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Report to the Community



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Dean's Message



As we prepare the fourth edition of the annual "Report to the Community," I am pleased to recognize the many accomplishments of our dedicated faculty, staff, students, alumni and community partners of the University of Wisconsin-Fond du Lac campus. Throughout this past year, we have dedicated all of our resources to making a difference in the lives of students in our community. Our mission to provide access for students to a University of Wisconsin education is one that we take seriously; the outcomes of which are highlighted in the pages that follow. The delivery of eight UW baccalaureate programs on our campus, allowing students to achieve a college degree without leaving their community, is only one of our endeavors that is evidence of our commitment to bringing the UW to Fond du Lac.

Our fall enrollment was at an all time high at 758, more of our students are full time and can now achieve an associate degree by taking courses throughout the day and into the evening. We offered our second Winterim session in early January following a very successful summer session; expanding the educational opportunities to students beyond the normal academic schedule. Our course offerings have expanded to off campus locations as well, meeting the needs of our community wherever we find them. We have developed courses that include service learning, directly connecting the educational experience with the needs of the community. Throughout these endeavors, we are thankful for our community support and the strengths and commitment of our faculty and staff in the delivery of a high quality University of Wisconsin education.

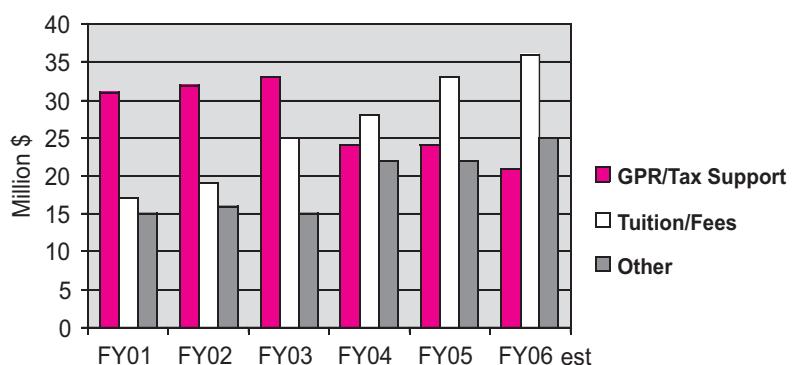
We are also learning to do much with less and our students are facing increases in tuition exceeding the rate of inflation. This fall, the support from the state has dwindled to 29% of our operating budget, meaning that other sources must be identified to allow us to continue serving our students. Our Foundation is working hard to make additional resources available to our students in the form of scholarships. This has become more and more important as tuition continues to rise. Hopefully, the reader will see that despite the limitations in funds we are moving forward, nonetheless, serving the educational needs of our community in many ways while enhancing the educational experience and our service to the community of Fond du Lac.

We are proud of our accomplishments and we look forward to continued success in the future as we work together to achieve the educational goals of students in our community. We thank you for your support of our campus.

Sincerely,

Dr. Daniel J. Blankenship
Dean and Chief Executive Officer

UW Colleges Budget



Campus Highlights

Campus faculty and staff received a number of honors during the past year. Among the highlights are:

Richard Gustin, communication and theater arts professor and **Khaled Hussein**, mathematics professor, received the 2005-06 Arthur M. Kaplan Award for innovation and service to students.

Leanne Doyle, UW Colleges interim director of continuing education, was honored with a UW Extension Award of Excellence.

Patricia Eby, associate dean and music professor, was recognized as one of the leaders in vocal jazz in the state by Wisconsin Music Educator's Conference (WMEC). She has also been appointed chair of the Repertoire and Standards Committee for Two-Year Schools by Wisconsin Choral Director's Association (WCDA).

Tom Patterson, associate lecturer of music and trombonist, appeared "In Concert" with the Madison Brass and The Impact of Brass in a number of concert series and festivals.

Michael Nofz, sociology professor, has been awarded a sabbatical for the Spring 2007 term for his project "Prepared to Serve, Prepared to Learn: Pre-Service Training for Service Learning Students."

Harald Schenk, astronomy lecturer, is a Solar System Ambassador for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (he is available to give free talks on NASA space missions). He is an associate member of the American Astronomical Society, a member of the Sheboygan Astronomical Society, and helps out on various committees during the annual Rockets-for-Schools events in Sheboygan.

Mary Rieder, Library Support Services, is co-chair of the Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians' Membership Committee, and was appointed as the East Central District representative, covering Fond du Lac, Sheboygan, Dodge, Washington and Ozaukee Counties, for the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society.

