



UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-LA CROSSE

CLASS NOTES

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Sheryl L. (Fickau) Watkins would like to thank Brad Quarberg for all his years of dedication to UWL and the La Crosse community. "I have enjoyed and will miss his stories over the years of staying in touch with UWL," she says. "When I see his name or picture, it always takes me back to good times in Wentz Hall. Enjoy retirement, Brad! I'm not far behind you." Sheryl recently went on an Arctic expedition with a stopover in Denmark, where she visited the family that hosted her during a student exchange trip in 1985. She says they have remained close over the years and see each other often in Denmark or the United States. "I am forever grateful for the opportunity to study abroad," she says.

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Daniel J. Loomis retired from the Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District after 28 years of teaching.

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Tina Cassler recently joined the Harley-Davidson Motor Company as a project manager in marketing. Revving up her career with the iconic brand, she's working on innovative marketing initiatives for a legendary name in the industry. United we ride!

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Amy (Franke) Williams is a corporate finance manager for the Neenah Foundry Company in Neenah, Wis.

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Elli (Ladwig) Leemhuis is a physician assistant in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

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Daniel Anderson is a neurologist at Mayo Clinic Health System in La Crosse. Anderson has been giving back to UWL by providing lectures and assisting with mock medical school interviews for students.

Alan Rubach is a dentist for R&R Family Dentistry in Davenport, Iowa.

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Leslie C. Svacina is the owner of Cylon Rolling Acres in Deer Park. Svacina was also recently appointed by Gov. Tony Evers to the Wisconsin Technical College System Board.

Tristan Bale is a staff accountant/payroll specialist at Feuerhelm Langer Ltd. in Baldwin, Wisconsin.

Katherine Norton is the director of Career Learning and Experience at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

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Leah M. (Mach) Achterberg is a development officer for the Western Technical College Foundation in La Crosse. Her partner, Luke, '04, is an artist who had a show at the University Gallery last fall.

Nolan B. Rohrer is a training center instructor at Gundersen Health System in La Crosse.

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Lindsay J. Heagle is a graduate student at the University of Michigan.

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Ashlyn J. Buchmann is the assistant director of annual giving at the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

Adam C. Carlson is a technical representative for Johns Manville, a manufacturing company based in Denver.



Damian J. Combs, '22

Damian J. Combs was recently hired to teach band at Royall High School and Middle School in Elroy. Combs was also accepted into a master's program in professional development, which he started this fall.

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Andrew T. Bates is a technical writer at Office and Practice Solutions in Greater Milwaukee.

In Remembrance

Alumni

No grad year – Patricia Klos, Westby

1943 – Elizabeth “Betty” (Skemp) Curtis, Mequon

1956 – Marlene (Methum) Pieterick, La Crosse

1957 – Norman Hall, La Crosse

1958 – Elaine (Hohlfeld) Phelps, San Carlos, Calif.

1958 – Gerald Robbins, Manitowoc

1966 – James Molstad, La Crosse

1966 – James Winder, La Crosse

1970 – Kathleen Dion, Minneapolis

1970 – Cinda (Howland) Maddox, Rogers, Ark.

1970 – Catherine (Lovaas) Stulken, Madison

1971 – David Bachmann, Wheeling, Ill.

1972 – Robert “Bob” Ruud, Onalaska

1972 – Cory Groves, La Crosse

1972 – Ardyce (Erlandson) Haugen, Saint Paul

1973 – Vernadine Doll, Soldiers Grove

1974 – Constance (Schlosser) Larson, Elk Mound

1974 – Clifford (Cliff) Venne, Boise, Idaho

1976 – Robert Midland, La Crosse

1976 – Alf Olson, Waxahachie, Tex.

1977 – Charlene (Smith) Harnish, Onalaska

1977 – Peter Woerpel, La Crosse

1978 – Judy (Grant) Joyce, Salt Lake City

1984 – Steven Gauger, Caledonia, Minn.

1985 – David Holte, La Crosse

1985 – Harry Roy Wisowaty, Grayslake, Ill.

1986 – Charlotte Lemke, Arcadia

1993 – Jeffrey Bissonnette, Saint Paul

2002 – Kimberly “Kimmy” Marie Clements, Holmen

2005 – Robin D. Finco, Middleton, Wis.

2015 – Dustin Henning, Holmen



Faculty & Staff



Justin Agbolade Odulana

Justin Agbolade Odulana, 85, died July 7, 2023. Odulana taught courses on equity, racial justice and public health at UWL

until his initial retirement in 2003. Due to his love of teaching, he quickly returned to the classroom and resumed his career, retiring for good in 2020. Odulana, who was born in Nigeria, was extremely active in the community. He was a member of the NAACP, an advocate for the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health, a traveling volunteer and advocate for AARP, a member and contributor for the National Alliance on Mental Illness, a servant of St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral, and a volunteer and supporter of the Democratic Party. He also founded Health International Network Systems, a health consultancy business offering support to people and governments looking to address gaps in treatment or resource accessibility.



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