

## KIM MARINO

High on the fifth floor of Carlson, you will find Kim basking in the sun in her office. The fact that she is located in the southeast corner of the building is one of the perks she enjoys while working for the Finance and Business Law Department. She will put in twenty-one years at UW-Whitewater this coming August and she has thoroughly enjoyed the time she has been on campus. One of the benefits of working on campus is that it has allowed Kim to pursue and achieve her education goals. She was able to complete her BBA in 1992 and completed her MBA in Finance in 2002.

Kim has two daughters who share her life. Her oldest, Meghan, is 18 and is considering starting her post-secondary education at UW-Whitewater. She is currently thinking about pursuing a career in accounting or engineering. Kim is proud of the fact that Meghan is a salutatorian for her graduating class. Younger daughter, Michelle, is 15 and is preparing to get her driver's license, always a milestone in the life of a teenager. Both girls play softball and Kim enjoys following their games. She also likes to read, bike, fish and camp. Outdoor activities are high on her list of things to do outside of the office.

What Kim likes most about her job is the faculty. She says they are like a second family to her and she has fun working with them. Many of them have children around the same ages as her daughters and they have gotten to know each other and hang out together. She also likes the fact that she is allowed to try new things in her work and is given the opportunity to take charge of projects.

Regarding UWW, as a whole, Kim points out that UW-Whitewater has a great reputation in the system and it gets stronger every year. She feels that Whitewater is no longer in the shadow of UW-Madison, but shines as a great institution on its own. She believes UWW is a beautiful campus and, despite being a smaller campus, it has a great deal to offer.

Kim thinks the recent changes on campus have been very good, noting that the newly remodeled University Center now has much more to offer students. She likes the fact that the campus is still small enough for walking to classes and for getting around to activities in various buildings. She will soon be experiencing changes on campus first-hand, when she moves into the new College of Business & Economics building – Hyland Hall – in 2009. She is definitely excited about the move, saying that this one will be a big change for her. She was recently part of a hard hat tour and was impressed with the construction already completed on the building. “It is going to be something new and it will be exciting.” She smiles. It is one change she is definitely looking forward to and she is proud to be a part of the College of Business and Economics.