

# FRIENDS & ALUMNI

## News

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### Athletic Hall of Fame



*Standing (L to R): Mike Perry (Basketball and Tennis, 1981-1982), Andy Kieck (Basketball 2000-2002), Faisal Ahmed-Yahia (Basketball 2000-2002), Joe Stocks (Basketball 2000-2002), Joe Groppi (Basketball 2001-2003), Neal Nelson (Men's Basketball, Golf and Tennis coach 1983 to present), Athletic Director 1996-present), Matt Poytinger (Basketball, Tennis 2000-2002), Joe Allerheiligen (Basketball, Tennis 1999-2001) and Chris Hanson (Basketball 1999-2001). Seated (L to R): Shelly (Flanagan) Schmidt (Basketball 1999-2001), Kelly Maltby Niemyer (Basketball 1998-2000), Jennifer Schweiner (Volleyball 1999-2000), Beckie (Schmidt) Fuller (Volleyball 1998-1999), Charity (Goss) Rudolph (Basketball 1995-1997), Carmen Voelkel Helm (Basketball 1995-1997), Becky (Davison) Johnson (Basketball 1997-1999) and Michelle (Reynolds) Breyne (Basketball 1998-2000). Not present: Tricia Kuenzli (Volleyball, 1994-1995).*

Eighteen athletes were inducted on Saturday, February 7th in the fifth UW-Waukesha Athletic Hall of Fame.

Along with former inductees, members of the 1987-88 State Championship Men's Basketball Team were in attendance as they donated a commemorative banner to hang in the Field House. Alumni in attendance included: Bob Bralich, Chris Becker,

Tom Geszvain, Greg Fohey, Dan Hallman, Shannon Herman, Pat Sutherland, Jeff Torosian and Matt Woda.

After the ceremony held in between the men's and women's games, the group gathered in the Dining Room of the Commons for refreshments. The UW-Waukesha Foundation generously sponsored the event.

### Outstanding Alumna

Barbara Bache-Wiig, who had been plying her profession for some years before she audited her first class at the University of Wisconsin-Waukesha in 1973, was amazed when she received the call informing her she had been selected the school's outstanding alum for 2008. She responded, "I love this place – it's just wonderful!"

Each year, the Friends & Alumni of UWW, Inc., presents the award to an alumna/us with at least 10 years distance from the campus and outstanding personal, professional, or volunteer accomplishments. In Bache-Wiig's case, the distance guideline was waived in favor of duration.

She was presented the award in 2008.

Long before UW-Waukesha opened its doors in 1966, the Minnesota native earned both BS and MS degrees from the



*Barbara Bache-Wiig*

University of Minnesota in speech language pathology with a minor in reading. She also attended the Institute for psychoanalysis in Chicago, where she studied child husband, Bob, took a

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# Alumni Updates

**Kathy (Hagan) Evans** (70-72) lives in Tampa. She added her e-mail to the alumni webpage.

**Beth Jozwiak** (83-85) who was 2006's Outstanding Alumna has a new address in Janesville and has recently been promoted to Associate Professor of History at UW-Rock County.

**Bounnong Khamphoumy** (98-02) lives in Waukesha and was a math tutor here. He graduated from UW-Milwaukee with a B.S. in electrical engineering in December 2005. Currently, he's working as a test engineer for Creation Technologies, an electronics manufacturing company in Oak Creek. He will continue graduate studies at UW-Madison in the fall in electrical engineering. He credits much of his success due to his start at UW-Waukesha.

**Lynn Knight** (70-74) who was 1997's Outstanding Alumna retired from her position as University Relations Director at UW-Waukesha.

**Jessica Kube** (00-02) had received an Associates Degree while here.

**Ericka Loftin** (90-93) lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She's accepted a position as Regional Director of Marketing at Berbeing Company, Inc. based in their Pittsburgh offices.

**Kelly (Maltby) Niemyer** (99-01) lives in Guthrie, OK. She earned an associate's degree and played basketball and volleyball while at UW-Waukesha. She also worked for coach Jack Hervert. She is employed by an oil and gas company, Sullivanland Resources. Her husband is Chad.

**Brittany Necci** (06-08) lives in Elkhorn. She added her e-mail to the alumni webpage.

**Mike Perry** (80-82) lives in Burlington. He played basketball and tennis at UW-Waukesha and also played tennis at UW-Whitewater from 1982-85. He's a physical education teacher at Randall School in Power's Lake. He also coaches bas-

ketball there and baseball and tennis at Wilmot High School. He's been married to Chris for 21 years. He has a son, Brandon, who is a sophomore at UW-LaCrosse majoring in phy ed. He has four stepchildren: Karen Lauri, Deanna and Jim and five grandchildren.

