Rising to Distinction

Falcon Scholars
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Class of 2018 Falcon Scholars

Name: Abigail Aasen  
Hometown: Minordor, Wis.  
Major: Elementary Education  
A fun, random fact: I was born in a day that reached 60 degrees below zero!  

Name: Ashley Beyer  
Major: Animal Science  
A fun, random fact: I organized and was the team captain for a horse riding team.  

Name: Stacey Ebert  
Hometown: Sparta, Wis.  
Major: Art Education  
A fun, random fact: I can be spontaneous.  

Name: Alysia Erickson  
Hometown: Mora, Minn.  
Major: Accounting, Business Administration  
A fun, random fact: I have the same birthday as my grandpa.  

Name: Claire Fox  
Hometown: Janesville, Wis.  
Major: Biology  
A fun, random fact: I am obsessed with penguins!  

Name: Brenda Gearhart  
Hometown: Saint Croix Falls, Wis.  
Major: Engineering  
A fun, random fact: I was in Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts for 10 years! I achieved the rank of Eagle Scout when I was a sophomore.  

Name: Taylor Apfelbeck  
Hometown: Kronenwetter, Wis.  
Major: Animal Science, Equine Emphasis  
A fun, random fact: I am in love with horses. I love to be with them and to be a part of the herd. Someday I hope to show other horse lovers that it is possible to be close to a horse in ways that only a horse can show.  

Name: Lexie Arit  
Hometown: Annandale, Minn.  
Major: Social Work  
A fun, random fact: This past spring I spent two weeks traveling around Europe with classmates and I hope to return someday.  

Name: Bryan Bednarek  
Hometown: Spring Valley, Wis.  
Major: Agricultural Engineering Technology  
A fun, random fact: I was born on a day that reached 60 degrees below zero!  

Name: Kelly Kollie  
Hometown: Elk River, Minn.  
Major: Communicative Disorders  
A fun, random fact: Love skydiving.

Name: Anna Krueger  
Hometown: Grant, Minn.  
Major: Agricultural Education  
A fun, random fact: I have never left the United States.  

Name: Alex Larson  
Hometown: Strum, Wis.  
Major: Health and Physical Education  
A fun, random fact: I love to jam on the drum set.  

Name: Britton Stevens  
Hometown: Otsego, Minn.  
Major: Psychology  
A fun, random fact: I overcame brain surgery and two reconstructive knee surgeries at the age of 15, and I was still able to do what I love which is golf.  

Name: Anna Molls  
Hometown: Clayton, Wis.  
Major: Biology, Biomedical Sciences Option  
A fun, random fact: I own my own rabbits and chickens.

Name: Kelly Kolles  
Hometown: Elk River, Minn.  
Major: Communicative Disorders  
A fun, random fact: Love skydiving.

Name: Bethany Marcks  
Hometown: Black Creek, Wis.  
Major: Dairy Science  
A fun, random fact: I love to show dairy animals.  

Name: Luke Murphy  
Hometown: Wauwatosa, Wis.  
Major: Communications Studies  
A fun, random fact: I know the military alphabet.  

Name: Sam Murphy  
Hometown: Wauwatosa, Wis.  
Major: Business Administration  
A fun, random fact: I was a Black Belt.  

Name: Cassie Berg  
Hometown: Barron, Wis.  
Major: Animal Science, Meats Animal Emphasis  
A fun, random fact: I love to show rabbits and chickens.  

Name: Cassandra Borgardt  
Hometown: Milltown, Wis.  
Major: Animal Science, Equine Emphasis  
A fun, random fact: I am a sheep!  

Name: Brittany Annette Lubich  
Hometown: Prescott, Wis.  
Major: Biology, Biomedical Sciences Option, Pre-Medical  
A fun, random fact: I have never left Wisconsin.  

Name: Zach Knutson  
Hometown: Pine Island, Minn.  
Major: Animal Science, Meat Animal Emphasis  
A fun, random fact: I started my own beef herd when I was 15.  

Name: Sam Milkey  
Hometown: Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.  
Major: Computer Science and Information Systems  
A fun, random fact: I love sushi.  

Name: Logan Paschke  
Hometown: Pulaski, Wis.  
Major: Dairy Science  
A fun, random fact: I own my own rabbits and chickens.

Falcon Scholars is a four-year scholarship program for select freshmen. The program addresses a university objective of increasing student retention and success, especially for those with financial need. Falcon Scholars is supported through a unique donor and student partnership.

UWRF Alum Arlin ’58 and Marilyn ’56 Albrecht have established the Albrecht Challenge as a matching fund for gifts from alumni and friends to Falcon Scholars. For the first four years, the Albrechts will match gifts of $1,000 or more to Falcon Scholars up to $400,000 or half the funding needed.
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Name: Samantha Pedek
Hometown: Muscoda, Wis.
Major: Physics
A fun, random fact: I have a twin sister, who will not be attending UWRF, and we are completely different: attitudes, looks, everything.

