

## **Alumni Pride: Genett takes the lead at work, in community**

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Creativity combined with critical-thinking skills drive University of Wisconsin Oshkosh alumna Amber Genett's success in both her career and the community.

The 1998 anthropology major serves as the Contact Center for Strategy and Implementation Department manager with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Last year, she was named one of The Future 15 Young Professionals in the Fox Cities.

She will be one of four recent graduates to receive the UW Oshkosh Alumni Association's Outstanding Young Alumni Award—given for professional and civic accomplishments and future promise—at a reception and dinner on Oct. 12, as part of Homecoming 2012 festivities.

She started working at Thrivent Financial in 1999 as a customer service representative and progressed to senior management. She has served as an individual contributor/business analyst for the majority of her career but found a niche with people management within the last four years.

“Amber continuously seeks to not only enhance her professional acumen but also is equally engaged in the development of others,” said Rhonda Fenner, vice president of field interactions at Thrivent Financial. “One of her strengths is to challenge others to think critically and creatively in order to reach the best solution.”

These skills also have made an impact in her community service work. She got hooked on volunteering when she started working at Thrivent Financial, which promotes volunteerism.

“The achievement I am most proud of is being able to find the time in my busy life to give back to the community, Genett said.” “Each one of us is connected, and I strongly feel it's a moral imperative to help one another out as much and, in some fashion, as we can.”

Genett's volunteer work includes serving as secretary of the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society, secretary of the Thriving Communicators Toastmasters Club, president of the Fox Valley Genealogical Society, chair-elect of the Thrivent Women's Leadership Network and as a steering committee member of Pulse—Young Professionals Network Fox Cities.

In addition, she is a member of Thrivent Volunteers, NEWSTAR, Wisconsin Archaeological Society, Eastshore Humane Association and Animal Shelter, Habitat for Humanity and Friends of the 1000 Islands Nature Preserve.

For more information about the alumni awards dinner or Homecoming 2012, please contact the Alumni Relations Office at (920) 424-3449 or send an email to [alumni@uwosh.edu](mailto:alumni@uwosh.edu) for information.

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