



### **UW-Whitewater Foundation, Inc. announces the Dr. Elmer G. Redford '59 Lab**

The *Dr. Elmer G. Redford '59 Lab* has been established in the Mary Poppe Chrisman Success Center on the campus of UW–Whitewater. “Thanks to a generous contribution from a UW–Whitewater alumnus, we are pleased to name this lab in honor of noted alumnus, instructor and staff member, Dr. Elmer Redford,” noted Greg Rutzen, President, UW-Whitewater Foundation, Inc. and Vice Chancellor for University Advancement.

The room will recognize the foundational work of Dr. Elmer Redford, UW-Whitewater Emeritus Physics Faculty Member and Developmental Studies and Learning Skills Center Director. Dr. Redford faithfully served for twenty-seven years as a member of the Department of Physics and is highly regarded for mentoring numerous students. He was instrumental in leading the development and growth of the Tutorial Services precursor, then known as the Developmental Studies / Learning Skills Center. His vision laid the foundation for a tutoring program focused on student needs and leveraging the talents of peer mentors, faculty and counselors. Dr. Redford also was a long-term stakeholder and supporter of the R. W. Prucha Scholarship Fund. Additionally, he participated in the shared governance of the University as a member of the faculty senate.

The Mary Poppe Chrisman Student Success Center is the home to the UW-Whitewater Campus Tutorial Services. The flexibility and resourcefulness of staff and student tutors have demonstrated the ability for tutorial services to still be delivered remotely in adherence with pandemic related safety protocols on the UW-Whitewater campus. The technology in the Mary Poppe Chrisman Success Center has proven to be an impactful resource for students who are now not only struggling with classwork, but also unable to meet physically with staff and tutors for assistance. Luckily, the Campus Tutorial Services had been proactive early to implement digital options for the delivery of tutorial services. For the summer, fall and spring 2019-2020 semesters, 188 student workers (summer/fall) and 149 student workers (spring) assisted their fellow students at the center. Tutors delivered 66,245 hours of services during the academic year.

An event to dedicate the Dr. Elmer G. Redford '59 Lab will be held at a future date.

UW–Whitewater students and Dean Goza introduce the newly named *Dr. Elmer G. Redford '59 Lab* - [View video](#)