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Thomas P. Rosandich, Daphne, Alabama, the founding president of the United States Sports Academy, is stepping down after 43 years of service to the organization. The academy is now arguably the largest graduate school of sport in the country, if not the world, with around 300 students in the doctoral program alone. The academy houses what is perceived to be the largest collection of sport art that reflects the tie between the Olympics and culture. Rosandich is a member of UWL's Wall of Fame and is a Graff Distinguished Alumnus.

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William F. Heineke, Gillette, Wyoming, has finished his 30th year of supervising/administering a group treatment program for high-risk children and their families. Following a presentation of this program at a research and treatment conference, he learned two attendees will be starting this program — one in New Zealand; the other in Ohio.

Glen Dallman, '67 & '72, Bradenton, Florida, was inducted in to the Byron (Illinois) High School Hall of Fame in August 2015. He is in his 48th year in education, currently teaching middle school math at Braden River Middle School in Bradenton. He also served in Illinois as teacher, counselor, elementary and high school principal. Prior to his current position, Dallman worked in

dropout prevention, truancy, and juvenile justice for Manatee County Schools.

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Dick Luther, Pewaukee, started his 50th year of coaching basketball in November. A graduate in physical education, Luther taught for 32 1/2 years and retired in 2000 from the Waukesha School District. Coaching basketball is not on the retirement block yet. His coaching highlights include two state championships at UW-Waukesha and a national championship in 2012 while assisting at UW-Whitewater. In 2004 Luther was inducted into the UW-Waukesha Hall of Fame and in 2014 he was inducted into the Wall of Fame at his home school, Waukesha South High School. He has 592 career wins since starting coaching at Blessed Sacrament in La Crosse while attending UWL in 1965. "With the great experience I had at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and the tremendous professors I had, my path was heading in a perfect direction for success," says Luther. "Thanks UWL for showing me the way!"

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Richard M. Mulcahy, Monroe, was a social worker at Green County Unified Services for seven years following graduation. He then worked 20 years as sales representative for Cunningham Distributing in Monroe before selling new and used autos for four years

at Alphorn Ford, Lincoln, Mercury in Monroe. Since 2004 Mulcahy has been working for Superior Health Linens, which supplies clean linen to hospitals and nursing homes. The company has laundry facilities in Madison, Milwaukee and Plover in Wisconsin and in Batavia and Joliet in Illinois. It processes approximately 80 million pounds of laundry a year. Mulcahy is responsible for the transportation department that has 80 drivers with 35 trucks and semis that log approximately 2.8 million miles a year. He vacationed in Switzerland in October. Mulcahy is planning retirement in a couple years and hopes to spend more time with his sons, Tim and Ryan, and their families.

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John Hillmer, Waukesha, retired in October as Director of Operations & Infrastructure with more than 35 years at Northwestern Mutual. He joined NML in Milwaukee after graduating with a bachelor's in computer science. His journey with Northwestern Mutual took him from programmer in the then, Data Processing Department, to project manager and group manager in the Information Systems Department, to director in Information Technology. For the past decade he's been responsible for IT Operations & Infrastructure in what has grown significantly over the years to become the Enterprise Technology Department. John and his wife, Bonnie, have been married

for 35 years. They have four children — two married, two in the UW System — and two grandchildren. He intends to continue pursuing his hobby of wildlife and nature photography (www.JHillmer.com), volunteering at several nature and wildlife organizations, and staying current in IT as he helps several technology and investment organizations with their IT efforts.

George L. Tabbert, '80 & '83, Onalaska, is a member of the Cemetery Improvement Committee that hopes to beautify the Main Street side of Onalaska City Cemetery with a new wall, fence, landscaping and other improvements. The cemetery was founded in 1857 and is the final resting place of area pioneer families, Civil War veterans and several people who served as models for characters in author Hamlin Garland's writings, including his uncle, Richard Bailey, a veteran of Gettysburg. The

committee's fundraising efforts are coordinated through the Onalaska Enhancement Foundation.

