Outstanding Adult Students and Faculty Recognized

Each year, colleges and universities across the country recognize the first week in November as National Nontraditional Week. UW-Whitewater celebrated the more than 800 Warhawks on campus defined as nontraditional students by hosting a variety of events, including an awards and recognition program on November 6. Five outstanding adult students, nominated by faculty and staff, were selected as the 2018 recipients. They are:

- **Kelly Alicea** (Spanish), nominated by Jenna Cushing-Leubner (Curriculum & Instruction)
- **A.J. Elmhorst** (Supply Chain/Operations Management), nominated by Elizabeth Kim (University Honors Program)
- **Bill Mosher** (General Management), nominated by Mohammad Jafarinejad (Finance & Business Law)
- **Mike Narloch** (Accounting and Finance, nominated by Mohammad Jafarinejad (Finance & Business Law)
- **Lynda Roehl** (Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Coaching), nominated by Wesley Kephart and Bridgette Hermanson (Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Coaching)

In addition to the five outstanding students, one faculty or staff member was chosen for the CARE (Concern for Adults Returning to Education) Award. Dozens of students nominated supportive and inspiring faculty and staff members from across campus. Caitlin Kirchner’s nomination of her former instructor, Dr. Kate Ksobiech (Communication), was chosen for the CARE award. Kirchner noted that Ksobiech was always willing to go “out of her way to make adult students feel welcome” in her classroom.

Congratulations to all award recipients!
Interested in the History of Beer and Brewing?

Calling all craft beer lovers, home brewers and history buffs! Continuing Education is excited to announce the return of its popular massive open online course *Beer Matters* in January.

*Beer Matters* is a free online class, open to anyone 21 and over. The online class begins January 14, 2019 and will explore beer and brewing from prehistoric times to the present. Lessons will also cover brewing around the globe, as well as beer in America, from Prohibition to the current popularity of craft brewing. Karl Brown, assistant professor of history and former professional brew master in the U.S. and Europe, will teach the six-week course.

New this year – join the instructor, an archaeologist and local brewing history buff on a virtual expedition of the beer caves from one of Janesville's historic breweries.
The online course, *Beer Matters*, is completely free but registration is required. Beer pairings are suggested each week and class lessons will be complemented by optional “meet ups” where classmates have an opportunity to meet each other and the instructor at local venues in the beer and brewing industry. Past participants are encouraged to sign up again for new course material, new meet up venues, and deeper discussions online.

Join us in January to learn why beer matters. Bottoms up!

Local Expert Program Draws Crowd, Media Attention

Continuing Education partners with Hedberg Public Library in Janesville on the Local Expert Series – a series of programs that allow community members to draw upon the expertise of their fellow citizens. Faculty from departments including political science, biology, and history have all shared their knowledge on topics during this series.

Earlier this month, Ron Berger, Professor Emeritus of Sociology, shared his research and his family’s story with a presentation at the library. Berger recently published a book on his family’s story called “Children, Save Yourselves! One Family’s Story of Holocaust Survival.”
The book tells the story of Berger’s father and uncle as they withstood the horrors of the Holocaust and their resilience as immigrants in the U.S. A standing-room only crowd of over 175 people attended Berger’s November 13th talk at Hedberg. The Janesville Gazette and WISC-TV both published pieces on Berger’s story and the program in Janesville.

Course Focuses on Caring and Advocating for Transgender Youth

This year, Continuing Education units at UW-Whitewater and UW-Eau Claire have partnered to bring a timely and relevant course to the region. Growing Up Transgender is a one-day course that defines and examines concepts in an open environment, with ample space for discussion and questions. Participants in the course will explore the difference between sex and gender from both a biological and cultural standpoint, examine the transgender legal landscape, discuss the experiences and challenges of transgender youth, and define the roles of those wishing to care and advocate for transgender youth.

Christopher Jorgenson, director of the UW-Eau Claire Gender & Sexuality Resource Center, and Alexandra Hall, family physician at UW-Stout, will instruct the course. Held several times in the Chippewa Valley, Continuing Education is pleased to offer the program for the first time in Janesville on January 10. If you’re interested in advocating for youth in this community, click here to learn more.

Growing Up Transgender

UW-Whitewater Named Top School for Nontraditional Students
Recently, College Factual, a data analytics firm, named UW-Whitewater in the top 10% of colleges and universities in the nation for returning adults and other nontraditional students. Students who are over 25, returning to school after a period time away, parents, caregivers and veterans are considered nontraditional students. These students often seek flexible and affordable learning deliveries and services. Programs like Credit for Prior Learning, the Children’s Center, and Adult Student Outreach all contribute to nontraditional student success at UW-W.

Upcoming Events

- Learn how to make an arrangement using fresh and artificial flowers that you can use to decorate your home for the holiday season during our Seasonal Floral Arrangements workshop on December 1. More workshops will be held throughout the winter.
- Winter Baseball Clinics teach the proper fundamentals of pitching, hitting, catching, and fielding, while stressing the importance of attitude, confidence, and dedication. Anyone 8-18 years of age is eligible to sign up for our December clinics, including high school seniors.
- Harry Potter, Mindfulness, Painting, and Patriotism are just a few of the topics scheduled for our Rock County campus this winter and early spring. More details on our website.