Falcon Scholars

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Class of 2017 Falcon Scholars

Name: Rachael Allen  
Hometown: Dexter, MN  
Major: Communicative Disorders  
A fun, random fact: I’ve been to 40 of the 50 states.

Name: Ben Althoff  
Hometown: Jordan, MN  
Major: Business Administration - Management  
A fun, random fact: I love to travel and have been on many road trips with 7 people and a dog in a van.

Name: Jennifer Andersen  
Hometown: Woodbury, MN  
Major: Secondary Education - English  
A fun, random fact: If I wasn’t majoring in Education, I’d be majoring in Neuro Science.

Name: Ashley Andrews  
Hometown: Somerset, WI  
Major: Art Education  
A fun, random fact: I have about 10 stuffed elephants! (1 giant bean bag elephant too!)

Name: Justin Athorp  
Hometown: Howards Grove, WI  
Major: Agribusiness  
A fun, random fact: I am a volunteer firefighter.

Name: Jacob Bechel  
Hometown: River Falls, WI  
Major: Accounting  
A fun, random fact: I am the biggest Lord of the Rings/The Hobbit fan in the world.

Name: Spencer Bemis  
Hometown: Cottage Grove, WI  
Major: Chemistry  
A fun, random fact: I am an associate member of the Wisconsin Falconry Association.

Name: Savannah Berry  
Hometown: New Berlin, WI  
Major: Animal Science  
A fun, random fact: I come from a very mixed background. (10 ethnic backgrounds, and I can list them if you ask me.)

Name: Samantha Brocker  
Hometown: Claremont, MN  
Major: Elementary Education  
A fun, random fact: I can curl my tongue into a three-cornered cup.

Name: Molly Brown  
Hometown: Webster, WI  
Major: Animal Science with an Equine emphasis  
A fun, random fact: I was home schooled through third grade.

Name: Ashley Bue  
Hometown: Lanesboro, MN  
Major: Biology  
A fun, random fact: I have shown beef cattle since I was 8 years old.

Name: Jessica Carpenter  
Hometown: Burnsville, MN  
Major: Biotechnology  
A fun, random fact: I love chocolate chip cookies.

Name: Zachary Christianson  
Hometown: Colfax, WI  
Major: Environmental Science  
A fun, random fact: I love being outside and hunting.

Name: Grace Curran  
Hometown: Taylor, WI  
Major: Dairy Science  
A fun, random fact: I will be running on the Track & Field team at UWRF!

Name: Maranda Degenhardt  
Hometown: Greenwood, WI  
Major: Biology  
A fun, random fact: In 2012, I became Miss Greenwood. I represented my hometown through community events and parades all while wearing a dress, sash and a crown.

Name: Elizabeth DeRosier  
Hometown: Eagan, MN  
Major: Marketing Communications  
A fun, random fact: I have 5 brothers and no sisters.

Name: Dena DuCharme  
Hometown: Hudson, WI  
Major: Marketing Communications  
A fun, random fact: I love peanut butter.

Name: Anna Ebensperger  
Hometown: Balsam Lake, WI  
Major: Elementary Education or Communicative Disorders  
A fun, random fact: When I was younger I wanted to move to Montana and marry a cowboy! (Sometimes I still do.)

Name: Naomi Egger  
Hometown: Robbinsdale, MN  
Major: Unknown  
A fun, random fact: I hold dual citizenship with the U.S. and Switzerland.

Name: Danielle Frederick  
Hometown: Hokah, MN  
Major: Pre-Medicine  
A fun, random fact: I am outgoing and really enjoy meeting new people and getting involved.

Name: Katie Galarno  
Hometown: Saxon, WI  
Major: Journalism  
A fun, random fact: I have an eighteen pound, cross eyed, Siamese cat named Precious.

Name: Nathan Hanson  
Hometown: Richland Center, WI  
Major: Animal Science  
A fun, random fact: I raise and show sheep at numerous state fairs and national shows.

Name: Sierra Hawkins  
Hometown: Chippewa Falls, WI  
Major: Elementary Education  
A fun, random fact: I never leave my house without Chapstick!

Name: Jordan Hollatz  
Hometown: Ripon, WI  
Major: Animal Science  
A fun, random fact: I’ve been riding horses since I was 4!

Name: Samantha Iversen  
Hometown: Byron, MN  
Major: Secondary English Education  
A fun, random fact: I’ve done ballet for 15 years.

Name: Carissa Jahnz  
Hometown: Pine City, MN  
Major: Animal Science - Equine Emphasis  
A fun, random fact: I know π to the 42nd digit.

Name: Hannah Jenkins  
Hometown: Adams, WI  
Major: Marketing Communications  
A fun, random fact: My middle name is Day.

