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FIND YOUR SUPERIOR
UW-Superior’s new brand campaign is much more than a catchy headline or clever design.

FROM UW-SUPERIOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS
Angelica Remache used her life experiences and UWS education to land a highly competitive internship.

STOCKING THE SHELVES
Through a partnership with Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank, UW-Superior is working to ensure no student goes hungry.

UW-Superior held a well-attended celebration for Indigenous Peoples Day on October 14 with a program at the Maawanji’idiwin – “The Place Where We Come Together” Medicine Wheel and Community Gathering Area followed by a performance by the Dance Group in Old Main’s Thorpe Langley Auditorium.
Dear Friends of UW-Superior,

You may have noticed something different about this issue of our magazine. We have changed the name from Superior Alumni to Superior Voice to more accurately reflect the various stories that convey the depth and breadth of our university.

While our magazine is evolving to a new look, so are our marketing efforts. Find Your Superior is the university's new brand campaign that launched this past summer. This campaign succinctly expresses what our students gain by being part of UW-Superior—that they are discovering their full potential and a meaningful and fulfilling life through the education, support and experiences they are having here at UWS. Check out the story on page four to learn more about this campaign.

One UW-Superior student that is ‘Finding Her Superior’ is Angelica Remache, a junior double majoring in economics and political science who just completed a prestigious internship with the United Nations. Angelica credits her professors for preparing her for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and she returned to UW-Superior forever changed. Her story is on page eight.

I was proud to share UW-Superior’s story with the UW System Board of Regents when they were on campus this past October. Highlights from their visit can be found on page seven. During their time on campus—their first visit since 2012—the regents toured our newly acquired Montreal Pier Ballast Water Testing Facility. The only land-based facility of its kind on the Great Lakes, this facility is where the Lake Superior Research Institute is testing the effectiveness of treatment technologies in preventing the spread of invasive species through ships’ ballast water. The regents unanimously approved a resolution acknowledging the great importance of this research. More about the Montreal Pier Testing Facility is on the next page.

Our Yellowjacket Pantry has also made some positive changes by partnering with Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank in a pilot program that delivers pallets of food rescued from retail stores and food manufacturers to stock its shelves. Food insecurity among college students is a nationwide issue. Read how UW-Superior is leading the way through this important community partnership on page 12.

The dynamic and inspiring story of UW-Superior wouldn’t be possible without the involvement and support of people like you. Thank you for all that you do for the university.

Renée M. Wachter
Chancellor
Throughout the 2018-19 academic year, UW-Superior celebrated its 125th anniversary. The festivities wrapped-up with a Community Celebration on June 11.

The event included a free BBQ on the Yellowjacket Union Plaza, a sidewalk chalk art festival featuring alumni artists, games for children and family, a campus scavenger hunt, and tours of campus. The evening culminated with a free outdoor concert from Big Top Chautauqua.

LSRI adds ballast water testing facility

Throughout the decades, the Lake Superior Research Institute has focused on applied research, with the goal of having its work directly benefit the people, industries and natural resources of the Upper Midwest, the Great Lakes Region, and beyond.

LSRI, one of four research centers at UW-Superior, recently acquired a ballast water treatment land-based testing facility on Montreal Pier in Superior. The Montreal Pier Testing Facility, a one-of-a-kind facility on the Great Lakes, will give researchers access to a host of new information.

“The new ballast water treatment facility allows us to advance the research and development of ballast water treatment technologies,” said Matt TenEyck, director of LSRI. “It keeps freshwater and the Great Lakes at the forefront of developing treatment technologies to help mitigate the spread of aquatic nuisance species.”

The facility has already welcomed several government officials, such as Wisconsin Senator Tammy Baldwin and hosted an open house for the public on August 20. The University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents unanimously approved a resolution of appreciation recognizing the outstanding research conducted by LSRI.
LEADERSHIP CHANGES AT UWS

Two leadership changes took place this spring.

Maria Stalzer Wyant Cuzzo, professor of legal studies and coordinator of the legal studies and criminal justice program, has been appointed interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

“She has served at UW-Superior for 25 years as a senior faculty member and campus leader and knows our past, present, and can help support our future,” said UW-Superior Chancellor Renée Wachter.

Cuzzo has leadership experience in shared governance through Faculty Senate, Planning and Budgetary Council and numerous Faculty Senate appointed taskforces on key issues. She has served on many committees and built partnerships across units on the campus.

“Cuzzo has administrative experience as the founding director of the Markwood Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning and recently served as the co-facilitator/co-coordinator of the UW-Superior Higher Learning Commission accreditation process.

“She is a recognized national and regional conflict resolution and mediation expert and has helped many areas on campus and in the community to enhance their skills in these areas,” said Wachter. “Maria has an extensive network of engaged community partners that will extend our reach into our community. I’m confident that Maria’s talents and abilities will serve our campus well.”

Cuzzo’s official duties began July 1, and she was able to work alongside interim provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs Jackie Weissenburger to ensure a smooth transition. Weissenburger’s final day was June 30.

Nicholas Danz, associate dean of academic affairs, professor of plant science and natural sciences, and department chair of natural sciences, assumed the position of dean of academic affairs and graduate studies effective July 1.

“Nick has served UW-Superior for ten years and is an accomplished faculty member with notable research and leadership experience,” said Weissenburger. “His many accomplishments include the hiring of faculty and instructors from underrepresented groups in the STEM fields, developing new and innovative academic programs, and developing numerous articulation and transfer agreements with regional technical and community colleges. Nick also has robust leadership experience in UW-Superior’s shared governance through serving on Faculty Senate, the Strategic Planning Core Team, the Planning and Budgetary Council, and the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Council.”

Danz has spent a decade as a research ecologist on wide and varied topics such as bog plant ecology, forest breeding songbirds, Great Lakes wetlands, and forest management, among many others. He is working on projects related to human influences on Great Lakes coastal wetland vegetation, invasive terrestrial plants of Northwestern Wisconsin, and ecology of Wisconsin Point dunes.

Jayant Anand had been serving in the role of interim dean of academic affairs and graduate studies since July, 2018. His duties concluded June 30.

Successful first year for Distinguished Diversity Lecture and Art Series

The new Distinguished Diversity Lecture and Art Series got off to a great start in its first year. These free, community events took place throughout campus with a variety of speakers. Author Linda Grover provided a discussion on her book, “The Road Back to Sweetgrass.”

The following event featured John B. Herrington, the first member of a federally recognized tribe – Chickasaw – to travel to space, who shared his personal story of challenges, leadership, motivation and mentorship. Austin Channing Brown offered a discussion on racial justice and her book, “I’m Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness.” The series concluded with contemporary Native American artist Bunky Echo-Hawk who gave a live painting presentation.
The life of a college student can be stressful enough. The demands of classes, assignments and responsibilities often equate to too much to do with not enough time. When financial matters are added, the prospect of pursuing an education can seem daunting.

For Melanie Smith, a nontraditional student from Solon Springs, Wis., and single mother, the exceptionally cold and snowy winter took a toll on her budget and seriously affected her ability to continue with her education.

“I was in a nasty car accident last winter,” said Melanie, a junior majoring in elementary education with a minor in special education. “My vehicle was totaled. I had to pay a $300 towing fee and get a rental car since I commute. For me, that’s like half a rent check. When I had to put down the fee for towing, that was a big chunk out of my budget.”

Fortunately for Melanie, UW-Superior’s Veteran and Nontraditional Student Center offers a way to assist students in exactly her situation.