Tom Clausen, IT director, designed the website for the Lions Pride Campaign for the Wisconsin Lions Foundation, a \$25 million endowment campaign to make the Wisconsin Lions Camp endowed for future campers. As state and district IT chairman for the Wisconsin Lions, he also is the webmaster for numerous Lions Club websites in the state. In July,

he began his duties as a director of the Wisconsin Lions Foundation for one, and possibly two, three-year periods.

Richard Gustin, communications and theater arts professor, was an Equity Guest Artist with Acacia Theater Company in Milwaukee playing the leading role of William Massop in the early twentieth century classic, "Hobson's Choice," by Harold Brighouse.

Lee Watson, physical education professor and athletic director, was named the WCC & WJCAA women's tennis coach of the year. The team went undefeated winning the conference and state titles.

Michael Jurmu, geography/geology professor, published an article entitled "Implementing Musical Lyrics to Teach Physical Geography: A Simple Model" in the July/August 2005 issue of the "Journal of Geography." Jurmu has also written a chapter for the textbook "Research Design and Proposal Writing in Spatial Science."

Paisley Harris, history professor, had her research featured on National Public Radio's Riverwalk Jazz program entitled "Under a Southern Moon: Blues Queens and Tent Shows."

Elizabeth Hayes, biology professor, attended a National Science Foundation Chautauqua Course in Washington state. The course was entitled, "Pacific Northwest Earthquakes – Evidence in Native Myth and Tradition."

Jon Mark Bolthouse, automation librarian for the UW Colleges, was elected secretary/chair elect of the Library Automation Managers group, part of the Council of University of Wisconsin Libraries. He will begin his term as Chair in August of 2006. He also continues to serve as Chair of the American Library Association's Library Consortia Automated Systems Interest Group and presented at the All-Campus Colloquium in May.

Promotions

Khaled Hussein, mathematics, and **Michael Jurmu**, geography/geology, were each promoted to associate professor.

Michael Thorn, history, was promoted to professor.

New Faculty

Three new faculty members joined the campus community in 2005 - **John Scotello**, art; **Lee Watson**, physical education/athletic director and **Alayne Peterson**, English.



Foundations of Excellence

UW-Fond du Lac, as one of the thirteen UW Colleges across the state, will be participating in the "Foundations of Excellence in the First College Year" project. The UW Colleges was selected in a national competitive application process from a pool of 87 two-year institutions.

This project is designed to help campuses improve the first year experience for new students. The UW Colleges is one of only ten "Founding Institutions" included in the project.

UW-Fond du Lac currently has a program in place called Engaging Students in the First Year (ESFY). This ESFY program helps new students successfully make the transition to college and begins with an extensive orientation/exploration/integration process for new students and their families.

Engaging the Community



A strong partnership between UW-Fond du Lac and the local community is beneficial to both. UW-Fond du Lac is committed to being an academic and cultural resource for local residents. Some of the highlights of the past year include:

Cultural and Academic Enrichment

The first-ever University Performing Arts Series was launched this year with nine events, including an encore performance by the Vienna Choir Boys. The series includes theatrical events, musical performances and nationally touring events.

Numerous lectures were given on a wide variety of topics during 2005. The public was invited to a lecture on Savant Syndrome, a stem cell research talk, a discussion on the theatrical workings of Laura Ingalls Wilder, and "The Color of Black" discussion forum on how and why blacks or African Americans have grappled with their sociologically assigned race or name designations through the years since slavery.

The UW-Fond du Lac theater department presented "Lumberjacks in Love" and "A Laura Ingalls Wilder Christmas." The music department offered the community several concerts including "A Tribute to Leonard Bernstein." UW-Fond du Lac's music department features a chorus, vocal jazz ensemble and is the home to the Fond du Lac Chamber Singers. The Collegiate Wind Ensemble, a joint collaboration with students from Marian College, also performs at the campus.

The Visual Arts Gallery has hosted an ever-changing display of art including "The Color of Hay," black and white photographs exploring the extraordinary changes that have taken place in Romania; the Michael K. Julian exhibit "Continuum," based on correspondences between color and numerical order; "World Domination," featuring the rising stars of the neo-pop art scene and many more.

County Board Recognition

A plaque was installed and dedicated at UW-Fond du Lac recognizing and honoring the Fond du Lac County Board members serving when the campus was built in 1968 and the Board members serving when the campus renovation project was approved in 1999.