**Ann (Runte) Roob** ( -90) lives in Waukesha. She is married to alumnus, Robert Roob. She received her bachelor's degree from UW-Oshkosh in journalism in 1992. She is a stay-at-home mom and Robert is a computer consultant. They have three sons: Tyler (6), Ryan (4) and Parker (2).

**Michael Runter** ( -02) lives in Brownsville. He is married to Amy and they have two sons: Gage (2) and Cole (4 months).

**Matthew Schuster** (03-05) lives in Menomonee Falls. He added his e-mail to the alumni webpage.

**Jennifer Schweiner** ( - ) lives in West Allis. She received a bachelor's degree in Community Health and Education from UW-LaCrosse. She is a Fitness Consultant for Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corporation (MGIC) managing the fitness center, teaching group exercise classes, putting incentive programs and doing personal training.

**Joel Setchell** (92-94) lives in Advance, North Carolina. He added his e-mail to the alumni webpage.

## Death

**Aline M. Garcia Lopez** (75-78) who was named an Outstanding Alumna in 1988 died on April 26. She had received degrees from Carroll College in psychology, sociology, Spanish and social work. She was a board member and founder of Guadalupana and also the founder for the Augustinian Society. She was involved in bilingual education in Waukesha and was the first director of La Casa de Esperanza.

# Reunions

by Janet Brown

A couple of years ago UW-Waukesha was in jeopardy and several of us started making phone calls to ask former students to contact the Governor to veto that line in the legislation. At that time, I realized that the alumni organization at UW-Waukesha could involve more former students. With that in mind the UW-Waukesha *Friends and Alumni* set out to hold events for alumni by interest group.

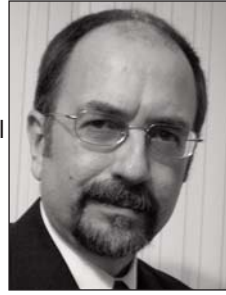
The first event was a reunion for math tutors from the Learning Lab/Study Center held on campus on June 14. Thanks to planning advice from **Arunsankar (Sankar) Ravichandandro, Pete Tomet and Chris White**. The event was held with an informal picnic and conversation. Alumni who attended included Pete and Chris as well as **Nancy Amidzich, Randy Binner, Jacob Bowen, Julianne Carlisle, Sankar Carlos Garcia, John Haas, Steve and Kathy Mundschau, Cheri and Jim Schober, Vince de la Paz and Mary Winze**. Others attending included: **Sarah Connor, Melissa Freiberg, Jolene Hansen, Marjorie Kreienbrink, Lynn and John Knight, Mike Morton, Vicki Paaske and myself**. As each person shared something of their careers and lives, it became clear that the former students were grateful to UW Waukesha for the good start they had in their academic lives and careers. Career paths included fields in computer programming, engineering, library science, teaching and pharmacy. One of the former tutors designed systems that are used on Airforce One.

The math people had such a good time that several suggested a picnic at the Field Station – several had never been there. **Steve and Kathy Mundschau** who met when Steve tutored Kathy in calculus had a major role in planning the event and in providing barbecue. The event included lunch and a guided tour in between rain drops of the Field Station thanks to **Marlin**

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# Dean's Column

by Patrick Schmitt



I was working in my office one morning, checking my e-mail and thinking about writing this column, when a man in a trench coat and a suit and tie walked in.

"Can I help you?"

He smiled. "No, I was just passing by. Hadn't been here in a few years, wanted to see what the place looked like now."

I don't know that I would have chosen a sub-zero morning to make a casual stop somewhere. "Were you a student here?"

"Oh yes. Spent two years here, went to Madison. This place really helped me."

"That's what we do."

"You don't have to tell me. Can you still get into Madison from here? I know it's a lot harder than in my day."

"Guaranteed transfer. That's our mission. Affordability, academic support, spend two years here and you can go pretty much anywhere in the System."

He nodded. "I have a daughter, she's a junior in high school now...."

"Bring her by for Campus Preview. Have her meet the faculty. She'll see who we are, and what we do."

We talked a little more, and he left soon thereafter.

And this chance encounter made me think: he's what we do. He's a successful professional today. This school—my school, your school, our school—gave him the opportunity he needed, the helping hand, the leg up. It's the opportunity we're still providing today, to your students, to every Wisconsin student, with the help of the taxpayers of the County and the State, who understand that supporting education is not charity—it's making opportunity.