The Emergency Fund made possible through the UW-Superior Foundation provides financial assistance to currently enrolled undergraduate or graduate students at UW-Superior involved in a catastrophic or emergency situation involving circumstances which are sudden, unexpected, or affect a student’s ability to be academically successful. Examples include, but are not limited to, an accident, illness, travel for a funeral, fire damage, or need for temporary housing. Grants are awarded up to a maximum of $500. “It’s a great way to really help out our students in need,” said Monte Stewart, Veteran and Nontraditional Student Center coordinator. “Certain circumstances happen – you get injured, you’re out of work for a little bit, you’re not able to afford tuition or books because of an emergency. I think this is a really helpful way to provide for these students.”

Melanie said she’s grateful for the fund that helped her bridge expenses, but not completely surprised by the act of kindness she’s come to know at UW-Superior.

“We are a community,” she said. “Even if you are a stranger, we are here to take care of each other. I give back in other ways, and I think it’s OK when other people step forward and take care of me because I think that’s what we should all be doing. At the end of the day, we’re all just humans.”

Emergency Fund helped Melanie Smith get through a difficult time and continue her education

Even if you are a stranger, we are here to take care of each other.

– Melanie Smith, junior majoring in elementary education
“The words, ‘Find Your Superior,’ mean the world to me. They mean meeting new people, making lifelong friends and professional connections. I’ve been given many opportunities to learn, grow and discover my future at UW-Superior. I will cherish that forever.” – Macie Steffen (’20 Early Childhood Education)
If you’ve driven around the Twin Ports, Twin Cities or Northwest Wisconsin recently, you’ve likely noticed some new billboards for UW-Superior. They are part of a new brand campaign aimed at capturing and conveying the essence of what makes this university so unique.

The campaign is coming to life as more billboards, radio spots, print ads, and soon, a television spot, are added into the mix. But, it is much more than a catchy headline or clever design that makes this campaign special. It is the students who are spotlighted through the campaign and the culmination of words and ideas shared by hundreds of students, alumni, faculty and staff about their experiences at UWS.
“The phrase, ‘Find Your Superior,’ embodies the idea of becoming the best version of yourself. For me, that means on the soccer field, in the classroom, and in any social setting. UW-Superior has helped me find who I really am and what makes me tick.”  
– Eric Watson  
(’19 Exercise Science)

Several themes emerged as a result of the focus groups and surveys conducted with hundreds of respondents:

- Access to high-quality teaching and learning experiences at an affordable cost
- Faculty and staff who genuinely care about students, offering personal attention
- A genuinely welcoming and inclusive atmosphere
- Outstanding support services and dedication to students’ success
- A small, supportive school

The slogan, “Find Your Superior,” emerged from those themes and was tested through a survey of current students. The results revealed that a majority of students, across age groups and interest areas, related to the statement and felt it accurately conveyed what they have experienced at UW-Superior.

To date, four students and one recent graduate representing various backgrounds, majors, and future goals have been highlighted through the campaign, with more to come in the future. The ads feature each student looking at a photo of themselves that reveals their personal version of ‘Superior.’ In other words, an image that reflects their passion and the future goal that UW-Superior is helping them attain.

Words that were shared in focus groups and surveys were also formed into a campaign manifesto that has been used in radio and print ads, and even spoken by Chancellor Renée Wachter and other campus leaders at meetings and special events.

“‘For me, the ‘Find Your Superior’ campaign not only shows all the opportunities the university provides, but also encourages students to find their unique pathway at UW-Superior.’”  
– Daniela Leon Vargas  
(’21 Biology)
UW-Superior was honored to host the UW System Board of Regents Meeting October 10 and 11. This was the first time since 2012 that all of the regents were on campus.

Along with several committee meetings scheduled for the first day, regents toured Lake Superior Research Institute’s new Montreal Pier Testing Facility and athletics facilities.

Opening the afternoon meetings, Chancellor Renée Wachter shared several points of pride for the university in a presentation titled, “Small But Mighty: A Story of Superior Impact.”

“Of the many things I could talk to you about today, there are two things that I want you to take away,” said Wachter. “One is the work we are doing to support the financial and emotional well-being of our students. The other is an understanding of the impact we have on our community.”

Wachter shared that last year the UW-Superior Foundation provided $850,000 in scholarships and over $1.3 million in support to the campus, and that the Swenson Scholars program has awarded more than 930 annual scholarships for a total of more than $6 million.

Wachter later introduced Maria Cuzzo, interim provost and vice chancellor of Academic Affairs, Superior Police Officer Charles Mahlen, ('17), and Superior Chief of Police Nick Alexander, who shared about partnerships with UW-Superior’s legal studies and criminal justice programs and how students have benefitted the Superior Police Department.

Closing out the day, the UW System Board of Regents unanimously approved a resolution of appreciation recognizing the outstanding research conducted by UW-Superior’s Lake Superior Research Institute and Great Waters Research Collaborative.

“The role UW-Superior plays in studying ballast water is a terrific example of how our institutions meet the needs of the community, businesses, and of Wisconsin,” said Andrew S. Petersen, president of the UW System Board of Regents.

In the evening, the regents were treated to a concert that included everything from classical favorites by Vivaldi and Chopin to contemporary compositions and world music at Cathedral of Christ the King in Superior. The free community event featured performances by the UW-Superior Orchestra, Chorale, Chamber Winds, and Percussion Ensemble, and Music Department faculty members Vicki Fingalson, Tom Hamilton, Hector Landa and Greg Kehl Moore.

“The audience was able to hear the very best that all aspects of the UWS Department of Music has to offer,” said Michael Fuchs, Director of Choral Activities at UW-Superior. “It was a fast-moving concert that took full advantage of the beautiful Cathedral of Christ the King in Superior.”

The Board of Regents holds its regular meetings eight times per year. Six of these meetings are two-day meetings, and two are one-day meetings with a thematic focus. Half of each year’s regular meetings are hosted by UW institutions.
Angelica Remache credits her professors at UW-Superior for preparing her for the United Nations internship and for their support and flexibility in making it possible for her to take a break from her studies for the seven-month commitment. “When I came to UW-Superior, I didn’t even speak English very well, but my professors helped me so much and made me feel at home. They all helped me grow as an individual and I used everything I learned from them in the classroom in my internship.”
From UW-Superior to the United Nations

Angelica Remache used her life experiences and UWS education to land a highly competitive internship

The old saying, “Good things come in small packages,” could have been written about Angelica Remache. The young woman from Ecuador barely crests 5-feet tall, but her stature is the only thing small about her. Angelica dreams big, expects big things of herself, and accomplishes big things. At just 22 years old, she has already written and published a book, served as a Youth Ambassador for the United Nation’s Youth Assembly, and recently added Intern to the President of the United Nations General Assembly to her résumé.

Remache, a junior double majoring in economics and political science from El Tambo, Cañar, Ecuador, was selected from hundreds of applicants for the internship last spring. She learned of the opportunity with only days to pack her bags for the seven-month internship in the heart of New York City.

“I was excited, but scared at first,” she said. “I didn’t know much about the President of the General Assembly’s (PGA) role or what I would be doing to support her, so I had to learn quickly,” she said. “I was also only fluent in Spanish and English, with just basic knowledge of Portuguese. Most everyone else was fluent in all three of those languages, and some knew even more. So, I worked hard to become proficient in Portuguese while I was there.”

A larger-than-life work ethic

It was undoubtedly that larger-than-life work ethic that got Angelica noticed by the U.N. in the first place, and that continued to serve her well throughout her internship. Her workdays were incredibly long, often from 8 a.m. to as late as 9 p.m. with no pay. For a portion of her internship, Angelica took a train two hours each way from her family’s home in Connecticut because rent is so expensive in Manhattan.