Name: Jenna Petersen
Hometown: Jackson, Minn.
Major: Communicative Disorders and Spanish
A fun, random fact: I’ve been a dancer since I was four years old, and have been known to bust a move in the most random of places: grocery stores, shopping malls, and my personal favorite, my kitchen.

Name: Ellie Prax
Hometown: Maplewood, Minn.
Major: Elementary Education and Spanish
A fun, random fact: I love baking!

Name: Erin Ralph
Hometown: Big Lake, Minn.
Major: Health and Physical Education
A fun, random fact: I don’t eat dressing on my salad.

Name: Joel Rausch
Hometown: Medford, Wis.
Major: Broad Field Social Studies
A fun, random fact: Contrary to most people, I hate mashed potatoes.

Name: Ian Scherer
Hometown: Corcoran, Minn.
Major: Dairy Science
Name: Hillary Schallock
Hometown: Lake Crystal, Minn.
Major: Social Work
A fun, random fact: I’ve lived in four different states.

Name: Courtney Schmeling
Hometown: Hinsdale, Minn.
Major: Animal Science
A fun, random fact: I love doing almost anything outdoors.

Name: Cara Schmidt
Hometown: Chaska, Minn.
Major: Animal Science, Equine Emphasis
A fun, random fact: I live with my grandparents.

Name: Melissa Ann Schuer
Hometown: Waterloo, Iowa
Major: Animal Science, Equine Emphasis
A fun, random fact: I went on a backpacking service trip in the Big Horn Mountain Range three years in a row.

Name: Joseph Scott
Hometown: Cottage Grove, Minn.
Major: Computer Science and Information Systems
A fun, random fact: I have a pet tortoise who is the same age as me (19).

Name: Gabrielle Siranni
Hometown: Whitehall, Wis.
Major: Animal Nutrition
A fun, random fact: I love playing piano and really enjoy learning songs by You Tubing piano tutorials.

Name: Emily Sorenson
Hometown: River Falls, Wis.
Major: Environmental Science
A fun, random fact: Through 4-H and FFA, I had the opportunity to raise and show goats since second grade.

Name: Rachel Stancer-Prokop
Hometown: Hastings, Minn.
Major: Agricultural Business
A fun, random fact: Every year my family gets together for full two weekends before Thanksgiving to set up our annual farm Christmas display at the Richard Fox Family Farm in Rosemount, Minn.

Name: Sarah Storan
Hometown: Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.
Major: Animal Science
A fun, random fact: I am able to wiggle my eyes.

Name: Rebecca Storlie
Hometown: Northfield, Minn.
Major: Animal Science, Meat Animal Emphasis
A fun, random fact: Through 4-H in Dakota County, I have been raising Boar Goats for five years. I started knowing nothing about goats, and now I have bred and raised my own herd of high quality Boar Goats.

Name: Kelyn Suhorepetz
Hometown: Hortonville, Wis.
Major: International Studies
A fun, random fact: I’m a 3rd degree black belt in karate.

Name: Kalley Swift
Hometown: Savage, Minn.
Major: Undecided
A fun, random fact: I am a camp counselor in the summer, and I coach and referee for YMCA youth sports.

Name: Brittony Thomas
Hometown: Round Lake Beach, Ill.
Major: Accounting
A fun, random fact: I really enjoy horseback riding and working with horses.

Name: Danielle Timm
Hometown: Gillett, Wis.
Major: Animal Science
A fun, random fact: I have a cat named Squeakers.

Name: Carrie Urbanek
Hometown: Cashton, Wis.
Major: Agricultural Education
A fun, random fact: I have a twin sister!

Name: Ceeiah Yang
Hometown: Brooklyn Center, Minn.
Major: Elementary Education
A fun, random fact: I am a lip junkie. A person who goes crazy over lipstick and collects them.

Name: Alexa Vetsch
Hometown: Cokato, Minn.
Major: Undecided
A fun, random fact: I love baseball and football.

Name: Anna Welch
Hometown: Rochester, Minn.
Major: Animal Science
A fun, random fact: I own a five year old quarter horse gelding named after Kuzco from the Emperors New Groove movie.

Name: Clayton Windsor
Hometown: Knapp, Wis.
Major: Biology
A fun, random fact: I have “broken” each of my arms twice.

Name: Dylan Windsor
Hometown: Knapp, Wis.
Major: Chemistry, Physics, and Math
A fun, random fact: I enjoy getting to cut up and vend the deer meat after we hunt them.

Name: Ronna Woock
Hometown: Burnett, Wis.
Major: Animal Science, Equine Emphasis
A fun, random fact: I really like welding and I have won the most unique recycling exhibit award three years in a row at my county fair.

Name: Jamie Vetsch
Hometown: Cottage Grove, Minn.
Major: Undecided
A fun, random fact: I own a herd of high quality Boar Goats.
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- Chancellor Dean Van Galen

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