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Rahenya Anderson is a distinguished University of Wisconsin–Whitewater alumna whose leadership, creativity, and commitment to community have left a lasting impact. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Sociology with a minor in Biology in 2022 and was recognized as a Ronald E. McNair Scholar and recipient of the 2021 Sociology Outstanding Junior Award. During her time at UW–Whitewater, Rahenya served as President of the Black Student Union and contributed to several university committees, including the Segregated University Fee Allocation Committee, the College of Letters and Science Dean's Advisory Council, and the University Curriculum Committee. She also helped organize important campus advocacy efforts, including the university's first Unity March protest and student leadership work connected to the renaming of Starrin Hall to Rodger Pulliam Hall.

One of Rahenya's most lasting contributions was founding Sevyn Fashion Modeling Troupe in 2021. Through this student-led organization, she created a space focused on fashion, design, art, wellness, confidence, and community connection. The troupe continues to have a meaningful presence in the Whitewater community. Since graduating, Rahenya has continued her commitment to education and service in Atlanta, Georgia, where she works as a Special Education teacher with Atlanta Public Schools. She also serves as Head Middle School Cheerleading Coach at Michael R. Hollis Innovation Academy and has supported student success as a Math Tutor with Georgia State's After School All-Stars Program. Rahenya's journey reflects scholarship, leadership, creativity, and service, leaving a legacy of purpose-driven leadership and community impact.

Rahenya Anderson

GLOSSARY BY LAST NAME



A dedicated community leader and educator, Miguel Aranda serves as the Associate Director of PreCollege Programs at UW–Whitewater, where he also advises the newly formed student organization, the Association of Latino Professionals for America. Miguel holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in International Business with a minor in Economics, earned in 2013, and a Master of Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance, completed in May 2022. Beyond his work in higher education, Miguel is deeply engaged in civic service. He currently serves as Vice President of the Whitewater Unified School District and remains actively involved with the League of Women Voters, Kiwanis, the Immigrant Support Coalition, Voto Latino, and FWD.us. Building on his extensive background in education, advocacy, and governance, Miguel Aranda is currently a candidate for Wisconsin's First Congressional District.

Miguel Aranda



Dr. Cecil Austin is a distinguished UW–Whitewater alumnus, educator, musician, and NAIA All-American athlete whose achievements reflect excellence in leadership, scholarship, and service. A 1963 graduate of Boys' Technical High School in Milwaukee, he received the Most Valuable Athlete Award, Civic Music Award, and Alumni Award for Outstanding Graduating Senior. At UW–Whitewater, Dr. Austin was deeply involved on campus. He served as president of his freshman class, drum major of the Warhawk Marching Band, president of the Men's Chorus, and was a member of Phi Mu Alpha, a professional music fraternity. He graduated with two degrees in music education while also excelling as a wrestler. As a Warhawk athlete, Dr. Austin earned four varsity letters in wrestling and finished his career with a 49-15-1 record. He was undefeated in conference competition as both a junior and senior, selected to the NAIA All-District 14 team for three years, and became an NAIA All-American in 1967 after placing third at the national tournament. Dr. Austin went on to earn advanced degrees from UW–Milwaukee and the University of Minnesota, including a PhD in educational psychology and urban education. His career included teaching at several universities, supporting youth and mental health initiatives, coaching wrestling, training Special Olympics ski instructors, and serving as Assistant Principal of Vincent High School in Milwaukee.

Cecil Austin



Coming to Whitewater from Washington High School in Washington, Pennsylvania, Richie Barnes became a three-time letter winner in football. He was a three year starter at linebacker and played for the school's Wisconsin State University conference championship team of 1974. He was a complete linebacker with great lateral pursuit from side line to side line and with excellent hand tackling. Barnes became a three time all-WSUC selection and earned National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics First Team all-District 14 and Honorable Mention all-American honors in 1974. Since he graduated in 1977, he has been active on the campus in helping student-athletes adjust to university life. He is employed as a counselor at both Ethan Allen School for Boys in Wales and Lad Lake Counseling Center in Dousman. Elected to the Hall of Fame in 1992.

Richard T Barnes



Fulton "Trey" Bell competed for the UW-Whitewater football team in 1999 and from 2002-04. The Racine, Wis., native played on back-to-back 7-3 teams in 2003 and 2004 that helped catapult the program to its nationally-competitive level. A defensive back and kick/punt returner, Bell earned first team All-America honors from the American Football Coaches Association and third team honors from D3football.com in 2004 after totaling 34 tackles, four interceptions, nine pass breakups and two fumble recoveries defensively and more than 200 yards in the return game. He was named the team's Co-Most Valuable Player that same year. A two-time All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection, Bell finished his career with 121 tackles, 12 interceptions and five fumble recoveries, and was the first player in WIAC history to play in an All-Star Game primarily featuring prospects from major Division I programs. A projected NFL Draft pick before suffering an Achilles injury, Bell played professionally for four years in the Arena Football League. He graduated with a bachelor's in physical education in 2018.

Fulton Trey Bell



Antwanette Bounds received her Bachelor of Arts degree from UW–Whitewater in Spring 2018. While attending UW–Whitewater, she was actively involved in many organizations and programs, including the Black Student Union, TIFU Cultural Ensemble, Career and Leadership Development, Latinos Unidos, Student Activities Office, Greek Life, Warhawk Connection Center, Sister to Sister, Gospel Choir, McNair Scholars Program, Pride Center, Ignite, Precollege Programs, and French Club. She also had the honor of being initiated into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. through the Lambda Alpha Chapter. After earning her degree, Antwanette began her career as an educator with Milwaukee College Prep, where she worked for seven years with seventh and eighth grade students. She currently serves as the 10th grade Geometry teacher at Dr. Howard Fuller Collegiate Academy in Milwaukee.

Antwanette Bounds



Christian Bravermen is an active member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., having been initiated in Spring 2017. He has served as Secretary (May 2018–Present) and Treasurer (Feb 2017–May 2018) of the Zeta Iota Chapter. On campus, he has contributed as Treasurer for the Black Student Union (Sept–Dec 2016) and the Law Society (May–Dec 2016), and served on the Homecoming Steering Committee in Fall 2016. His leadership reflects a strong commitment to service, organization, and campus engagement. Mr Bravermen in his time at the university has appeared on the deans list 3 times.

Chris Bravermen



Kyree Brooks is a proud University of Wisconsin–Whitewater alumnus who graduated in 2017 with a major in Physical Education and an emphasis in Human Health and Performance Recreation. During his time on campus, Kyree was deeply involved in student leadership and service, remaining committed to building community, representation, and student engagement. He served as Vice President of the Black Student Union, where he worked to support and advocate for BIPOC students, while also taking on visible leadership roles as a Hawk Squad Leader and Warhawk Ambassador. Kyree's dedication to UW–Whitewater extended beyond student organizations. He was honored with induction into the Greek Hall of Fame and received the Reuben Klumb Senior Award, recognizing his leadership, service, and academic achievement. In addition, Kyree worked as a student registrar, gaining valuable professional experience while supporting the university's operations. These experiences helped shape his passion for leadership, equity, and service—values that continue to guide his personal and professional journey as an Assistant Principal at Milwaukee Academy of Science High School.

