

# WACRAO

Wisconsin Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

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## Announcing our new President and Secretary



**H**ELLO WACRAO MEMBERS:

As I write this in mid/late December, it's amazing how fast the semester has flown by! We're at the end of the fall semester and the holidays are quickly approaching!

Thank you to the Eau Claire Local Arrangements

Committee for their great work on the conference. I would also like to acknowledge the Standing Committee members for planning and implementing the wonderful conference sessions. We had a full slate of awesome sessions! Everyone was great to collaborate with and it appeared that things ran very smoothly. I hope that after the conference, you felt empowered to help students and to be a super hero!

I'd like to welcome Paul Gedlinske (president-elect) and Jackie Helgeson (secretary) to the Executive Committee and welcome back the other committee members. We have a great team working on WACRAO's behalf. I would also like to thank you for letting me serve as your president. And I am grateful that I will have guidance from the past WACRAO presidents.

We are busy planning the joint conference with WASFAA.

The Joint Conference Planning Committee (JCPC), made up of members from both WASFAA and WACRAO, has already met a few times under the leadership of co-chairs Scott Owczarek and a WASFAA representative. The conference theme is Stronger Together: Shaping the Future. We are currently working on the logo along with many other items. Both the AACRAO Executive Director and NASFAA President have confirmed that they will be presenting at the conference. We will continue to share information with you in the upcoming months. Please be sure to hold November 2nd – 4th on your calendars for this exciting collaborative conference.

I wish all of you happy holidays! Enjoy time with your family and friends!

-Christine Glynn



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# PROJECTS & CAMPAIGNS

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## AACRAO and NASPA awarded grant to develop and pilot comprehensive transcript model

Lumina Foundation has awarded NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education and the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) a 1.27M grant to develop and pilot a comprehensive student record model. The goal of the comprehensive student record is to collect, document, and distribute student learning outcomes and competencies that not only include learning from academic courses, but may include a broad range of student experiences, including co-curricular activities and other educational experiences. This work will also allow institutions to develop approaches that better serve diverse students who acquire learning from multiple sources.

“Today’s transcripts provide little information about what students know and are able to do. Students need to be able to communicate with employers the breadth of their learning and what their credentials mean,” said Jamie Merisotis, president and CEO of Lumina Foundation.

The eight higher education institutions chosen to pilot the comprehensive student record project include Elon University, Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis, Quinsigamond Community College, Stanford University, University of Houston-Downtown, University of Maryland University College, University of South Carolina, and University of Wisconsin Colleges and University of Wisconsin – Extension.

“Technology has greatly expanded our ability to transmit information. We can now explore the best ways to communicate student achievement and learning to employers, graduate schools and students themselves,” says Dr. Tom Green, AACRAO’s associate executive director, “it is an exciting time to be exploring what the student record can become and how it can position students of all ages and backgrounds to present their higher education experiences to the world around them.”

The scope of the comprehensive transcript project for UW Colleges and UW Extension will focus on developing a digital transcript for the UW Flexible Option Program. The collaborative project will involve building a data structure that pulls student progress and competency-completion information out of the D2L Learning Management System and feed that data into an operational database which will then push data into a rendered interactive transcript.

The team representing Wisconsin on this project is:

- Kim Kostka, Chemistry Professor and UW Flex Coordinator, UW Rock County
- Larry Graves, Registrar and Director of Admissions, UW Colleges
- Dan Kellogg, Registrar, UW Extension
- Laura Kite, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, UW Extension

At the conclusion of the grant, AACRAO and NASPA will formalize lessons learned and provide guidance on how to operationalize and issue comprehensive student records.

Dan Kellogg  
UW-Extension 



## UW-Stout Unveils its Military and Veteran Resource Center

In November 2015, UW-Stout unveiled its Military and Veteran Resource Center (MVRC). The MVRC provides a space for student veterans to gather, hold meetings, relax, eat lunch, and establish enduring relationships with their peers. It is stocked with a kitchenette, conference table, lounge furniture, computer kiosk, printer, and TV monitor.



The Military and Veteran Resource Center is an integral part of our outreach efforts to student veterans. It will establish a space where veterans can connect and build a sense of community. Our goal is that by facilitating space for peer-to-peer support networks to flourish, we will be better equipped to assist students transitioning from military to campus, increase retention and degree completion, and enable greater academic success.

We are happy to join our peers throughout the Wisconsin who have also created these spaces on their campuses. This is a great opportunity for us to assist student veterans.

