

October 2012 Class Notes

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

'65 Sarah 'Sally' (Becker) Delisle (EHS), of Gainesville, Ga., has been retired from teaching for six years and stays active with church, community activities and travel.

'68 Mary Beth (Wolniewicz) Kaminski (EHS), of Bascom, Fla., enjoys traveling around the world with her husband. Her real estate business, L A Realty, also keeps her busy.

'70 Patrick Roetzer (LS), of Benicia, Calif., was appointed director of Clinical Operative Dentistry at the University of Pacific/Arthur A Dugoni School of Dentistry in San Francisco.

?71 Joe Boppre (EHS), of Waukesha, has been retired for six years after a career in teaching and sales management, primarily in the telecommunication industry.

'72 Douglas Engel (B), of Naperville, Ill., retired as a senior partner at Deloitte, following a 40-year career with the firm.

'74 James Hilt (MSE), of Appleton, has written a book titled "How to Have a Better Relationship with Anybody." It is available as an e-book through NovoInc, Amazon Books and Barnes & Noble.

'76 Dan VanderHeiden (MBA), of Merrill, retired as vice president—chief financial officer from Church Mutual Insurance Company.

'76 Debra (Gruennert) Walters (EHS), of Woodville, is the library media specialist for the elementary area of the Menomonie School District.

?78 Mary Muehlius (EHS) and **?85** (MSE), of Lomira, is a special education teacher for the Slinger School District. She is a past recipient of the Herb Kohl Teaching Fellowship Award and manages the Lomira swimming pool.

'78 David Pleier (MSE), of Green Bay, is the senior pastor for St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Manitowoc.

'79 Colleen (Flavion) Tymus (EHS), of Greenleaf, retired after teaching for 34 years at the Lucemburg-Casco School District.

'81 Jill (Kitzinger) Dobbe (LS), of Shawano, published a travel memoir, "Here We Are & There We Go: Teaching and Traveling with Kids in Tow," which is available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble. It is a book about her 10 years of teaching and traveling overseas in four different countries with her husband and two small children. She works as an elementary administrator in Honduras and spends summers at

their home on Shawano Lake.

'82 **Lori (Gray) Ausman** (LS), of Menomonie, is in her 18th year with WESTconsin Credit Union, serving as vice president of business development. She and her spouse, Chuck, have two children in the UW System and one in high school.

'82 **Lori (Burns) Brooks** (LS), of Walla Walla, Wash., finished her 29th year in television sports production by working for NBC Sports on their London Olympic Games coverage. This was her seventh Olympics. She also is a director at the Pac-12 Networks and does freelance work at Turner Sports (TNT/TBS) and Fox Sports.

'85 **Kathryn (Roberts) Kellen** (EHS), of Oregon, is the music teacher at the C. E. Early Learning Center and McFarland Primary School.

'85 **Scott Martin** (EHS), of Las Vegas, Nev., is writing a memoir titled "Moving Forward in Reverse."

'86 **Teresa 'Terri' Schumacher** (EHS) and '10 (MS), of Oshkosh, is the Columbus Middle School health teacher.

'88 **Jean (Kressin) DeKeyser** (N), of Sherwood, is the executive director of ThedaCare Behavioral Health. She has been with ThedaCare since 1989 in several different roles.

'91 **Jillayne (Salter) Halverson** (LS) and '99 (MBA), of Menasha, was appointed assistant professor of business at UW-Fox Valley.

'92 **Cynthia (Albers) Akey** (LS), of Wauwatosa, is the marketing specialist at WUWM 89.7 FM-Milwaukee Public Radio. In 2005, she became a certified yoga instructor, and in 2012 an ACE certified personal trainer.

'92 **Richard Akey** (LS), of Wauwatosa, went from couch potato to marathon runner in three years. He is part of a special documentary project "From Fat to Finish."

'92 **James Lawrence** (LS), of Greenville, had his first film, "Charlie's Place," accepted in Louisville's International Festival of Films. The feature-length film is a drama about a young man asked to take his estranged mother across the country for a physician-assisted suicide and donate his kidney to his older brother who is dying.

'98 **Tiffany (Speckman) Ebensperger** (LS), of Juda, is the science teacher at Brodhead High School.

'98 **Luke Whitburn** (LS), of Waunakee, is vice president of operations at Drake and Company, a staffing and recruitment firm.

'00 **Stephanie Ross** (EHS), of Greenville, is the fifth-grade special education teacher for the New London School District.