Name: Jordan Johnson  
Hometown: St. Croix Falls  
Major: Undecided  
A fun, random fact: I’ve been parasailing.
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.

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Name: Kyle Karlen
Hometown: Greenwood, WI
Major: Animal Science / Pre-Veterinary Science
A fun, random fact: I raise Ameracauna chickens, which lay green eggs.

Name: Laura Lusardi
Hometown: Hudson, WI
Major: Physics
A fun, random fact: One of my biggest hobbies is making jewelry. Whenever I have a spare moment, I am always making something new!

Name: Geoffrey Maiden Mueller
Hometown: Luck, WI
Major: Music & Computer Science
A fun, random fact: I enjoy playing the bassoon and hanging out with friends.

Name: John Maillette
Hometown: Chicago, IL
Major: Exercise and Sports Science
A fun, random fact: I love wakeboarding.

Name: Sullivan Mann
Hometown: Prairie Farm, WI
Major: Animal Science
A fun, random fact: I’ve always been on the small side, to the point of still requiring a booster seat until I was about 11. My mother reassured me about my size, telling me that I would grow and that we would have a big party when I hit five feet tall. I’m 4’11 1/2” and still waiting!

Name: Joe Markgraf
Hometown: Antigo, WI
Major: Crop and Soil Science
A fun, random fact: I like to cook.

Name: Tyler Marson
Hometown: Ellsworth, WI
Major: Accounting, Business Admin and/or Finance
A fun, random fact: I am allergic to dogs.

Name: Courtney McCourt
Hometown: St. Cloud, WI
Major: Dairy Science & Biochemistry
A fun, random fact: A fun fact is that yes I study very hard...But once in a while the stupid needs to come out in fun creative ways.

Name: Alison Mickelson
Hometown: Cambridge, WI
Major: Pre-Vet / Animal Science

Name: Mathew Mickolichek
Hometown: Silver Lake, MN
Major: Agricultural Engineering Technology
A fun, random fact: My favorite fish to catch are bass.

Name: MacKenzie Miller
Hometown: Green Bay, WI
Major: Business Administration
A fun, random fact: I love outdoor activities, especially snowmobiling.

Name: Stephanie Norlin
Hometown: Monticello, MN
Major: Elementary Education
A fun, random fact: I learned how to whistle when I was 2 1/2 years old!

Name: Nate Parizek
Hometown: Hastings, MN
Major: Chemistry (Bio Chemistry)
A fun, random fact: I have an obsession for dogs.
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<td>Stacy Pederson</td>
<td>Waterville, MN</td>
<td>Undecided</td>
<td>I own light up shoelaces. They’re pretty awesome.</td>
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<td>Brianna Phernetton</td>
<td>Webster, WI</td>
<td>Bio Medical</td>
<td>I can cross one eye while keeping the other straight.</td>
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<td>Seth Picknell</td>
<td>Prairie Farm, WI</td>
<td>Dairy Science/Pre-Vet</td>
<td>I am a diehard Green Bay Packer Fan.</td>
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<td>Hannah Pignato</td>
<td>Cottage Grove, MN</td>
<td>Health &amp; Human Performance</td>
<td>I have figure skated for 13 years and reached level 8.</td>
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<td>Jacob Pintens</td>
<td>Dallas, WI</td>
<td>Dairy Science</td>
<td>I love being outside.</td>
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<td>Taylor Polka</td>
<td>Mosinee, WI</td>
<td>Animal Science with Equine emphasis</td>
<td>My passion for animals, along with my Ag education classes in high school and participation with the FFA organization inspired my love for agriculture – which pushed me to pursue a career in it.</td>
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<td>Megan Poulos</td>
<td>Whitehall, WI</td>
<td>Animal Science</td>
<td>My favorite animal is a llama.</td>
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<td>Erin Pronschinske</td>
<td>Cochrane, WI</td>
<td>Biotechnology</td>
<td>I went to a really small high school and my graduating class was 42 kids.</td>
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<td>Courtney Reilley</td>
<td>Oak Creek, WI</td>
<td>Communicative Disorders</td>
<td>I am not a girly girl, but I love to paint my dog’s toenails!</td>
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<td>Sarah Renslow</td>
<td>Big Lake, MN</td>
<td>Psychology</td>
<td>My graduating class had less than 20 people.</td>
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<td>Mitchell Riley</td>
<td>Highland, WI</td>
<td>Accounting</td>
<td>My graduating class had less than 20 people.</td>
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<td>Jocelyn Roberts</td>
<td>Arlington, WI</td>
<td>Animal Science – Equine Management</td>
<td>The family farm dog is a 7 pound Pomeranian that I rescued as a puppy.</td>
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<td>Jamie Schiesser</td>
<td>Nekoosa, WI</td>
<td>Animal Science / Pre-Vet</td>
<td>I have dimples and I’m always smiling.</td>
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Name: Kendra Schroeder  
Hometown: Owatonna, MN  
Major: Dairy Science  
A fun, random fact: I recently bought my very own heifer. She is a crossbred heifer who was born this past February. I had the chance this year to show her at both County and State Fair and did very well with her.

