

JULIE MARINO

The Art Department seems to be a great fit for Julie. The morning we interviewed her, we found ourselves on the second floor of the CA, taking a couple of moments to peer into the Atrium at the pottery and jewelry sale in progress below us. And that is precisely one of the things that Julie enjoys about working in the Center of the Arts – the multitude of activities that occur on a regular basis. Julie has been working in the Art Department since 1999. She started working at UWW in 1993, holding various positions in FP&M, the Ticket Center, CSD and the McNair Program.

Spend a little time talking to Julie and you will quickly learn that the number one priority in her life is her family. “My husband, Joe, is the absolute love of my life and I feel so lucky to have such a wonderful husband and father to our kids”. Joe is a test engineer at SPX Corporation in Delavan. Together, Julie and Joe work to blend their extended family into a close-knit group.

Her daughter, Melissa, is 22 and enrolled in a nursing program at Gateway Tech. Son, Brad, is 16 and attends Whitewater High School. He has been very active in sports (football, basketball, baseball), and in FFA. It warms her heart to confide that he spent much of his summer transporting a neighbor to chemotherapy. Two stepdaughters, Meghan and Michelle, round out the family. Meghan will be 18 in March and has already been accepted to both UW-Whitewater and UW-Oshkosh. She will soon have to decide which school she will attend. Michelle is 15 and is a very sports-minded young lady. Julie also shared that she had a daughter, Tiffany, who died of SIDS at 2 ½ months. She would have been 18 last October and Julie says that not a day goes by that they don’t think of her.

Not to be left out of this group are Kady, a 12-year-old golden lab, and three cats – Blitz, Kobe and Shaq (are you beginning to detect a slight sports emphasis in this family?). Julie confirms this when she mentions that the family likes to spend time together, sledding and snowmobiling. They also enjoy camping and playing cards. Personally, she likes to sew and had her own business called “Truly Julie Crafts”.

What Julie likes most about her job are the benefits, and the respect she receives from faculty and staff in her department. She really appreciates that respect and is happy to be part of the team. Regarding UWW as a whole, she says the campus is a nice size. It’s small enough to maneuver (barring the construction) and large enough to have options, such as transferring, etc. When asked about all of the recent changes on campus, Julie readily admits that the construction can be very frustrating at times, particularly when trying to get across campus. She is content to stay close to her workplace.