Kyree Brooks



Leonard Brox is honored to be selected for the UW–Whitewater Hall of Fame, recognizing his journey of leadership, service, and community. He graduated from UW–Whitewater in Spring 2019 with a major in Liberal Studies and a minor in Information Technology.

During his time on campus, Leonard found some of his most meaningful experiences through involvement and service. He joined Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Zeta Iota Chapter, in December 2015, where he served as Secretary and later President. These roles helped him develop responsibility, time management, and a leadership style grounded in humility and purpose. Leonard was also involved with the Homecoming Steering Committee and served as co-host of the talent show, helping create spaces where students felt included and celebrated. He also served as the Greek Intern and was named Greek Man of the Year in 2019, an honor that reflected the relationships and community that shaped his growth at UW–Whitewater.

Since graduating, Leonard spent seven years as Store Manager for the Nike Clearance Store in Johnson Creek, Wisconsin, where he developed people, led teams, and demonstrated consistency. He now serves as a Special Education Teacher at Milwaukee College Prep – Lloyd Street Campus. Leonard remains connected to UW–Whitewater through alumni, mentors, and the Warhawk community. He also shares his Warhawk pride with his spouse, whom he met at UW–Whitewater, and their young daughter.

Leonard Brox



Donta Brown is a licensed cosmetologist with a degree in Organizational Communication and a minor in Management, bringing together artistry, education, and business leadership in every aspect of his work. Donta has successfully managed a salon suite in Irving, Texas for three years and went on to become the owner of a salon in Grand Prairie, Texas with multiple employees. In addition to his cosmetology career, Donta is also a licensed insurance agent, allowing him to support clients with both personal confidence and long-term planning. Donta blends technical precision with clear communication, creating a personalized, informative, and transformative experience for every client. What truly sets Donta apart is his dedication to education. In 2024, Donta created The Art of Fading curriculum to provide youth with the knowledge and tools needed to properly care for their hair and skin to create a healthy routine at home. These experiences strengthened his expertise in operations, branding, client relations, and team leadership.

Donta Brown



Monica Kelsey-Brown is a nationally recognized educational leader, UW–Whitewater alumna, and 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient whose career has centered on equity, access, and student success. She is one of only two Black female superintendents in Wisconsin and made history as the first superintendent of color in both the School District of Brown Deer and the Waunakee Community School District. Kelsey-Brown earned a BSE in Elementary Education and an M.S. in Curriculum and Instruction from UW–Whitewater, as well as a doctoral degree in Curriculum and Instruction from UW–Madison. During her time as a student, she founded TIFU Cultural Ensemble and was involved in the Black Student Union, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the Gospel Choir. Her connection to UW–Whitewater continued professionally, as she served for 10 years in several campus roles. She led and directed programs such as Upward Bound and the McNair Scholars Program, served as Director of Academic Support Services, taught remedial math, and taught Introduction to University Life. Through this work, she helped build pathways for traditionally marginalized and underrepresented students to access and succeed in higher education.

Throughout her career, Kelsey-Brown has remained committed to disrupting barriers, empowering students and families, and advancing educational excellence through leadership, mentorship, faith, and community-centered service.

Monica Kelsey Brown



Monica Brown is a seasoned Human Resources leader with more than 20 years of experience across the retail and manufacturing sectors. She is widely recognized for her expertise in advancing diversity and inclusion strategies within manufacturing and industrial environments and for transforming HR functions to drive business performance and employee engagement. Monica currently leads North America Manufacturing and Corporate Human Resources for the Commercial Vehicle Group. Previously, she served as Head of Human Resources for Whirlpool's U.S. Manufacturing and Supply Chain organizations.A passionate advocate for inclusive workplaces, Monica has led enterprise-wide initiatives that promote equity, strengthen organizational culture, and enhance competitive advantage through diverse talent. She is a sought-after speaker for industry conferences, workshops, and governmental boards, where she shares insights on HR best practices and inclusive leadership. Monica holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix, having completed the majority of her studies at the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater. She is deeply committed to community service, early career talent development, and mentorship. Monica is an active member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., co-leading youth initiatives, and serves on the Business Advisory Council for Central State University. She resides in Wisconsin with her husband, Vincent Brown, and is a proud bonus mother and grandmother.

Monica L Brown



Robyn Lockett Brown is a passionate garden instructor and poultry farmer who has been committed to making science communication engaging by creatively blending her studies in mass communication and science with traditional academic approaches, holistic wellness, and social justice. She empowers individuals through the healing properties of herbs by encouraging people to learn about them, grow them, and use them in their daily lives. Robyn is currently a doctoral student researching the direct impact of food sovereignty and access to nutritious foods on the mental health of Black communities. As a Certified Chemical Engineer and Black Urban Grower, she merges her expertise in botany with Black culture to develop homeopathic remedies, daily hygiene products, and interactive herbal tea experiences, including Trap Herbalism: A Black Ass Tea Party. These initiatives are offered through her business, Trap Naturals Homeopathic Medicine, LLC and her educational homestead, Van E. Brown Academy, which serves as a platform for community-based science education and wellness innovation teaching seed-to-table food systems, permaculture, animal science, and entrepreneurial skills. Through her work, Robyn has connected over 300 food-insecure families to food rescue programs, strengthened relationships between local farmers and residents in the Dallas–Fort Worth Metroplex, and developed engaging youth curricula that connects plant science to everyday life. She is also a frequent panel speaker and workshop facilitator, focusing on sustainable gardening, alternative medicine, and the integration of holistic health practices into Western frameworks.

Robyn Lockett Brown



Steven Brown is an accomplished human resources executive, community leader, and proud UW–Whitewater alumnus. He serves as Vice President of Culture and Engagement, Talent Acquisition, and Early Talent Programs at Molson Coors Beverage Company, where he leads strategy across the United States, Canada, and LATAM. In this role, he partners with executive leadership to strengthen recruitment, leadership development, employee engagement, retention, and workplace culture, with a focus on helping employees feel connected, valued, and empowered to thrive authentically. Steven has held several human resources leadership roles, including Global Talent Acquisition Leader and Senior HR Business Partner, with previous industry experience at GE Healthcare, SC Johnson, and BMO. He earned a BBA in Finance from UW–Whitewater in 1990 and an MS in Human Resources from Marquette University in 1998. He also holds Senior Professional HR certification.

Steven remains deeply committed to service and community engagement. He currently serves on boards for the UW–Whitewater Foundation, Near West Side Partners, Christ the King Baptist Church, and Disability Wisconsin. His past leadership includes service with the American Red Cross, Milwaukee Washington High School Alumni Scholarship Foundation, and Northwest Side Community Development Corporation. A life member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Steven has held numerous leadership roles and remains active with the UW–Whitewater chapter. He and his sister, LaShanna Brown, also established the UW–Whitewater Dorothy L. Brown Memorial Fund in honor of their mother. Steven is married to Dr. Monica Kelsey-Brown, and they are proud parents of Alexandria Brown, Esq.