Name: Allison Schroyer  
Hometown: Altoona, WI  
Major: Marketing Communications  
A fun, random fact: I can crack my knuckles continuously.

Name: Madison Schwierjohann  
Hometown: Geneva, MN  
Major: Elementary Education  
A fun, random fact: I love the color mint green.

Name: Colton Sorensen  
Hometown: Centuria, WI  
Major: Undecided  
A fun, random fact: I broke 2 poles pole vaulting.

Name: Haylee Spindler  
Hometown: Durand, WI  
Major: Psychology  
A fun, random fact: I grew up on a dairy farm, raised to work hard and get my hands dirty!

Name: Michelle St. Martin  
Hometown: Maplewood, MN  
Major: Elementary Education  
A fun, random fact: I am a twin!

Name: Jordan Suhr  
Hometown: Fountain City, WI  
Major: Meat Animal Science Management  
A fun, random fact: My idea of relaxation and therapy is sitting in a tree stand or in the duck blind.

Name: Hall Tasler  
Hometown: Windom, MN  
Major: Elementary Education  
A fun, random fact: I got my nickname “Taser” by leaving out the “L” on my last name when making a shirt for volleyball.

Name: Brittany Tedford  
Hometown: Andover, MN  
Major: English Education  
A fun, random fact: I was the leader of Harry Potter Club and I’ve read all the books 9 times!

Name: Alyssa Turnquist  
Hometown: Madison, WI  
Major: Animal Science (Equine/Pre-vet)  
A fun, random fact: I show Arabian horses on the class A circuit.

Name: Casey VanDusartz  
Hometown: Hammond, WI  
Major: Animal Science  
A fun, random fact: I have vaulted before. Vaulting on a horse that is.

Name: Hannah Vaught  
Hometown: River Falls, WI  
Major: Biology  
A fun, random fact: I’m allergic to orange juice ... but not oranges.

Name: Sarah Veith  
Hometown: River Falls, WI  
Major: Environmental Engineering  
A fun, random fact: Went to Costa Rica last summer and zip lined with howler monkeys.

Name: Kelly Vodra  
Hometown: Stevens Point, WI  
Major: Biology  
A fun, random fact: After talking to me for a couple of minutes, you may notice that I have a brown spot in one of my eyes.

Name: Laura Vogel  
Hometown: St. Francis, MN  
Major: Marketing Communications  
A fun, random fact: I played soccer for nine years.

Name: Holly Voigts  
Hometown: Belmont, WI  
Major: Animal Science  
A fun, random fact: I love to show dairy cows! Holsteins.

Name: Alissa Waller  
Hometown: Lake City, MN  
Major: Agricultural Education  
A fun, random fact: I started canning salsa this past year, after playing around with a recipe for fun, and now have people sending me requests for orders and trying to pay me for doing something I love.

Name: Sarah Weller  
Hometown: River Falls, WI  
Major: Communicative Disorders  
A fun, random fact: I have 4 brothers and 1 sister!

Name: Emily Wood  
Hometown: Mineral Point, WI  
Major: Animal Science  
A fun, random fact: My favorite TV show is The Big Bang Theory.

Name: Michael Xu  
Hometown: St. Louis  
Major: Pre-Med  
A fun, random fact: I can solve the Rubik’s Cube.