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Not so different

“The most rewarding part was meeting so many important people in positions of authority and learning that they really aren’t so different than you or me,” she said. “They just work incredibly hard and accomplish great things because they are so passionate about making a difference in this world.”

Angelica met presidents and royalty from many countries and several famous Americans during her time at the United Nations.

“One day, I was waiting a long time for the elevator and I was in a hurry,” she said. “When the doors opened, some men in suits told me I couldn’t get on. I kind of argued with them and explained I didn’t have time to wait for the next elevator. A voice from the back said, ‘It’s OK. Let her on.’ When we got to our floor and the doors opened, there were reporters and cameras everywhere. I turned around and realized that the person who said I could board the elevator was Bill Gates. I apologized for being so impatient and he said, ‘It’s OK. You were right. You have as much right to be on this elevator as I do.’ He even gave me his business card.”

Good to go, but good to be back

Angelica recently completed her internship and returned to UW-Superior to continue her studies. She said the experience left her forever changed, but she is happy to be back in Superior.

“I am grateful for the experience,” she said. “But, I’m also so excited to return to Superior. It’s my home and I missed it. I even missed the cold weather. New York is New York. There are always exciting things happening there, but people are always in a hurry and you are one among millions. That made me appreciate the little things even more – like family and friends, and a campus community where people know and support each other.”

Angelica said the incoming U.N. President of the General Assembly offered her another job if she wants to return, but she is unsure at this point if she will accept. “I feel like now I want to go to a developing country and get my hands dirty doing the actual work,” she said. “There’s a big difference between doing the actual work and talking about what needs to be done. I love the people in my home country of Ecuador, and I intend to use that love to drive me to do what needs to be done to make their lives better.”

Despite the challenges, Angelica says the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity was the culmination of a dream and well worth it. Her primary role was to provide administrative assistance to H.E. Maria Fernanda Espinosa, President of the United Nations General Assembly, which included preparing materials for meetings, translating documents, writing briefings, and even conducting research and writing excerpts for a book Espinosa is authoring about empowering women. Angelica will even be listed as a contributing author when the book is published.
2018-19 was a year to remember for Yellowjacket sports teams – arguably the most successful year in the long athletic history at UW-Superior. Seven teams brought home conference championship hardware and dozens of student-athletes and coaches received conference, regional and national honors.

**Raising Banners**
A tremendous fall season set the tone for the entire year with three teams winning four conference titles. The men’s cross country team claimed its third-consecutive Upper Midwest Athletic Conference championship, while the men’s golf team won the UMAC crown and qualified for its first-ever NCAA tournament and placed 38.

The men’s soccer team won the UMAC regular season title for the first time and followed that with their second-straight playoff championship. In the NCAA tournament, the Yellowjackets advanced to the second round following a victory over Augsburg University before being eliminated by University of St. Thomas, the same squad that defeated them in the previous year.

For the fourth time in as many seasons, the Yellowjacket women’s basketball team won the UMAC regular season title for the first time and followed that with their second-straight playoff championship. In the NCAA tournament, the Yellowjackets advanced to the second round following a victory over Augsburg University before being eliminated by University of St. Thomas, the same squad that defeated them in the previous year.

**Thrilling Performances**
Several other teams provided UW-Superior with its share of thrilling moments. The women’s soccer team went on a historic run to close out the season, going unbeaten in its four final regular season matches. They won a first-round UMAC playoff match in penalty kicks before knocking off No. 1 seed The College of St. Scholastica in the semifinals on an Erin Schoborg goal in the match’s final minute. The Yellowjackets fell in the conference championship match at Northwestern.

In October, the Yellowjacket volleyball team played host to perennial UMAC and NCAA powerhouse University of Northwestern and shut the Eagles down – sweeping the match 3-0. The win snapped Northwestern’s 65-match winning streak against UMAC opponents.

The men’s hockey team enjoyed its highest finish since moving to the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, ranking third and earning a bye in the first round of the conference tournament. Along the way, the Yellowjackets ended a long losing streak against UW-Eau Claire, the team they pushed to the limit in the WIAC semifinals.

As winter turned to spring, the Yellowjacket softball team put on a show, returning from Florida to nearly run the table in conference play, finishing second in the UMAC. A week later, the baseball team went on its own run, advancing to the UMAC championship game. After winning its first game of the tournament, the Yellowjackets downed longtime rival The College of St. Scholastica for the first time since 1991.
Coach of the Year Awards
UW-Superior was the home of some remarkable coaching in 2018-19. UW-Superior sponsors 19 sports at the varsity level and Yellowjacket head coaches took home almost half of the honors for Coach of the Year in the UMAC, winning nine awards. Glen Drexler led the way, as he was honored three times, being named UMAC Coach of the Year for men’s cross country, men’s indoor track and field and men’s outdoor track and field. Also honored were Joe Mooney (men’s soccer), Allison DeGroot (women’s soccer), Lynne Deadrick (volleyball), Paul Eberhardt (men’s golf), Zach Otto-Fisher (women’s basketball) and Nick Bursik (softball).

The Greater Good
Student-athletes and coaching staff donated nearly 1,700 hours of service to the community. The annual cause game efforts saw Yellowjacket Athletics working with Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank in targeting childhood hunger in Superior and Douglas County. Each team wore orange for one game during the year, which saw UW-Superior Athletics donate nearly $2,000 to the cause.

Sticking to the Studies
For the year, student-athletes combined to post a 3.068 grade point average, once again putting them above the general student population. There were 177 student-athletes who achieved a grade point average above 3.00. An additional 100 qualified for academic honors, posting grade point averages above 3.40.

The hockey teams took team awards for the year, with the men posting a combined grade point average of 3.396. The women were even better, coming in with a team average of 3.550.

Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention
In 2019-20, Yellowjacket teams will be playing for the cause of mental health awareness and suicide prevention. This is in collaboration with the Pruitt Center for Mindfulness and Well-Being and UW-Superior Student Health and Counseling, as well as community organizations to continue the promotion of well-being and mental health awareness.
Jeeten Karki traveled thousands of miles from his home in Nepal to attend the University of Wisconsin-Superior. His dream of having a rewarding career in the IT sector motivated him to leave all that was familiar to earn a degree in computer science and mathematics. He knew it would be a challenge financially, but he was confident he could find employment to supplement his budget while maintaining a full course load. And, he did just that, securing a job at the IT Help Desk on campus. There was just one problem. A meal plan was still out of reach, and he often ran short on food between paychecks.

“I discovered the Yellowjacket Pantry on campus when one of my friends started working there,” he said. “I was so happy to find out I was eligible to use it because I don’t have a meal plan. Now, I go once or twice a week and get things like rice, beans, canned vegetables and snacks. It’s made a huge difference.”

A nation-wide problem
Jeeten is not alone. A 2018 survey of 43,000 students at 66 institutions in 20 states by the Wisconsin Hope Lab* revealed that 36 percent were food insecure in the 30 days preceding the survey, and underrepresented minority and international students are disproportionately affected. This has resulted in many universities taking action to address hunger issues for its students, with UW-Superior among those leading the way.

“Part of our mission in Student Affairs is to provide services that help foster personal growth and social awareness,” said Harry Anderson, dean of students. “We know the impact and barrier to success that a food insecurity can have on a student’s life both in and out of the classroom. The Yellowjacket Pantry is an effort to remove that barrier.”

While UW-Superior has had an on-campus food pantry since 2014, it was recently expanded through a pilot program with Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank (SHNLFB), significantly increasing the amount and variety of food items available to students. The initiative began when UW-Extension identified an increase in food pantries at college campuses throughout the country – from 12 known pantries in the U.S. in 2012 to 590 in 2018. That data prompted university leaders to take a look at how UW-Superior was addressing hunger for its students and what more could be done.