John Benseid  
UW-Stout



## UW-Madison Fall 2015 Admissions Events



Kara Zavada  
UW-Madison

In fall 2015, the Office of Admissions and Recruitment hosted two events on the University of Wisconsin–Madison campus for prospective and admitted students.

The first annual Experience Wisconsin event for prospective students and their family members took place on October 12. The Office of Admissions and Recruitment worked with schools, colleges, and departments across campus to offer a full-day, tailored program meant to attract students from around the country to apply for the fall 2016 term. Attended by nearly 1,000 guests, the day provided a glimpse into a variety of opportunities and resources available at UW–Madison.

On November 11, the Office hosted Chicago Scholars Day. Admitted students from the Chicago Scholars program spent a day on campus to learn more about UW–Madison’s academic programs and student resources. The students had the opportunity to meet with representatives from departments and offices across campus, hear current students talk about their experiences at UW–Madison, and take a walking tour of campus.



# AWARDS & RECOGNITION

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## Edgewood College Named to 'Best for Vets' List

Edgewood College has earned a place on the Military Times Best for Vets: Colleges 2016 list, marking the first time the College has received this honor. Amanda Miller, editor of Military Times' Best for Vets rankings and special editions says "we award the Best for Vets designation to the very best – the colleges that really are setting the example."

"This recognition is really about our students who have served and continue to serve," Military & Veterans Services Coordinator Matthew Schroeder for Edgewood College explains. "Our student-veterans and dependents help make our community a richer place, a place where we can each become our best selves, both in and out of the classroom."

Edgewood College is one of only five Wisconsin institutions, and the only private college in the state, to merit placement on the list.

Michelle Kelley  
Edgewood College  EDGEWOOD COLLEGE

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## Student Veterans Organization Recipient of Raffle Winnings from WACRAO 2015

I was SHOCKED to find out that I won the 50/50 raffle at the WACRAO Conference!! What a great end to a great conference! The student organization I chose for the \$308 raised is our Student Veterans Organization. Matthew and the students do such a great job with the organization on a virtually non-existent budget, and I have every confidence that they will put the money to good use. On behalf of all of us at Edgewood College, thank you to everybody who purchased raffle tickets!

Michelle Kelley  
Edgewood College  EDGEWOOD COLLEGE



# NEW HIRES & RETIREMENTS

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## Registrar's Office Staffing Updates

Jamie Reetz, who has been with the office since May of 2011 as an Assistant Registrar, has been promoted to Associate Registrar. Jamie's expertise in so many areas of the office more than warrants this promotion, and her dedication to ensuring the integrity of our degree programs and degrees conferred is most valued. Thank you, Jamie!



Mike Vining is our new Assistant Registrar. Mike started the Monday after WACRAO 2015, so his acclimation to the office is still in the early stages. We welcome Mike's skills and enthusiasm to learn all the details of his new position!

Michelle Kelley  
Edgewood College



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## UW-La Crosse New Hire

UW-La Crosse is excited to welcome Anna Maroon to our office as our Multicultural Admissions Counselor. Anna is familiar with UWL as she completed her BA in Psychology, Spanish and Archaeology with us. She also attended UW-Madison for an MA in Spanish Language and Literature.

Anna was very busy at UWL, serving as a faculty assistant in Archaeology and Anthropology and working with the Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center. She continued her work at UW-Madison as an instructor of Spanish 101 and 102, and lead Spanish conversation tables in the student union.

Working with high school students who are just beginning their lives in academia is one of the reasons Anna is so excited to begin her work with the Admissions Office. She hopes to help alleviate a lot of the stress and confusion many students face during the admissions process. We are very excited to have Anna join our team!

Laura Scholz  
UW-La Crosse



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## New Admissions Counselor at UW-Eau Claire

Abby Nygaard is a recent addition to the UW-Eau Claire admission team. Abby will be working with high ability and multicultural students. As a recent UW-Eau Claire graduate in Psychology and a former Campus Ambassador, she comes with a wealth of knowledge about campus and an excitement to promote UW-Eau Claire. She says one of the best things about UW-Eau Claire, "The people! From students, to professors, to amazing staff members across campus, there are so many people here to support you in exploring your passions and interests. The relationships you form here will help you succeed personally and professionally." Welcome Abby and please say hello to her when you see her on the road!