Steven Brown



Jose Massas-Caraballo is a values-driven leader, entrepreneur, mentor, and public speaker based in Janesville, Wisconsin. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater with a degree in Sociology, Jose's understanding of leadership began early as he helped manage a restaurant as a child, learning responsibility, accountability, work ethic, and how to lead under pressure. Jose began his professional career in the nonprofit sector, working with individuals with disabilities and complex needs. This experience strengthened his empathy and reinforced his belief that leadership is rooted in service, patience, and dignity. In 2019, Jose stepped into full-time entrepreneurship, choosing to build and grow despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. His leadership during that time required adaptability, resilience, and disciplined decision-making. He formally launched his first business in 2011 and later built Versatile DJ Entertainment in 2014, gaining experience in client trust, brand integrity, and team coordination. He has since expanded into multiple ventures, including Bazinga!, a bar and entertainment venue focused on culture, connection, and community; Massas Investments, which emphasizes mentorship and opportunity creation; and Massas Transportation LLC, a non-emergency transportation company serving elderly individuals and people with disabilities. Beyond business ownership, Jose is passionate about leadership development, public speaking, and mentorship. He shares his story to help others grow through adversity, build confidence, and lead with integrity. Guided by faith, family, and strong teams, Jose believes leadership is measured not by position, but by impact.

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Glenn Carson



Montserrat Cuevas is a proud UW–Whitewater alumna who graduated with a B.A. in Spanish and a minor in International Business. Building community on campus was an immediate goal for Montserrat, and she became involved in many organizations to find her place and help others do the same. During her time at UW–Whitewater, Montserrat served as Public Relations Chair for the Southeast Asian Organization and played intramural volleyball with SAO. She also helped charter the Pi Chapter of Alpha Phi Gamma National Sorority, Inc., served as Chapter President, and founded the Intercultural Greek Council, serving as its first President. Her love for the Spanish language led her to take full advantage of opportunities for Spanish-speaking students. She served as Vice President and President of Spanish Club, President of Latinos Unidos, and President of the Spanish Honor Society. She also received an award from the Department of World Languages and Literatures for her dedication to the Spanish language. Montserrat gained valuable campus experience through roles with the CoBE Dean's Suite, English Language Academy, Spanish Department, Undergraduate Latino Student Program, Winter Counseling Services, Summer Business Institute, and King/Chavez Scholars Program. She currently serves as the Bilingual Admissions Counselor, supporting prospective students from Southeast and West Wisconsin, with a special focus on Spanish-speaking students and families. Montserrat remains connected to campus as Alumnae Advisor for Alpha Phi Gamma's Pi Chapter and by volunteering at events such as Commencement and Warhawks SOAR.

Monserrat Cuevas



Brian Diggs attended the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater from 2016 to 2020, graduating cum laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance. During his time as a Warhawk, Brian was deeply involved in campus life and leadership. As a freshman, he helped restart the National Association of Black Accountants chapter and served as its President. He was also a Campus Tour Guide, Warhawk Ambassador, Vice President of the Black Student Union, and a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. In recognition of his leadership, service, and academic excellence, Brian received the Reuben Klumb Award, an honor given to a graduating senior who demonstrates significant leadership and scholarship within the Warhawk community. He is also a founding member of the Purcell Alex Pearson Achievement Scholarship, established in honor of his fraternity brother, Purcell Pearson, to support UW–Whitewater students who embody selflessness, humility, charisma, determination, and excellence. Professionally, Brian serves as a Product Manager within Consumer and Community Banking, Payments Experiences and Services at J.P. Morgan in New York City. He also remains committed to service through volunteer work with the Jackie Robinson Foundation, supporting higher education and leadership development for students from underserved communities. Outside of work, Brian enjoys running, boxing, and traveling. He is also the owner of Diggs Entertainment, an event production company focused on creating elevated experiences for brands, creators, and private clients.

Brian Diggs



Andre Douglas's journey at the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater reflects resilience, growth, and deep campus engagement. Encouraged to enroll because of the university's strong support for students of color, Douglas overcame early challenges of homesickness and adjustment by immersing himself in campus life. He became actively involved in the Black Student Union, the Residence Hall Association, and the campus radio station, ultimately graduating with a B.A. in Speech with an emphasis in broadcasting and a minor in journalism. His UW–Whitewater experience shaped his passion for student success and leadership, laying the foundation for a career dedicated to helping young people access and thrive in higher education.

Andre Douglas



Stuart Elzy was a member of the UW-Whitewater men's track and field program from 1996-2000. During his career, he assembled two All- America accolades in the 400 meter hurdles, placing fourth in 1996 and third in 2000. Elzy was a seven time WIAC champion in hurdles events, including three times in the 400-meter hurdles. He is the current school holder in both the indoor 200- meter hurdles and the outdoor 400-meter hurdles. And his record in the 110-meter hurdles stood for 16 years until being broken in early May. A Flint, Michigan native, Elzy graduated from UW-Whitewater with a degree in physical education.

Stuart Elzy



Ty Evans was a standout member of the UW–Whitewater men's basketball program from 1992 to 1994. A two-time All-American, Ty was also a member of the 1994 WSUC Championship Team and was named Conference Player of the Year and Team MVP during the 1993–94 season.

Originally from Beloit, Wisconsin, where he played high school basketball, Ty continued his athletic success at UW–Whitewater and left a lasting impact on the program. He was inducted into the UW–Whitewater Hall of Fame in 2009. Ty now resides in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where he serves as an Assistant Women's Basketball Coach at the University of Alabama.

Ty Evans

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Derek Gray was a lifelong resident of Madison, Wisconsin, and a graduate of Madison La Follette High School. He was an All-Conference and All-Region basketball player at the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater. During the 2021–2022 season, Gray ranked second in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in steals, steals per game, and total field-goal attempts. A King-Chávez Scholar, he went on to mentor incoming students in the program, giving back to the scholarship initiative that helped provide him access to higher education. Gray sadly passed July 24th of 2022, out of Derek's passing came his foundation, the Derek Gray foundation that was established to further awareness in the importance of heart health, provide education for parents of athletes and young adults around health screenings beyond physicals, advocate for young adults to know their numbers, specifically cholesterol numbers for early detection and intervention and to give back to the community by providing scholarship opportunities to Madison area student-athletes.

Derek Gray



Gutter attended the University Of Wisconsin Whitewater through 1978 to 1983, earning a bachelor's degree in 1980 and a master's degree in guidance counseling in 1983. Throughout Gutter's time at Whitewater he earned numerous honors & achievements. Some of these achievements include lettering in college from 1978 to 1980 and ranking 10th in scoring in the Wisconsin State University Conference.