*Wisconsin Hope Lab, “Still Hungry and Homeless in College,” April 2018
An invaluable partner
As luck would have it, the university had an invaluable partner to help devise a more sustainable plan. Shaye Moris (‘94, individualized major) is the executive director of SHNLFB and president of the UW-Superior Foundation Board of Directors. When UW-Extension convened all of the UW’s campus pantry coordinators, Shaye was at the table and recognized the opportunity for an impactful partnership.

“This is a great example of UWS working with the community to bring resources to its students. It’s a win-win for both of us.”

– Shaye Moris, executive director, Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank and president of the UW-Superior Foundation Board of Directors

SHNLFB worked with Jen Bird, the Yellowjacket Pantry coordinator, to determine what items students would use and enjoy, and deliver pallets of food rescued from retail stores and food manufacturers. In the first six months of the partnership, SHNLFB had delivered 1,260 pounds of food, which equates to just over 1,000 meals.

According to Moris, UW-Superior is the first college or university that SHNLFB is currently supplying. “UWS is coming forward and saying, ‘Our students have encountered a problem and we’re going to do everything we can to solve it,’” said Moris. “I’m proud of my alma mater for taking a proactive approach and raising the bar on finding a sustainable solution.”

A campus community that cares
Jeeten has introduced other students to the Yellowjacket Pantry and said it’s helping bridge the gap and providing the help some students need to make ends meet. “UWS has always felt like home and everyone here is very helpful and caring,” he said. “This is yet another example of what the university does to help meet the needs of its students.”

Moris said many students don’t even realize they have a hunger problem because they think it’s just the way it is when you’re a ‘poor college student,’ but it doesn’t have to be that way, and shouldn’t be.

“It gives me great pride to go home every night and know I played a role in feeding people,” she said. “It’s important to realize that most people who use food shelves are just like you and me. Most of us are just one unfortunate event away from needing help ourselves.”

Moris said she hopes to be part of continuing to find solutions to barriers students might encounter to earning a college degree in the future. Her role on the Foundation board will give her many opportunities to benefit the university and its students.

“I love this university and all that it did for me,” she said. “I hope to give back to the campus and students in any way I can.”

In addition to the food provided by Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank, the Yellowjacket Pantry relies on donations of food and funds from community members. Donations may be made in person or via mail to the UW-Superior Foundation at Old Main 237, P.O. Box 2000, Superior, WI 54880, or online at uwsuper.edu/donate (Please select “other” for the designation and indicate “Yellowjacket Pantry.”)
Don Polkinghorne graduated from UW-Superior in 1994 with a bachelor’s degree, majoring in broad field science and minoring in biology and coaching, and earned his master’s degree in 2007. Originally from Littlefork, Minn., Don has taught ecology and conservation at Superior High School for 25 years. He also coaches football, a passion that began as a college student, and has helped with several youth, junior high and high school teams. He and his wife, Christine Markee Polkinghorne, ('94), live in Superior with their children Kathryn, 19, and Dane, 16.

Don is well-loved by his current and former students, including Gabi Kappes, a UWS junior majoring in biology and minoring in chemistry and psychology. As a student employee at Lake Superior Research Institute (LSRI), Gabi assists with projects such as toxicity tests and mercury analysis of fish samples. After graduating, she plans to attend chiropractic school and hopes to open a practice serving both humans and animals. Gabi recently caught up with Don, who also worked at LSRI, for an interview.

What made you choose UW-Superior?
I really loved the small campus feel and wanted to play football. I also recognized the fantastic opportunities to hunt, fish, and trap in the Superior area.

Why did you pursue biology and teaching as a career?
I became involved with LSRI and really enjoyed my employment there while studying biology. Tim Corry, my good friend and fellow LSRI employee told me, “Polk, with your personality, you have to become a teacher.” After 25 years of teaching, I have zero regrets about my choice.

What were your favorite restaurants, hangout spots or activities while you were a student?
I spent most of my time enjoying the local lakes, rivers and woods, but did spend considerable time at the Viking Bar and Lounge. I also hosted gatherings at my apartment above Globe News for my fellow UWS classmates.

What is your fondest memory of UWS?
All of the lifelong friendships I made. Also, I met my awesome wife in chemistry class.

Are there any faculty or staff that helped you succeed or that you remember well?
I truly enjoyed all of my teachers, but some of the ones that stick out in my memory would be: Jack Zaengle, Rhoda Robinson, Don Davidson, Mary Balcer, Bill Swenson, Cecilia Schrenker, Don Coleman, Myron Schneiderwent and Wendy Kropid.

What have been some of the most noticeable changes in your field during your career?
The availability of information from computers and technology. It’s hard to believe I used to have to bring the whole class to the library to check out books when doing research projects.

Do you have any words of wisdom for me as I continue my education and work toward a career in biology?
Be flexible and keep your options open. Try to work in the biology field as much as you can when going to college and make yourself a valuable employee.
While UW-Superior’s tuition remains one of the most affordable in the Twin Ports, it is still out of the reach for many of our students who would not have access to their dream of a college education without the assistance of Foundation scholarships.

The Foundation is excited about the growth and impact of our scholarship program, but we are also well aware that only 14 percent of UW-Superior students receive scholarships.

How can you help make dreams come true?

Contribute to the Foundation’s Superior Fund or General Scholarship Fund. A gift of any size is meaningful, and the collective power of these gifts makes a tremendous difference in the lives of students.

Fund an annual scholarship ($1,000 minimum). Contributions toward annual scholarships are awarded the next academic year.

Establish an endowed scholarship ($10,000 minimum), in honor of a family member or yourself, that will have both immediate and long-term benefits. Endowed scholarship gifts are invested in the Foundation’s endowment, with a portion of the annual income awarded as scholarships in perpetuity.

It is truly a blessing to have help from scholarships and the wonderful donors that support them. Like the donors supporting me, I am attending UW-Superior for elementary education and possess a deep care for all students. It is exceptionally encouraging to be supported by such loving community members. I am truly thankful.

Thank you very much for assisting me in becoming a school counselor and licensed professional counselor. With your contribution, I can provide a better tomorrow for my family, our community and myself. Thank you for being part of my journey, seeing the best in me and being the caring soul that gives.

By receiving a Foundation scholarship, my financial burden has lightened and I can focus on my academics and my music. The award boosted my confidence and reinforced my desire to give back to future generations as the teachers and donors at this university have done for me.
New Scholarships

The following scholarships are newly established, and are helping fund a Superior education:

- Audacious Adventurer Scholarship
- Balko Spognardi Scholarship
- Duluth-Superior Transportation Association (DSTA) Scholarship
- Julius and Becky Erlenbach Scholarship in the Arts
- Evelyn and John Hagfeldt Scholarship
- Marcia and John Lally Scholarship
- Maawanji’idinhon Honor Scholarship
- Dr. Stuart Nelson Pre-Medicine Student Award
- Dr. Dale Newman Scholarship in honor of Kenneth D. Newman
- Lucille Olaf, Bernadette Olaf Larson, and JoAnn Olaf Scholarship
- John G. Radosevich Jr. Memorial Scholarship
- Mike Schneiderwent Scholarship
- Special Education Graduate Student Scholarship
- Superior Diesel Scholarship
- Monica Tikkanen Scholarship
- TKE Scholarship
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- Jeremy and Christine Welsand Scholarship
- Stephen Welsh Scholarship
- Dennis White Scholarship

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Please contact University Advancement at 715-394-8452. For a complete listing of Foundation scholarships, visit our website at uwsuper.edu/give2uws.

