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**Report to
the Community
2003**

A Message from Our Dean



Dear Members of the University of Wisconsin-Fond du Lac Community,

The University of Wisconsin-Fond du Lac is part of a large educational system recognized around the world for its quality and integrity with corresponding resources and services offered in a small campus liberal arts environment. The community of Fond du Lac has demonstrated its commitment to this access point into the UW System by working to improve the facilities over the past several years as the campus has been renovated. You have also continued to offer your support by participating on committees and boards; making contributions to our Foundation and attending concerts and plays

throughout the year. This continuation of your support and participation is essential to us and for which we are appreciative.

Since our inception and the articulation of the "Wisconsin Idea" it has been our responsibility to ensure that the opportunities provided by the University of Wisconsin System are opportunities available to Fond du Lac and the surrounding region. This means that we are the access point to the UW System where the job enhancement and economic opportunities available to citizens of Wisconsin are available to this community as well. We take this responsibility seriously even when budgetary constraints may be challenging; we keep our role always before us.

During the history of this campus, thousands of students have benefited from the high quality, solid education provided at UW-Fond du Lac by an outstanding university faculty and staff. As our student body has grown dramatically over the past two years, it has become more diverse with a growing population of non-traditional students. More students are taking advantage of our collaborative four year program and transfer opportunities than ever before.

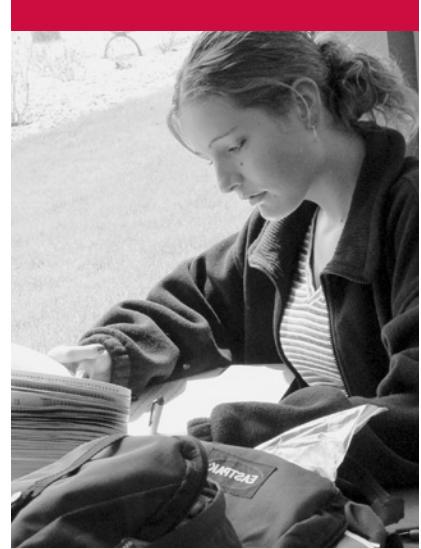
I am pleased to be able to share with you this report which highlights our success and the significant impact we have on Fond du Lac and the surrounding communities. The report also recognizes the opportunities that are before us and the bright future we share together.

I hope that the information in this report will encourage you to join us as we continue to make UW-Fond du Lac better and more effective in its mission of service to this community. You, as members of our community, are essential contributors to our success, but you are also contributors to our future. Please take advantage of the educational opportunities available on our campus and continue to benefit from having your local University of Wisconsin in this community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. Blankenship".

Dr. Daniel J. Blankenship
Campus Dean and Chief Executive Officer



Biography

Dr. Daniel J. Blankenship is the Campus Dean and Chief Executive Officer for the University of Wisconsin-Fond du Lac. Dr. Blankenship arrived on the UW-Fond du Lac campus in July of 2002.

Dr. Blankenship came to UW-Fond du Lac from the position of Dean, School of Mathematics and Science at the University of Great Falls in Great Falls, Montana, a position he held for eight years. He also held faculty rank as Professor of Biology in the School of Mathematics and Science and continued teaching and research during his 14 years as a faculty member there. In the spring of 2001, Dr. Blankenship was elected President of the Montana Academy of Sciences, a local chapter of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

