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Jerry Grunski, Evergreen, Colo., was inducted into the Waukegan/Lake County High Schools

Sports Hall of Fame in October 2013. He officiated at all levels, including high school, college and professional. He was chosen to officiate in the top class of the first Illinois state high school football championship game in 1974 and during his career officiated at more than 80 high school football championship games in Illinois and Colorado. Grunski retired as Highland Park High School English Department chair in 1988.

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Thomas P. Rosandich, Daphne, Ala., president and CEO of the U.S. Sports Academy, earned the 2013 Sports-

man of the Year award from The Gabarrón International Awards.

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John A. Thomas, Fishers, Ind., is a professor emeritus at the University of Texas Health Science Center and adjunct professor at Indiana University School of Medicine. He received the 2013 Distinguished Service Award from the American College of Toxicology.

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Ron Gaber, '71 & '72, Kirksville, Mo., is retired from A.T. Still University of Health Sciences. He is Dean Emeritus of Students and Vice President Emeritus of Student Affairs.

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Bart Gray has been named director of athletics at Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa. He had held

similar positions at three other colleges, most recently at UW-Marathon County.

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Carol Miller married Randy Schaefer Nov. 2, 2013. They live in Fargo, N.D. Carol is the bookstore director at North Dakota State University.

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Mary Kay Anundson-Herman, Fridley, Minn., earned an interior design degree from Century College in May 2013. She is an associate designer at Gabberts Interior Design Studio in Edina, Minn.

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Greg L. Fenzl, Mound, Minn., is looking for his next challenge in finance systems and analytics at American Medical Systems. He encourages classmates to connect on LinkedIn: <http://www.linkedin.com/in/gregfenzl>.

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Mark Meyer, Madison, a former state legislator and appointee to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission, has joined the Wisconsin Eye Public Affairs Network board of directors. Meyer is the owner of Meyer Consulting based in Middleton, specializing in energy and telecommunications policy.

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Jean M. Broadwater, Rockford, Mich., started with the Michigan Virtual Charter Academy July 1, 2013. She is the Head of School at the largest on-line virtual charter K-12 school in Michigan

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Tina M. Cassler, St. Paul, Minn., was invited to attend NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. The event highlighted NASA and JPL's role in studying earth and its climate and will preview three earth-observing missions the company is preparing for launch in 2014.

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Shana Jackson Matney, Sun Prairie, is a licensed massage therapist looking to get back into the health education field.

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Kristine (Van Handel) Robarge, Oconomowoc, completed Florida Institute of Technology's Applied Behavior Analysis program in January 2013. In July she became certified as a Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst.

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Andrew Hickethier, Hudson, accepted a job in Washington state in January 2009 with the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection. He transferred to Minneapolis in 2011. He recently received a temporary foreign post assignment in Vancouver, Canada, with the federal government and will be moving in early 2014.

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Erin Fischer, Wausau, is “thrilled to be taking the knowledge, courage, and leadership I acquired while at La Crosse with me as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ecuador.” She says her passion for travel and Latin American cultures was ignited in Spanish 303 by Professor Melissa Wallace. “I am going to be implementing everything I learned through Professor Wallace, the Office of Residence Life, and the last few years as an AmeriCorps City Year Corps Member during my time in Ecuador,” she says. “As Thomas Paine said, ‘My country is the world and my religion is to do good.’ I will proudly represent UW-La Crosse as I continue my life journey.”

Timothy J. Powers, La Crosse, has worked as a credit counselor and educator for Consumer Credit Counseling Services of La Crosse since March 2011. He is also a lead content writer for Sober Nation, a leading national recovery and addiction treatment website and database, as well as several other addiction treatment websites. And, he’s a bassist who plays with several different artists, including the Smokin’ Bandits and three-time Grammy winner Bill Miller. “Some may say I am a Renaissance man, but in reality I like keeping busy and keeping busy with things that I love doing.”

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Megan Woodward is an AmeriCorps member at Luther College’s Center for Sustainable Communities. She will serve the Decorah and North Winnishiek school districts. Woodward spent two seasons working on an organic farm learning how to grow food and sharing her knowledge and passion with others. Her most recent experience with formal food and nutrition education comes from volunteering at NuGenesis Farm.

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Dave Sikorski, La Crosse, is pursuing another degree while working part time at the Family and Children’s Center, where he works with children who need a helping hand.

Class of 20??

Tina (Wicka), '98, and John **Truax**, Rochester, a son, Parker Wayne, in July. He joins sister Alexa.

