

March 2011 Class Notes

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

'51 **Elaine (Viestenz) Gabriel** (EHS) operates Grandview Orchard, an apple orchard in Langlade County.

'63 **Richard Novitske** (EHS), a retired elementary teacher from Appleton, volunteers for several organizations, including the Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity, Appleton Noon Lions Club and Fox Valley Warming Center.

'64 **Peter Martyn** (LS) is retired from active pastoral ministry and now volunteers as the associate director for donor relations for Lutheran Homes Society and serves as a grief specialist. He lives in Toledo with his wife, Susan, and has two married daughters and one granddaughter.

'65 **Mary Rath** (EHS) retired 12 years ago as a principal with Racine Unified School District but contributes more than 40 years of pre- and post-retirement experience serving Racine County. She works as a substitute principal, develops Individual Education Plans and encourages children with their physical rehabilitation exercises at the local pool.

'65 **Thomas Van Heuklon** (LS) recalls fond memories of his freshman year in Clemans Hall in 1961-1962, when it was the only men's dormitory on campus.

'67 **William "Bill" Helmuth** (EHS) was inducted into the 2011 Central Wisconsin Baseball Hall of Fame. He spent 30 years as head baseball coach at Merrill High School, coached the Merrill Post 46 American Legion team for 20 years, and played for UW Oshkosh for four seasons.

'70 **Hans-Peter Kohlhoff** (LS) was elected to the board of directors for the Surprise Farms III Home Owners Association, which represents more 1,800 families in Surprise, Ariz.

'71 **Craig Pfeffer** (LS) is the director of business development for Bricks 4 Kids Franchise Co., a company that provides LEGO classes and activities for kids.

'72 **Andrea Fischer** (EHS) is a certified educator of Kindermusik, a world-renowned music and movement program for young children, in Watertown.

'72 **Paul Shafer** (EHS) is a part-time executive for Amery Economic Development Corporation and Amery Community Club. He recently retired as plant manager from Land of Lakes Advanced Food Products in Clear Lake.

'74 **Jon Hermanson** (LS) and '84 (MBA) is head of product development at Albahealth LLC, a medical

products and devices manufacturer in Rockwood, Tenn. He has two patents and seven patent-pending innovations in the areas of Deep Vein Thrombosis. He teaches first aid and CPR at Roane State Community College in Harriman, Tenn., and teaches management classes at Tennessee Tech University. Jon and his wife, Debbie, have three sons and three grandchildren, and live in Knoxville.

'76 **Steven Brown** (LS), a juvenile court intake worker for Brown County Human Services, was recognized by the Juvenile Court Intake Association for Outstanding Intake Worker of the Year for the State of Wisconsin. The annual award is given for community service, strong leadership skills and positive working relationships. He has been a social worker for more than 30 years.

'76 **Harley Hellerud** (B) retired from Waupaca School District, where he served as the district's business manager for nearly 25 years.

'77 **Fayann "Annie" Salisbury** (EHS) has been nominated for the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award from Emporia State University, located in Emporia, Kan.

'78 **Veronica "Roni" Harper-Miller** (LS) is manager of optional insurance plans and audits at the Department of Employee Trust Funds in Madison, which manages healthcare benefit plans for Wisconsin employees and retirees. Long-term care was the focus of her first decade in social work and social policy related to long-term care insurance will be one of her new roles.

'83 **John Casper** (LS), president and chief executive officer of Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce, was elected the Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Executives Association's board president for 2011.

'83 **Brenda (Schuett) Lau** (LS) was director and producer of the award-winning film *Deadbeat*, starring Lost's Francois Chau and Kim Rhodes of the Suite Life of Zack and Cody, which screened at the Green Bay Film Festival in February.

'84 **Franklin Cumberbatch** (B), president of Granite Broadband LLC in Ripon, was elected to the Community Health Network board of directors.

'84 **Thomas Heneghan** (LS) is an attorney for Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek S.C., in Madison.

'87 **Kathleen (Walsh) Kunde** was hired at First Student Inc., the largest school-bus company in the country, to grow Charter business in Arizona, Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego.

'89 **Debra (Johnson) Malesevich** (EHS), founder of the Telemark Educational Foundation, was named director of administration and programming at the Cable Natural History Museum in Cable.

'94 **Cynthia "Cindy" (Benzshawel) Davidson** (B) and '96 (MBA) is a sales agent for Leeds Real Estate in Iron Mountain, Mich.

'94 **Heather (Judy) Holmes** (LS) runs Rocky Mountain Medical Outfitting and Recycling, a nonprofit organization located in Colorado that provides donated medical equipment and disposable healthcare supplies to those in need.

'94 **Chris Rathsack** (B) is U.S. Cellular's director of sales for the state of Illinois. He lives in Palatine, Ill., with his wife, Christine, and two sons, Nicholas and Andrew.

'95 **Jodi Franke** (EHS) was inducted into the Mayville High School Hall of Fame, where she was recognized for her outstanding athletic and academic achievements. She is a math teacher at Beaver Dam High School.

'97 **Amy (Goebel) Thomas** (B), the internal control manager for Grande Cheese Company, lives in Brownsville with her husband, Kelly, and their daughter, Tori Jane, who was born in October 2010.

'99 **Heidi (Rouleau) Frank** (LS) works as a therapist for outpatient behavioral health services at Luther Midelfort in Eau Claire.

'01 **Marie Flanagan** (LS) and '09 (MPA) is senior editor for the North Central Region SARE, a sustainable agriculture research and education program funded by the USDA. She also works as the sustainable food correspondent for Minnesota Monthly Magazine.

'02 **Sharon Adleman** (MSN) is a nurse practitioner for the Internal Medicine Department of the Marshfield Clinic Park Falls Center. She has an extensive background in heart care.

'04 **Jodie (Hosmer) Burton** (B) was promoted to disability/benefits coordinator for the benefits department at Air Wisconsin Airlines Corporation in Appleton, where she provides support to the leave of absence/disability program, handles company relocations, and coordinates efforts relating to Air Wisconsin 401(k), health and welfare plans, and the LEAP wellness program.

'05 **Bruce Karnitz** (B), the new branch manager for Citizens Bank in Kiel, will graduate from Lakeland College in Sheboygan with a master's degree in finance this fall.

'06 **Tiffany Momanyi** (LS) is the recreation programs coordinator for the city of Sun Prairie Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.

'06 **Laura Russart** (LS), marketing director for Present Music, an internationally known new music ensemble in Milwaukee, was elected to the board of directors for Gathering on the Green, an annual performing arts festival in Mequon.

'08 **Rebecca "Becky" Giblin** (LS) is interning as a stitcher and first hand for the Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts in Santa Maria, Calif., and will become a staff technician and draper for the organization.

'08 **Erica Harwell** (LS) is a college coach for Admission Possible for AmeriCorps in Milwaukee, where she helps students prepare for tests, fill out college applications and apply for financial aid.

'08 **Annie Murphy** (B) was promoted to risk management and financial analyst at Menasha Corp. in Neenah.

'10 **Shane Arman** (LS) was promoted to client executive at Burson-Marsteller in Chicago.

'10 **Amanda Zwicky** (LS) is co-manager at Snap Fitness in New London.

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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