Super Science Saturday: Youth Discovering the Excitement of Science and Higher Education

Kids of all ages gathered on the UW-Whitewater at Rock County Campus for Super Science Saturday. This free, annual event is one of the many statewide events held in partnership with the Wisconsin Science Festival. This year, nearly 300 people joined in for interactive exhibits and activities throughout campus.

Faculty, staff and student volunteers offered a wide variety of STEM activities throughout the day. Kids of all ages explored waterways and the impact of pollution in the enviroscape interactive activity. A bubble station gave kids the opportunity to explore elasticity and surface tension and they could explore phosphorescence in a glow-in-the-dark room. Other stations included genetics exploration through taste, the world of physics with pop bottle rockets and marshmallow trebuchets, make your own slime, and others showcasing our natural world, fossils, and insects, and so much more.

Thanks to everyone who joined us in Janesville last month and everyone who continues to make this event a success. Super Science Saturday is a great way to give young people a memorable, educational and FUN experience on a college campus. Be sure to join us next year!
Beat the Winter Blues with Gardening Workshops

Winter is the best time to plan ahead for spring and summer planting! Continuing Education is pleased to offer a variety of gardening workshops in January and February. At the Rock County campus, well-known horticulturalist and former director of horticulture at Rotary Gardens, Mark Dwyer, will present three workshops, each worth Master Gardener CEUs. Dates and topics for Mark’s workshops are:

- Saturday, January 18: Gardening as we Age, The Sensory Garden and Container Gardening
- Saturday, February 1: New Annuals, New Perennials, and New Trees and Shrubs
- Saturday, February 15: Basics of Landscape Design, Combining Plants for Color & Texture, and Landscape Maintenance

The workshops are $25 per date, or $60 for all three Saturdays. And coming soon to the Whitewater campus, Leaping into Spring Gardening, Saturday, February 29.
Students and Faculty Recognized During National Nontraditional Student Week

UW-Whitewater participated in recognizing our adult students during National Nontraditional Student Week, November 4-8. Networking, educational, and service activities were offered for all nontraditional students throughout the week, a special recognition ceremony was held for outstanding adult students and the faculty members that support them.

Five students representing both the Whitewater and Rock County campuses were recognized for their dedication to academics while balancing other commitments and the positive influence they have in the classroom environment. This year’s recipients are Michael Baker (Geography), Jason Coles (Occupational Safety), Mirna Fernandez Saldana (Elementary Education), Crystal Fox (Human Resource Management) and Jason James (Economics).

Nontraditional students nominate faculty or staff members who provide extraordinary support and encouragement to adult students transitioning back to the college classroom. This year’s recipients of the CARE (Concern for Adults Returning to Education) Award are Erin Celello, associate professor of Language and Literatures and Huckleberry Rahr, lecturer of Mathematics.

Congratulations to all of this year’s recipients!
Meet Our Instructor: Kelly Hauskenecht, Painting

Kelly Hauskenecht is a popular continuing education painting instructor (and UW-Whitewater alum!) and she is back this fall for a painting experimentation class. Learn a variety of painting techniques with Kelly on November 23, and learn a little more about her below.

Why I love art? I always have! I come from a family of artists. My father Frank Hausknecht, an artist/photographer/lithographer, had a darkroom. My gramma Evelyn Engel had a ceramics kiln. My gramma and I shared the joy of making a variety of art projects together. I’ll never forget the first time she brought me to an aisle of colored crystal beads and sequins in the craft department of a store. I was thrilled. It was like going to heaven!

I love art because it feels good to create, to free my spirit, and allow emotions to flow. Like dancing or swimming to music, art is just irresistible to me. I love teaching art because I can help others to free their spirit, feel good about themselves and feel good about life and living while creating beautiful art that we can share with others. Self-expression is a celebration of individuality, life and living, and freedom.

Through my art class, people will be able to experiment with a variety of painting supplies. It is a great opportunity to reconnect with your playful artistic side, while side-by-side with other artists. Together we create art as individuals. Everyone paints whatever subject they like and in any style. I share art related information, answer questions, and give various painting demonstrations. After class, participants will have a better idea of how to proceed as successful talented artists.
Did you know that many of Continuing Education’s youth athletic and music camps are led by some of the winningest, most celebrated coaches and performers in the region? One example is Stacey Boudreau, head Warhawk Women’s Volleyball coach and volleyball events director.

Boudreau led the team to the season championship for the league-leading 17th time in history and was named 2019 WIAC Coach of the Year for the second time in her career.

Follow the Warhawk Volleyball team as it competes in the NCAA Tournament this weekend, and in the off-season, join Coach Boudreau and her talented team of assistant coaches for a camp or clinic for boys and girls of all ages. Enroll your child in a youth athletic program that’s powered by tradition!
News and Upcoming Events:

Come be a part of an energizing event about the most important issue of our time. Join us for Climate Change – Climate Action on November 21. Presentations, brainstorming, arts and more.

Kids can get their gift-making done early this year at our Winter Wonderland Craft Series. Drop your kiddo off at this event and get some of your holiday shopping done too. Only $25 will include four handmade gifts per child.

American Sign Language is the fifth-most used language in the U.S., utilized by over 500,000 people. Introduce your child to this visual language and develop awareness to this community of non-hearing people in our Sign Language for Teens and Tweens classes in Janesville.

The UW-W Learning is for Everyone (LIFE) program provides a complete college experience for young adults between the ages of 18 and 25 who have an intellectual disability. LIFE is designed to facilitate independent living and employment success for people with significant cognitive limitations.