

JODY MARQUARDT

The years seem to slip by unnoticed, except that Jody can provide a pretty thorough account of the events that have shaped her life over the years she has been at UW-Whitewater. She is approaching twenty-nine years on campus and she feels that the experience she has acquired in those years has created a number of opportunities for her. Fresh out of Madison Business College, followed by a very short-term job in that city, she arrived at UWW in November 1980, to begin work in what was then the Placement Office. The commute was more to her liking and so was the campus. Jody worked a year in Placement and then had an opportunity to advance by accepting a position in the Marketing Department in 1981. She stayed in that department for a few years and then worked briefly in Financial Aid. Another opportunity presented itself when a position opened up to work with the Assistant Dean in the College of Business, Dr. Ed Thele. Her work experience allowed her to move on to a position in the Registrar's Office, and that ultimately led to her current position in the College of Letters & Sciences.

Scot, Jody's husband, works as a foreman for 5 Alarm Fire & Safety Equipment. He is also a paid on-call fire fighter and rescue worker. They have two children. Their daughter, Jennifer, is 25 and is a travel consultant for Travel Leaders, which takes her all over the world. She is married, and her husband, Brandon, is currently attending school for radiology. Jody's son, Michael is 23 and is living with Jody and Scot. At age 12, Michael was diagnosed with Friedreichs Ataxia (a neuromuscular disease related to muscular dystrophy). By age 14, he was confined to a wheelchair. He has adapted to his situation, but has a dream of living on his own in Madison. Not one to burst anyone else's bubble, Jody leaves that dream in the hands of a higher authority. She and Scot are hopeful that stem cell research may one day vastly improve in Michael's situation. Rounding out the family is Connie, a 10-year-old golden retriever and Madison, a three-year-old black cat that Michael rescued.

Jody's interests outside of work are creative cooking, enjoying the outdoors (especially camping), and traveling. She says she loves to cook and, on any given day, family or friends stop by at mealtime. She is always happy to provide a good meal. When traveling, she and Scot have a preference for destinations with beach access. For a number of years, they enjoyed vacationing at Melbourne Beach, Florida. Lately, they have found a new favorite place – Zihuatanejo, Mexico (a little fishing village a couple of hundred miles north of Acapulco).

A Student Status Examiner Senior, Jody is one of only four individuals with that status on campus. Her duties incorporate graduation records, evaluating student records and advising students about their graduation status. Jody is also responsible for the hiring and supervision of all student employees for the Dean's offices. She assists Dr. Elizabeth Hachten, the Assistant Dean in L&S, with advising and various projects. Jody's duties involve a great deal of computer work and verification of records, but she finds it very rewarding – helping to find answers for the students and faculty.

What does she like about UWW? She likes the smaller campus and the support she receives from faculty and staff. She lives in Fort Atkinson and is happy to have a short commute. Construction forced the move to White Hall, where she is delighted to have her own office. "I can grow plants here!" she exclaims with a grin. As for campus changes, she sympathizes with the disabled students who sometimes have difficulty navigating their way around the construction, and she hated to watch the trees taken down. But she sees great improvements with Upham Hall, Hyland Hall and the residence suites. "When it's all done, it will be great!"