Michael O. Gutter



Abdelmoti Hamed graduated with his bachelor's degree in journalism with an Emphasis in Advertising with a Minor in Human Resources. During my time at the University of Wisconsin Whitewater, I was the Vice President of the Muslim Student Association, A member of Society of Human Resources, a Robert E. McNair Scholar, and a part of the Chancellor’s Student Advisory Committee. I was also very active during my time at University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at Rock County where I was the Student Government President, member of Latino’s Unidos, and was involved in many sub committees as well as being a Hawk Squad leader. I am currently attending University of Wisconsin-Stout pursuing a Master’s Degree in Industrial Organizational Psychology.

Abdel Hamed



Dyamond Jackson is a first-generation college student and alumna who graduated in 2024. She is the founder of the Warlette Majorette Dance Team at the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater. Jackson made history by establishing the first and only majorette dance team within the UW System. Founded in 2020, the Warlette Majorette Dance Team is an official part of the university's spirit squad and continues to thrive today. Through her leadership and vision, Jackson's contributions have had a lasting impact on campus culture and student engagement.

Dyamond Jackson



Terri Jones serves as the Program Coordinator for the King-Chávez Program, which provides financial support to students entering their first year of college. She is a recipient of the Roger Pulliam Legacy-Builders Award for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. A proud alumna of the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater's Upward Bound program, Jones is also a published author and remains deeply committed to supporting student access and success.

Terri Jones



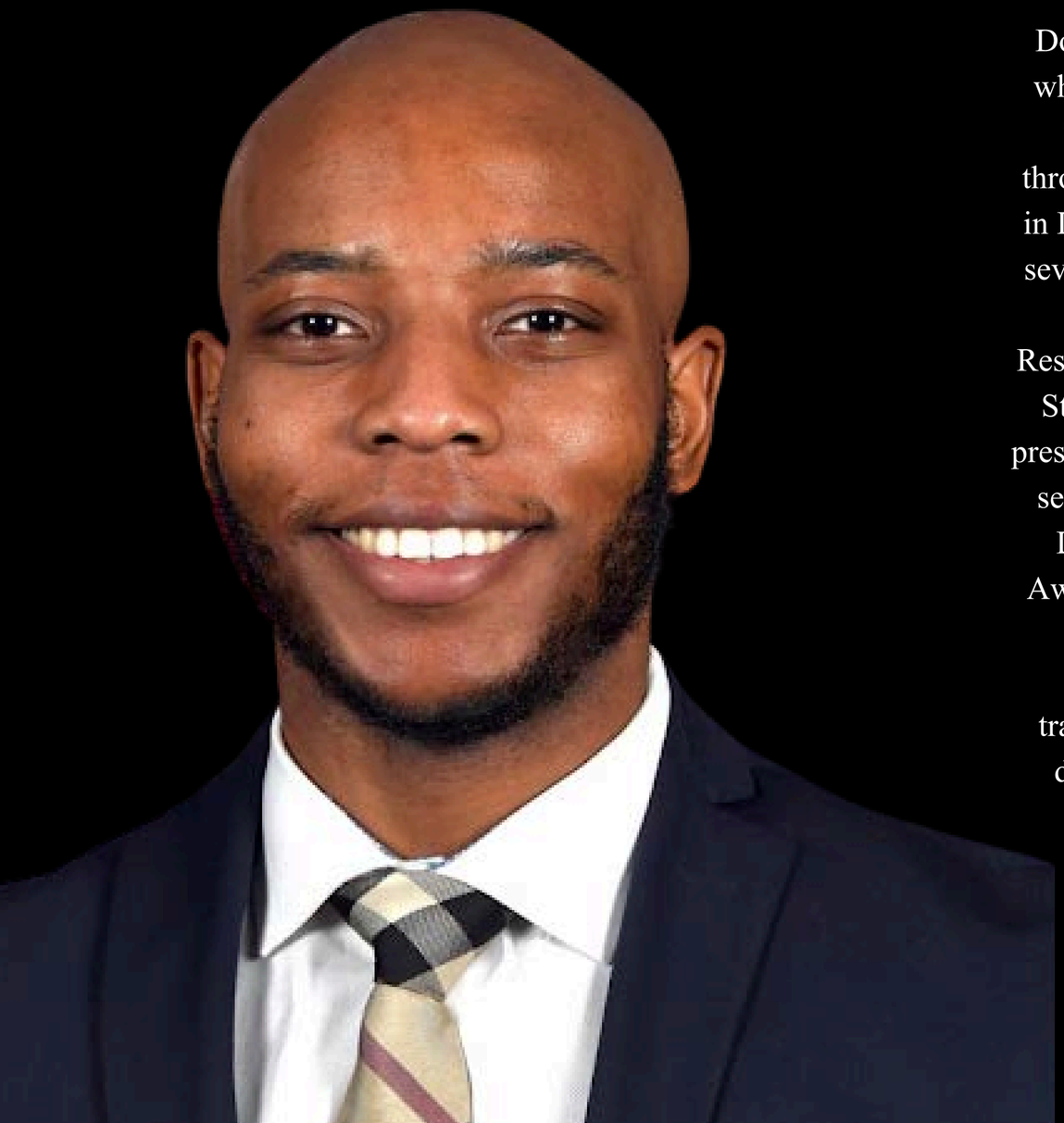
Dr. Corey A. King started as the 18th chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater on March 1st, 2023. A celebrated leader with three decades of higher education experience, King has held leadership roles in student affairs, student services, and enrollment management. Before joining UW-Whitewater, King served as Vice Chancellor for Inclusivity and Student Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Prior, he was Vice President for Student Affairs & Enrollment Management at Florida Atlantic University and led the Council for Student Affairs of the State University System of Florida. King also held leadership positions at Bethune-Cookman University, East Carolina University, Wheeling Jesuit University, and the University of Florida. King earned a bachelor's degree in curriculum and instruction and a master's degree in higher education administration/student affairs from Florida State University. He earned a doctorate in educational administration and leadership from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Corey King



Chester LeBron is a proud Milwaukee native and UW–Whitewater alumnus who graduated in 2017 with a bachelor's degree in Network/Security and a minor in Coaching. During his time at UW–Whitewater from 2012 to 2017, Chester was involved in several campus organizations and activities, including Latinos Unidos, Latino American Unida, the National Association of Black Accountants, the Black Student Union, flag football, and the Warhawk Connection Center, where he worked as a Web Development Intern. Professionally, Chester began his career as a Cybersecurity Intern in Risk Management at Northwestern Mutual before transitioning into a full-time role on the Threat Detection and Response team. Over the past five years, he has gained extensive experience in incident response, detection engineering, and cloud security. He currently helps lead Northwestern Mutual's Cloud Threat Detection and Response program. Chester also holds several security and technology certifications, including CISSP Associate, SANS GCFA, GCIH, GSEC, and AWS Security Specialty Associate. Beyond his professional work, Chester is committed to mentoring young professionals and supporting the growth of others in the cybersecurity field. He is also a dedicated sports fan, proudly supporting the Milwaukee Bucks and Green Bay Packers. Chester continues his passion for coaching as a JV Assistant Coach for high school basketball at Divine Savior Holy Angels. He is also a proud husband to Karina LeBron-Tomei, a fellow Warhawk, and father to their son, Zani.

