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UW-WHITewater AT ROCK COUNTY

UW-Whitewater at Rock County, which opened its doors in 1967, is part of a leading comprehensive university that serves more than 12,000 students. The Rock County campus offers a general studies associate degree, a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences, a Bachelor of Science in Medical Sciences with emphases in radiologic technology or diagnostic sonography, a collaborative nursing bachelor's degree and a collaborative engineering bachelor's degree.

The Whitewater campus offers bachelor's degrees with more than 60 majors, 22 master's degrees, and one doctoral degree. The Rock County campus houses the College of Integrated Studies; other colleges at UW-Whitewater are Arts and Communication, Business and Economics, Education and Professional Studies, Letters and Sciences, and the School of Graduate Studies. ❖



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



QUINT STUDER

Quint Studer earned his bachelor's degree in education in 1973 and a master's degree in special education in 1978 from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. After a career in hospital administration, he founded The Studer Group, an internationally respected healthcare consulting company, in 1998.

In 2009 he was honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award for Professional Achievement. In 2006 and again in 2016, Quint served as featured speaker at the spring commencement ceremonies on the Whitewater campus.

Over the course of his career, he has authored 16 books on leadership, healthcare excellence, and organizational performance, sharing actionable insights that have influenced leaders and teams across the country. His contributions to organizational performance and quality improvement have been recognized with both the prestigious Baldrige Award and a distinguished award from Georgetown University — reflecting his impact on leadership and organizational excellence at a national level.

Alongside his professional accomplishments, Quint and his wife Rishy have maintained strong ties to southern Wisconsin, investing in local businesses including the Bodacious Shops in Janesville and the soon-to-open Bodacious Shop in Beloit.

Their commitment to the community extends to philanthropy and education: they have donated over \$1,000,000 to UW-Whitewater and proudly host the university's baseball team each spring in Pensacola, Florida.

Through their work and generosity, the Studers exemplify a dedication to leadership, community, and lifelong learning. ❖

STUDENT SPEAKER



JASMINE BERTSCHY

Jasmine Bertschy, born and raised in Valders, Wisconsin, is a proud first-generation college student, scholarship recipient, and scholar in the TRIO Program on campus.

After graduating from Valders High School in 2021, she transferred to the Wisconsin School for the Blind and Visually Impaired in Janesville to attend their College and Career Readiness transition program. While still attending the School for the Blind, she enrolled in courses at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at Rock County as a part of the Early College Credit program. After finishing her time in the transition program at the School for the Blind, she remained in Janesville to continue her studies at the Rock County Campus.

Now graduating with her associate degree, Jasmine plans to transition to the Whitewater campus to complete her bachelor's degree in psychology at UW-Whitewater. She has been accepted as a scholar in the McNair Scholar Program, which seeks to prepare eligible undergraduate students for doctoral studies through research.

Jasmine's goal is to earn a master's degree in mental health counseling, to enjoy continued patience and endurance, and to excel in a career managing her own private counseling practice. ❖



OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD



CONNOR FOX-HAINES

Connor Fox-Haines is a Janesville native, dedicated real estate professional, and passionate community leader. For nearly 10 years, he has worked as a realtor with Century 21, where he’s built a reputation for outstanding service and strong client relationships. His work has earned him multiple honors, including Realtor of the Year from the Rock Green Realtors Association (RGRA) and the Quality Service Award from Century 21. He has also taken on board leadership roles within RGRA, including serving as president.

His impact goes well beyond real estate. He is deeply involved in the Janesville community and serves as board president of Downtown Janesville, Inc., where he helps lead efforts to promote and enhance the downtown area. He also serves on the Dean’s Advisory Board for UW-Whitewater at Rock County.

Connor graduated from Parker High School in 2011 before earning his associate degree from UW-Rock County in 2015 and his B.A. in communication–public relations with a minor in history from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 2017.