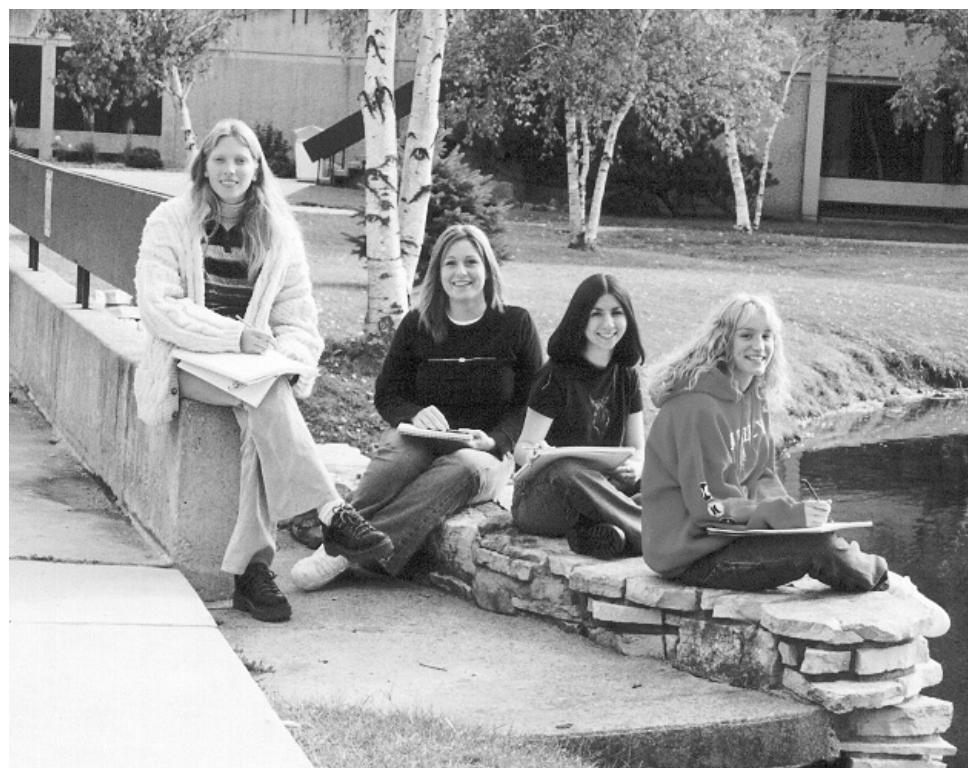
Dr. Blankenship completed a Ph.D. in 1985 at Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, CA. He completed a M.A. in 1981 and his B.S. from what is now La Sierra University in Riverside, California in 1979. Following the completion of his Ph.D., he did some post-doctoral research work at the University of Wyoming followed by a teaching appointment at a community college.



The Vision...

UW-Fond du Lac is a diverse community of learners providing affordable access to the academic and cultural resources of the University of Wisconsin by combining technology with personalized service and instruction.

- We enhance the quality of life in the area by educating our citizens. We provide a high quality liberal arts and science curriculum for undergraduate associate degree-seeking students to prepare them for baccalaureate programs.
- We value diversity. We respect, appreciate and actively promote diversity on our campus by serving the special needs of minority, disadvantaged, disabled and returning adult students.
- We serve as an educational resource to our citizens. We utilize the unique professional expertise of the faculty and staff to offer lifelong learning opportunities for our citizens in professional development, business and industry, and the liberal arts.
- We offer cultural enrichment opportunities to our community.
- We promote responsible citizenship and foster, in all learners, an enthusiasm for learning. We encourage students to be inherently curious, responsive to the needs of others, recognize that ideas are multifaceted, and acknowledge that they have responsibilities as well as rights.



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Accreditation

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Degree Granted

Associate of Arts and Sciences
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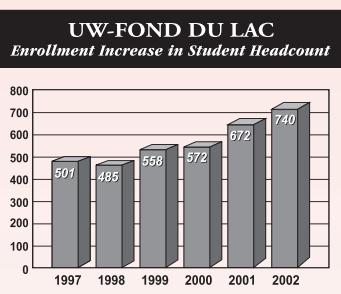
Collaborative Degree

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh
Bachelor of Liberal Studies
Degree in Organizational
Administration

Faculty

19 full-time professors
The majority have a Ph.D. or
equivalent terminal degree in
their field.

17 part-time lecturers



About UW-Fond du Lac



Tuition & Fees (2002-2003)

Students taking 12-18 credits paid \$1,466 for tuition and fees. Part-time students taking less than 12 credits paid \$122.05 per credit hour. Students paid \$150 per credit with a \$60 non-refundable registration fee to enroll in an online course offered by UW Colleges Online.

