

## July 2011 Class Notes

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The following Class Notes were received recently in the UW Oshkosh Alumni Relations Office:

**'64 Donna-Mae (Vorpahl) Schelk** (EHS) retired after 50 years of teaching in the Suring School District. Schelk plans to travel and spend more time with her grandchildren.

**'66 Wayne Banaszak** (LS) and '67 (EHS) is the Berlin Rotary president-elect. Banaszak previously held the position of secretary for the club.

**'67 Sandra (Thern) Fuller** (EHS) and '73 (MA), of New London, was named president of the Sigma State Organization of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Fuller is a retired teacher and librarian. She has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma since 1982.

**'69 Nova (Bostwick) Mijal** (EHS) retired from Loganville Elementary School at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Mijal began her teaching career in 1969, with the Appleton School District, before moving to Reedsburg's Loganville school. She enjoys gardening, trips to St. Vinnie's and visits with her children and grandchildren.

**'71 Donald A. Poppy** (LS) retired in June as Calumet County Circuit Court judge. After serving 19 years on the bench following 19 years as district attorney, Poppy looks forward to retirement and spending time hunting and fishing on his land in southern Brown County.

**'72 Jacki (Pickering) Tatterson** (EHS) retired from Mayville Middle School at the end of the 2010-2011 school year, after 35 years of teaching as a kindergarten teacher, art teacher and cheerleader/dance squad coach in the Mayville public school system. Tatterson looks forward to traveling with her husband, Doug, and spending more time making artwork.

**'74 Gordon Meicher** (B), of Middleton, has been honored by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants as one of 14 recipients of the 2010 Outstanding Discussion Leader Award.

**'76 Daniel Juedes** (EHS) retired at the end of the 2010-2011 school year from Sheboygan Falls High School, after teaching for 35 years. Along with continuing to live in the Mequon area with his wife, Shelley, and three sons, he plans to find another job, continue coaching football at Homestead High School and expand his Lakeshore Quarterback and Receiver Football Camp.

**'76 Michael Numrich** (LS) and '78 (MSE) was inducted into the Northland Pines School District Alumni Hall of Fame. Numrich is the former administrator of Eagle River Memorial Hospital, Northwoods Rehabilitation and vice president of Howard Young Health Care. After being paralyzed

when he was 15, Numrich became an advocate for youths and individuals with disabilities.

**'76 Debra (Gruennert) Walters** (EHS) retired at the end of the 2010-2011 school year from Viking Middle School in Woodville as the school's librarian for the past 35 years. She has lived in Woodville since 1986, with her husband, Marlin. The couple raised two children who are now 26 and 24 years old. Walters looks forward to expanding her involvement with the First Reformed Church of Baldwin as well as other interests.

**'81 Diane Ford** (MBA), vice president and controller of Integrys Energy Group, was awarded the 2011 Chancellor's Award at the UW-Green Bay spring commencement ceremony. The Chancellor's Award is UW-Green Bay's highest community honor. Recipients are community members who exemplify distinguished service to the university and region. Ford has been a longtime member of the Chancellor's Council of Trustees and a founding member of and donor to the UW-Green Bay Foundation Inc.

**'81 Joseph Thompson** (LS), of Oshkosh, was appointed to the Oshkosh Northwestern editorial board.

**'86 Irv LaFleur** (MS) retired at the end of the 2010-2011 school year from Valders High School, after 40 years of teaching math; coaching football, volleyball and girls basketball; and advising the student council. LaFleur plans to spend his retirement watching his grandson play baseball and football, refereeing volleyball games and, perhaps, teaching part-time or serving as a substitute teacher.

**'87 Ervin Carpenter** (EHS), co-founder of the Wisconsin Institute for Learning Disabilities/Dyslexia (WILDD), and his wife, **Kim Carpenter '91** (EHS), opened a new center in Dodgeville at the Stonefield Retirement Village. Carpenter and his wife created WILDD in 2005 and have more than 30 years of experience working with individuals who have learning disabilities.

**'87 Kim Mooney** (LS) and '09 (MPA), who has worked as the director of Fond du Lac County's Department of Social Work since 2006, was awarded UW-Fond du Lac's 2011 Distinguished Alumni award.

**'88 Bonnie Schmitz** (B) and '07 (MBA), of Fond du Lac, will take over duties as vice president and chief financial officer of Agnesian Health Care, after working there for 22 years in the finance area. She most recently served as assistant vice president and controller.

