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Joseph Dwyer, South Kent, Connecticut, is the past director of the Center for Leadership and Management, Management Sciences for Health in Boston. He is currently a consultant primarily with management sciences for Health World-wide.

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Duncan Cameron, Bettendorf, Iowa, is a winter-time resident of Naples, Florida. While living there, he has become an active member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and the Rotary Club of Naples. He is president of Cameron Family Enterprises in Bettendorf.

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Kirk Engholt, Hot Springs Village, Arkansas, retired as vice president of human relations from Rockline Industries in Sheboygan on April 1, 2015. Since graduating in 1972 with a major in business administration, Engholt has worked 43 years in human resources at various manufacturing companies throughout Wisconsin. He lives in Hot Springs Village with his wife, Lynn.

Rosalene (Wilde) (Hancock) Graham, Saugus, Massachusetts, has moved from Georgia to New England. In July, her first book, "Occupational Safety and Health," was

published. It is an academic book for people studying to be safety professionals. Although retired, she is an online adjunct instructor for Scott Community College in Bettendorf, Iowa, teaching occupational safety subjects.

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Bernardo Gallegos, Playa del Rey, California, is a professor at National University in Los Angeles. He is president of the Society of Professors of Education. Gallegos also is past president of the Organization of Educational Historians and the American Educational Studies Association.

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Al, '75, and Jill (Melby), '72, Graewin, have both retired and are living in La Crosse. Al worked in the field of public health for 39 years and Jill had a career in business until this past year.

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Gary Huibregtse, Fort Collins, Colorado, was recently recognized for 35 years of service to the Department of Art and Art History at Colorado State University. He has been coordinator of the Photo Image Making program since 1985.

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Nancy (Vittone) Paddison, Pearland, Texas, has been promoted as the first senior physical therapist assistant, after working with management at University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center to develop career ladders for PT and OT assistants. She has worked there for nearly 10 years.

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Harry Hughes, Spooner, retired after completing 32 years as a high school mathematics teacher in Spooner, Wisconsin.

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Lisa Koenecke, Fitchburg, has served as president of the Wisconsin School Counselor Association. She currently serves on the American School Counselor Association board of directors. In 2013, she was named Wisconsin's Educator of the Year from the Gay Straight Alliance for Safe Schools. In 2015, she was runner-up for the National Educator of the Year by GLSEN. In 2016, she was named Kohl Teacher of the Year for her work as a school counselor.

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Ryan Calton, Germantown, has been promoted to chief financial

officer at Hampel, a diversified plastic manufacturer in Germantown. Calton has been a controller at the company since 2013 and has excelled at managing and leading key financial initiatives to enhance corporate profitability. Calton has been a Certified Public Accountant for more than 15 years in the areas of financial accounting and analysis.

Amy (DuPont) Guzman, Oceanside, California, married Gunnery Sgt. Benny Guzman on Jan. 23, 2016. He is currently deployed and will return this fall. After working at WXOW in La Crosse for 13 years, she is now an anchor and reporter at CW6 San Diego.

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Meg Rivers, Arlington, Virginia, still looks very fondly upon her time at UWL, from 1998-2002. As an archaeology major and art minor, she says her world expanded to solve the riddle of the past while interpreting her present and future through beauty. “Every faculty member at UWL and

MVAC I encountered sincerely cared about the educational well-being of each student they had,” she notes. She attributes to landing her dream job because of her “superior education and the nurturing relationships.” Once she left La Crosse, she went to Washington, D.C., to pursue a goal of working in museums. She earned a master’s in museum studies at George Washington University. Before getting her diploma, she was offered a position at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History. “I have loved it for over 10 years,” she notes. “Thanks so much, UWL, for all that you have given me in my life. I hope you continue to inspire generations of young people to fulfill their dreams.”

