

May 2011 Class Notes

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

'59 Alice Schmidt (EHS), who will be celebrating her 80th birthday on July 4, is this year's parade marshal for the Independence Day celebration in Columbus.

'70 James Fischer (LS), senior information technology implementation manager and senior disaster recovery liaison for AT&T, will retire in August 2011. His daughter, Jennifer, will be attending UW Oshkosh in fall 2012.

'70 Hugo Hartig (LS) and **'72 (MST)** is retiring after a 35-year career at Carroll University as a professor of music and will be moving to Oregon with his wife.

'70 Robert Orr (B) was named to the Kewaunee High School Wall of Fame as an outstanding graduate. He serves as the plant manager for the Vollrath Company in Kewaunee, where he lives with his wife, Susan. The couple has four children: Jenny, Linda, Sarah and James.

'71 Jeffrey Zriny (LS) is the Wausau Region Chamber of Commerce executive director. He has more than 30 years of experience as a business executive in the Wausau Region. He lives in Schofield with his wife, Karen.

'73 Ronald Hayek (EHS) was inducted into the Holy Cross Hall of Fame during the opening round of the Holy Cross Men's Basketball Tournament in Kaukauna. He played in the tournament for 15 years, finishing runner-up four times, making it to the Final Four three times, being named the Most Valuable Player in 1976, and making the all-tournament team eight times.

'75 Timothy Cornell (EHS), a district manager for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company in Neenah, was recognized by Platinum Wealth Management Agency for the second year as the Top Experienced Producer and Diamond Level Associate. He also qualified for MassMutual's Leaders Conference in Denver for the 11th time in his career.

'80 Carlos Kreibich (MS) was inducted into the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. He played semi-professional football in the Central States League, spent 32 years as a defensive coordinator at Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah High School, and volunteered to serve as a defensive line coach for River Falls High School. He and his wife, Ruth, live in River Falls.

'81 James Marten (LS) was recognized on "America's Top 1,000 Advisors: State-by-State" list issued by Barron's magazine, ranking No. 7 out of 25 Arizona financial advisers this year. He is first vice president of Merrill Lynch in Phoenix, Ariz. and lives in Scottsdale with his wife and three children.

'81 Peter Mersberger (EHS), **'81 Marilyn Mersberger** (EHS), and **'09 Josh Mersberger** (B) run Mersberger Financial Inc. in Sheboygan Falls. Peter serves as president and financial adviser, while Marilyn is vice-president and business and office manager. Josh, their son, works as a financial adviser. Their youngest son, Zachary, is expected to join the business, after graduating from UW Oshkosh in May 2011.

'81 Marie Sawall (LS) is a singer/songwriter that joined Laurel Mills '84 (LS) and '89 (MA), author of Taking Flight, in stories of domestic abuse and songs of survival at the Fox Cities Book Festival in Appleton.

'83 Juliette Sterkens (MS), an audiologist who is the president and owner of Fox Valley Hearing Center, Inc., is the recipient of the 2011 Larry Mauldin Award. This annual award honors individuals in the industry who demonstrate dedication to excellence in education and professionalism.

'86 Steven Broas (LS) is vice president of advertising for Gannett Wisconsin Media, the nation's largest newspaper company.

'87 David Egerton (LS) graduated from Washington State University with a master's degree in environmental science in December 2010 and is a grade control geologist at the Pend Oreille Mine in Mataline Falls, Wash.

'87 Susan Shulfer (MBA) is the human resources director for Delta Dental of Wisconsin in Stevens Point.

'93 Thomas Michael Rice (LS) spent two years as a stay-at-home dad before becoming a Spanish teacher at Bonny Eagle High School in Buxton, Maine.

'93 Mark Slate (LS) was elected judge for the Green Lake County Circuit Court and will take office Aug. 1.

