St. Thomas. He also had a pop-up shop and warming house near Super Bowl Live events for 10 days leading up to the Super Bowl where he sold Hippy Feet socks and raised awareness of homelessness. For each pair of socks sold through the e-commerce business, a pair is donated to a homeless shelter.

**Travis Vieths (2016)**
is working in customer service and technical support at Sustane Natural Fertilizer. He supports distributors and customers in the Midwest in the agriculture, turf and ornamental markets.
Dillon Voltz (2016) has been promoted to portfolio manager by the Bank of Luxemburg. Voltz, who grew up in a farming family, focuses on the agricultural lending segment in addition to more general business lending. He has served as a credit analyst at the bank for the past year.

John Walstrom (2016) is the social studies, history, psychology, and sociology teacher at Caledonia Area Public Schools. He is also working with the football program on strength and conditioning. Previously, he worked as a substitute teacher at Simley (Minn.) High School.

Dominique Bagley-Page (2017) is a juvenile probation officer for Anoka County Corrections in Lino Lakes, Minn.

Amanda Drew (2017) graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Michaela Klump (2017) is a NRCS soil conservationist. She looks forward to learning more about conservation and farming operations in Iowa.

Karson Rihn (2017) is in his first season leading the New Auburn girl’s basketball program. He is a social studies teacher in the New Auburn School District and took over the girl’s program as its third different coach in three seasons.
Deceased

Harriet Campbell Christianson, 1939
died Nov. 9, 2017.

Delphine Johnson, 1939
died April 5, 2018.

Ethel Johansen Johnson, 1942
died April 20, 2018.

Pauline Olson Koenig, 1943

Evelyn Plombon Tait, 1943
died June 6, 2018.

Elva Vruwink Vergeront, 1943
died July 22, 2018.

Joyce Meier Huber, 1944
died July 21, 2018.

Alice Kiekhoefer Emerson, 1946

Robert Feiler, 1946

Lois Hatch, 1947
died May 14, 2018.

Raymond Polzin, 1948

Verda Swenson Grefe, 1949

Robert Reitz, 1949
Norma Olson Frenette, 1950
died April 8, 2018.

Willard Geidel, 1950

Wallace Lindholm, 1950
died April 2, 2018.

Harry Peterson, 1950
died Aug. 27, 2018.

Archie Abbott, 1951

Wayne Lafferty, 1951
died Aug. 12, 2017.

Harold Lindemann, 1951

James Robey, 1951

Rosemary Axtell Roehl, 1951

Ronald Backes, 1952
died July 7, 2018.

Raymond Miller, 1952
died Nov. 12, 2017.

Barbara Schultz, 1952

Robert Thorson, 1952

Robert Granum, 1953
William Middlebrook, 1953

Wayne Otto, 1953
died Nov. 8, 2017.

Robert Swanson, 1953
died February 10, 2018.

Paul Willink, 1953
died Sept. 4, 2017.

Beverly Swenson Gaard, 1954

Rita Ruemmele Jenkins, 1954
died April 30, 2018.

David Knoll, 1955

Keith Schmidt, 1955

Rodney Adolph, 1957

John Clemons, 1957

Gerald Johnson, 1958

Douglas Norelius, 1958
died March 1, 2018.

Kenneth Olson, 1958

Robert Gifford, 1959
Mary O'Mera Larsen, 1959
died Dec. 21, 2017.

Robert McGarvey, 1959
died April 23, 2018.

Neil Sutherland, 1959
died Dec. 9, 2017.

Norbert Teclaw, 1959
died July 9, 2018.

Francis Wolfert, 1960
died June 24, 2018.

Cheryl Henry Pohl, 1961
died May 22, 2018.

Thomas Sackett, 1962
died May 17, 2018.

David Dimick, 1963
died Nov. 3, 2017.

A. Pat Mrotek, 1963
died June 21, 2018.

Janice Albrigtson Hoppe, 1964
died Nov. 18, 2017.

Albert Schultz, 1964
died Sept. 4, 2017.

Sylvester Socha, 1964
died July 16, 2018.

Esther (Ard) Wentz, 1964

Vernon Anderson, 1965
died June 20, 2018.
Paul Baker, 1965

Frances Christopherson Cotch, 1965
died March 6, 2018.

Eugene Green, 1965

Keith Johnson 1965
died Nov. 1, 2017.

Judith Carlson Miler 1965
died June 19, 2018.

Denis Plummer 1965

Rodney Thompson, 1965
died Nov. 22, 2017.

Anita Roessler Grygiel, 1966
died April 24, 2018.

Earl Hasselquist, 1966
died Nov. 10, 2017.

Donna (Newman) Oeftger 1968

died Nov. 28, 2017.

Paul Broderson, 1969
died March 27, 2018.

Melva Zuege Kleist, 1969
died Sept. 4, 2017.

Lois Moelter Grafenstein, 1970
Francis Johnson, 1970
died Feb. 27, 2018.

Mary Olsen Kildahl, 1970

Thomas Scharlau, 1970
died June 19, 2018.

Gary Waterhouse, 1970

John Govek, 1971
died July 3, 2018.

Worth Haynes, 1971
died March 9, 2018.

Verna Scharpen Crow Lifto, 1971

John Lind, 1971
died April 12, 2018.

Judy Pichner Vreeland, 1971
died May 21, 2018.

Kirk Chaffee, 1972
died Dec. 21, 2017.

Frank Falkofske, 1972
died Jan. 18, 2018.

Richard Heuer, 1972

Marilyn Pearson Libby, 1972
died Oct. 10, 2017

Kay Dobberphul Logghe, 1972
David Midboe, 1972
died June 3, 2018.

Daniel Nelson, 1972
died Sept. 28, 2017.

Alice DeMotts Trahms, 1972

Sister Jane Winkler Winkler, 1972
died Nov. 6, 2017.

Dean Aamodt, 1973

Karen Holschbach Dorau, 1973
died Dec. 12, 2017.

Catherine Varnum Johnson, 1973
died Jan. 6, 2018.

Mary Quinn, 1974

Yvonne Kenyon Swanson, 1974

Lonnie Feuerhelm, 1975
died July 11, 2018.

Dale Marcott, 1975
died April 7, 2018.

David Bylsma, 1976

Lee Ellison, 1976
died July 28, 2018.

Richard Williams, 1976
Mark Schlessner, 1977
died March 4, 2018.

Timothy Hotujec, 1978

Michael Kranz, 1978

Mark Christenson, 1979

Marylee (Allen) Fries, 1979

Mari (Marks) Behnke, 1980

Melvin Alferness, 1981
died Nov. 16, 2017.

Kay (Mehlberg) Blum, 1981

Gary Fritz, 1981

Reece Keehr, 1982

David Kinney, 1982
died April 15, 2018.

David Dietsche, 1983
died Nov. 10, 2017.

Gary Richie, 1983

Thomas Jilek, 1984
Jean Ouimette, 1984
died July 26, 2018.

Sharon Greenshields, 1985

John Albert, 1986

Gary Doriott, 1986

Clark Luessman, 1986
died March 15, 2018.

Michael Hein, 1987

Douglas Courts, 1991
died Jan. 9, 2018.

Elizabeth Fryslie, 1991
died May 25, 2018.

Tracy Hassemer Busse, 1992

Lance Schmidt, 1992

Kyle Scholz, 1993

William Saker, 1996

Justin Below, 1997

Debra Monroe-Stern, 1997
died Nov. 21, 2017.
Kathie Cellotti, 2001
died April 22, 2018.

Rachel Perry, 2001

Anthony Fox, 2009
died Oct. 9, 2017.

Alexandra Arnt, 2018