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Announcing New Partnership with Tribal College

Thanks to a new articulation agreement between UW-Whitewater and [Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College](#) (LCOOCC) in Hayward, more students will be on the path to completing a teaching degree. The agreement allows students to enroll more easily in the UW-Whitewater [ECE4U](#) program towards a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education for dual licensure in early childhood education and early childhood special education. It ensures that credits taken at LCOOCC seamlessly transfer to UW-Whitewater. The program clarifies and widens the path for students seeking a bachelor's degree, and offers significant economic and professional advantages.



Lucy Heimer

"A bachelor's degree means the difference between working as an assistant and a lead teacher. That affects everything from benefits and salary to curriculum planning," said Lucy Heimer (Curriculum and Instruction). "Through this partnership, we are able to offer a culturally responsive and relevant curriculum that meets the need of educators in this part of Wisconsin."

UW-Whitewater received \$50,000 in grants from the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families to fund this innovative program, which combines early childhood education and special education classes and opportunities for licensure. Funding through the grant will allow for the creation of a hybrid ECE4U online program to more closely meet the needs of students in the LCO Ojibwa community.

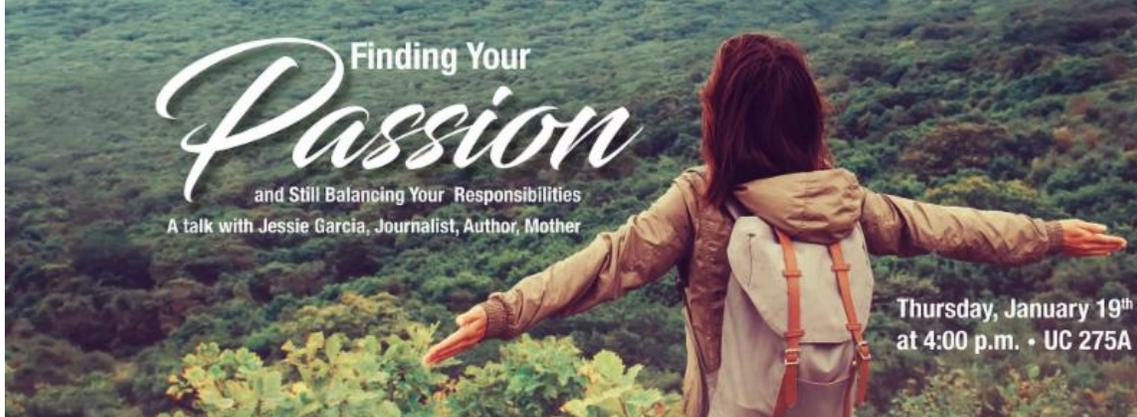


Anne Tillett

"Most Lac Courte Oreilles students have strong local ties and simply cannot move to southern Wisconsin to earn their bachelor's degree," said Anne Tillett, ECE4U program coordinator. "Many students are working and can't leave their jobs, or they have families to support. So, we decided to bring the program to them via hybrid delivery." This collaborative work has the potential to impact two seemingly different communities in powerful ways.

Start the New Year, New Semester with Balance

Do you balance many roles in life? Are you faced with fulfilling your obligations at work or school, while meeting your responsibilities with family and community? Jessie Garcia, well-known sports journalist in Wisconsin, will be leading a presentation on "[Finding Your Passion and Still Balancing Your Responsibilities](#)" on Thursday, January 19 at 4:00 in room 275A in the University Center. Let's get together and talk about life's challenges and rewards while wearing many hats. Jessie will share her own life experiences and having you laughing and nodding along as she tells her stories.



Jessie Garcia has been in television reporting for 23 years, breaking new ground as Wisconsin's first female sports anchor. She hosted "The Mike Holmgren Show" and "The Mike McCarthy Show" and served as the sideline reporter for the Green Bay Packers. She has also published three books and teaches journalism at UW-Milwaukee and is the mother of two teenagers.

This event is free and open to all students, faculty, staff and community members. People who balance many roles (employee, student, parent, caretaker) are especially encouraged to attend. Ms. Garcia's book, *My Life with the Green & Gold*, will be available for purchase and signing at this event.



Jessie Garcia, Speaker

The Wisconsin Idea: Whitewater, Wisconsin, and Beyond



The Wisconsin Idea is a unique and long-standing principle of the University of Wisconsin System, a tradition of community engagement that guides our work beyond the boundaries of our campus and the promise that the university makes to the state to improve the lives of all Wisconsin residents. You have heard this phrase before -- but how is the Wisconsin Idea practiced at UW-Whitewater?

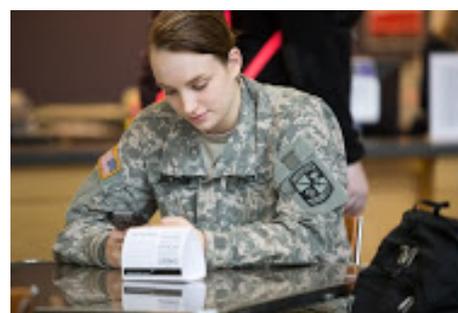
The spring [Fairhaven Lecture Series](#) will explore how UW-Whitewater faculty and students share their expertise and resources with citizens and communities in the region, state and world. Faculty will talk about their programs that are making an impact in health care, education, the economy,

and public history, and more. Join us to see how we are making that happen in Whitewater, in Wisconsin, and beyond.

All lectures in the Fairhaven Lecture Series are free and open to the public, and held in Fellowship Hall at [Fairhaven Senior Services](#). Staff and students are encouraged to attend Mondays at 3:00 p.m.

Free Financial Planning for Student Veterans

A new program designed for student veterans will provide one-on-one financial planning to help alleviate the stress of money management that many people face. This program will help create a plan for veterans' future finances through looking at their current finances and predicting the most beneficial plan for them. Initially, the program will be available for UW-Whitewater student veterans, with plans to expand the program to local veterans and service members in the future.



Typically financial planning costs \$500-\$5,000, but thanks to a grant, the planning in this program will be offered to student veterans for free. All of the

financial planners, including some UW-W alumni, will be volunteers.

Garrett Smith (Finance and Business Law), indicates that it is important for student veterans to have access to this kind of financial planning. "Getting assistance now will get the information to avoid bigger mistakes," Smith says. Financial planning will help prepare for debt management because saving a little money now can help in the future.

If you are interested and qualified to participate, contact Lauren Smith (smithlb@uww.edu) for more information.

Upcoming Events

- The public is invited to see talented young singers perform. Join us at the [Voice Day Public Recital, Saturday, February 4](#)
- Learn more about Digital & Social Media Marketing at workshops for [Small Business & Entrepreneurs \(Friday, February 17\)](#) and [Non-Profit and Government Organizations \(Friday, March 3\)](#)
- Spring is right around the corner! Learn how to get your garden ready at our [Spring Gardening Workshops, Saturday, February 18 \(Pruning\) and Saturday, March 4 \(Weeds\)](#)
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