Financial Aid & Scholarships

In 2002-2003, approximately 40% of UW Colleges' students received some form of financial aid. Also, 27 students received scholarships totaling \$20,500 from the UW-Fond du Lac Foundation.

Enrollment – Fall 2002

741 Students
535 Full-time Equivalencies
(15 credits)
279 New Freshmen

320 Men, 421 Women

536 Students age 21 & under
205 Students age 22 & older

445 Students are full-time
296 Students are part-time

Average Class Size

20 Students

The University of Wisconsin-Fond du Lac is one of 13 locally-owned campuses, which, collectively, are the UW Colleges, the liberal arts transfer institution of the University of Wisconsin System. UW-Fond du Lac has been the "best start" on a university education for thousands of area residents.

The physical facilities of UW-Fond du Lac are owned and maintained by Fond du Lac County. This unique relationship has created strong campus-community bonds and a pride that gives UW-Fond du Lac a special character within the UW System. Local citizens benefit from continuing education, off-campus instruction, cultural enrichment and the professional resources of UW-Fond du Lac.

A World-Class University System

UW-Fond du Lac combines the advantages of a small liberal arts college with the high standards and international reputation of the University of Wisconsin. Most of our students transfer to a four-year University of Wisconsin campus to complete a bachelor's degree.

Credits earned at UW-Fond du Lac are guaranteed to transfer to other UW institutions through the Guaranteed Transfer Program. Selected students can also participate in a dual admission program with UW-Madison, the Madison Connections Program.

UW-Fond du Lac offers courses that are the foundation for more than 200 majors and are fully transferable to public and private universities and colleges nationwide. This strong curriculum provides a solid foundation for success in future academic careers.

Small Classes, Personal Attention

The UW-Fond du Lac curriculum is designed specifically to help students succeed in the critical first two years of college before they transfer and complete a bachelor's degree. Small classes (average size is 20 students) mean plenty of helpful, one-on-one attention and the building of a solid academic foundation. Top-notch professors are hired for their expertise in an area of study and for their dedication to teaching.

Affordable Education

UW-Fond du Lac is incredibly affordable with the lowest tuition in the UW System. Many students live at home for a year or two and save money on room and board expenses. We have a Financial Aid Program that provides grants, loans and scholarships and more than 50% of the financial aid offered is in the form of grants and scholarships.



that don't have to be paid back. Many students actually leave UW-Fond du Lac without any debts.

Returning Adult Students

The influx of returning adults students (those 22 years of age and older) to UW-Fond du Lac has risen significantly over the past several years. Over 30% of UW-Fond du Lac students are adult students. Dedicated efforts to attract adult students to campus continue.

Beginning in 1999 with the UW Colleges Adult Student Initiative, the campus hired an advisor dedicated to serving its adult student population. This service continues today with Jackie Morgan serving as the personal contact resource. She encourages any adult student to contact her directly and is happy to assist with any questions on admission, transfer credits, education financing, academic advising and more.

The Evening Degree Program allows busy adults who work during the day to attend classes in the late afternoon and evening hours in pursuit of their Associate Degree.

Baccalaureate Degree

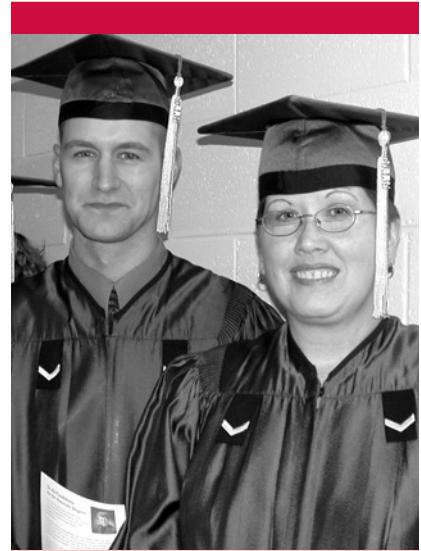
UW-Fond du Lac has developed a collaborative relationship with UW-Oshkosh resulting in delivery of a four-year program which makes possible the completion of a bachelor's degree right on the UW-Fond du Lac campus. This program is especially beneficial to adult students in the community who want to stay close to home to complete their bachelor's degree because of family or job commitments. Students can earn the Bachelor of Liberal Studies Degree in Organizational Administration.

