

## **UW Oshkosh This Year: A look back in video...**

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It was another remarkable year at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

Here, in video, are some of the 2013 stories that stoked Titan pride, inspired us and reminded everyone what an incredible community of students, staff, faculty, alumni and community partners we have in our midst...

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh freshman Jon Heider was born without arms or legs (he formally calls himself a "congenital quad amputee"). He is a full time freshman at UW Oshkosh who said he appreciates the "minor accommodations" UW Oshkosh officials have made for him. Not only does Heider attend classes at UW Oshkosh, he also lives in Taylor Hall and is a team member on the UW Oshkosh swim team, where he's breaking records.

"Swimming (is the sport) that kind of stuck because it was the only sport that didn't require any extra equipment. I like the free feeling you get in the water... I never had any arms or any legs so I use what I've got," Heider, 20, of Green Bay, told us in spring.

The wheels on this bus do not go "round and 'round." In fact, there are no wheels -- just a small troupe of sneakers and boots. But Carl Traeger Elementary and Middle School students get to their Oshkosh school's front door just as safely. And UW Oshkosh nursing students who, in spring, led this "Walking School Bus" project believe the students arrive in a more healthy and focused state, too.

... We could have used more handbell... (we'll leave it at that... just watch):

In May, UW Oshkosh Commencement speaker and graduate Anthony Miller brought the thousands of students, staff, faculty, families and other guests to their feet. Miller's address was an inspiration. You can read a transcript of Miller's speech [here](#). Here it is, as he delivered it...

For centuries, humans have been fascinated and puzzled by pi — the mathematical ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. In May, we caught up with a UW Oshkosh alumnus who broke

the record for the number of decimal places calculated for pi, while the dean of the College of Letters and Science sheds some light on what all the fuss is about...

For Tina Johnson, a future art teacher, the John Michael Kohler Art Center's collaborative "ARTery" was a kind of classroom. In a unique and powerful collaboration over the summer, the UW Oshkosh student and Kohler Art Center teamed up to give a future art educator an incredibly valuable experience essentially running the ARTery, welcoming guests and inviting visitors young and old to express their creativity in the form of community art projects.

Is that a dad with a headband, shades and a keyboard?... A few choice moments from another great day to be a Titan -- UW Oshkosh's 2013 Move-In Days in September:

The start of the 2013-14 academic year brought with it the launch of the University Studies Program, the transformation of general education developed right here at UW Oshkosh by UW Oshkosh faculty members. Here, students lean on a bit of ukelele music to help explain what the USP is all about...

UW Oshkosh alumna Harriet (Krueger) Kussman '31, of Amherst, took an extra big breath before blowing out the candles on her last birthday cake as she celebrated her 105th birthday in May. UW Oshkosh's oldest-known, living alumna, a resident at Iola Living Assistance, fondly recalled stories of growing up in Berlin, her early days of teaching in rural schools and the stress of college and beyond.

Here's our edited version of the conversation that comprised our fall 2013 Engage Magazine cover story about the many roads to success. A special thanks to all of our guests and to UW Oshkosh Music Composition major Hallie Turnbull, whose "Fanfarian Affair," you hear in the video, as performed by the UW Oshkosh Handbell Choir under the direction of Dr. Leigh-Ann Lethco.

UW Oshkosh men's basketball coach Pat Juckem took a stab at tennis (sort of) -- a reminder that there was more than one big game...er... "match" the week of Homecoming 2013.

The UW Oshkosh Alumni Welcome and Conference Center really began taking shape in fall. The 40,000-square-foot new front-door facility on the Fox River at Wisconsin Street and Pearl Avenue opens in April 2014.

UW Oshkosh College of Business Dean Bill Tallon got a few pointers (pun intended) from the college's Alumni Relations and Business Development Director Dave Krause before the Oct. 17 ribbon cutting for the college's new "Executive Education Center" in Appleton...

Take a look at the progression of projects in this time-lapse video of the University Studies Program's Art 101 class:

Temperatures in the single digits didn't phase UW Oshkosh and UW Oshkosh Foundation leaders and project partners from cutting the ribbon on a new, 1.4 megawatt biodigester at Rosendale Dairy in Pickett on Dec. 11. A few dozen project partners and supporters gathered at the state's largest dairy farm to inaugurate the new renewable energy plant and research facility -- the culmination of approximately two to three years of planning, engineering and construction.

The \$7 million biogas production facility and living, learning, renewable-energy laboratory--funded by the UW Oshkosh Foundation and developed in partnership with Rosendale Dairy-owner Milk Source, Soil Net, Alliant Energy, Infinity Lawn and Garden, BIOFerm Energy Systems and its parent company the Viessmann Group—will use the more-than 8,500-cow farm's livestock waste to generate, capture and combust methane. The power will return to the grid while UW Oshkosh's carbon footprint will be dramatically lessened -- ultimately, the institution's original 2025 goal of carbon neutrality will be curtailed by several years thanks to the "greenness" of the biodigester.

And here is a collection of images and moments from UW Oshkosh's Midyear Commencement 2013...