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# newsletter

## FALL 2016

Winter has finally arrived, with a vengeance. As I write this, there is a forecast that calls for anywhere from 2 to 8 inches of snow for the weekend and highs in the single digits next week. The first big snow has finally arrived. We got pretty spoiled, weather-wise, during November: the month began with our fantastic joint conference with our financial aid friends in the WASFAA organization. Thanks again to Scott Owczarek and the Joint Conference Planning Committee for your time and effort.

We are looking forward to next fall's conference in La Crosse. The conference co-chairs are Patricia Pothour (chandlep@uwplatt.edu, UW-Platteville) and Laura Scholz (lscholz@uwlax.edu, UW-La Crosse). Please volunteer for the Local Arrangements Committee by contacting either of them. Our new president-elect, Dan Kellogg (daniel.kellogg@uwex.edu; UW

Extension), will be organizing our conference-planning session in Wisconsin Dells in early spring. There, the standing committees will meet to brainstorm session ideas for the fall conference.

The organization has a couple important positions yet to fill. Jeremy Traska (UW-Madison) will be stepping down as newsletter editor and Jennifer Anderson Richmond (UW-Stevens Point) has stepped down as evaluations coordinator. I am currently working with some people interested in filling these positions and will have more information in the spring newsletter.

Okay, I feel I must explain the pictures. I have never been accused of being traditional, so I chose a couple of pictures that are definitely not. I enjoy doing theater. The picture on the left is from last summer when I played Sir Lancelot in *Spamalot*, with the Fond du Lac Community Theatre. By far the

craziest and most enjoyable role I have had the opportunity to play.

The picture below is what I found on my phone after stepping away from the table at a UW System meeting. My friends thought it would be a funny thing, and I agree it was. Little did they know I would one day have the platform to share the photo state-wide.

I wish you all the happiest of holidays and may the new year bring you love, happiness, and peace. 🍀



# staff changes

## UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN- STEVENS POINT

**Amy Riggs** began her career at the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point in 1980 as a programmer for our IT department. In 1984 she relocated to the Office of the Registrar to



create a computerized transcript system. In the late 1980s she moved to a centralized IT office area in our Student Services building. Amy has come full circle and returned to the Office of the Registrar as our functional analyst for the Campus Solutions transition.

Amy enjoys knitting cute clothes and blankets for her two new grandchildren.

**Jonelle Przybylski** first began working at UW-Stevens Point in



March 2009 as a financial specialist in the Bursar's Office. She also assisted the Payment Services department as a travel auditor. Jonelle recently

joined the Office of the Registrar as a Degree Audit Coordinator to act as the functional lead for academic advising for the Campus Solutions transition.

Jonelle enjoys genealogy, travel, biking, and reading, and has a great sense of humor.

*Ann Whipp*

*University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point*

**Demetrius Walker** is a recent graduate from UW–Stevens Point, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in interpersonal and organizational communication in 2016. While a student, he worked in several different areas on campus



including residential living, the bookstore, and admissions. In his role as conference coordinator for Admissions, he developed a desire to work with

high-school students, assisting them in their college selection—one of the biggest decisions they will make. He credits his rewarding student experience in Admissions for developing a passion and desire to continue impacting lives, and he looks forward

to his new role as an Admissions Counselor. His territories include northern Wisconsin, Michigan, and Illinois.

After two years in Hays, Kansas, **Rachel Siebers** has come back to her second home at UW–Stevens Point. Rachel received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in graphic design from UW–Stevens Point in 2014. In May 2017, she graduated from Fort Hays State University, located in



central-western Kansas, with a Master of Science in education, with an emphasis in higher education. Her experiences span from residential life, admissions,

student orientation, and advising and leadership of student organizations, with a focus on marketing and branding. As a new admissions counselor, she looks forward to continuing to share her passion for design and student success. Her territories include southern Wisconsin, Minnesota, and transfer students from across the region.