Library

The UW Colleges libraries continue to work cooperatively. All UW-Fond du Lac patrons - including students, staff and community members - have access to over 90 online research databases, funded by a centralized UW Libraries budget. UW-Fond du Lac provides off-campus access to these and other licensed resources via software known as EZProxy. UW Colleges funding also acquired a selection of NetLibrary "electronic books," in order to allow experimentation with this relatively new medium.

While the arrival of the Internet has provided digitized collections, there are still many resources which are unavailable in an electronic format. The core collection of the UW-Fond du Lac Library is sustained with new acquisitions to meet needs which cannot currently be met (either by cost or unavailability) of electronic resources. With more funding, the UW-Fond du Lac Library could witness the demise of the traditional Reserve Desk, with reserve materials related to specific classes being available securely via the Internet. A trial is planned for spring 2003 to provide electronic reference to

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A Brief History

The story of UW-Fond du Lac began in 1963 when the Wisconsin Coordinating Council for Higher Education (CCHE) designated Fond du Lac as a potential site for a two-year branch campus as part of its "outreach" plan designed to bring quality higher education within easy reach of students.

The Citizen's Committee of Fond du Lac County residents began exploratory studies which led to a formal resolution of support in 1966 by the Fond du Lac County Board of Supervisors.

Original construction, land and equipment costs totaled just over \$5 million and the campus opened on September 9, 1968, with Dr. Willard J. Henken as Dean.

UW-Fond du Lac is one of the 13 UW Colleges in the state. The merger of the University of Wisconsin and the State University System in 1972 resulted in the University of Wisconsin System and united the UW Colleges' campuses in its mission under the name University of Wisconsin Center System. In 1983, the name of the institution became the University of Wisconsin Centers. In 1997, the name of the institution was changed to University of Wisconsin Colleges.

A \$13 million campus renovation project was completed in 2001.



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patrons via QuestionPoint. This technology will enable patrons to ask online reference questions and receive immediate answers from librarians throughout the state.

Although increasing numbers of online indexes and databases are becoming available to guide research, the majority of research consists of a balanced combination of traditional and electronic resources. Circulation of printed books and journals in 2001-2002 was up three percent from the previous year. Borrowing of traditional print resources through InterLoan increased 30% during the same period while the lending of materials was maintained. With the advent of Universal Borrowing (which allows seamless access to all 26 UW System institutions and the ability to search all WISPALS Technical College Libraries) lending and borrowing will again see significant gains, with the dream of "Libraries without Walls" becoming a reality.

The UW-Fond du Lac Library continues to provide a blend of traditional and electronic services and resources to its patronage. The future holds many exciting possibilities with advances in technology and the cooperative sharing with other institutions of higher learning.

Technology

UW-Fond du Lac added two new computer labs, a 28 station lab in the classroom building for instruction, and a wireless laptop lab used in the business curriculum. This means there are over 150 computers in 11 different labs for students to use. With the installation of new video equipment in classrooms, almost every classroom on campus will have the latest technology for computer and video projection deployment. A complete conversion to Windows XP operating system was completed to provide expanded network administration capabilities and compatibility with the operating systems that students and faculty are purchasing for their home computers. Free Internet dial-in service is available to all students, faculty and staff.

Continuing Education

Continuing Education at UW-Fond du Lac offered 184 courses to 2,744 citizens in Fiscal Year 2001-2002. The successful enrollment of the Continuing Education Department was largely due to the diverse programming offered. Divisional programming was offered in music, liberal arts, computing, online courses, tours, gifted/talented and professional development for K-12 instructors. Youth programming accounted for 69% of total enrollments and the remaining 31% was adult non-credit.

