

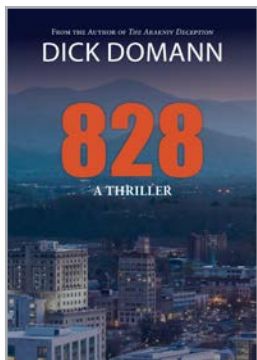


UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-LA CROSSE

# CLASS NOTES

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**Dick Domann** has released his latest novel, "828," a thriller set in Asheville, North Carolina, that unravels mysteries of political corruption and drug-related deaths in the local community. The novel sets the stage for a sequel, which is set to be released later this year.

'85

**Craig Hulce** is an assistant professor of finance at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Hulce was recently recognized with the Phoenix Green Teaching Award for Sustainable Teaching Practices. He has instructed 136

college courses over the past 23 years.

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**David Erdman** retired from his role with the state of Wisconsin in July 2022 and joined Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors in Madison.



Claire Jecklin

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**Claire Jecklin** is the founder and CEO of the New Orleans Career Center. In December, the New Orleans Saints selected Jecklin as its 2024 Inspire Change Changemaker – a distinction NFL teams award to leaders in their local communities each year. The Saints' noted

Jecklin's positive impact as the executive of the New Orleans Career Center and as a highly experienced teacher and school leader. For her efforts, Jecklin received a \$10,000 donation from the NFL Foundation, paid directly to a nonprofit organization of her choice.

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**Andrew Sailer** is the assistant commissioner for External Relations & Marketing for the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference in Burnsville, Minn.

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**Jenny Rhead** is the project and marketing manager for Brown Wood Inc. in Lincolnwood, Illinois. Rhead credits a career fair at UWL for helping her launch her career through an internship with Rockwell Automation in Milwaukee, where she continued to work after graduation and re-

ceived multiple awards. In 2017, she moved to Chicago and began working for Brown Wood Inc. Rhead also runs her own business, Black Cat Bazaar, specializing in greeting cards, wall art, apparel, houseware and more.

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**Abigail (Bishop) Schreiber** is a physical therapist for Prevea Health in Appleton.

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**Kaytee Johns** is the director of career services for Nevada State University.

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**Kennedy Cortes** is a communications associate for the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA) in La Crosse. In her last semester at UWL, Cortes was an intern with the FSPA. She began working as a full-time communications associate in April 2024.

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**Dan Drusch** is an iPhone hardware architect for Apple in Cupertino, Calif.

**Jaison Fishwild** will be attending law school in fall 2025.

**Aaron Barton** is a revenue cycle analyst for Gundersen Tri-State Ambulance in La Crosse. Barton says: "I loved the La Crosse area while in college and was fortunate enough to find a job in my field so I could continue living here!"

**Luke (Klefstad) Schulstad** is a career coach for the Minnesota Department of Revenue in Saint Paul.



# In Remembrance

## Alumni

- 1951 – John Bates, Onalaska  
1956 – Joan Doescher, La Crosse  
1957 – Carmon (Hancock) Deeth, Onalaska  
1958 – Carol (Vanderzee) Bramschreiber, Bangor  
1958 – Allen Klink, Knapp, Wis.  
1959 – Lorraine (Oesterreich) O’Neal, Georgetown, Texas  
1960 – Ted Knudson, Onalaska  
1960 – Rodger Moe, Belleville, Wis.  
1963 – Palmer Skaaland, Viroqua  
1965 – Diana (Davis) Mikkelson, Onalaska  
1965 – Richard Miller, West Salem  
1967 – Bill Gries, Rockville, Md.  
1967 – Larry Pfaff, Saint Paul  
1970 – Gary Hesse, Hudson
- 1971 – Ron Brueggen, Onalaska  
1972 – Al Snyder, Caledonia, Minn.  
1973 – Linda Maas, Stoddard, Wis.  
1973 – Kathryn Ruud, La Crescent  
1973 – David Selbo, Stoughton, Wis.  
1974 – Kay (Newman) Severance, Saint Paul  
1974 – Darlene Stair, Thiensville, Wis.  
1976 – J.T. Palmer, La Crosse  
1979 – Becky (Prieur) Erickson, La Crosse  
1985 – Jerry Halsted, La Crosse  
1991 – Barbara (Vaaler) Mighall, La Crosse  
1997 – Louis Avilia, Carlsbad, Calif.  
1999 – Ginny (Kiefer) Quirin, West Salem



## Faculty & Staff

### Marcella Kay Bergerson

Marcella Kay Bergerson died Feb. 22 at age 78. Bergerson was an administrative assistant at UWL. The Mark E. Bergerson Memorial Scholarship Fund, established in honor of her son, was active from 2003 to 2019.

### Leslie Frank Crocker

Leslie Frank Crocker died Feb. 16 at age 82. Crocker was a professor of art at UWL from 1969 until his retirement in 2001. Passionate about local history and architecture, Crocker authored many books, including, “We’ve Hung the Lantern: A visual History of the First 50 years of UW-La Crosse,” published in 2013.

### Lorraine M. McIlraith

Lorraine M. McIlraith died Dec. 30, 2024, at age 92. McIlraith spent 10 years as the secretary in the Small Business Development Center at UWL and was a longtime member, soloist and board member for the UWL Choral Union.

### James “Jim” Morgan

James “Jim” Morgan died Dec. 16, 2024, at age 88. Morgan spent his year-career at UWL, first as an account, then as a controller and finally as a vice chancellor until his retirement in 1996. While at UWL, Morgan and others were instrumental in bringing the New Orleans Saints football team to La Crosse for spring practices. He enjoyed helping to run the spring training camp for 11 years.

### Mary M. Sage

Mary M. Sage died Jan. 8 at age 77. Sage spent her entire professional career as a secretary and executive assistant at UWL.

### Charles “Charley” Swayne, Jr.

Charles “Charley” Swayne, Jr. died Dec. 28, 2024, at age 80. Swayne taught in the UWL Marketing Department for more than 20 years, retiring in 2003.



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