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## Adult Student Accepted in Prestigious PhD Program

Biochemistry major Craig Cross will be graduating in a couple weeks, but he won't be leaving the research lab anytime soon. Cross is an adult student who came to UW-Whitewater after attending Mesa Community College in Arizona. Cross considered Arizona State, but chose UWW because he wanted to be closer to his hometown of Elkhorn. "I honestly love the vibe and experience at Whitewater, and am really happy that I chose it over a much larger campus like Arizona State," Cross said. "The small classes and personal relationships with the professors are something I never would have been able to obtain at a larger university."

However, Cross will be moving on to a larger university soon. He was recently accepted into UW-Madison's [Integrated Program in Biochemistry](#) (IPiB). Cross, a recipient of the 2016 Outstanding Adult Student award, was accepted into the competitive program and will receive a stipend for his work. "I love the research that I've done as an undergrad at UWW and hoped to continue, but financially it didn't make sense until I learned of the stipend," Cross recalls. After completing his doctoral work, he plans to stay in academia and have an opportunity to run his own research lab. His dream is to eventually win a Nobel Prize for his research. Craig's determination sets a great example for students studying biochemistry and for all adult students, and UW-Whitewater wishes him well in his new program.



Craig Cross

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## Campus Gardens and Landscape Tours Return This Summer

Continuing Education is pleased to offer garden and landscape tours again this summer. Three different tours will be offered seven times beginning in June and lasting through August. The prairie and nature preserve will be the highlight of tours in June, July and August. Native plants peak at various times throughout the summer, so each tour will be a unique experience depending on what is blooming. Several campus flower gardens will be the highlight of tours in July and August. Annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees will be the focus of these tours, and sustainability practices will be shared with participants. Finally, the campus vegetable garden and Upham Greenhouse will be available for tours in August. Participants can learn about the garden that produces hundreds of pounds of produce for the local food pantry.

All tours are free, but registration is required. Registration opens two weeks before each tour. Visit our [website](#) for more information and to register.



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## Save the Date: Veteran Education Fair

UW-Whitewater is sponsoring a [higher education fair](#) for veterans and military family members on campus on Monday, June 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The goal of the fair is to help attendees navigate the many pieces of the higher education puzzle unique to veterans.

The event will be held at the James R. Connor University Center and feature onsite benefits applications, free career interest inventories, jobs outlook information, advising, free financial planning applications, and admissions application support for UW-Whitewater, UW-Rock County, and Blackhawk Technical College. Free parking is available at the Visitor Center at 826 Starin Road. The fair will also feature FREE food, music and prizes.

For more information about the fair, contact Lauren Smith at [smithlb@uww.edu](mailto:smithlb@uww.edu). Please help [spread the word](#) to veteran and military families!



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## Beer Matters. Learn Why in Continuing Education's MOOC

Historians can trace the beer and brewing back to prehistoric times. Societies from across the globe and throughout time have engaged in brewing and beer continues to make an impact on our culture today. We will explore why beer matters in UW-Whitewater's first Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) this fall. This noncredit class will be offered online - no previous experience in online classes or college level coursework is required. Anyone over 21 is welcome to register for the course, watch video lectures, complete readings, and participate in discussions at their own pace. Online classes are complemented by optional meet-ups at area breweries. Karl Brown (History) has been developing the MOOC and is looking forward to offering this enrichment course for anyone interested in the state's unofficial adult beverage.

Registration for the MOOC begins this summer. Click [here](#) to join the mailing list for Beer Matters.



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## New Camps Offered this Summer

[Continuing Education Services](#) announces two new camps to its lineup of more than 60 summer camps. The [Game Development](#) camp is designed for high school students and will give participants an opportunity to work on programming and the creation and manipulation of art and sound assets. Led by professors A. Bill Miller, Nick Hwang, and Jeff Herriott ([Media Arts and Game Development](#)), the camp will culminate with a showcase of participant-produced games on the last day.

UW-Whitewater [Golf Clinics](#) will take place at the Oak Ridge Golf Course/Bonny Meade Links in Milton and are open to boys and girls ages 8 to 18. Three different clinics will be held from June 19 through June 21 and will be UW-Whitewater's Head and Assistant Women's Golf Coaches, Andrea Wieland and Jeff Schmidt, and Golf Professional Kirk Wieland.

Continuing Education Services hosts over 5,000 campers each summer in athletic, music, and academic camps and programs. A full list of camps offered can be found [here](#).



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## Welcome New Staff: Pauline Peyer

We are pleased to welcome Pauline Peyer to the Graduate Studies and Continuing Education team! Pauline is a native of the Palmyra/Whitewater area and has recently returned to the area after working more than 30 years in Madison where she performed various technical jobs (electronic drafting, technical writing, insurance sales, and graphic design). Pauline is a 2007 graduate of UW-Whitewater with a BBA in Marketing and Journalism (Advertising Emphasis). In addition, she received an Associate Degree in Applied Arts (Graphic Design) from Madison College in 2003. Pauline began working for UW-Whitewater in January as an assistant and student status examiner for the Adult Student Outreach unit. Welcome, Pauline!



**Upcoming Events**

- Continuing Education co-hosting presentations at local libraries: "[Taking the Leap: Wheelchair Dance](#)" with Barbara Grubel (Dance) on May 9 at Hedberg Public Library in Janesville and "[Picking a President: Alternatives to the Electoral College](#)" with Eric Loepp (Political Science) on May 15 at the Sun Prairie Public Library.
- Kids and their grandparents learn together this summer at [Grandchildren's University](#), June 24 and 25.
- Technology - It's a girl thing! [CyberGirly Camp](#), July 18 and 19.
- Visit our [website](#) for more!

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