Chester Lebron



Domenique Malone is a University of Wisconsin–Whitewater alumnus and technology leader who brings both government and private sector experience to his work. He earned a Master of Science in Education in Professional Development, with a focus on teaching and learning through emerging technologies, and a Bachelor of Arts in Multimedia Digital Arts with a minor in Information Technology from UW–Whitewater. While at UW–Whitewater, Domenique held several leadership and service roles, including Graduate Assistant in the Office of Multicultural Affairs & Student Success, University Center Building Manager, Campus Assistant, and Resident Assistant. He was also actively involved in student leadership as President of the Black Student Union, a McNair Scholar, Warhawk Ambassador, and a charter member and chapter president of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. His leadership and service were recognized through several honors, including the Black Student Union Involvement Award, Outstanding Campus Leadership Award, Big Man on Campus Award, and UW–Whitewater Outstanding Senior Award. His experiences were further enriched through international study abroad opportunities across Europe, Africa, Asia, and South America. Professionally, Domenique serves as an Information Technology Manager with the Department of War, where he leads digital transformation initiatives and promotes safe, secure digital practices. Through his passion for digital equity, mentorship, and collaboration, he remains committed to using technology to strengthen organizations and empower communities.

Dominique Malone



Amos Malone is a Milwaukee native. He earned his associate degree (2014), bachelor's degree in criminology (2015), and master's degree in Higher Education Leadership (2017) from the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater. During his time at UW–Whitewater, he was deeply engaged in campus life, serving as a Residential Assistant, participating in the Black Student Union, and mentoring students through formal and informal leadership roles. His commitment to access and equity led him to establish the Amos Malone Criminology Scholarship, the first scholarship of its kind within the program, aimed at supporting students pursuing careers in criminal justice. He also created the first Alumnus Scholarship at Dr. Howard Fuller Collegiate Academy. Malone later earned a second master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Wisconsin–Platteville (2022), where he served as Vice President of Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society. Professionally, he has served as a Wisconsin Probation and Parole Agent, a federal courtroom deputy and case administrator, and currently as a United States Probation Officer for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. He continues to serve on the UW–Whitewater College of Letters and Sciences Dean's Advisory Board.

Amos Malone



Dr. Christopher A. Maniece is a proud University of Wisconsin–Whitewater alumnus and educational leader. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from UW–Whitewater in Fall 2013 and was highly engaged across campus as a Global Ambassador, Peer Mentor, and Resident Assistant. He also worked with Drumlin, Esker, and P-Street, received numerous awards, and made a meaningful impact within the campus community. Additionally, he served as a Graduate Assistant for the McNair Scholars Program, housed in McCutchan Hall. After completing his bachelor's degree, Dr. Maniece participated in the Walt Disney World College Program in Orlando, Florida, through UW–Whitewater's partnership with Disney. He returned to UW–Whitewater in Summer 2014 to pursue a Master of Science in Counselor Education with an emphasis in School Counseling. In May 2017, he graduated with dual master's degrees in School Counseling and Higher Education with a Professional Development emphasis. Following graduation, Dr. Maniece worked as a School Counselor in Madison, Wisconsin, for several years. During that time, he earned multiple certifications in K–12 school leadership and completed his Doctorate in Educational Leadership from Edgewood University in December 2021. He later served as an Assistant Principal at a high school in Madison before relocating to Des Moines, Iowa, where he became a High School Principal. Dr. Maniece currently serves as a high school Assistant Principal in the state of Washington.

Christopher Maniece



Dr. Sonya N. Martin began her academic journey at the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater, where she completed her undergraduate studies before advancing into a career devoted to educational access and student development. Building on her early academic foundation, she later earned both a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work and a Master of Science in Counseling with an emphasis in higher education from UW-W, followed by a Doctorate in Leadership for the Advancement of Learning and Service— her research focused on helping undecided students navigate major selection during their first year. Dr. Martin was honored to serve as the Assistant Director of Leadership Development, a role that later transitioned into the Career & Leadership Development Center at UW–Whitewater from October 2005 to January 2009. Today, Dr. Martin serves as the Project Director for the Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee. In this role, she prepares low-income, and first-generation college students for doctoral study, drawing on more than 15 years of higher-education experience. Her leadership emphasizes personal development, executive coaching, and empowering students to become lifelong learners. She gives back to her community through meaningful service with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She is passionate about guiding individuals and organizations through change, Dr. Martin's work at UW–Milwaukee continues to reflect her core values of leadership, gratitude, and critical thinking, as she helps students and emerging leaders move confidently toward their next steps.

Dr. Sonya N Martin



Marco Marquez began his journey at the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater in Fall 2012 as an Entrepreneurship major, carrying with him the belief that college would be an important part of his future. Like many students, Marco faced challenges as he adjusted to the freedom and responsibility of college life, including being academically dismissed twice. After time away, he returned to UW–Whitewater in Spring 2017 with renewed determination and a commitment to making the most of his second chance. Upon returning, Marco became deeply involved in campus leadership. He served as President of Lambda Alpha Upsilon Fraternity, Inc., Vice President of Latinos Unidos, Student Government Senator, and eventually Director of Student Affairs. Through these roles, he worked to support others, lead with purpose, and demonstrate that failure can become a powerful pathway to growth and success. During his final years at UW–Whitewater, Marco was honored as the first recipient of the Unsung Hero Award, presented by the Chancellor's Committee of Inclusive Excellence. After graduating with the Class of 2019, he continued to navigate new opportunities until finding his professional path.Today, Marco serves as an Agency Supervisory Officer at WestPoint Financial Group, a MassMutual firm, where he oversees approximately 70 advisors through compliance, supervision, and risk management. His journey reflects resilience, growth, and the belief that failure can be one of life's greatest teachers.

Marco Marquez



Neil McCants is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater, earning both his Bachelor's degree (Class of 2021) and Master's degree (Class of 2023). During his time at UW–Whitewater, Neil worked as a student researcher with the Fiscal and Economic Research Center and served as the Undergraduate Coordinator for the African American Network. He was also a part of the McNair Scholar Program during his undergraduate studies. Furthermore, Neil was actively involved in student leadership and organizations throughout his academic career. He was a member of the Black Student Union for many years and served as the President of the Theta Beta Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., as well as President of the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Currently, Neil works as a Junior Project Manager in the manufacturing industry.

Neil McCants



Zarieanna McCoy is a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater, where she is pursuing a master's degree while working as a mental health case manager. She is an active member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, through her graduate chapter and remains engaged with undergraduate members through mentorship and service. Zarieanna has served as an advisor to the Black Student Union until 2023 and is currently collaborating with alumni to support the revitalization of the National Black Student Union. Her leadership experience includes serving on the Black Student Union, TIFU, and National Pan-Hellenic Council boards in various leadership roles. Her work reflects a continued commitment to advocacy, community empowerment, and student leadership.