Name: Elizabeth Zamzow  
Hometown: Green Bay, WI  
Major: Animal Science  
A fun, random fact: Went to Costa Rica last summer and zip lined with howler monkeys.
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Name: Megan Amundson  
Hometown: Frederic, WI  
Name: Carly Anderson  
Hometown: Sparta, WI  
Name: Taylor Anderson  
Hometown: Amery, WI  
Name: Jade Baerg  
Hometown: Luck, WI  
Name: Marissa Bahr  
Hometown: Bowler, WI  
Name: David Bergs  
Hometown: Town of Cassel, WI  
Name: Emily Black  
Hometown: Coon Rapids, MN  
Name: Megan Cieslewicz  
Hometown: Green Bay, WI  
Name: Amy Cornish  
Hometown: Eden Prairie, MN  
Name: Shannon Curtis  
Hometown: Stewartville, MN  
Name: Austin Dahl  
Hometown: Minoqua, WI  
Name: Quentin Dale  
Hometown: Sparta, WI  
Name: Kelsey Danielson  
Hometown: Cadott, WI  
Name: Brian Dolan  
Hometown: Brookfield, WI  
Name: Casey Dolan  
Hometown: Owatonna, MN  
Name: Lauren Doyle  
Hometown: Princeton, MN  
Name: Brennan Duhoux  
Hometown: Hudson, WI  
Name: Alexandria Dusell  
Hometown: Ladysmith, WI  
Name: Andrea Ek-Pangerl  
Hometown: White Bear Lake, MN  
Name: Bryan Elsenpeter  
Hometown: Monticello, MN  
Name: Miles Erickson  
Hometown: Hastings, MN  
Name: Maria Eskro  
Hometown: Andover, MN  
Name: Samantha Essers  
Hometown: Cudahy, WI  
Name: Kaitlin Rose Fuhrman  
Hometown: Tigerton, WI  
Name: Sarianna Gaugert  
Hometown: Alexandria, MN  
Name: Anna Gaynor  
Hometown: New Richmond, WI  
Name: Brittanay Grandaw  
Hometown: Dunbar, WI  
Name: Paige Gurtner  
Hometown: Balsam Lake, WI  
Name: Mitchell Haase  
Hometown: Mukwonago, WI  
Name: Moriah Harmston  
Hometown: Menomonie, WI  
Name: Michael Heltne  
Hometown: Elk Mound, WI  
Name: Samantha Jo Hentges  
Hometown: Jordan, MN  
Name: Zoe Hopkins-Hile  
Hometown: Cumberland, WI  
Name: Summer Johnson  
Hometown: Luck, WI  
Name: Jessie Kallenbach  
Hometown: Eau Claire, WI  
Name: Bekky Keller  
Hometown: Port Washington, WI  
Name: Bobbi Kelling  
Hometown: Lino Lakes, MN  
Name: Elsie Kersten  
Hometown: Baldwin, WI  
Name: Cody Kiss  
Hometown: Cable, WI  
Name: Megan Krasky  
Hometown: Cottage Grove, MN  
Name: Megan Kreitzman  
Hometown: Hustisford, WI  
Name: Jenny Kuffel  
Hometown: Oostburg, WI  
Name: Cody Kunhart  
Hometown: Neillsville, WI  
Name: Jordan Lacher  
Hometown: Hugo, MN  
Name: Heather Larson  
Hometown: Deerfield, WI  
Name: Evelynmae Leacock  
Hometown: So. St. Paul, MN  
Name: Joshua Leonard  
Hometown: St. Peter, MN  
Name: Amanda Long  
Hometown: Brodhead, WI  
Name: Justin Magle  
Hometown: Rib Lake, WI  
Name: Jenna Marier  
Hometown: Hastings, MN  
Name: Gillian McDonald  
Hometown: New Brighton, MN  
Name: Rachel Molitor  
Hometown: Farmington, MN  
Name: Louis Musser  
Hometown: Stillwater, MN  
Name: Dylan Nelson  
Hometown: Hastings, MN  
Name: Nichole Nicpon  
Hometown: Cumberland, WI  
Name: Ashley Orr  
Hometown: Waupaca, WI  
Name: Matt Pechacek  
Hometown: Prescott, WI  
Name: Kodi Peterson  
Hometown: Woodbury, MN  
Name: Andrew Quam  
Hometown: Maple Grove, MN  
Name: Elizabeth Rowe  
Hometown: Chippewa Falls, WI  
Name: Sara Sanderson  
Hometown: Malta, IL  
Name: Karley Schad  
Hometown: Fredonia, WI  
Name: Tara Schrauth  
Hometown: Fond du Lac, WI  
Name: Quinn Sieben  
Hometown: Dayton, MN  
Name: Heather Snyder  
Hometown: Oconto, WI  
Name: Alexandra Spaulding  
Hometown: Merrill, WI  
Name: Caela Stenske  
Hometown: New Richmond, WI  
Name: Haley Sullivan  
Hometown: Norwood Young America, MN  
Name: Hannah Symbal  
Hometown: Stanley, WI  
Name: Hannah Timm  
Hometown: Franklin, WI  
Name: Katherine (Katie) Toombs  
Hometown: Rosemount, MN  
Name: Kendal Ursin  
Hometown: Inver Grove Heights, MN  
Name: Victoria Wahlquist  
Hometown: Baldwin, WI  
Name: Ben Warwick  
Hometown: Lino Lakes, MN  
Name: Claire Wiechman  
Hometown: New Ulm, MN  
Name: Brea Williamson  
Hometown: Cumberland, WI  
Name: Amber Wilson  
Hometown: Potosi, WI  
Name: Sarah Zimtisch  
Hometown: Maplewood, MN
The Falcon Scholars program represents what so many have come to treasure about UW-River Falls; a unique partnership between donors, alumni and current students, working together, to help expand the horizons of our next generation of students. We are extremely grateful to those who have chosen to invest in our future UWRF students.”

- Chancellor Dean Van Galen
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