*Laura Bell*

*University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point*

## MARIAN UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

**Lynda Schultz** is our new registrar. **Cheryl Teichmiller** was our registrar for 26 years and has decided

to try working in the medical field for a change. Marian University also welcomes new associate registrar **Tarra Bourgeois** and assistant registrar **Debra Barrett**.

*Debra Barrett*

*Marian University of Wisconsin*

## UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN- MADISON

**Tony Pietsch** joined the Office of the Registrar as a residency counselor. (In related news, UW–Madison has implemented the Common App.) Tony graduated in 2015 from UW–Madison with a master's degree in history. Most recently, he worked in the Wisconsin Institute for Discovery as an associate editor. The Student Services Team is excited to have him on board and help us re-engineer our residency-for-tuition process.

**Melissa Schultz** joined the Office of the Registrar as the functional administrator and trainer for our curriculum management software. (In related news, UW–Madison is implementing CourseLeaf.) Melissa is a recent graduate of the UW–Madison Library and Information Studies program. Prior to this, she was an archivist at UW–Eau Claire, UW–Stout, and the Wisconsin Historical Society, as well as a project assistant at UW–Madison.

*Keri Allard and Will Lipske*

*University of Wisconsin–Madison*

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### UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-PARKSIDE

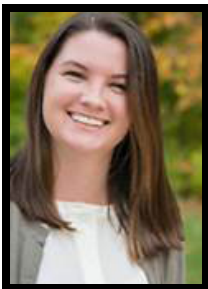
UW-Parkside has new staff, and staff moving into new positions.



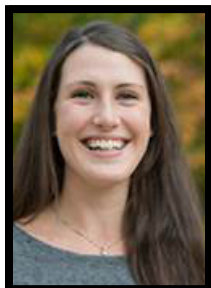
◀ **Amelia Tobias**, assistant director of admissions



▶ **Karen Wislocky**, coordinator of international recruitment



◀ **Lana Platz**, transfer admissions counselor



▶ **Diana Mantey**, nonresident admissions counselor

### UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS

Our new curricular enrollment coordinator is **Chelsea Meyer**, a 2013 graduate of UW-River Falls with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration (management) from the College of Business. She returns to UWRF from Sajan Inc. where she was a project manager. We are very happy to have her return and join our team.



I would also like to announce our IS specialist, **Ben Haseleu**. He joins our team after serving as a business analyst in our Financial Aid Office and Student Billing for the past six years. Ben brings a wealth of PeopleSoft experience to our office and we are looking forward to having him learn about student records.



UW-River Falls is currently searching for a registrar, with **Kelly Browning** currently serving as interim registrar and **Ryan Bench** is currently serving as interim assistant Registrar.

*Kelly Browning*  
University of Wisconsin-River Falls

## New “Student Central” at Chippewa Valley Technical College provides streamlined place for services

Students new to Chippewa Valley Technical College now have an area to welcome them and provide some important services to help them succeed. The former Information & Service Center was remodeled and rebranded into Student Central.

In May 2016, the room was remodeled into an open-concept enrollment lab, where students can get on-demand, personal support in all phases of enrollment, from completing a FAFSA to registering for classes.

The front walk-in area of Student Central will continue to be available for quick transactions, schedule and bill printing, form completion, and questions. The sit-down enrollment area will be a designated space for support for more complex trans-

actions, such as career assessment, completing a FAFSA, or creating a schedule.

Student Central provides support to Academic Advising, Admissions, Assessment, the Cashier’s Office, Financial Aid, Records & Registration, and Veterans Services. New staff positions have been added, including two Student Central general advisors, **Pang Garcia** and **Amanda Fischer**. They will provide on-demand general advising in the enrollment lab, as well as coordination of New Student Orientation and the Student Outreach and Retention program. Three student employees have been added to assist with peer-to-peer engagement and retention efforts.

*Laura Ericson*  
Chippewa Valley Technical College