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Nathan Wilbanks, Delaware, Ohio, married **Elizabeth (Knowles) Wilbanks**, ‘02, in 2002. He has worked in actuary science for various insurance companies since graduation. In 2004 Wilbanks was sent to Iraq with his Wisconsin National Guard infantry unit for an 18-month deployment stationed outside of Baghdad. “It was an intense experience, but definitely gave me leadership and coping skills for the future.” He finished with the National Guard in 2008 as a sergeant. After spending nine years on the rigorous actuarial exam process, he is now a fellow in the

Society of Actuaries, attending the FAC in 2012. He moved to Columbus, Ohio, in 2012 and started working for Nationwide, where he is currently a vice president responsible for advising business partners on managing the risk and financial performance. He leads a team of actuaries and financial analysts and looks forward to many more years at Nationwide. The Wilbanks have two sons, Sawyer and Oliver. They spend most of their free time attending the boys’ sporting events — soccer, basketball, baseball and flag football. They love to travel and have enjoyed a few trips to Disney World and, recently, to Hilton Head for spring break. But the boys say their favorite place to visit is Wisconsin. “We get back for visits with family as often as we can, and we are making sure to raise two good Packer and Badger fans,” says Wilbanks.

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Dana (Hoffmann) Meyer and her husband, Jesse, have moved to Tennessee. She had an article published on Sourcecon.com, an ERE.net company that is one of the foremost publications in sourcing and recruiting. Her articles are related to applying marketing concepts in recruitment. She has been selected to present on using email marketing in recruitment at the fall 2016 Sourcecon Conference.

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Marcus Stefonek, West Bend, has enjoyed serving on active military duty in the Wisconsin Army National Guard. He went on a year-long deployment from June 2007-May 2008, serving in Iraq conducting convoy security missions. Upon returning to Wisconsin, he married his college sweetheart, Lindsey Leppert, in La Crosse in November 2008 and lived there until 2011, and then West Salem until 2013. In 2013 he took a job promotion to Sergeant First Class in the Wisconsin Army National Guard in West Bend. He is with the Readiness NCO of 160 Soldiers in West Bend and is in charge of the full-time staff in West Bend organization. "Graduating from UW-La Crosse has prepared me to be a leader in my organization and an effective manager," he says. He and his wife have two children: Landon (6) and Madelyn (1).

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Shelly Mattson married Corey Reed on April 26, 2016. They live in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Shelly is a social media trainer for Nissan. They recently adopted a rescue dog named Traveler.

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Pa Moua-Yang, Saint Paul, Minnesota, recently started a new position at Bethel University as a student success adviser for the College of Adult Programs and Graduate Studies, following more than six years of serving as an administrative assistant. Moua-Yang has also been married for 10 years to Chao Yang. They have a 20-month old son, Mathias Yang. Pa thanks UWL for the great experience she had as an undergraduate in the communications program and has utilized a great amount of what she learned especially in interviewing and broadcasting courses.

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Colleen Sovey, La Crosse, is currently the administrative marketing assistant at Pearl Street Brewery. She has developed her love for craft beer into more than just a hobby by immersing herself in the industry that has "taught me more than I would have even imagined."

Class of 20??

Nathan and Jamie (Terenski), Wagner, both '11, a son, Evan, Oct. 1, 2015.

FACULTY/STAFF REMEMBERED

KEN BJERKE

Kenneth "Ken" A. Bjerke, 72, Holmen, died May 7, 2016. He retired from UWL in 2000 after 29 years. He is survived by his wife, Sandra, and a son.

JAMES RYAN

James "Jim" Ryan III, 88, La Crosse, died June 9, 2016. Ryan joined the UWL faculty in 1968. He taught and did research in psychology until his retirement in 1993. He is survived by his children. Memorials may be directed to the Wimberly Scholarship Fund at the UWL Foundation, 615 East Ave. N., La Crosse, WI 54601.

ALUMNI REMEMBERED

1943 — Loyd Mieden, Holmen

1953 — Emma L. Ziegler, Elroy

1957 & 1960 — James J. Flood, Oshkosh

1959 — Donald Arnetveit, Middleton

1959 — Thomas J. Hargraves, Fitchburg

1959 — Clayton "Bud" Loomis, De Forest/Portage

1966 — Orlo "Fred" Shoemaker, Stoughton

1969 — Roxanne J. Gattie, Cedarburg

1971 — Louise Perry, Cary, Illinois



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