Girls+Math+Science=Opportunities

This day long event encouraged 150 middle school girls to pursue math and science as career options. Held at UW-Fond du Lac and Moraine Park Technical College, it was the result of the partnership between numerous community groups and organizations including Agnesian HealthCare & St. Agnes Hospital Foundation, Northeast Wisconsin Area Health Education Center in collaboration with Boys & Girls Club, Family Resource Center, Fond du Lac Public Library, Fond du Lac Public School District, Girl Scouts of Manitou Council, Moraine Park Technical College, UW-Extension 4-H, UW-Fond du Lac Continuing Education, Sophia Foundation and Fond du Lac Area Foundation.

Physical Education Building Improvements

A new maple wood floor was installed in the gymnasium in May of 2005. Funding for the floor was provided by Fond du Lac County. New electronic bleachers were installed in November on the north side of the gymnasium. Fond du Lac County and UW-Fond du Lac jointly provided funding for the bleachers.

In addition to the new floor and bleachers, improvements were also made to the curtain divider in the gymnasium and the heating and ventilation equipment in the Physical Education Building.

Community Connections

UW-Fond du Lac continued to build a connection with the community through the increased number of groups and businesses who utilized campus facilities this year.

The University Center was the site of many creative fundraising events including a fashion show, a trivia contest, a New England lobster boil, a piano concert, and an "American Bandstand" reception. Businesses hosted a variety of events – employee training, annual meetings, strategic planning sessions, recognition dinners and holiday celebrations.

Non-profit organizations offered events with community appeal with a number of health related seminars and speakers, volunteer training and run/walk-a-thons.

Teacher Mentoring Online

This collaboration initiative with UW-Parkside, UWExtension and five UW Colleges campuses, provided teacher mentor training for 30 teachers regionally based in the Fox Valley. Following the summer training, a team of UW representatives are designing learning modules that can be accessed via the internet and used by PK-16 schools across Wisconsin.

Technology

UW-Fond du Lac offers 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. Wireless access is available in "hotspots" on campus including the University Center Commons and the library. The campus has two compressed video classrooms that support distance learning and can also be rented for meetings, consultations or even depositions.

The Best Start for Student Success

UW-Fond du Lac continues its commitment to enhancing the overall academic experience of our students. Supporting student success inside and outside of the classroom is a top priority. Our expertise at educating freshmen and sophomores is clear in the data that shows the combined success rate for UW Colleges' transfer students is approximately 80%; higher than any other transfer institution including other UW system schools.

Outstanding Student Achievement Awards
These students were honored at the 2005 Commencement ceremony: **Katie Mor** and **Jennifer Schmidt**, anthropology/sociology; **Ashley Muellenbach**, chemistry; **Sebastian Vervaect**, English; **Ashley Dineen**, geography/geology; **Jonathan Eiden**, history; **Christine Hayes**, journalism; **Scott Larson**, music major; **Nicollette Shirkey**, music performance; **Alex Bartow** and **Brendan Wood-Taylor**, theater; **Lauren Chapman**, **Akina Schatzke**, **Brendan Wood-Taylor**, multicultural club, **David Herrick**, student government.

Engaging Students in the First Year (ESFY)

Incoming first-year UW-Fond du Lac students participated in a three-day immersion experience shortly before the fall semester began. The course employed Mary Shelley's classic novel, "Frankenstein," as the common reading and incorporated ten faculty and staff members as teachers. This was a unique opportunity for students to work closely together through the sharing of ideas surrounding a classic novel and to receive a challenging introduction to undergraduate liberal arts study.

Service Learning

UW-Fond du Lac students are engaged in many community service learning opportunities. Campus-community relationships are strengthened through this collaboration as the community benefits from having needs met and the students have a chance to practice skills in a "real world" setting.

The Student Government Association (SGA) continues to supervise the mentorship program. This program recruits student volunteers for one-to-one mentoring of elementary school children. Student volunteers will be attending a week-end

training session in De Pere, Wis., funded by a Learn and Serve Grant awarded to the program.

The Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) program continues on campus, with **Carrie Hovland** as the Service Learning Coordinator. The campus now has six courses that incorporate a service learning component in varying ways, with more being developed.

Through the VISTA program, area schoolchildren have received free books as part of the Literacy Project, and campus students have become involved in fund-raising activities for local service organizations. Special projects centered on the goal of addressing local poverty issues are being initiated.

Athletics

Lee Watson has joined the faculty at UW-Fond du Lac and serves as the new athletic director. Newly renovated facilities in the Physical Education Building include state-of-the-art equipment in the fitness center, a new wood gym floor and new bleachers. Student-athletes are now being recognized with "Falcon of the Week Honors" and a dance team is forming as well as a men's and women's tennis team.