Zarieanna McCoy



Jordan Moncivaiz is a proud University of Wisconsin–Whitewater alumnus who graduated in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Sociology. During his time at UW–Whitewater, Jordan was heavily involved in student life and campus leadership. He was a King/Chavez Scholar, a member of Lambda Alpha Upsilon Fraternity, Inc., Latinos Unidos, and the Black Student Union. He also founded the Mixed Race Student Union, creating space for students to build community, connection, and representation. Jordan's campus involvement also included serving as a Resident Assistant, a leadership intern with Career and Leadership Development, and a member of both Hawk Squad and the Homecoming Steering Committee. Through these experiences, he developed a strong foundation in leadership, mentorship, and student engagement. After completing his undergraduate studies, Jordan attended Northern Arizona University, where he earned a master's degree in Counseling with an emphasis in Student Affairs. He has spent the majority of his career working as a higher education professional, supporting students through their academic, personal, and professional journeys. He also gained experience in the technology industry as a University Technical Recruiter with Microsoft. Jordan currently serves as a Career Consultant at the University of Texas at Austin, where he continues his commitment to student success, career development, and helping students prepare for meaningful professional opportunities.

Jordan Moncivaiz



Tiffany Morton is a former UW–Whitewater women's basketball standout and two-time All-American whose leadership and athletic excellence helped elevate the Warhawk program. During her time at UW–Whitewater, she played a key role in leading the women's basketball team to the 2008 NCAA Division III Final Four, leaving a lasting mark on the university's athletic history. After her successful collegiate career, Tiffany continued her basketball journey professionally before transitioning into coaching. She went on to hold assistant coaching roles at Mercer University, Georgia State University, Rice University, and the University of Wisconsin–Madison, building a career focused on player development, leadership, and team success.

A proud UW–Whitewater alumna, Tiffany has remained a strong example of excellence both on and off the court. Her accomplishments as an athlete, coach, and leader earned her the university's 2024 Outstanding Recent Alumni Award.

Tiffany Morton

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Kevin L. Newell is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Royal Capital Group, a leading venture and holdings company focused on urban development and innovation. Since founding the company in 2010, Newell has led its business development, strategic planning, project management, and investment initiatives, while serving as a strong advocate for thoughtful urban planning that prioritizes quality, safety, affordability, and community-centered design. A proud graduate of Milwaukee Public Schools, Newell earned his undergraduate degree and MBA from the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater and is also a graduate of Marquette University's ACRE (Associates in Commercial Real Estate) Program. Throughout his career, he has achieved several historic milestones, including becoming the first African American to build and own multifamily commercial developments in downtown Milwaukee and Madison, Wisconsin, and serving as a real estate partner with the NBA Milwaukee Bucks as a developer and owner of the city's $1 billion live-work-play entertainment district. Newell's leadership and impact have earned him widespread recognition, including honors from the Milwaukee Business Journal as a 40 Under 40 recipient, National Top Real Estate Executive, Regional Top 25 Power Broker, and one of the Top 48 Most Influential African Americans in Wisconsin.

Kevin L. Newell



Purcell Paerson was a University of Wisconsin–Whitewater student and a member of the McNair Scholars undergraduate research program, where he explored what it meant to be a young Black man from Milwaukee. Passionate about challenging societal and media stereotypes, Pearson conducted research on bias against Black men and won the statewide “Quick Pitch” competition for UW student researchers in 2019. He aspired to become a psychiatrist serving communities of color, hoping to foster conversations about how stereotypes shape self-perception. Beyond his focus on mental health, Pearson had a wide range of academic interests, including architecture and engineering, particularly how buildings and environments affect people psychologically. Pearson is survived by his parents, Stephanie Johnson and Purcell Miller; his siblings, Cornel Pearson, Monáe Hughes, Mark Hughes Jr., and Makayla Hughes; and his uncle, City Attorney Tearman Spencer. He is remembered for his curiosity, dedication, and commitment to making a meaningful impact on both his community and the UW–Whitewater campus.

Purcell Pearsons



Montana Petersen is a proud UW–Whitewater alumna and emerging leader committed to education, advocacy, and student success. She currently works as an Academic Advisor at UW–Parkside and is pursuing a Master of Education in Education Policy, Organization, and Leadership at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. She is also currently running for Miss Kenosha. During her time at UW–Whitewater, Montana was deeply involved in campus life and leadership. She was a King/Chavez Scholar, McNair Scholar, active member of the Warhawk Connection Center, and regular attendee of Fireside Chats. She was also initiated into Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. in Spring 2024 and served as both President and Vice President of Latinos Unidos. Montana's leadership and service were recognized through several honors, including the 2023 Women in Leadership Honoree recognition, 2023–2024 Graduating LGBTQ+ Student Leader recognition, Lucy Baker Involvement Award, 2024 Student Award for Leadership in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and the Ron Buchholz Campus Visionary Award. She also served as PreCollege Team Lead and now continues that work as an instructor for Leadership Academy. Her academic and global experiences include travel study programs in Greece, Costa Rica, and Iceland, along with participation in the Undergraduate Research Program. Montana's journey reflects a strong commitment to leadership, inclusion, education, and community impact.