He still calls Janesville — where he lives with his husband, Jonathan, and their son, Deacon — home. You might also recognize him from A&E’s “Betting on Beloit,” where his passion for real estate and community revitalization is on display. ❖

READER

David McKay, Ph.D.
Senior Lecturer of History and TRIO Advisor

STUDENT MARSHALS

Andy Holmbeck

Abi Leon

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

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PROCESSIONAL AND RECESSIONAL	Anna Schuette-Reid, piano
CARRIER OF THE MACE	Kim Kostka, Ph.D. Professor of Chemistry 2025 W.P. Roseman Excellence in Teaching Award Recipient
WELCOME	Tricia Clasen, Ph.D. Assistant Vice Chancellor of the Rock County Campus and Dean of the College of Integrated Studies
READING OF THE NATIVE LANDS RECOGNITION STATEMENT	Kim Kostka
SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS	Robin K. Fox, Ph.D. Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Corey A. King, Ed.D. UW-Whitewater Chancellor
OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD	Introduced by Tricia Clasen Connor Fox-Haines, B.A. Realtor and Board President, Downtown Janesville, Inc.
STUDENT SPEAKER	Introduced by Kelly Jensen, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Communication Jasmine Bertschy, AAS Liberal Studies
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER	Introduced by Corey A. King Quint Studer, MSE Founder, Studer Group
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES	Robin K. Fox
CONFERRING OF DEGREES	Corey A. King