Foundation Board welcomes four new directors

Glenn Brazelton, Class of 1970, served in the United States Air Force where he earned the rank of Colonel. Brazelton brings years of experience in project management and before retirement served as the Planning Commissioner of York County, Va.

Connie Peterson, Class of 1970, is a retired district judge and attorney who splits her time between Denver and Hayward, Wis. She is rejoining the board bringing with her years of leadership experience with both the finance and governance committees.

Arjuna Premachandra, Class of 2009, is a senior manager with Ernst & Young and offers experience in financial, corporate governance and process improvement leadership. Premachandra lives in New York City.

Mel Wickremasinghe, Class of 1989, is a retired administrator with both Kellogg and DuPont. He also brings financial and governance leadership to his directorship role. Wickremasinghe and his family live in Chadds Ford, Pa.
Members of the UW-Superior Athletic Hall of Fame have excelled as Yellowjacket athletes, made outstanding contributions to the success of the university’s athletic program, or have achieved noteworthy careers in coaching and wellness. Members of the Hall of Fame are selected every other year by the Hall of Fame Committee, and nominations are accepted any time. For more on this year’s inductees, visit uwsuper.edu/alumni/halloffame.

**Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees**

**Larry Banks**: A Superior native, Banks was a dominant force on the football team’s defensive line known as “The Sting” in the early 1980s. Anchoring the five-person unit, Banks received multiple All-WSUC honors and was an NAIA All-District 14 player in 1981. He was named an AP Little All-American in both 1981 and 1983.

**Mike Baron**: Baron came to UW-Superior and helped ignite the Yellowjacket hockey team offense. Playing on the line with fellow Hall of Fame members Tom Doig and Casey Van Damme, Baron posted 53 points in his first season and followed that with 52 the next year as the trio became the highest-scoring line in the nation.

**Jon Bell**: As a soccer standout, Bell didn’t put up flashy offensive numbers, but instead forced teams to change their attack based on his play, often shutting down multiple portions of the pitch. Bell was a three-time All-WIAC selection and was named to the WIAC All-Time Centennial Team.

**Rikki Nespor Martell**: In the mid-2000s, the Yellowjacket women’s hockey team enjoyed unprecedented success. The play of goaltender Martell was a big part of the reason. Martell was named All-NCHA twice and All-American First Team in 2006, and helped the team to its only NCAA Frozen Four in 2008.

**Vance Mattson**: Mattson arrived at UW-Superior in 1991, as part of a group of hockey forwards that put up dazzling offensive numbers. Mattson later moved to defense, earning All-NCHA honors and being chosen as an All-American in 1995. He was also named the WIAC Scholar Athlete of the Year as a senior.

**Kyle Nosan**: Nosan was a two-time all-conference player in both the NCHA and WIAC, and was the captain of the Yellowjacket men’s hockey team as both a junior and senior. He posted 125 points in his career, is ranked in the top ten in assists, and was named AHCA All-American in 2005.

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**Mertz Mortorelli Coaching Achievement Award**

**Chuck Raykovich**: A member of the UW-Superior football team, Raykovich jumped into coaching after graduating in 1974, becoming the youngest head coach in Wisconsin. In his 44th year of coaching, Raykovich has 10 conference champions and qualified for the playoffs 17 times. In 2010, he was enshrined in the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

**Carl Vergamini Contributions to Yellowjacket Athletics Award**

**Tom Pink**: A native of Superior, Pink played goaltender for the Yellowjacket men’s hockey team from 1996 until his graduation in 2000. Along the way, Pink was part of three teams that reached the NCAA Frozen Four. Always one to attend alumni gatherings and events, Pink has been a loyal supporter of the Yellowjacket men’s hockey program and the university since his graduation.

**Team Award**

**2013 Men’s Soccer Team**: Head coach Joe Mooney led the Yellowjacket men’s soccer team on an epic run that culminated with the program’s first-ever conference championship. With six All-WIAC players on the roster, the Yellowjackets finished the year 12-6-3 overall, riding a four-game winning streak.
Each fall, the Alumni Association honors outstanding alumni, faculty, staff and community members. They represent, through their personal and professional accomplishments, the lasting value of the university and the Alumni Association. The awards are presented at the annual Appreciation Dinner, which is hosted by the UW-Superior Foundation and Alumni Association. This year’s dinner was held on Thursday, September 26, in the Yellowjacket Union.

Distinguished Alumni Award
The Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to alumni whose successes serve as an inspiration for current and prospective students. This year’s recipient is Eryca Card.

Card graduated from UW-Superior in 2000, double majoring in elementary education and psychology and minoring in elementary education-science and criminal justice. She is currently a sixth-grade science teacher at Elkhorn Area Middle School. She also serves as the preschool-eighth-grade Project Lead The Way (PLTW) coordinator for the Elkhorn Area School District, and is a master teacher and training success manager for PLTW. In addition to her teaching position, she also is an advisor for her school's STEM Club, sits on the AVID Instructional Team, is a member of the school’s grading committee, and is a coach for the seventh and eighth grade Fluid Power Teams, which have won awards in the last two years of competition.

Young Alumni Achievement Award
Pamela Adie is the recipient of the Young Alumni Achievement Award, which is presented to alumni of UW-Superior who have graduated within the last 15 years and are under the age of 40. Recipients also have had significant accomplishments in one or more of the following categories: Professional Achievement, Published Research, Innovation, or Creativity in Profession, Community Engagement, Global or Intercultural Experience, Personal Achievement, and Demonstrates and Supports UW-Superior’s Vision, Mission and Goals.

Adie earned her undergraduate degree in business administration, with concentrations in finance and management, from UW-Superior in 2006. She has also earned an MBA and a master’s degree in non-profit management. Adie currently serves as the executive director at The Equality Hub. She is also a photographer, an LGBTQ+ rights advocate, a writer and a filmmaker. In her recently-released feature documentary film, “Under The Rainbow,” which is Nigeria’s first lesbian-focused documentary, Adie shows what it is to be homosexual in a homophobic society like Nigeria.

Honorary Alumni Award
The Honorary Alumni Award is presented to a person who is not an alum of UW-Superior, whose success serves as an inspiration for current and prospective students. This year’s recipient is Tom Bergh.

Bergh was appointed UW-Superior’s alumni director in August 2001, and over the next 16 years he worked with the Alumni Association to build connections with alumni and students. This included organizing an average of 30 national events annually, creating 21 alumni chapters nationally and internationally, and creating a worldwide travel program. Bergh was also charged with overseeing the Hall of Fame induction process in collaboration with the Athletics Department. He took part in creating a nationwide board of directors for the Alumni Association, connecting students with alumni through networking events and in the classroom, and coordinating legislative advocacy efforts to encourage support for UW-Superior’s building projects and overall budget. In 2017, Bergh was appointed to the position of development officer for the UW-Superior Foundation, working to obtain major gift support from alumni and businesses.

James Rainaldo Mentor Award
William “Pope” Wright, Jr., is the recipient of the James Rainaldo Mentor Award. This award recognizes current and retired faculty or staff members who have touched the lives of current and former UW-Superior students in a unique and significant way.

Professor, artist and mentor to countless students, Wright passed away on July 22, 2015. He began teaching at UW-Superior in 1971, and was a member of the campus community for 44 years. Wright was also the first Black Student Union faculty advisor and Indian student advisor on campus and the first African-American professor at the university. In 1983, he was named the director of the Minority Affairs Office, and was known for always finding time for students of all backgrounds and cultures. He is survived by his wife Sandra, who was a dedicated educator, as well. In 2018, UW-Superior’s Multicultural Center was formally named for Wright.
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Alumni Association welcomes six new board members

Linda Studniski Cadotte, Class of 1999, is the director of parks, recreation & forestry for the City of Superior.