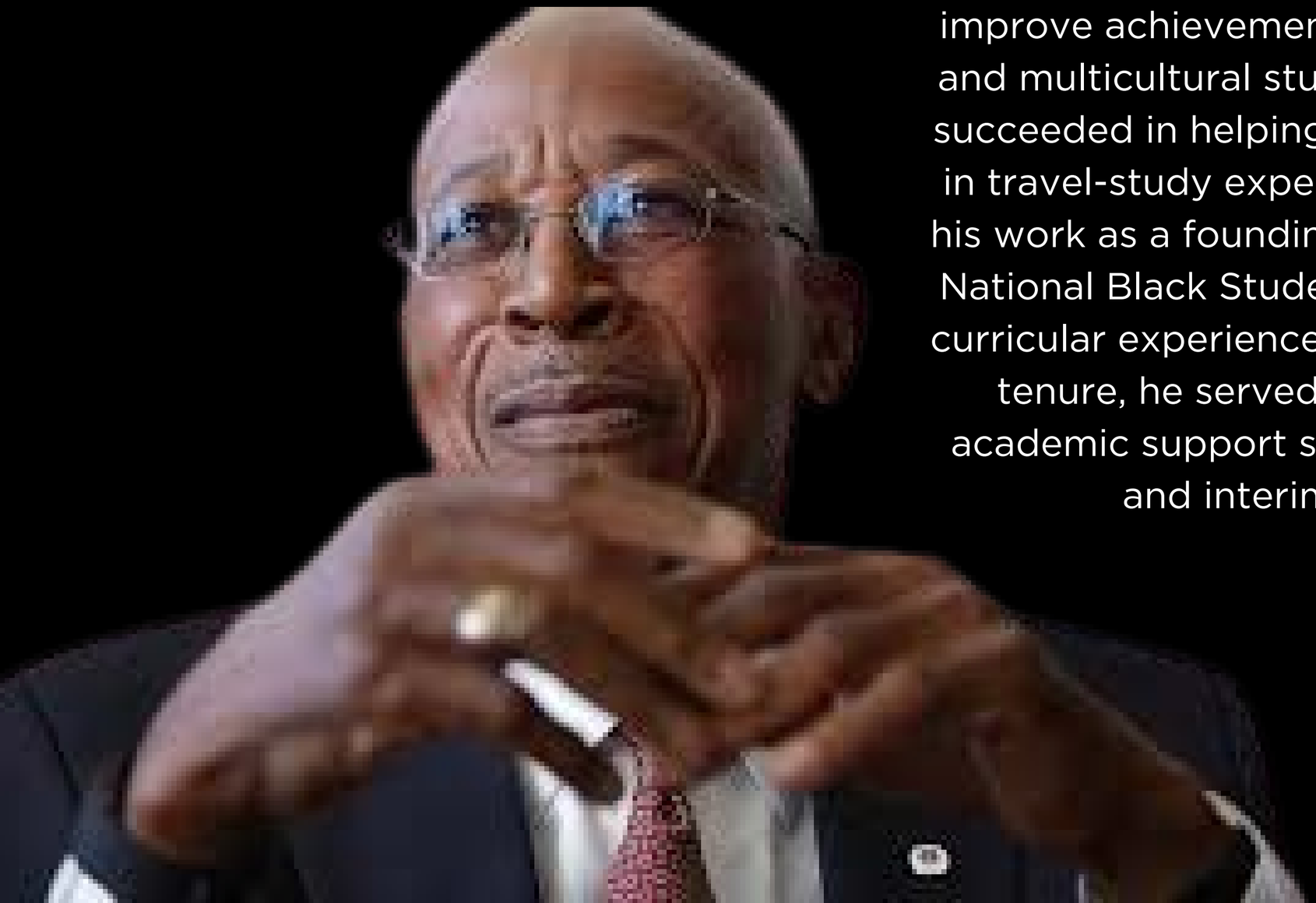
Montana Peterson



Madisen Polk is a proud UW–Whitewater alumna and talent acquisition professional who currently serves as a Senior Recruiter with AbbVie Pharmaceuticals. In her role, she connects with top talent across various functions, using her expertise to serve as a career matchmaker and support work tied to a greater mission.

Madisen graduated from UW–Whitewater in 2019 with a Bachelor of Business Administration from the College of Business and Economics. During her time on campus, she was actively involved in student leadership, service, and community building. She served as Chapter President of the Lambda Alpha Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Executive Board Member of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, Chair of the Connection Student Council, Warhawk Connection Center Career Intern, Warhawk Ambassador, and member of the Homecoming Steering Committee, Sister2Sister, and Black Student Union. She was also named the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Miss Black and Old Gold Scholarship Pageant winner. Her leadership and campus involvement were recognized when she received the 2019 Greek Woman of the Year award. Since graduating, Madisen has spent six years working in talent acquisition within the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries. Her passion for people has allowed her to build meaningful connections, expand her network, and help others grow professionally. She remains grateful for her time at UW–Whitewater, which provided lasting friendships and the skills to excel after graduation.

Madisen Polk



Dr. Roger Pulliam won state and federal funding to improve achievements of first generation, low income and multicultural students at UW-Whitewater. He also succeeded in helping hundreds of students participate in travel-study experiences.These efforts extended to his work as a founding member in 1998 of the Office of National Black Student Union, fostering numerous co-curricular experiences for students. During Dr.Pulliam's tenure, he served as assistant vice chancellor of academic support services, director of advancement and interim chief diversity officer.

Dr. Roger Pulliam



Ramiro Quintana is a proud higher education professional with a passion for bilingual student success. He has worked in higher education for six years, with experience at UW–Whitewater, Gateway Technical College, and now Milwaukee Area Technical College, where he serves as a Bilingual Student Recruiter. Ramiro earned both his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Spanish and his Master of Science in Higher Education and Leadership from UW–Whitewater. For him, student success work is personal and deeply connected to his own experiences as a Warhawk. During his time at UW–Whitewater, Ramiro was highly involved in leadership, advocacy, and student support. He served as President and Vice President of Latinos Unidos, contributed to the Chancellor's Excellence Committee, and worked as a liaison for Student Diversity, Engagement and Success. One of his most meaningful leadership experiences was serving as President and Vice President of Lambda Alpha Upsilon Fraternity, Inc., where he helped lead and support his fraternity brothers.

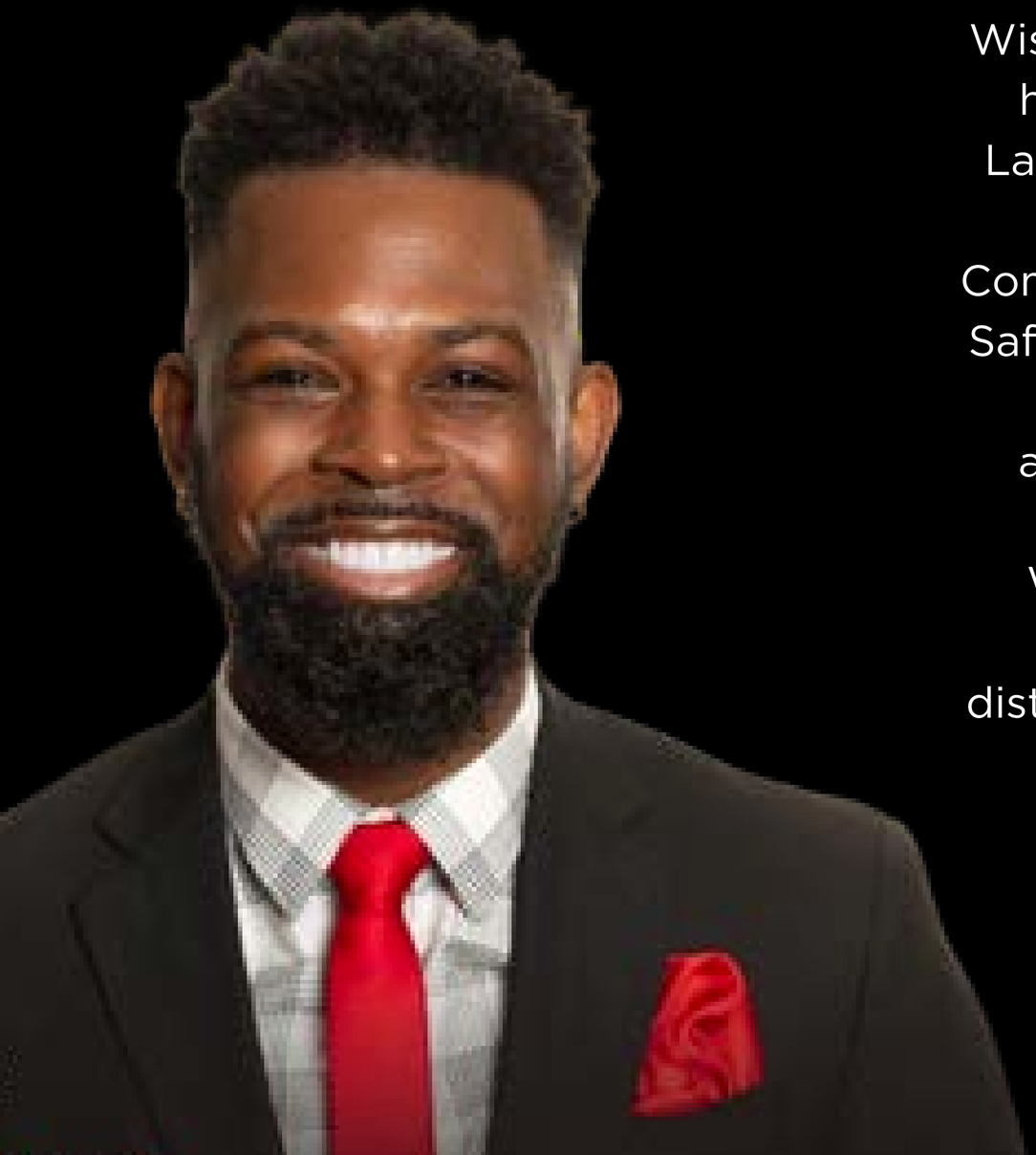
Today, Ramiro draws on those experiences to support the students he works with, ensuring they have the tools, guidance, and encouragement needed to graduate and become leaders in their own communities.