COLLEGE OF INTEGRATED STUDIES

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Kasey Cassandra Aceves	<i>Beloit</i>	Emma-Ray Rebecca Kalscheuer	<i>Mazomanie</i>
Qusai Fakhri Shebli Alomari	<i>Janesville</i>	Emma Marion Kaphingst	<i>Watertown</i>
Tasneem Belal Alomiyan	<i>Janesville</i>	Ayumi Ashley Kirnberger ^H	<i>Janesville</i>
Hoang Thien Nga Bach ^H	<i>Edgerton</i>	Jarek Konicek	<i>Fredonia</i>
Kayla Ann Baxter	<i>Brodhead</i>	Jami Jean Kurth	<i>Waukesha</i>
Emily Behm	<i>Jefferson</i>	Lewis O. Lea	<i>Milwaukee</i>
Leydy Beltre Severino	<i>Beloit</i>	Sarah Lemke	<i>Mazomanie</i>
Jasmine R. Bertschy	<i>Janesville</i>	Alanna Lorraine Lentz ^H	<i>Janesville</i>
Talon Lee Birkelo	<i>Janesville</i>	Steven D. Leverentz	<i>Evansville</i>
Peyton Marie Bishop ^H	<i>Fort Atkinson</i>	Luis Alejandro Linares	<i>Beloit</i>
Andre Tylon Bodden	<i>Kaukauna</i>	Grace Jewell Long ^H	<i>Janesville</i>
Jonathan Borchardt	<i>Burlington</i>	Brianna G. Lynes	<i>Janesville</i>
Aiden Joseph Brink	<i>Beloit</i>	Aubrie Joilyn Malette	<i>Whitewater</i>
Daijshia Marie Brown	<i>Kenosha</i>	Dahminick Evan Markling-Echeverria ^H	<i>Delavan</i>
Dylan Mark Brzezinski	<i>De Pere</i>	John Collin Marling	<i>Janesville</i>
Jennifer Burno	<i>Clinton</i>	Lance Martin	<i>Brooklyn</i>
Breana Mary-Lyn Buskager	<i>Edgerton</i>	Cody May ^H	<i>Delavan</i>
Aliana Nicole Marie Carrillo Roeling	<i>Beloit</i>	Abigail Grace Meyer	<i>Beloit</i>
Brianna Nichole Cicmanky ^H	<i>Janesville</i>	Madeline Dora Miethke	<i>Clinton</i>
Carter Collins	<i>Burlington</i>	Sarahi Noriega	<i>Beloit</i>
Erin Connolly	<i>Beloit</i>	Riley Partick North ^H	<i>Janesville</i>
Megan Beth Contildes	<i>South Milwaukee</i>	Samara Jade Oas	<i>Janesville</i>
Emma Jean Corrado	<i>Beloit</i>	Tasha Ostrander	<i>Janesville</i>
Fernanda L. Cortes	<i>Janesville</i>	Josh Parker	<i>Fort Atkinson</i>
Jasmine Davison	<i>Beloit</i>	Adian Dyson Parks	<i>Milwaukee</i>
Silvia De La Cruz	<i>Delavan</i>	Natalie Peterson	<i>Janesville</i>
Marissa Gisselle Dominy	<i>Janesville</i>	Dylan M. Raese	<i>Janesville</i>
Zoritz Dragisic	<i>Janesville</i>	Scarlett Ramos Carcamo	<i>South Beloit, Illinois</i>
Kezia Len DuBose	<i>Beloit</i>	Grant Rankin-Kiger	<i>Beloit</i>
Sarah Marie Eberhardt ^H	<i>Beloit</i>	Trenton A. Redler	<i>Janesville</i>
Kamia L. Edmonds	<i>Beloit</i>	Nick Riemer	<i>Janesville</i>
Kyley Ann Evans	<i>Brodhead</i>	Ashley Maria Reis	<i>Janesville</i>
Sherrod Darniel Fowler	<i>Milwaukee</i>	William Rennick Riemer	<i>Janesville</i>
Ian Christopher Garecht	<i>Janesville</i>	Carlos H. Rios ^H	<i>Janesville</i>
Ephraim Gates ^H	<i>Janesville</i>	Erick Elian Rodriguez	<i>Darien</i>
Sommer Goicoechea	<i>Janesville</i>	David Aminadab Romero Arroyo ^H	<i>Janesville</i>
Marilena Grado	<i>Beloit</i>	Hannah Rosas	<i>Beloit</i>
Bryanna Guadalupe Ugalde ^H	<i>Madison</i>	Magdalena Rosas	<i>Beloit</i>
Cyra Marie Hamby	<i>Beloit</i>	Roselyn Rosas	<i>Beloit</i>
Yousef Ayed Hamed	<i>Beloit</i>	Jenna Runaas	<i>Janesville</i>
Genevieve Elise Harris ^H	<i>Janesville</i>	Stephen Russell ^H	<i>Janesville</i>
Alex Hart ^H	<i>Janesville</i>	Sabrina Schmidt	<i>Whitewater</i>
Beth Hartley	<i>Janesville</i>	Jessica Star Schoenecke	<i>Fort Atkinson</i>
Douglas Allen Hellmich	<i>Washington, DC</i>	Casey T. Smith	<i>Williams Bay</i>
Madysen M. Hemerley-Franks	<i>Beloit</i>	Linsie Jordan Stoltz	<i>Brooklyn</i>
Hannah Michele Henthorn ^H	<i>Janesville</i>	Claire Elizabeth Suiter	<i>Milton</i>
Vianney Perez Hernandez ^H	<i>Janesville</i>	Kahler Thiele	<i>Janesville</i>
Gracie Kay Hilker ^H	<i>Lacey, Washington</i>	Daniel Torres	<i>Janesville</i>
Jaylynn Eyvonne Hill	<i>Janesville</i>	Brennan John Trader	<i>Fort Atkinson</i>
Regan Hoffman	<i>Evansville</i>	Jasmine Turrubiates	<i>Beloit</i>
Andy Holmbeck ^H	<i>Janesville</i>	Makaela D. Tyler	<i>Beloit</i>
Navya A. Howard	<i>Beloit</i>	Emily Valadez	<i>Delavan</i>
Nicholas Joseph Hradisky	<i>Madison</i>	Abel Vega	<i>Milwaukee</i>
Amariona Humphrey	<i>Milwaukee</i>	John P. Venable	<i>Milwaukee</i>
Austin T. Hunt	<i>Evansville</i>	Alison Elizabeth Walters ^H	<i>Beloit</i>
Abbigail Ilene Ippolito ^H	<i>Janesville</i>	Aaron Warren	<i>Beloit</i>
Justina Louise Jackson-Lemke	<i>Rockford, Illinois</i>	Ava Weir	<i>Edgerton</i>
Lily A. Jacob	<i>Janesville</i>	Preston Williams	<i>Brodhead</i>
Justin Josef Joerres	<i>Milwaukee</i>	Alexandra Wilson	<i>Madison</i>
Janelle Lynn Johnson	<i>Clinton</i>	Staci N. Wilson ^H	<i>Janesville</i>
Tristan Noah Jones	<i>Janesville</i>	Alaina Mae Wolf	<i>Janesville</i>
Angelina Jorgenson	<i>Janesville</i>	Mackenzie Wollner	<i>Kewaskum</i>
		Samara Woods ^H	<i>Beloit</i>