The fall 2005 women's volleyball team went undefeated in the eastern conference led by head coach **Roger Duley**. This team finished 6-0 in conference play and 10-3 overall. The men's basketball team won their home tournament in early November lead by head coach **Jason Collien**. Enhancements are being made to the campus web site to include more information on athletics.

Study Abroad

UW-Fond du Lac's first international study course traveled to Italy in January 2005. Another study abroad course to Huatulco, Mexico, is planned for March 2006. These faculty-led three credit courses emphasize global awareness and require some course work prior to the in-country experience. Community members are able to join the tour only, or register for both the tour and the credit course.



Bachelor's Degree Completion Programs

While UW-Fond du Lac continues to provide the freshman/sophomore liberal arts foundation of a bachelor's degree as its primary mission, our collaborative partnership programs offer the option of completing a University of Wisconsin bachelor's degree right on the UW-Fond du Lac campus and illustrate just one way the UW System can pool its resources.

Schools and majors available are:

UW-Green Bay
Interdisciplinary Studies

UW-Oshkosh
Organizational Administration

UW-Milwaukee
*Information Resources
Communications
Organizational Administration
with Business Minor*

UW-Stevens Point
General Studies (two options)

UW-Stout
Industrial Management

UW-Superior
Early Childhood and Elementary Education



Don Noe '69-'71

Distinguished Alumni Award

Don Noe, originally from Fond du Lac and currently chief meteorologist at a television station in Miami, Fla., received UW-Fond du Lac's 2005 Distinguished Alumni Award.

Noe attended UW-Fond du Lac from the fall of 1969 through the spring of 1971. He then completed a Bachelor of Science degree in meteorology at UW-Madison.

His first job out of college was forecasting weather in the Green Bay area for radio stations, ski resorts, power companies and snow removal crews while working weekends for television station, WFRV-TV. In 1978, he moved to Portland, Ore., where he did the nightly weather on KGW.

In 1979, he accepted an offer from WPLG Channel 10 in Miami, Fla., where he currently resides with his wife, Betty, and two teenage sons. His father, Eugene, and brother, Dave, reside in the Fond du Lac area.

Noe estimates he has done over 780 school visits during more than 30 years of service to schools in Wisconsin, Oregon and Florida, presenting lectures on science and weather to elementary, secondary and high school students.

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Alumni Connections

UW-Fond du Lac Alumni

Since the campus first opened in 1968, nearly 20,000 students have attended classes at UW-Fond du Lac. If you attended UW-Fond du Lac for at least one semester and took one class or twenty, you are an alumnus. That makes you a member of the UW-Fond du Lac Alumni Association.

The UW-Fond du Lac Alumni Association was first established in 2004. It provides a channel of communication between the campus and its alumni. The Association is supported through the UW-Fond du Lac Foundation.

The Association provides a way to share information about what is going on at the campus. We also want to provide a way for you to connect with faculty, staff and



Mark Kohl
(attended
UW-Fond du Lac
1975-1977)
2005 Wisconsin
Teacher of the Year
Teacher,
Lodi High School

Mark Kohl has taught history and communications at Lodi High School near Madison for the past 23 years before being chosen as the 2005 Wisconsin Teacher of the Year. In addition to his classroom work, Kohl has directed the district's forensics program, is a founding member of the Lodi Stepping Stones Theater, works with the Friends of the Arts group, and volunteers with the Lodi Challenger 4-H organization.

friends. Throughout the year, the Alumni Association will sponsor and host events for alumni and their families. These events will provide a way for the alumnus to reconnect with the campus.

Alumni Programs and Activities

- **Distinguished Alumni Award & Reception**
- **Alumni Website**
An alumni page has been established on the UW-Fond du Lac website, www.fdl.uwc.edu. Select "Alumni & Friends."
- **Alumni Events**
- **Alumni E-news**
To register for the Alumni E-news, contact the Alumni Association.



Terri McCormick
(attended
UW-Fond du Lac
1975-1978)
Wisconsin State
Representative

Terri grew up in Fond du Lac and holds a bachelor's degree in political science – Magna cum Laude from UW-Oshkosh. She also holds a master's degree in administrative leadership. Before entering the legislature in 2000, Terri founded a research and development corporation as well as a consulting group in the area of educational learning differences. She represents Wisconsin's 56th Assembly District. Terri currently lives with her family in the Town of Greenville, near Appleton, Wisconsin.

Family Connections

The people who attend UW-Fond du Lac are our friends and neighbors. And, sometimes even family members! Here are just a few of the many examples of the generations of family members who have attended the campus.