Ramiro Quintana



DeYounte Ramsey aka “Ramsey” is a Program Specialist for Enrichment & Greek Life at UW-Whitewater. He graduated from UW- Whitewater in 2016 with his Bachelors of Arts in Studio Art along with his second area of study being Entrepreneurship. During Ramsey’s undergraduate years, he served as the Black Student Union Vice President, National Pan-Hellenic Council President and TIFU Art Coordinator and was inducted into UW-Whitewater Greek Hall of Fame in 2016. He is a staff recipient of the Mackin Commitment to Diversity Award and continues his service to campus through active participation on campus committees including the Chancellor's Committees on Mental Health, Inclusive Excellence, and Interpersonal Violence Prevention Education.

Deyounte Ramsey



Kurt D. Rose is a Milwaukee native and proud University of Wisconsin–Whitewater alum with over 14 years of experience in human resources. He currently serves as the Employee and Labor Relations Manager for the City of Madison. Rose holds a B.A. in Speech with an emphasis in Organizational Communications and an M.S. in Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health, along with multiple graduate certificates and six HR certifications. A recognized leader and community advocate, he has been honored as InBusiness Madison's 40 Under 40, Madison 365's Most Influential Black Leader of Wisconsin, and 2023 Young Professional of the Year. He is deeply involved in community leadership and holds the distinction of being UW–Whitewater's first Mr. Pink & Green and Homecoming King.

Kurt Rose

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Karina LeBron-Tomei, known at UW–Whitewater as Tomei-Castro, is a proud alumna and native of Puerto Rico who has always been passionate about representing, advocating for, and educating others about her island. She attended UW–Whitewater from 2012 to 2018, earning a bachelor's degree in Health and Human Performance and a master's degree in Higher Education and Leadership. During her time at UW–Whitewater, Karina was deeply involved in campus life through Latinos Unidos, the Black Student Union, International Student Association, NACA, the Pride Center, Fitness Center, club sports and intramurals, and the University Center. She also interned for more than four years with Jan Bilgen and Ron Buchholz, supporting summer projects, ULEAD, Plan It Purple Fairs, and the early development of the Warhawk Success Closet. Karina made history as the first Graduate Assistant Coordinator for the Warhawk Connection Center, where she implemented cultural programming that supported belonging, safe spaces, and academic success. She also led fundraising efforts after Hurricane Maria devastated Puerto Rico in 2017. Her commitment to service has continued through work with Special Olympics Wisconsin, the Puerto Rican Festival planning team, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., and Evolve Church. Karina currently serves as an Enrollment Counselor at Waukesha County Technical College, helping students explore career pathways and navigate admissions. She is also a devoted wife, mother, and lifelong Warhawk who will always "bleed purple."

Karina Lebron-Tomei



Originally from the far Southside of Chicago, William Paul Thomas is a visual artist and independent curator based in Durham, North Carolina. His work is centered on making images to record his life experiences and observations. For over 15 years he has created intimate painted portraits of everyday people, giving special attention to other Black male subjects that he chooses as a way of recognizing their significance in his life's path. Thomas presented a talk on "The Invisible Notoriety of Strangers" at the 2022 TedX Duke Conference. In addition to oil and acrylic painting, he also experiments with video and photography to capture idiosyncratic, abstracted depictions of love, joy, and adversity. He earned a Bachelor of Fine Art degree in Studio Art from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 2009 and a Master of Fine Art Degree in Studio Art from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 2013. He is currently the Visiting Assistant Professor of Painting Foundations at Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina.

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William Paul Thomas



Dr. Dwight C. Watson is the 17th Chancellor of the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater, assuming the role on August 1, 2019. Prior to his appointment, he served as Provost and Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at Southwest Minnesota State University, where he focused on student achievement, equity, and removing barriers to student success. His leadership experience also includes serving as Dean of the College of Education at the University of Northern Iowa and holding academic leadership roles at UW–Eau Claire and Hamline University. A scholar and educator, Dr. Watson's teaching and research center on literacy development and the educational experiences of students of color and urban learners. He holds an Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from North Carolina State University and is a first-generation college graduate committed to access, affordability, and student success.

Dwight C. Watson



Dr. Artanya Wesley joined UW–Whitewater as Dean of Students in 2016 and later served as Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs from July 2019 to 2023. In these leadership roles, Dr. Wesley contributed to several strategic initiatives addressing critical priorities, including budget effectiveness, student retention, and student health and safety. She previously served as a senior academic planner for student affairs in the office of Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, and Student Success at the UW system. The University of Wisconsin System honored Wesley with the Outstanding Woman of Color award twice in 2009 and 2019.

Dr. Artanya Wesley



Dr. Kenny Yarbrough is the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater's Chief Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Officer and serves as the Athletics Diversity and Inclusion Designee (ADID). In this role, he acts as the primary liaison between the NCAA, the athletics department, the conference office, and the campus to promote inclusive programs, address emerging diversity issues, and advance equity initiatives. Since joining UW–Whitewater in 2018 as the inaugural Chief EDI Officer, Dr. Yarbrough has led campus-wide programs, presented at national conferences, and facilitated important conversations on social justice and inclusion within athletics. Passionate about using sports as a platform for unity and leadership, he works to highlight and expand equity efforts across all campus programs, helping students, faculty, and staff engage in meaningful dialogue and action around diversity, equity, and inclusion.

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