Aaron, '01, and Krystle **Baer**, Kimberly, a son, Braxton Keith, Feb. 19, 2013.

Sarah (Wittrock), '05 & '07, and **Jason, '05, Seitz**, New Berlin, twin sons, Carson Alan and Cameron David, June 15, 2013 which was also Jason’s 30th birthday. Sarah is a senior academic adviser at UW-Whitewater. Jason is an assistant vice president for equipment finance at BMO Harris Bank in Milwaukee.



Best House reunion

A group of alumni from the '60s who lived in “Best House” continues to meet annually for a reunion. The group includes, from left, Sonja (Pfaff) Haske, '66 & '90; Sue Hickey, '67; Gayl (Gutknecht) Christensen, '66; Darryle (Damon) Clott, '66 & '71; and, front, Shirley (Walsvik) Merrill, '67. Missing was Andi (Elstad) Sosalla, '67. The reunion was held at Clott’s home in La Crosse Oct. 16-17, 2013.

IN MEMORIAM

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Alumni remembered

- 1935** — Wilma Leide Pfiffner, Port Charlotte, Fla.
1938 — Everett Schroeder, Spring Park, Minn.
1940 — Armin Gossfeld, La Crosse
1947 — Patricia G. Bodette, Menifee, Calif.
1947 — Elizabeth L. (Herold) Taylor, Logan, Utah
1947 — Eunice S. Thompson, Placentia, Calif.
1948 — Mary J Coleman, Manitowoc
1950 — William Graham, Lake City, Minn.
1952 — Alberta (Johnson) Bond, Earlville, Ill.
1952 — John Madden, Appleton
1954 — John Young, Viola
1955 — Patricia (Biemeret) Flint, Green Bay
1957 — Fredrick Hagerman, Athens, Ohio
1958 — Nelvin Peterson, Jr., Port Edwards
1958 — Kermit A. Schroeder, Spencerport, N.Y.
1960 — Patricia Schlicht, Onalaska
1960 — Rodney H. VerVelde, Elkhart, Ind.
1960 — Daniel Wagner, Fort Mohave, Ariz.
1961 — Janice Moede Genz, Mountain View, Hawaii
1962 — James “Jess” Jeskewitz, Menomonee Falls
1962 — Max Morrison, Sarasota, Fla.
1962 — Anna L. Schunke, Black River Falls
1962 — Marjorie M. Sugden, Rockland
1963 — Ann Binsfeld, Madison
1963 & '69 — Charles M. Hudson, Sussex
1964 — Robert Benedict, Alba, Texas
1964 & '76 — Eleanor Kennedy, La Crosse
1964 — Jerry Weiser, Las Vegas, Nev.
1980 — Nicholas Roger Haring, Jr., La Crosse
1974 — Jody Belich Landerman, Palm Desert, Calif.
1978 — Glen Fleck, Mishicot
1982 — Steven R. LeBarron, Edina, Minn.
1992 — Jeffrey Scheidt, Steamboat Springs, Colo.
2001 — Christina M. (Cogdill) Skiba, Apple Valley, Minn.

Staff & faculty remembered



ELEANOR KENNEDY, '64 & '76, La Crosse, died June 1, 2013, just days before her 97th birthday. She was the founding and longtime director of the UW-L Alumni Association. She loved working with alumni and built a strong foundation for the program. She worked on campus from 1964 until retiring in 1988. A scholarship for students pursuing a master's degree in Student Affairs Administration was established in her honor when she retired. To make a donation, go to: foundation.uwlax.edu, or send to UW-L Foundation, Attn: Eleanor Kennedy Scholarship, 615 East Ave N., La Crosse, WI 54601. See a tribute at: <http://lantern.uwlax.edu/alumni-association-founder-remembered/>



WILLIAM P. (BILL) CRESS died July 16, 2013. He joined UW-L as a full professor in accountancy in 1985 and immediately assumed duties as department chair. Cress was always experimenting with new ways to prepare accountancy majors for future careers. He was a leader in revising curriculum to the 150-hour requirement for the Certified Public Accountant exam. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the accountancy internship program (the largest at UW-L) and of new events that have become annual, such as the Accounting Banquet, Accounting Career Expo and Accounting Interview Days. He retired in May 2005 and was granted emeritus status in 2006. Memorials may be sent to the Cress Fund, a multipurpose fund that assists department students and faculty. Send contributions to: UW-L Foundation, P.O. Box 1148, La Crosse, WI, 54602-1148. See a tribute at: http://issuu.com/uw-lacrosse/docs/building_bridges_fall_2013?e=3194111/5274323 page 15.

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