Mark Strand ('75-'77), Captain - Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Office, attended UW-Fond du Lac followed by his sons **Dustin R. Strand** ('99-'01), Deputy Marshal - United States Marshals Service and **Jordan M. Strand**, current student.

Sandi Royea Braun Roehrig ('69-'70), executive director - Fond du Lac Area Foundation met her first husband, **Joe Braun** ('68-'70, deceased), on campus. Her sister, **Cheri Royea Basler** ('71-'72), real estate professional, and brother **Rob Royea** ('75-'76), art gallery owner, are UW-Fond du Lac alumni. Additionally, sons, **Joe Braun** ('93-'94) and **Rocky Braun** ('95), are also former UW-Fond du Lac students.

Paul Thelen ('77-'78), musician, and daughter **Elise Thelen** ('02-'04) are both UW-Fond du Lac alumni.



Promoting Excellence • Investing in the Future • Making a Difference

Building a Foundation for the Future

The UW-Fond du Lac Foundation exists solely to support the efforts of UW-Fond du Lac. But, what does that really mean?

In an era of shrinking state support, (currently the state of Wisconsin contributes just 29% to UW-Fond du Lac), the Foundation plays an important role in helping to make education beyond high school accessible and affordable for all. The Foundation helps fill that gap. Additionally, the Foundation helps to support campus initiatives that would not otherwise be possible, such as professional development grants for faculty and staff and funding of cultural and academic programming that the community at large can enjoy.

We are honored and very grateful for the on-going support that many generous community members give to UW-Fond du Lac. Their gifts reflect the value and commitment of having a University of Wisconsin campus in "our" community.

The people who have attended, and continue to attend, UW-Fond du Lac are our friends and neighbors. They are, and will be, business owners, educators, lawyers, engineers and others who will serve the greater Fond du Lac area.

What have we done in 2005-2006...

- Over \$26,000 in scholarships awarded to new and continuing UW-Fond du Lac students
- Over \$200,000 in scholarships have been awarded in last 10 years
- Faculty and staff at UW-Fond du Lac have received \$28,000 in professional development grants to support the integration of new techniques and technologies in the classroom, and share their knowledge with colleagues since 1997
- Sponsored Fine Arts & Lectures activities and campus/community events, such as Art Exhibit & Sale
- Supported economically disadvantaged families through scholarships to College for Kids and LEAPS programs on campus

The Building Blocks

Just like the building of a quality home, building a university foundation takes time and effort. We are excited and challenged by the task of building the UW-Fond du Lac Foundation that will serve the needs of UW-Fond du Lac and the community long into the future. As we begin planning for the 2006-2007 academic year, we would like to invite you to become one of the building blocks for our future success.

What do we still need to do...

- Increase endowed funding to help support scholarships and campus initiatives
- Build and strengthen community relationships to help communicate the needs and successes of the campus
- Continue to support campus programming and projects
- Engage the community in campus events and programming
- Connect alumni with the campus through the Alumni Association

We want you to become a part of the UW-Fond du Lac Foundation

You can help us build UW-Fond du Lac Foundation by:

- Supporting UW-Fond du Lac with a charitable donation, creation of a scholarship fund, or in-kind gift
- Volunteering on one of our committees
- Attending UW-Fond du Lac sponsored events

If you would like more information on making a charitable donation to UW-Fond du Lac or would like to share a UW-Fond du Lac success story, you can contact the UW-Fond du Lac Foundation office at:

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UWFond du Lac Foundation Executive Director Christa Williams (left); Kaye Schmitz, scholarship recipient; Dean Daniel J. Blankenship and Amanda Hernandez, scholarship recipient at the 2005 Scholarship Reception.

An excerpt from a speech by Amanda Hernandez, a 2005-06 Foundation scholarship recipient (9/14/2005):

"It is through donations to UWFond du Lac Foundation by outside donors and alumni, and the overwhelming generosity of the Foundation itself, that has allowed me to get through my first year of college without having to worry about how I am supposed to pay for it all. You have taken away that financial burden and have enabled me, and my fellow students, to take hold of our newfound responsibility for our futures. We are able to focus fully on our education and college experience, instead of worrying about working a full-time job that may jeopardize how we devote our time.

"I stand here more confident and ready because the scholarship I received last year allowed me to center my attention on my classes and schoolwork. Without having to worry myself about financial obligations last year, I was able to play basketball here at UWFond du Lac. I met so many new and interesting people and friends. I was given the opportunity to grow as a person and become more assertive, while having fun doing what I've always loved.

"The generosity to and from the Foundation allows me and other students to get the most out of their close to home, but quality, University of Wisconsin education and experience."

~ Amanda Hernandez

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Our 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.

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