We open the door to the world; we make the Wisconsin Idea a reality; we bring the University to the city, to the county, and to all the students who need us. We are UW. We are Waukesha.

## Bache-Wiig Continued

tion with WCTC and the Women's Health Center at Waukesha Memorial Hospital. Several UW-Waukesha faculty made guest presentations at her Insights programs.

A recommendation from a friend, Maxine Leenhouts, brought her to the fledgling UW campus on the hill, where she indulged herself. "It's a luxury. I'm taking classes for fun!" she explained, as wide-eyed students listened to her answer professors' first-day inquiries. For more than 30 years, she's been enrolling in classes – some credit, some audit, some continuing education, but all enthusiastically. Most have been in English, art, music, psychology and women's studies.

Her studies led to a new career – as a poet. A group of returning learners enrolled in **Phil Zweifel's** continuing education workshop on writing poetry in 1997 formed "The Poetry People," so dubbed by Bache-Wiig and Bonita Engen. Even now, the dozen or more poets participate each semester, practicing their skills and maintaining ties. They also do readings at local venues, including the campus. One of Bache-Wiig's poems in which she describes the beauty of May appears in this year's UW-Waukesha student literary publication, *The Windy Hill Review*.

Several professors she fondly recalls as particularly influential include **Bob Calhoun**, who taught English, and **John Knight**, who taught philosophy, both of Waukesha; and **Jane Ewens**, North Lake, and **Bob Bermant**, Hartland, both who taught psychology. None was more so, though, than Phil Zweifel, Waukesha, an associate professor of English and now associate dean of the campus. "He is bright, kind, and insightful, as he creates a warm, alert ambience that works well for all of us," she says, remembering how he allowed her leeway to regain her voice after she had suffered a stroke.

Bache-Wiig, who has gained computer skills through the patient tutoring of UW-Waukesha's computer center guru, **David Weber**, also appreciates "the amazing help from the campus librarians." She considers UW-Waukesha "a great place – a jewel in a friendly setting," she says.

This perpetual student may never distance herself from the campus, but she is outstanding in so many ways!

## Bache-Wiig Continued

position with the Falk Corporation in 1948. At first, Bache-Wiig sought employment with Milwaukee Public Schools but was rejected "because I was a married woman." The Milwaukee State Teachers College (later to become the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), where she also took courses, held no such prejudice and hired her to work part time in the reading clinic and part time in the speech clinic. As a Waukesha resident, however, she soon found it more convenient to practice closer to home.

Since she and her husband adopted three of their four children, she had gone through the administrative and emotional ordeal and thus discovered an educational need in the local community. In 1965, she founded a program, Adoption Insights, through the YWCA and the Mental Health Association. Waukesha Area Technical College (WCTC) later took over the program. Through her work with it, however, she discovered another unmet need, and she started another program, Infertility Insights, in conjunc-



Reunion at the Field Station. Marlin Johnson foreground.

## Reunions Continued

**Johnson.** Several former students who had not been able to attend the first event made it to the picnic.

**Jeanne Glowacki**, who was actually a psychology tutor came along with her mom, Kathleen Mundschaue.

**Sue and Daryl Castona** came from Madison. They met when Sue tutored Daryl. Who knew that math tutoring would lead to marriage?

Coffee with the Dean was organized in the summer and held in the library.

The most recent event was an evening reunion event for English/Writing tutors and faculty/staff which was held in the Commons on October 23. Those who attended were **Velma Powers**, who gets the award for the longest drive since she lives in Illinois. Other alumni include: **Ginny Burr, Carrie (Kunz) Gammon, Marie Loeffler, Kay Maedke**, and **Maria Winter**. Others who came were: **Bob Calhoun, Sarah Connor, Jolene**

**Hansen** and myself. Since leaving UW-Waukesha, all have gone on to earn degrees and develop careers. The careers range from book store owner, to College advising, to fine arts coordinating, to owner of a landscape service.

Several of those who attended suggested that the next event should be a pot luck picnic at the Field Station during the time that the outdoor kiln is fired so they can witness first-hand how the process works. April weather is iffy – but the Gertrude Sherman building provides shelter should the weather prove a problem.

Notice of the event will go out by e-mail during the spring semester. If you want to be included in the mailing e-mail [janet.brown@uwc.edu](mailto:janet.brown@uwc.edu) or contact Marketing and Communications. Make sure to put "Friends and Alumni" in the subject line.

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