'03 **Sarah Thiel** (B) is the administrative assistant to the superintendent at the Tigerton School District.

'04 William Van Dynhoven (LS), of Milwaukee, earned his master's of divinity at Mundelein Seminary, where he was ordained to the priesthood. He is the associate pastor at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Manitowoc.

'06 Kristin DuBois-Noe (EHS), of Milwaukee, graduated from Loyola University Chicago with master's of social work. She is working as a clinical case manager at Outreach Community Health Centers in Milwaukee.

'06 Riley Thomas (EHS), of Wisconsin Rapids, is the physical education teacher for Adams Friendship High School.

'07 Kathleen James (EHS), of Lomira, is the second-grade teacher for the Green Lake School District.

'07 Jeffrey Janssen (EHS), of Eagle River, is a special education teacher for the Northland Pines School District.

'07 Amanda (Driebel) Kriesel (LS), of Iola, has been busy enjoying life since graduation. She bought a house, got married, works with young children and teens as a social worker for Waupaca County, and recently had a second son.

'08 Amanda Emery (LS) and (B) is the marketing director at the Bank of Mauston.

'08 Jason Schuette (EHS), of Fond du Lac, is the art and technology teacher at St. Mary's.

'09 Kristen (Pliska) Lozo (EHS), of Mosinee, is the third-grade teacher at Parkview Elementary and the eighth-grade volleyball coach.

'09 Samuel Mark (LS), of Culver City, Calif., started his professional career in television production and has expanded to include writing for Fox Sports Network, directing commercials with Speed, and editing and producing for Fox Sports Network, FX, Fuel TV, Lifetime, Speed and TLC.

'09 Travis Olsen (EHS), of De Pere, is a seventh-grade teacher at the Royall School District.

'09 Robert Sier (LS), of Oshkosh, wrote a science fiction/fantasy novel titled, "Chains of Loss." It is a tale of a pacifistic cyborg stranded on a post-apocalyptic fantasy Earth and is available as an e-book on Amazon.

'10 Jed Diekfuss (LS), of Hancock, Mich., is a first year doctoral candidate and graduate lab instructor at Michigan Technological University.

'10 Patricia Roden (LS), of West Bend, is the Southeast Wisconsin District 1 coordinator for the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation.

'10 Saravanan 'Sud' Shanmugabaskaran (B), of Mount Pleasant, co-founded Tuna Traffic in 2010, a company that helps customers with their technology and marketing needs.

'10 **Amanda (Krohn) Schuh** (N), of Ypsilanti, Mich., received the Jonas Nurse Leaders Scholar Program grant award. She finished her master's in nursing at the University of Michigan and specialized as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner. She is working on her doctorate in nursing at the University of Michigan.

'10 **Jaelyn Tucker** (MS), of Oakland, Calif., is an associate global insights manager at The Clorox Company. She thanks Professor Gary Adams and her industrial and organizational psychology degree for her successful career.

'11 **Andrea Cmejla** (EHS), of Fond du Lac, is a kindergarten teacher for the New Holstein Public School District.

'11 **Kelly Hetzel** (EHS), of Franklin, is the English language arts teacher at Wauwatosa West High School.

'12 **Korey Bengsch** (EHS), of Sun Prairie, is the eighth-and-ninth-grade math teacher for the School District of Lomira.

'12 **Janelle Brooks** (EHS), of Janesville, is a special education teacher at Horizon Elementary School in the Plymouth School District.

'12 **Stephanie Dercks** (B), of DePere, finished her training as an executive merchandising trainee for Shopko and was promoted as an assistant buyer for the seasonal department.

'12 **Ashley Favorite** (MSE), of Eagle River, is the reading specialist for the Three Lakes School District.

'12 **Troy Rusch** (EHS), of Mayville, is a middle school teacher for Chilton Public Schools.

'12 **Lee Weiland** (LS), of Kaukauna, is engaged to Bridget Casper '11 (LS). He is a sales account manager at Heartland Label Printers Inc.

'12 **Leah Welhouse** (EHS), of Kaukauna, is the second-grade teacher for Chilton Elementary School.

'12 **Sydnee Wyss** (EHS), of Menomonie, is the seventh-grade math teacher for the Menomonie School District.

'12 **Kristin Zellner** (LS), of Omaha, Neb., started graduate school at Creighton University, where she is pursuing her doctorate in occupational Therapy.

'12 **Amber Zernzach** (EHS), of Oshkosh, is a first-grade teacher for the Winneconne Community School District.

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

- DNP — Doctorate of Nursing Practice
- 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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