

JOAN SCHRANK

Located on the fourth floor of Hyer Hall, Joan is situated in the Vice Chancellor-Provost Office area. She has been working there since March of 2004. Joan's employment with the State of Wisconsin began in 1978 at Southern Wisconsin Center in Union Grove. She transferred to UW-Milwaukee and served as Secretary to the Controller for twelve years, followed by a shorter period of time as a Dean's Assistant. In July of 1994 she transferred to UW-Whitewater and began her employment on this campus in Financial Services, where she worked until she moved to the Vice Chancellor-Provost Office.

Joan commutes from Rochester, which is located in Racine County not far from Waterford. She has two adult children.

Her interests outside of work cover most activities that are outdoors. She loves to go horseback riding, and enjoys taking her horses camping and trail riding. If there is hiking or cross country skiing available, she is eager to hit the trails. She likes to read and has fun participating in book clubs. Joan is also involved in volunteer activities at her church and the Waterford FFA.

Job duties for Joan are varied since she works with a number of individuals on campus. Her primary duties are to provide support to the Associate Vice Chancellor and the Provost.

Joan is a people-person and truly enjoys being around all types of individuals and working with them. She especially likes assisting the undergrad research students – ordering supplies, etc. Her job provides her many opportunities to interact with faculty, staff and students. What does she like most about UW-Whitewater: "Definitely, the people," she says with a smile, and the quaintness of the campus – particularly the size" (as compared to UW-Milwaukee).

We asked her what she thinks about some of the latest changes on campus. She thought about that for a few moments and then noted that the grounds crew does a phenomenal job with the campus grounds and landscaping. "The two hardscapes by Hyland and the University Center are very nice."

Given a chance to make any changes, would she? That was a tougher question but Joan feels that it would be nice to have outside vendors come back on campus (like Hardees, etc.) to have some other food options available for the campus community.