Carl Crawford, Class of 2008, is the human rights officer for the City of Duluth.

Loralee Olson-Arcand, Class of 1990, is a publication production manager with Simply Skilled in Second, and owner of Word Services Unlimited, which specializes in book self-publishing and graphic design.

Brent Opall, Class of 1999, is an assistant professor of management at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Opall was a professor at UW-Superior from 2013 to 2016.

Sarah Tarasewicz Turcotte, Class of 2006, is a marketing assistant with Simon Property Group, and an assistant softball coach at The College of St. Scholastica.

Kimberly Store Wintlend, Class of 2008, has worked for Progressive Insurance for eight years, in a variety of roles.

Four directors concluded their dedicated service to the Alumni Association this year. Thank you Abby Glawe, Bob Lindberg, Amber Pedersen and Gayle Wahner.

Mark your calendars, and please join us for these upcoming events!

December 7
The Holiday Ball
Yellowjacket Union

December 13
‘Jacket Jingle
Thirsty Pagan Brewing Superior

January 3-5
Alumni Weekend
Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells

January 23
Superior Ballroom
Dance Event
Duluth

March 12-14
Arizona Events
More information coming soon

March 24
GOLD Rush
The Board Room
Superior

March 27
Opening Night Reception
“Company”
Theatre & Music Dept.
Collaboration
Manion Theatre

April 23
An Evening of Wine & Jazz
Yellowjacket Union

July 16
Twin Ports Event
Hoops Brewing
Duluth

July 17
Yellowjacket Athletics
Alumni & Friends
Golf Outing
Nemadji Golf Course
Superior

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Classmates

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1953
Beulah Cheever will be visiting Iceland in October and going on a cruise to Cuba in December. Between her travels, she rides her quad in the Arizona desert.

1959
Joanne Burgraff Cox is an associate for the Northwest Regional Education Lab in Portland, Ore.

Franklin Reich lives in Wisconsin Rapids and has been married to Diann for 56 years. He plays pickle ball, goes to the YMCA, gardens, and is still curling.

David Schmidt, Class of 1967, retired after 35 years of service from the National Museum of Natural History in collections management. He currently volunteers at the Richard I. Bong Veterans Historical Center, where he compiled information for the P-38 and M-60A3 “Patton” tank, researched and designed the mural for the centerpiece exhibit, "The Bong Family of Poplar Wisconsin," and the Paratrooper exhibit, which opened on the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

Ed Slovak was a Whitnall School District teacher for grades 4-8 for over 34 years before retiring in 1997. He spends his retirement time volunteering.

1961
Arlynn "Andy" Anderson and his wife, Janice, are healthy and still play racquetball and golf. They have three children and four grandchildren. They spend winters in Florida and summers in Bemidji, Minn. Andy is working in housing.

1964
Patricia Savola Gohs is enjoying 18 years of retirement with her children, grandchildren (four boys), and her husband of 49 years.

1967
Tom Kyle and wife, Heather, continue to enjoy retirement in Epping, N.H., near their two children and two grandchildren. They also enjoy travel, including winter trips to Cape Coral, Fla.

Richard Camlek taught instrumental music in the Black River Falls School District for 33 years, retiring in 2000. Since then, he has been enjoying retirement by fishing, hunting and playing in various music groups.

Jerry Romanowski took a 10-day trip through New England in October 2018, with his spouse, Barb, fulfilling his goal of visiting each of the 50 states. After teaching for 34 years, he continues to work with farmers as a crop adjuster, helping them provide food for our nation.

1968
Gerry Maas is retired and living in Gordon, Wis. He and his wife, Gloria, have two grandchildren that live close enough for them to visit, and they spend lots of time enjoying their company.

Howie Anderson taught science, physical education and coached basketball at Drummond and Chetek, Wis. He was a counselor at Sheboygan South High School and spent 24 years at Lakeshore Technical College. He and wife, Bev, live in Newton, Wis., in the summer and in Bella Vista, Ark., in the winter.

1970
Mary Bradley Marinkovich is retired from United Airlines and lives in Port Townsend, Wash.
Lanny Tibaldo retired in 2008, completing 38 years in public education as a teacher, high school principal and school superintendent. He also served as an adjunct professor at UW-Superior in the Educational Leadership Department. His wife, Mary Bjork Tibaldo, Class of 1975, was a teacher and day care operator for 35 years. Lanny and Mary live in De Pere, Wis.

1971
Donald Becker is retired and living in Colorado Springs, Colo.

1972
Susan Mortoly Sergeant and her husband George, Class of 1972, met at UWS in the summer of 1969. They have been married for 48 years and live in Maine.

1973
Bob Feller is retired from the Manitowoc Public School District where he worked for over 40 years as an English teacher. He continues to coach boy's tennis, and has been named Division 1 Coach of the Year three times, to the WHSTCA Coaches Hall of Fame, the Lakeshore All Sports Hall of Fame, and most recently, the Manitowoc Lincoln High School Wall of Fame. He and his wife, Ellen, have two grown daughters.

1975
Lawrence Hildebrandt retired in May 2017 after serving 42 years as the zoning administrator for Ashland County. He and his wife Sheryl, Class of 1974, live in Ashland, Wis.

1979
Chris Sarandos was recently selected to be the first chief information officer for the City of Miami Beach, Fla.

1980
Jo Ann Hoag was recently elected board chair at Generations Health Care Initiatives.

Richard “Ike” Eisenmann qualified for Top of the Table, an internationally recognized mark of excellence in the financial services industry.

Michael Swartz completed 37 years with Genuine Parts Company.

1981
Brian Matye has been CEO of Regulatory Compliance Associates for the last five years. He lives in Odessa, Fla., with his wife, Irene, and their cat, Tiger.

1982
Debbie Gebheim retired in May after 20 years teaching medical assistants, phlebotomists, medical laboratory technicians and five years as MLT Program Director at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in Green Bay.

1983
David Gustafson lives in Duluth and enjoys traveling and visiting his children. He was also with the Minnesota Air National Guard for 13 years.

1984
Terry Mattson was recognized in the Minnesota 500 ranking of the Most Powerful Business Leaders in Minnesota. Terry is the president and CEO of Visit Saint Paul/RiverCentre.

Rick Khalar, Class of 1969, published a book, “Khalar’s Dash,” in December about his 30 years of experience in the Air Force. He also flew 14 years as chief pilot for the University of Texas System before retiring in 2015.

Ed Anderson, Class of 1981, was a student staff member at WSSU in the 1970s. After 35 years in law enforcement, Ed has returned to the radio station, now KUWS. He helps as the administrative assistant and performs voice-over promo work.

Casey Van Damme, Class of 1981, and his Elder ‘Jackets teammates won the Adult Men’s Recreational 50+ Ice Hockey National Championship in April with a 5-0 victory against the Florida Space Coast Old Hurricanes.
1986
Katherine O’Keefe works in sales for Winsafe and lives in Superior.

1988
Col. James Joos, U.S. Army, retired June 1, 2018, after 30 years of service. He received his commission as a 2LT from the AFROTC program at UW-Superior, and served in the Air Force for six years before transferring his commission to the U.S. Army. He is a veteran of Desert Storm and several deployments in support of the War on Terror. In 2005, Col. Joos worked with the United Nations Independent High Electoral Commission during Iraq’s first free election.

Christopher Bronson joined Hartel’s Disposal as controller.

1990
Tom Noltner is the head football coach at Waupaca High School, previously serving 26 years as an assistant. He has two sons and has been married to his wife, Tracey, for over 23 years.

1991
Kathryn Gheller Forslund joined the College of Engineering at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., as an accreditation coordinator.