Additionally, 36% or 1,000 of Continuing Education's registrations occurred during June and July when College For Kids, LEAPS! and athletic programming is made available to area youth.

New to Continuing Education this past year was an exhibit featuring the art of various Continuing Education art instructors and students. Over 125 people attended this exhibit held in May 2002. Through the Continuing Education Department, Assistant Professor of Geology and Geography, Dr. Michael Jurmu, instructed a graduate education course, G.I.S. (Geographical Information Systems), to area middle and high school science and social studies instructors.



Faculty

Dr. Judith Barisonzi
Associate Professor, English

Patricia Eby
Assistant Professor, Music

Dr. Sondra Gates
Assistant Professor, English

William Griffiths (Griff)
Associate Professor, Art

Richard Gustin
Assistant Professor,
Communication Arts & Theater

Dr. Paisley Harris
Assistant Professor, History

Elizabeth Hayes
Associate Professor, Biology

Dr. Chris Hays
Assistant Professor, Sociology and
Anthropology

Dr. John Heil
Associate Professor,
Physics and Astronomy

Dr. Khaled Hussein
Assistant Professor, Mathematics

Dr. Michael C. Jurmu
Assistant Professor, Geography

Dr. Michael Nofz
Professor, Sociology

Dr. Sayeed Payesteh
Associate Professor, Business/
Economics

Carolyn R. Polodna
Associate Professor, Business

Dr. Farzan Riazati
Assistant Professor, Mathematics

Dr. Roger Righterink
Professor, Philosophy

Community

State-of-the-art facilities with a picturesque prairie view welcome students, corporate clients and the community to the UW-Fond du Lac campus. The recent University Center addition not only connected the buildings on campus together, but also extended the university's connection into the community.

The Trinity Irish Dance Company and the internationally-known Vienna Choir boys each performed to sell out crowds in the Prairie Theater. In addition to university sponsored programs, local theater and music organizations as well as business clients host events and meetings in our facilities.

Buildings and Grounds

The final phase of furniture and equipment purchases for the campus classrooms, laboratories and offices has been successfully completed. These purchases are the final step in the extensive campus renovation project which was started in 1998. Renovations to existing buildings and the creation of the University Center were made possible by the \$13 million commitment from Fond du Lac County. In addition to the county investment, the State of Wisconsin has provided nearly \$3 million for furniture and equipment. This final phase included purchase of furniture and equipment for faculty and administrative offices; technology equipment for various classrooms, including a second distance education classroom; and science equipment for biology, physics and geography labs. New physical education equipment will be purchased in 2003.

The grounds of the UW-Fond du Lac campus have been the beneficiary of a unique partnership between the university, the Fond du Lac County UW Extension Office (located on campus) and the Master Gardeners of Fond du Lac County. Working together during this past year, this partnership established two new perennial flower beds and started laying the groundwork for future enhancements to the campus grounds. The Master Gardeners, with help from the UW-Fond du Lac maintenance staff, now maintain over ten flower beds.

Kaplan Award Winners

Sondra Gates, assistant professor of English, and Richard Gustin, assistant professor of communication and theater arts at UW-Fond du Lac, were named Arthur M. Kaplan Fellows for 2002-2003. The Kaplan award is conferred to university staff and faculty who make significant and innovative improvement of instruction or service to students. It honors Kaplan, who retired in 1993 as vice chancellor of the UW Colleges.

Gates developed an interdisciplinary course through which students spend time every week volunteering at a community service organization, then apply what they learn from their volunteer experiences to their class work.

Gustin paired the UW-Fond du Lac theater department with the St. Agnes Hospital Domestic Violence Program and Friends Against Violent Relationships to perform student-written scenes to raise awareness of these domestic violence issues in a new format.