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Brian Winter, Minneapolis, has started up the first veteran-owned distillery in Minnesota. Founded in 2013, Wander North Distillery has been in production and distribution in Minnesota since and opened a cocktail lounge at the distillery in July 2015.

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Megan Mulholland, Appleton, was named Communicator of the Year by the Northeast Wisconsin



sin Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America. She is the manager of media and public relations at ThedaCare. The award recognized Mulholland's individual role in several challenging communication events during the year, including response to the Trestle Trail shooting in Menasha, the disappearance of a prominent local physician and wholesale rebranding by ThedaCare.

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Amy DuPont, Oceanside, California, has left WXOW TV-19 in La Crosse after 13 years and has accepted an anchor/reporter position for the CW, San Diego 6 News.

Oktoberfest connections

For the second straight year, two people with strong UWL ties led Oktoberfest's main parades.

Chuck Moore, '81, was Maple Leaf Parade Marshal, and Mark Terpstra, husband of UWL Art Professor Jennifer Terpstra, was Torchlight Parade Marshal.

Last year's marshals were Mike Desmond, '76 & '87, and Scott Milhalovic, '82.

Moore, a management major, and his wife, Sue, own and operate Ad Aids in La Crosse.



ABOVE LEFT: Chuck Moore, '81, and his, Sue, will head up Oktoberfest's Maple Leaf Parade. Chuck was named Parade Marshal Sept. 23.



ABOVE RIGHT: Mark and Jennifer Terpstra celebrated at the Parade Marshal Reception where Mark was named Torchlight Parade Marshal. Jennifer is a professor in the UWL Art Department.

They have been involved in the community, as well as with Oktoberfest as grenadiers. "It's a

terrific honor; it really is," says Moore of his selection.

ALUMNI REMEMBERED

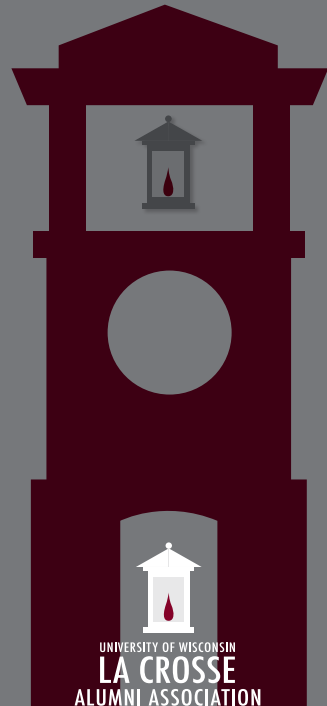
- 1943:** Margaret M. Stetzer, Melrose
1950: James 'Jim' Nirschl, Appleton
1951: Charles W. Dunlap, Wausau
1960: David Gammon, Woodruff
1960: Dick Hackett, La Crosse
1968: Roger Knutson, La Crosse
1970: Marie Jenkins Cato, Tucson, Arizona
1971: Judith Jorgensen, Minneiska, Minnesota
1972: Cecil Chapin, Viroqua
1972: Gladys Katherine (Wegner) Wollberg, Melrose
1975: Mary Mason, Leesburg, Virginia
1985: Michael 'Mick' Fernholz, Fountain City
1991: Brian M. Bruemmer, West Salem
2003: Brent Harrie, La Crosse
2004: Nancy L. McGlynn, Gratiot
2004: Justin O. Underhill, Springfield, Illinois

FACULTY/STAFF REMEMBERED

ROBERT O. LE ROY, 88, of La Crosse died Sept. 24, 2015, in La Crosse. In 1961, Le Roy joined the UWL English Department faculty. In 1964, he became the university registrar and remained in this position until retiring in 1988. He is survived by his wife and two daughters. Memorials may be given to the Robert O. Le Roy Family Scholarship at the UWL Foundation.

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