'94 Dean Matsche (EHS) and '98 (MS) is a physical education teacher at Kimberly High School, as well as a strength and conditioning coach, assistant football coach and assistant boys' track coach for the throwing events. He lives in Appleton with his wife, Tracy, and children, Marcus and Kaylee.

'96 Michael Garrow (EHS) and '00 (MS), the principal of Mount Horeb High School, will be the superintendent of the Milton School District, beginning July 1.

'98 Christopher Haese (N), an Army major who served in the military for 21 years, arrived for duty at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

'98 Matthew Thull (LS), owner and coach of ThunderDome Racing, is the new head cross country coach at Alverno College in Milwaukee.

'99 Holly (Hahn) Brenner (B) and '09 (MBA) is the recipient of a 2011 Cheers for Volunteers award. She won the category for the Agency Volunteer Award, which was sponsored by The Reporter in Fond du Lac, for her involvement in volunteer work with the YMCA and other areas throughout the

community.

'99 **Peter LaCourse** (MS), a fifth-grade teacher at Gegan Elementary School in the Menasha Joint School District, is the head coach for the girls' soccer team at Menasha High School.

'01 **Greg Matzek** (LS) is a sports anchor for "Wisconsin's Morning News" on Milwaukee radio station WTMJ, co-host of Sports Central, and national correspondent for Pro Football Weekly. He is also a former winning contestant on ESPN's reality TV show, "Beg, Borrow and Deal 2."

'04 **Gretchen Sasse** (MSE) participated in the Lance Armstrong LiveStrong Race in February Austin, Texas, with her brother, Wade. She lives in Clintonville with her husband, Mike, and works as a counselor for the New London School District.

'04 **Jane Ziemanski** (N) and '06 (MSN) is a nurse practitioner for urgent care at Memorial Health Center in Medford. She is certified in basic, advanced and pediatric life support with more than 20 years of experience working in a variety of healthcare settings.

'05 **Anna Marie Kinsman** (LS), a social worker and substance abuse counselor for the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, is enrolled in the Master of Public Administration Program at UW Oshkosh.

'06 **Patrick Cannon** (LS) and '06 **Erin (Katzenberg) Cannon** (LS) met at UW Oshkosh in 2001 and were married in September 2010. After Patrick graduated from Gonzaga University School of Law in May 2010 and passed the Wisconsin Bar examination in July 2010, he enrolled at the University of Iowa and is in the Master of Health Administration program. The couple lives in Iowa City.

'08 **Matthew Werner** (B) is the owner of Culini (www.culini.com), a service that provides restaurants with a modern website and gets them involved with social media easily, without having to spend thousands of dollars to represent their brand.

'09 **Jamie Flores** (LS) is the neighborhood liaison for Healthy Communities Healthy Youth (HCHY), a grant-funded program to reduce alcohol and drug use by youth. She is head of Neshkoro Kidz, a summer program that is supported by HCHY. Jamie lives in Neshkoro with her husband and four children.

'10 **Peter App** (MBA) will be serving one year on the Howard-Suamico School Board. He is a minister for the Green Bay Community Church and lives in Green Bay with his wife and three children.

'10 **Robert Goplin** (LS) took over as chief of the Green Bay Fire Department in January.

'10 **Matthew Kitzman** (LS) made the Dean's List and Honor Roll as a graduate student at Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Michigan.

'10 **Jared Ryan** (LS) is the new varsity baseball coach for Poynette High School.

'10 **Julie Schmude** (B) and her husband, Dave, run the bingo program at St. Jude the Apostle Church in Oshkosh. Julie also has been working for the Winnefox Library System at the Oshkosh Public Library for 34 years.

'11 **Jeremy Johnson** (LS) plans to attend graduate school to continue sociology or education while seeking an entry-level position.

'11 **Cody Knapp** (LS) is a graphic designer for the Clintonville Chronicle, a newspaper company for the Clintonville area.

'11 **Jacob Rostermundt** (LS) is a visitation specialist at Children's Service Society of Wisconsin in Milwaukee.

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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