1992
Jill Nyberg was named North Country Independent Living’s executive director.

1994
Cindy Magnuson is the early childhood family education and screening manager for Lakeville Area Schools Community Education department.

1997
Tara Jo Holmberg was named the 2018 New England Formal Environmental Educator of the Year by the New England Environmental Education Association. She is a professor of environmental science and biology at Northwestern Connecticut Community College.

1998
Lori Morphey Parlow is a school psychologist with the Portage, Wis., Community School District.

1999
Anna Greiner is a physician assistant with St. Lukes Mariner Medical Clinic. She has been with St. Lukes since 2017, working at St. Lukes QCare Express and Urgent Care Clinics.

Kirk Nauman is now the head men’s and women’s cross country and track and field coach at Southwest Minnesota State University.

2001
Johanna Sweda Kirk was elected to the Wisconsin State Bar Board of Governors. She will be representing attorneys from 13 counties in Northwest Wisconsin in helping shape the direction of the State Bar, its initiatives and priorities.

Anita Harrison, NBCT, achieved National Board on December 1. She is a special education teacher with Milwaukee Public Schools, and lives in Milwaukee with her husband, two dogs and two cats.

2002
Donggyu Shin is currently employed at LG Innotek and lives in South Korea.

2003
Rich Windt is the girl’s basketball coach at Duluth East.

2004
Dennis Lennartson has been named the senior vice president of hospital and clinical services at Community Memorial Hospital in Cloquet, Minn.

2005
Jill Eder Markee is employed as a social worker with St. Louis County working with children and families.

2006
Julie Johnson Benfield joined Trial Group North Attorneys, PLLP.

Craig Petersburg recently released his trilogy, The Mr. C. Memoir. He is also a docent and lecturer at The Dali Museum in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Amanda Avikainen Secola moved to the Appleton, Wis., area in February with her husband and three-year-old daughter Nora.

Eryca Card, Class of 2000, was recently recognized by Project Lead The Way as the Educational Leader of the Year.
2007
Katie Jacobson joined the staff of WDSE-WRPT as a grant writer.

Brian Flick is a mental health therapist with Mayo Clinic’s Outpatient Addictions Services. Brian married Rita Miner on September 21.

2008
Bawajigekwe Andrea Boulley DeBungie is a special education teacher at Ashland Middle and Lake Superior Elementary schools in the Ashland School District, and was named Wisconsin’s 2020 Special Services Teacher of the Year.

Tyler Hildebrandt earned his master’s degree in 2011 from The College of St. Scholastica. He has been employed at Essentia Health in Duluth as a heart specialist since 2011.

2009
Brooke Bailey is the pharmacy manager of Walgreens in Eau Claire, Wis., where she began her career. Brooke had also been promoted to pharmacy manager in Rice Lake and Menomonie.

Amanda Hanson is the director of Human Resources with Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corp.

Meagan Campbell Avery received the 2019 Elisabeth Congdon Lifetime Achievement Award from the Junior League of Duluth for her outstanding dedication, service and commitment to the organization. Meagan is a development associate with St. Luke’s Foundation.

Cassie Sobojinski Fulda is a permit specialist at LHB, Inc.

Brandon Ely is a human resources people lead with Walmart.

2011
Matthew Timpane is a senior market strategist and options trader with Schaeffer’s Investment Research in Cincinnati.

2012
Lindsey Paradice Roberg is the national vice president of small business specialty growth at UnitedHealth Group.

2013
Cole Schreiner is the head men’s and women’s golf coach for Northland College in Ashland, Wis.

Kasey Cable is a program manager at CentraCare Health.

Ashley Birdsall signed in August with the Buffalo Beauts, part of the National Women’s Hockey League. Ashley recently completed her ninth year of service with the Minnesota Army National Guard.

2015
Benjamin Kretlow is a project manager at ABB Inc.

Matt Elder was recognized as one of Finance & Commerce’s 2019 Rising Young Professionals in Minnesota. Matt is an associate director with Newmark Knight Frank, where he specializes in providing office brokerage services to clients throughout the Twin Cities.

Kai Wolden was a winner in the international writing contest, The Writers of the Future. Kai is a writer, editor and fantasy fanatic, and lives in the Twin Cities with their partner and spoiled cat, Clawdia.

2016
Ryan Pikka is a social studies teacher for the Tomorrow River School District in Amherst, Wis.
Classmates

2017
Taavi Mattson is a police officer with the City of Superior.

Shelby Gerken is a year-round groundskeeper with the Minnesota Twins.

Alissa Boyhtari is manager and head personal trainer with LightSpeed Lift.

2018
Megan McGarvey and Katie Lindow, Class of 2016, created a documentary to tell the story of the recent program suspensions at UWS and around the UW System, and how it relates to higher education in the United States.

Chance Fortune is a producer and editor for the CBS 3 Morning Show in Duluth.

Greg Pitts is attending Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School and intends to become a prosecutor or criminal defense attorney.

Romeo Giovani is a graphic designer at Harlan Lee & Associates.

Mikayla Hatfield and her fiancé moved to northwest Arkansas to pursue their love of travel and experiencing new places. Her job at the University of Arkansas as a dispatch officer has given her the freedom to use her degree to start her own photography business.

Hailey Kontny is the junior varsity coach of the Superior Spartans girl’s basketball team.

2019
Tom Sauve is the 5-12 principal for the Elmwood, Wis., School District.

Sam Engelland is the Hortonville, Wis., High School athletic director.

Carmen Adams is a teacher with Milwaukee Public Schools.

William Watkins is the director of technology at Pomfret School in Connecticut.

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Teri Thompson, Class of 2018, married Colton Thatcher on August 10. The couple had their wedding and reception at UWS.
Dorothy Comstock Anway graduated from UW-Superior in 1986 with a master’s in professional development. She was a senior lecturer in the Math and Computer Science Department from 1984 to 2011. Dorothy passed away February 27, 2019.

Lowell Banks received his master’s degree from UW-Superior in 1959 and became an instructor in the Education Department. In 1970 he was appointed the director of Student Teaching and an assistant professor. He became the registrar in 1974 until his retirement in 1991. Lowell passed away on September 29, 2019.


Barb Bowser Doherty graduated from UW-Superior with her bachelor’s and master’s degrees, and was the Student Services program manager from 1980 to 2008. Barb passed away December 13, 2018.

Noel Francisco was a professor of sociology from 1968 to 1988, and authored two books in his retirement. He passed away March 18, 2019.

George Gott was a professor of English from 1961 to 1998 and wrote many poems. He passed away January 7, 2019.

Jan Kappes was the dean of students from 1988 to her retirement in 2006. She passed away March 17, 2019.

George Landis taught in the Math and Science Department and was the director of Facilities Management from 1978 to 1996. George passed away October 14, 2018.


Deane Minahan was a faculty member from 1967 to 2001, and later served as chair, in the World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures department. He passed away on August 29, 2019.

Lt. Col. Karl Moravek earned a history degree from UW-Superior in 1951, as well as his master’s in educational administration in 1970. After his retirement from the Air Force in 1968, he joined UWS as the alumni director and placement director, retiring in 1989. Karl passed away March 11, 2019.

Scott Seaquist was employed for over 10 years in Facilities Management, starting in 1994 and returning in recent years. He passed away May 12, 2019. A memorial was established in his honor on the grounds of UW-Superior.

Rick Thrasher earned a degree in history from UW-Superior in 1972. He served on the UW-Superior Foundation Board from 2001 to 2009. Rick passed away December 10, 2018.

Paul Williams was a professor of mathematics from 1966 to 1995. He passed away February 19, 2019.