UW-Fond du Lac Foundation

The University of Wisconsin-Fond du Lac Foundation continues to grow and provide the "margin of excellence" to UW-Fond du Lac and the area community. The mission of the Foundation is to promote excellence at UW-Fond du Lac while enhancing the educational and cultural activities available on the campus.

As part of this mission, scholarships totaling \$20,500 were awarded to 27 local UW-Fond du Lac students for the 2002-2003 academic year and a \$1,000 grant was awarded to the Continuing Education Department in support of youth educational programs. The Foundation also provides much needed funding for faculty and staff professional development and provides other enhancements not available within the campus budget.

For more information or to make a contribution to the Foundation, please call (920) 929-7657.



UW-FOND DU LAC CAMPUS NEWS CAPSULES

January 2002

UW-FDL Dean Judy Goldsmith announces plans to retire in July of 2002 after nine years at the university.

February 2002

The Vienna Choir Boys perform in the Prairie Theater. Tickets for the two performances sold out in less than two weeks.

March 2002

A new dean is selected. The UW Board of Regents approves Daniel J. Blankenship, Ph.D. from Great Falls, Montana.

Several professors receive a grant to prepare a new program that combines interdisciplinary education with volunteer work in the community.

April 2002

Anthropology professor and archaeologist Chris Hays, publishes an entry for the *Encyclopedia of Prehistory, Vol. 6: North America* (Kluwer Academic/Plenum).

May 2002

Sandi Braun Roehrig, executive director of the FDL Foundation, will be the featured speaker at the Spring 2002 Honors and Commencement Program.

The UW System Board of Regents will hold part of its May 2002 meeting on campus.

June 2002

Middle school and high school teachers participate in hands-on training in Geographic Information System (GIS) technology offered through Continuing Education.

July 2002

UW-FDL and Moraine Park Technical College jointly sponsor a Travel Adventure Film Series presented in the Prairie Theater from October 2002 through April 2003.

August 2002

Paisley Harris, assistant professor of history, and Farzan Riazati, assistant professor of mathematics join the faculty.

September 2002

For the second consecutive year, a significant increase in student enrollment for the fall semester is seen. Final enrollments for the fall 2002 semester are up 10% over fall 2001. This follows the previous year's 20% increase in student enrollment and represents 29.5% growth over the last two years. UW-Fond du Lac's 2002 enrollment represents the largest number of students on the campus since 1993.

October 2002

Nearly 100 recipients, donors, parents, friends, UW-FDL Foundation Board Members, and UW-FDL faculty and staff attend a reception honoring both the recipients of Foundation scholarships and donors to the Foundation.

Arthurian Tales for Those Who Don't Like Fantasy is the topic of a book discussion led by UW-Fond du Lac professor Michael Nofz.

A Return to Learn information session is held during National Nontraditional Student Week. Almost 30% of UW-FDL students are returning adults over the age of 21.

November 2002

Students and faculty raise \$2,200 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in a walk held at the campus.

A second Brown Bag Book Discussion is led by Chris Hays, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology. Hays discusses the book *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*.

UW-Fond du Lac hosts a community blood drive.

Demand is greater than ever! Applications for spring 2003 are twice the number received at this same time last year and applications for fall 2003 are three times that of last year.

UW-Madison Chancellor John D. Wiley visits the campus to discuss the Madison Connections Program.

Auditions for the spring production of William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* are held.

December 2002

Mesiah is performed as part of a special holiday concert.

The FDL Adult Literacy Services program receives a donation of \$250 as the result of a class project at UW-FDL. In a business class taught by Carolyn Polodna, student Aimee Britton implements an idea from her group's class project, a fundraiser.

Assistant Professor of Geography/Geology Dr. Michael C. Jurmu publishes an article in the December 2002 journal *Environmental Management*.

UW-FDL announced the Trinity Irish Dance Company will perform in the Prairie Theater on April 23, 2003. The performance is sold out.

The public is invited to join an eight-day Continuing Education tour to Ireland June 11-19, 2003, led by Michael Thorn, history professor at UW-FDL.



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