BACHELOR'S DEGREE RECIPIENTS

The College of Integrated Studies is proud to recognize the following UW-Whitewater at Rock County alumni and students who are earning collaborative degrees on other campuses.

BACHELOR OF APPLIED ARTS AND SCIENCES

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-WHITewater

Anderia Denean Barnett
Heidi M. Derhammer
Nancy Guedj
Madeline Nicole Hartline
Chawndell Hulon

Sarai Jaimes
Shelby Lynn Lagerman
Taran Moore
Tonika Ndaw
Kyslee Anne Schliem

Carmen Stone
Jeremiah James Sutton
John A. Thompson
Mark A. Van Dyke
Ryan Andrew Veselik

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

EDGEWOOD UNIVERSITY

Hayle Acker
Aiden Brink
Payton Hauser

Nicholas Jacobus
Medina Oskey
Olivia Prather

Ella Rau
Juliann Russella
Sydney Thompson
Joseph Tobias

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-PLATTEVILLE

Elizabeth Bowen

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT REGALIA

Gowns and robes represent the principal levels of academic achievement. The associate and bachelor's gown have long, open sleeves. The UW-Whitewater chancellor wears a medallion that signifies the history and aspirations of the university. The medallion is cast and constructed in sterling silver and gold plate.

Stoles and cords worn by students may represent ethnic background, country of origin, academic achievement, or membership in a student organization:

- ❖ Green and gold cords signify membership in Sigma Kappa Delta, the English honor society for two-year colleges.
- ❖ Purple and white cords signify honor students based on cumulative GPA.
- ❖ Red, white, and blue cords indicate a veteran or military student.
- ❖ Blue and yellow cords indicate Phi Theta Kappa, the English Honor Society.
- ❖ Red and gold cords indicate the Spanish Honor Society.
- ❖ Red cords indicate the TRIO program.
- ❖ Many-colored stoles indicate membership in Latinos Unidos.

SPECIAL THANKS

The Rock County Campus Commencement Committee, Anna Schuette-Reid, Trevor Rees, Hawksquad and staff volunteers, University Marketing and Communications, JATV, and the Rock County custodial and campus maintenance staff.

WARHAWKS GIVE FUND



Warhawks Give: Writing the Next Chapter Together

Congratulations to our graduating Warhawks on the Rock County campus and to the families, friends, and mentors who have championed them every step of the way! As you cross the stage today, you aren't just receiving a degree; you are becoming a lifelong part of the Warhawk legacy.

Your journey is a vital part of Our Stories, Our Future, the most ambitious comprehensive campaign in UW-Whitewater's history. This campaign is dedicated to ensuring that every student has the opportunity to thrive, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Help us ensure that the next generation of students can experience the same pride you feel today. We invite you to make a commemorative gift of \$20.26 or more in honor of this graduation year. Your contribution directly supports student success and keeps the Warhawk story moving forward.



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Once a Warhawk, always a Warhawk!

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