Joey Bohl  
UW-Eau Claire



## UW-Madison Office of the Registrar Retirement

After 20 years of state service, Kathryn (Kate) Barlett retired from the Office of the Registrar (RO) at UW-Madison on November 2, 2015. Kate started her career at Mid-State Technical College and then worked in University Housing, the Departments of Sociology, Economics, Art History and Mathematics before joining the curricular services team within the RO as our Course Catalog expert in 2013. Kate's diligent work and her ability to find the humor in everything will be greatly missed by her colleagues but our loss is her family's gain.



Beth Warner  
UW-Madison

## Manion to serve as Marian University's 16th President



Inspired by student-focused leadership experiences and numerous opportunities for future excellence in higher education, Andrew Manion will be joining the Marian University community as the 16th President on or before March 30, 2016.

With a deep understanding of the academic setting, Manion brings extensive leadership in higher education having served at Aurora University in Aurora, Ill., for 17 years in a variety of roles, including provost, vice president for student life, a period as acting president and most recently as executive vice president. Prior to his time at Aurora, Manion served at St. Mary's University of

Minnesota.

In addition, Manion has recently served as a member of the Institutional Action Council (IAC) of the Higher Learning Commission, and as the chair of the Open and Standard Pathways for Accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission.

Manion has a Ph.D. in experimental psychology and a master of arts in psychology, both from Adelphi University in Garden City, NY. He earned his bachelor of arts in psychology from Saint Norbert College in DePere, Wis.

Dr. Manion's wife, Amy, has master's degrees in English and in Library and Information Science. The Manions have two sons, Jack and Kevin, and a daughter, Clare. The Manions will be making their home in Fond du Lac.



Kimberly A. Schuenemann  
Marian University



## Patrick Guilfoile – Hired as Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs



 Joan Ebnet  
UW-Stout

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## UW-Milwaukee Doctoral Student Specialist to Retire

With mixed emotions I inform you that Pat Hayes, Assistant Director for Graduation and Doctoral Student Specialist in the Graduate School, will be retiring on November 21, 2015.

Pat has worked in the UWM Graduate School for 16 years and within the UWM community for a total of 38 years. These 38 years of service come after graduation of both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from UWM.

She is “black and gold” through-and-through!

 Erin C. Fox  
UW-Milwaukee

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## UW-Madison Office of Admissions and Recruitment Retirement

Susan Schultz recently retired from the UW–Madison Office of Admissions and Recruitment, where she worked for over 37 years. During her many years in admissions, Susan was a typist, supervisor of clerical support, front desk worker, student worker supervisor, mailroom coordinator, reentry admissions counselor, and transfer admissions counselor, just to name a few. Susan was an invaluable member of the Office of Admissions and Recruitment team, and she will be greatly missed. Thank you, Susan!



 Kara Zavada  
UW-Madison

# WACRAO PHOTOS





# IN MEMORIAM: BOB LE ROY

Bob Le Roy, 88, of La Crosse died peacefully Thursday, Sept. 24, 2015, at Gundersen Medical Center.

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Inter-Institutional Relations	Chair,	1967-68
WACRAO Constitution Revision		
Ad Hoc Committee	Committee Member,	1968-69
Executive Committee	Committee Member,	1968-71
Program	Committee Member,	1968-69
President Elect		1968-69
President		1969-70
Past President		1970-71
Wisconsin ACT Liaison		1970-71
Nominations	Committee Member,	1970-73
Chair,		1972-73
Site Selection	Chair,	1971-74
WACRAO Annual Meeting	Moderator,	1974
WACRAO Annual Meeting	Presenter,	1976
InterCollegiate & InterAgency Relations	Committee Member,	1973-76
WACRAO Annual Meeting	Presenter,	1977
WACRAO Annual Meeting	Presenter,	1978
Local Arrangements	Chair,	1980
WACRAO Annual Meeting	Moderator,	1984
WACRAO Annual Meeting	Presenter (2),	1985
WACRAO Annual Meetings Attended	27	

Full obituary can be found at: [http://lacrossetribune.com/lifestyles/announcements/obituaries/bob-le-roy/article\\_ea5bfc72-5e39-5f05-93d5-104fad1ad8cd.html](http://lacrossetribune.com/lifestyles/announcements/obituaries/bob-le-roy/article_ea5bfc72-5e39-5f05-93d5-104fad1ad8cd.html)



Jan Von Ruden & Jeff Kirschling  
UW-La Crosse & UW-Superior

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