Jeanne Knudsen Johnson graduated from UW-Superior in 1941 with a degree in elementary education. She became a librarian, taught library science classes and served as head cataloger at UWS. Jeanne was also the longest-serving member of the UW-Superior Foundation Board with 45 years of dedicated service. Jeanne passed away February 24, 2019.
In Memoriam

Marial Bino (1939), Hurley, Wis., November 22, 2018
Kenneth Anderson (1940), Hendersonville, N.C., January 8, 2018
Beverly Johnson Watt (1943), Palm Springs, Calif., June 30, 2019
Dorothy Frederick Davis (1944), Allentown, Pa., October 26, 2018
Geraldine Clark Anderson (1948), Dresser, Wis., January 26, 2019
Angeline Celentano Erickson (1949), Altoona, Wis.,
March 22, 2019
Donald Busch (1950), Duluth, Minn., January 3, 2019
Donald Peterson (1951), Ann Arbor, Mich., August 27, 2019
Eleanor Tempelis Austreng (1952), Superior, Wis., August 19, 2019
Jean Ann Endrizzi (1952), Duluth, Minn., January 30, 2019
Muriel Peterson Sprague (1952), Federal Way, Wash.,
December 14, 2018
Dean Meinke (1954), Newport, Mich., September 5, 2018
Leonard Carlstrom (1955), Siren, Wis., March 11, 2019
Curtis Balko (1956), Lincoln, Calif., January 15, 2019
June Pedersen Jerome (1957), Drummond, Wis., February 12, 2019
James Borgaro (1958), Menomonie, Wis., July 31, 2019
Frank Dzikonski (1959), Palatine, Ill., May 23, 2019
Dorothy Frostman Kangas (1959), Oulu, Wis., June 23, 2019
Roger Lowney (1959), San Diego, Calif., April 7, 2019
Joanne Karra Barber (1960), Arlington, Va., June 22, 2019
Thomas Plant (1960), Hartland, Wis., April 26, 2019
John DeMars (1961), Martinsburg, W.Va., March 12, 2019
Reinhardt Schmidt (1961), Oshkosh, Wis., December 17, 2018
Diane Smith Taylor (1961), North Hollywood, Calif.,
September 19, 2019
Ronald Tuverson (1961), Gordon, Wis., May 7, 2019
Swanhild Larson Zaborek (1962), Edgerton, Wis.,
February 19, 2019
Glen Johnson (1963), Brigham City, Utah, February 16, 2019
Kathryn McKenzie (1963), Superior, Wis., December 15, 2018
Robert Hulbert (1964), Rhinelander, Wis., February 4, 2019
Herbert Schur (1964), Stewartville, Minn., August 7, 2019
Gerald Christie (1965), Mellen, Wis., August 16, 2019
Michael Mahaffey (1965), Fitchburg, Wis., April 6, 2019
Louise King Manion (1965), Superior, Wis., May 15, 2019
Jerald Roesch (1965), Ft. Collins, Colo., February 12, 2019
Katherine Rautio Suo (1965), Iron River, Wis., March 9, 2019
Duane Thielbar (1965), Madison, Wis., November 26, 2018
Morris Carlson (1966), Forest Hill, Md., May 17, 2019
Roger Lambert (1966), Superior, Wis., November 7, 2018
Irene Rounsville Talley (1966), Chippewa Falls, Wis., May 3, 2019
Thomas Brayden (1967), Duluth, Minn., March 11, 2019
Terrance Pearson (1967), Superior, Wis., May 13, 2019
Rosemary Geitner Zowin (1967), Elk River, Minn., June 6, 2019
Richard Ertman (1968), Two Rivers, Wis., April 17, 2019
Robert Griglak (1968), Tucson, Ariz., March 29, 2019
Edward Knackstedt (1968), Albuquerque, N.M., April 1, 2019
William Nelson (1968), Park Hills, Mo., March 23, 2018
James Riedl (1968), Iron River, Wis., September 25, 2018
James Frazier (1969), Duluth, Minn., January 20, 2019
Robert Froehlich (1969), Crivitz, Wis., November 17, 2018
Bruce Hagen (1969), Sun City Center, Fla., July 26, 2019
Warren Hauer (1969), Shawano, Wis., November 27, 2018
John Rickstrom (1969), Saint Paul, Minn., March 7, 2019
Roy Tressler (1969), Reedsburg, Pa., January 18, 2019
Arne Ruha (1970), Stratford, Wis., March 19, 2019
Betty Jo Edwards (1970), Superior, Wis., September 20, 2019
Fred Ciccone (1971), Superior, Wis., March 20, 2019
Alfred Hoefel (1971), Superior, Wis., September 10, 2019
Bruce Matson (1971), Dresser, Wis., March 2, 2019
Robert Waite Nelson (1971), Superior, Wis., June 19, 2019
Darlene Sayler (1971), Appleton, Wis., March 21, 2019
Kirk Schleife (1971), Superior, Wis., July 4, 2019
Richard Budzak (1972), Duluth, Minn., August 8, 2019
Dale Grothe (1972), Lake Nebagamon, Wis., February 1, 2019
Kathleen Jacobs Koski (1972), La Crescent, Minn., June 12, 2019
Arthur Pree (1972), Superior, Wis., March 28, 2019
Richard Tuttle (1972), Ashland, Wis., July 24, 2019
Rosemary Agnew (1975), Duluth, Minn., November 22, 2018
Dennis Rep (1975), Houston, Texas, February 28, 2019
Joan Jackson Witzig (1975), Ashland, Wis., December 21, 2018
Maxwell Witzig (1975), Ashland, Wis., January 5, 2019
John Drott (1976), Euless, Texas, April 25, 2019
Frances Hepokoski (1976), Hermantown, Minn., July 8, 2019
Gary Nelson (1977), Maple, Wis., April 25, 2019
Gloria Wahl (1977), Milwaukee, Wis., May 26, 2019
Dennis Abrahamson (1978), Lake Nebagamon, Wis.,
February 27, 2019
Lynda Scott Culley (1978), Saint Petersburg, Fla., April 21, 2019
Bradley Bombardier (1982), Duluth, Minn., August 2, 2019
Casey Oie (1982), Virginia, Minn., March 22, 2018
Thomas Kendziorski (1983), Chippewa Falls, Wis., August 23, 2018
Kim Dhoooge Schilling (1983), Waусau, Wis., April 4, 2019
Randy Larson (1984), Fridley, Minn., October 24, 2018
James Sweetney (1984), Superior, Wis., November 3, 2018
Robert Bigoness (1986), West Bend, Wis., November 29, 2018
Daniel Leslie (1987), Iron River, Wis., November 17, 2018
Ilia Anderson (1989), Mahtowa, Minn., July 7, 2019
Georgia Harrell Cederberg (1991), Siren, Wis., October 1, 2018
Elizabeth Bemis Chandler (1992), Appleton, Wis., April 18, 2019
Kraig Kalan (1992), Superior, Wis., August 29, 2019
Barbara Witt (1994), Shawano, Wis., March 15, 2019
Joseph Giesen (1996), Duluth, Minn., June 24, 2019
Clifford Lindquist (1998), Cloquet, Minn., June 13, 2019
Scott Smetak (1998), South Range, Wis., October 22, 2018
John Kokkonen (1999), Stoughton, Wis., January 23, 2019
Nicholas Kulpa (2003), Columbia Heights, Minn., September 25, 2018
Katie LaVio (2006), Carlton, Minn., June 18, 2019
Jennifer Nelson (2007), Duluth, Minn., May 23, 2019
Kathryn Deboer (2007), Superior, Wis., September 2, 2019
Alexander Pfannebecker (2011), Superior, Wis., November 2, 2018
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