**'90 Richard McGregory** (B), who was previously the director of the UW-Whitewater Multicultural Affairs and Student Success department, became assistant vice chancellor to the department on May 15. He oversees a team of about 25 employees that serves 1,100 underrepresented students at UW-Whitewater.

**'91 Kay (Gustke) Weina's** (N) daughter, Alyssa Gustke, who was born during Kay's junior year in the

nursing program at UW Oshkosh, has recently finished her junior year in the same nursing program. Weina resides in Omro.

**'93 Kelly (Rank) Holtmeier (LS)** was one of 10 judges responsible for choosing this year's Green Bay Press-Gazette Academic Team. Ten local high school students were picked based on academics, extracurricular activities and community involvement.

**'97 Jeffrey Walters (EHS)**, who served as principal at Mishicot High School for the past four years, has accepted the position of principal at Kettle Moraine High School starting July 1. He plans to move to the Kettle Moraine area with his wife, Beth, and their children.

**'98 Janel (Werth) Hauser (EHS)**, a Freedom High School freshman English and honors English teacher since 2002, will receive the 2011 Lawrence Award for Outstanding Teaching in Wisconsin. Recipients of this award are nominated by former students who are now Lawrence University seniors. As part of the award, Hauser will receive \$1,000 for personal use, and the Freedom High School library will receive \$250.

**'98 Brenda Hicks-Sorensen (LS)**, a 2010 UWO Outstanding Alumni Award winner, has accepted a position with the newly formed Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. She will serve as vice president of economic and community development, after working for the Fond du Lac County Economic Development Corporation for seven years.

**'99 Samuel Cichanowicz (LS)**, of La Crosse, received his master's degree in biotechnology from UW-Madison.

**'99 Michael Ruhl (EHS)** and '05 (MSE) becomes the new Eden Elementary School principal, effective July 1. Ruhl has been a teacher at Eden Elementary for the past 12 years.

**'02 Andrew Jensen (LS)** won a 2009 Los Angeles Area Emmy Award for his work on Southern California Special Olympics for CBS.

**'05 Christine Butler (LS)** was recently certified as a professional in human resources by the HR Certification Institute. She is a human resource manager at the Coleman Engineering Company's Iron Mountain office.

**'05 Alicia (Schultz) Goldman (LS)**, of Green Bay, recently joined Smet Construction Services as an administrative assistant.

**'06 Ryan Galloway (B)**, of Monticello, earned a law degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Law.

**'07 Kirk Leeser (MBA)**, a process engineer for Appleton Papers, was appointed to a one-year term on the Neenah Joint School District Board of Education, after a vacancy arose. He resides in Menasha with his wife, Melissa, and three sons.

'07 **Paul Otteson** (EHS) finished first place in the 39<sup>th</sup>-annual Syttende Mai Festival's 20-mile run in Stoughton in May. Otteson became the first Stoughton resident to win the 20-mile run since 2007, and the only runner to finish under two hours this year. He has been teaching general music at Fox Prairie Elementary school for the last four years.

'07 **Scott Rogalsky** (N), who has worked in the Emergency Department at Ripon Medical Center (RMC) for the past four years, was awarded the Nightingale Award for Nursing Excellence from UW Oshkosh. This award has been given to a nurse at RMC for the past 14 consecutive years. He also was awarded RMC's 2011 Nurse of the Year.

'08 **David Meicher** (B), of Madison, joined Meicher and Associates, LLP, a Middleton-based, full-service public accounting firm, as an accountant.

'11 **Daniel Kovach** (LS), of Washburn, made the commencement address at the Ashland campus of the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College, as the 2011 Ashland WITC Distinguished Alumnus.

## **ABBREVIATION KEY**

### **COLLEGES**

- AAS — Associate of Arts and Science Degree
- B — Business
- EHS — Education and Human Services
- LS — Letters and Science
- N — Nursing

### **GRADUATE DEGREES**

- GMBA — Global Master of Business Administration
- MA — Master of Arts
- MBA — Master of Business Administration
- MPA — Master of Public Administration
- MS — Master of Science
- MSE — Master of Science in Education
- MSN — Master of Science in Nursing
- MST — Master of Science in Teaching
- MSW — Master of Social Work

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