

MARGARET O'LEARY

A long time member of the UWW campus, Margaret (Marge) has worked in Career Services for 23 years. She enjoys the variety of work that her job has provided her over the years. Marge is a staunch believer in what Career Services stands for – assisting people in all walks of life, from freshmen just starting their college careers to the returning adult student. She finds a lot of satisfaction working with students, faculty and employer clientele.

Marge is a family-oriented person – family playing a considerable role in her life. Her husband, Dennis, is a steel worker in East Troy. They have two children, Todd and Amy, who both graduated from UW-Whitewater. Todd is employed as a sales representative for Midwest Airlines. Amy is an assistant manager at Kohl's, working in their corporate office in Menomonee Falls. Bonnie, their 16-year-old cat, completes the family.

At home, Marge likes to immerse herself in art and photography. She also loves baking, especially pies. Gardening is a passion and she maintains a good-sized garden with flowers, vegetables and fruits. She has tomatoes, raspberries, strawberries and rhubarb in her garden -- all items that she can preserve and keep on hand for when she wants to fire up her oven and start baking.

Marge likes the friendliness and navigability of the UW-Whitewater campus (excluding the construction currently taking place). She also appreciates what the grounds crew has done to beautify the campus, pointing out the many flowers and trees that have been planted over the years.

She is looking forward to being in the newly-remodeled University Center when Career Services moves there in January. Career Services will then be merged with Leadership Development and the new office title will be Career & Leadership Development. Marge believes that the new building will be advantageous to the employers when they interview students. They will be close to the food venues and experience a warm, friendly atmosphere.

Meanwhile, she is busy helping to pack up for the move and has discovered many items from years gone by. Some of those items will be packed for the move. Others must be discarded or sent to surplus. Marge remains upbeat about the situation, stating simply, "You carry the memories with you!"