

## March 2012 Class Notes

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

'71 **Raul Reyes** (LS), of Madison, has retired and is traveling to Palm Springs, Calif.; Hawaii; the Grand Cayman Islands and other venues.

'72 **Marjorie Boening** (EHS), of Berlin, retired at the end of 2011. She worked at Wal-Mart in Oshkosh, after serving 25 years with the Berlin Memorial Hospital admitting department. She has three children and five grandsons.

'73 **Mark Kasuboski** (LS), of Berlin, is restoring a home that has been in his family for 108 of its 145 years. He retired after a 20-year Air Force career.

'85 **Julianne (Klemm) Smith** (LS), Mount Pleasant, works at Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare All Saints in inpatient rehab and is recognized for her compassionate patient care and mentoring of other nursing staff.

'88 **Michelle (Weber) Gutoske** (LS), of Minneapolis, Minn., received the 2011 Distinguished Service Award for the Music Industry from the Wisconsin Music Education Association during the Wisconsin State Music Conference in Madison. She was honored for her sustained service and support of music and music education. She is vice president and regional marketing manager for J.W. Pepper and Son Inc.

'91 **Stacie (Hasser) Hackl** (N), of Suamico, is the executive director of the Breast Cancer Family Foundation, a nonprofit organization located in Green Bay.

'92 **Robert Croeker** (LS), of Kenosha, is a 20-year veteran of law enforcement with the current rank of sergeant for the Kenosha Police Department. He is an adjunct instructor in the criminal justice department for Gateway Technical College and an advisory board member for the criminal justice department at Herzing University in Kenosha.

'92 **Joey Leonard** (LS) received the 2011 Waupaca Area Chamber of Commerce's Service Award. He served on the board of directors and eventually became the chairman. He is vice president of human resources at Thyssen-Krupp Waupaca.

'95 **Mary Merdan** (N), of Wisconsin Rapids, works for UW-Cancer Center Riverview as a nurse practitioner.

'95 **Dan Scheffler** (B) is working at First National Bank in Northfield, Minn., as vice president of business banking. He brings more than 15 years of banking experience to the company.

'99 **Mark Hanson** (B), of Cumberland, is a loan officer at Cumberland Federal Bank, following 12 years of working in various positions in the financial services industry.

'00 **Cindy (Dudkiewicz) Berg** (LS), of East Troy, is a copy editor for Standard Process Inc. She has more than 10 years of experience in editing and writing and will be responsible for creating and managing editorial content.

'04 **Jenette (Chiamulera) Jones** (EHS), of Florence, is the University of Wisconsin Extension family living agent for Florence, Forest and Vilas counties.

'06 **Shaheda Govani** (LS), of Oshkosh, was the first in her family to go to college and now owns Govani Dental, specializing in family and general dentistry.

'06 **Nathan Preder** (LS), of Waubeka, was able to pursue higher education and receive a master's degree in business management because of funding provided by the National Guard. His great experience led him to be a National Guard recruiter for Sheboygan County.

'07 **Lindsay Herrell** (LS), of Green Lake, graduated from basic military training as an Air Force Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

'07 **Matthew Hipp** (LS), of Tomah, recently bought a house, started a new job, got married, adopted his wife's daughter and started his master's degree at Viterbo University. He is employed as a contract specialist with the U.S. Army, and he and his wife are expecting a child.

'08 **Christopher Fox** (LS), of Oregon, Wis., started his own publication called "The Blacktooth," an entertainment magazine covering heavy metal music.

'09 **Steve Blackburn** (LS), of Bossier City, La., completed a master's degree in healthcare administration from Des Moines University School of Medicine and is working on a master's of physician assistant studies at Louisiana State University.

'09 **Louis Garcia** (LS), of Kennan, Wis., a former reporter and photographer in Kodiak, Alaska, is the new editor for the Prescott Journal.

'09 **Erin Standley** (B), of Oshkosh, has been promoted to employment coordinator at Evergreen Retirement Community, where she has worked for more than four years. She will be responsible for recruitment and hiring.

'10 **Trisha (Timmerman) Speers** (MSW), of Dickeyville, was appointed as regional program coordinator for the American Red Cross in Racine.

'11 **Dan Mechenich** (LS), of Stevens Point, began work as Portage County's AmeriCorps-appointed sustainability specialist whose main task is to get the second phase of the county's energy plan ready for implementation.

'11 **Adam Pritzl** (B), of Oshkosh, is a staff accountant for Dillon, Endries, Otto & Calmes LLC.

'11 **Debra Strick** (EHS) is an emotional behavioral disorder and resource teacher for fifth- and sixth-graders at the Intermediate School in Waunakee.

'12 **Josh Hughes** (LS), of Hartland, worked as a production assistant at Super Bowl XLVI. He also plans to work at the Comedy Awards and Tony Awards in New York City.

'12 **Kate Lloyd Wipperman** (N), of Sauk Prairie, received her registered nurse designation in December and entered the UW-Madison Nurse Residency Program, working in the home health field.

## **ABBREVIATION KEY**

### **COLLEGES**

- AAS — Associate of Arts and Science Degree
- B — Business
- CNL— Center for New Learning
- 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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