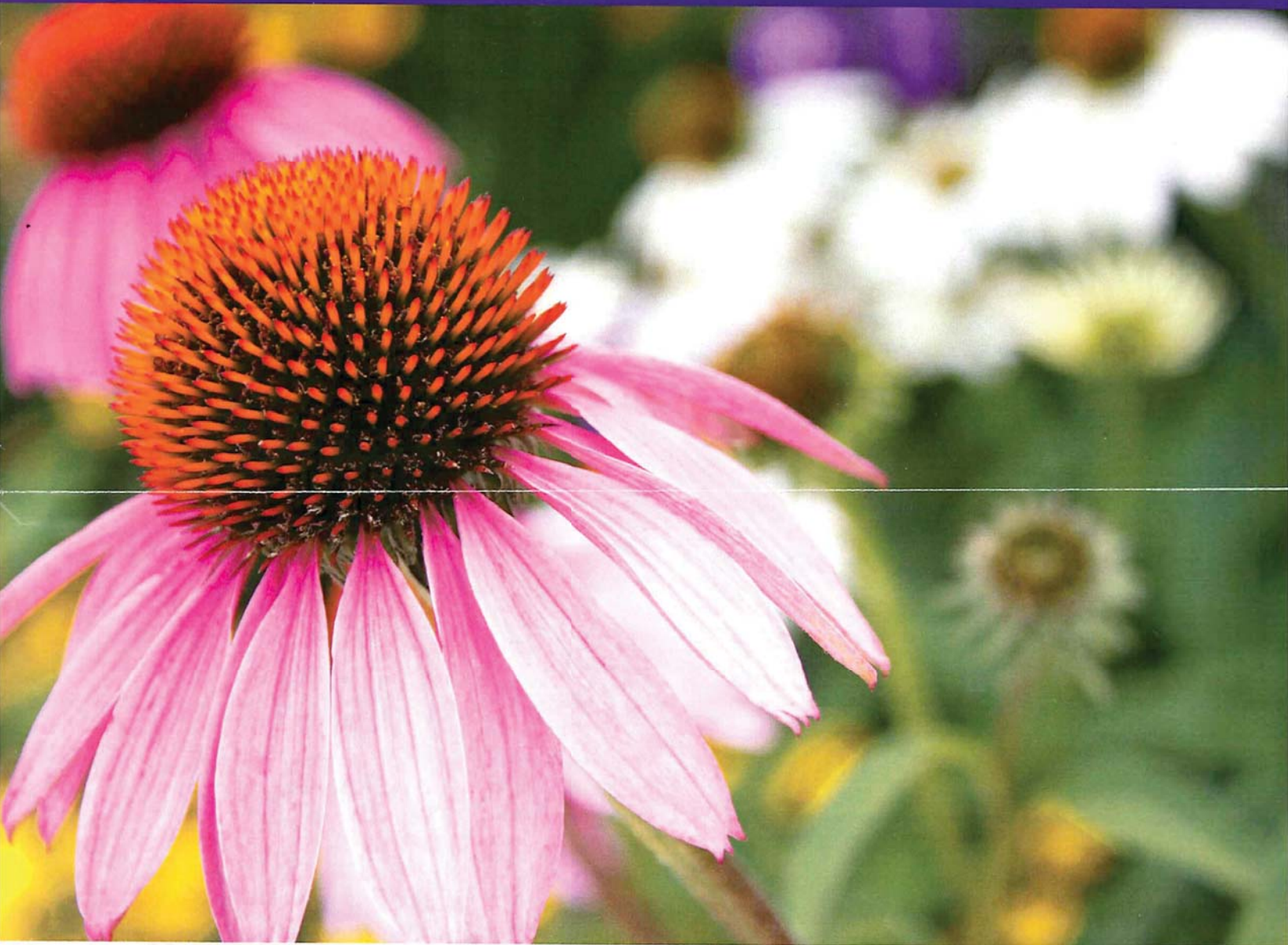


The University Centers

Alumni Newsletter

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point



Fall 2010

university dining UWSP



UWSP Dining Services Earns National Recognition

National recognition has come to the University Dining Services at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point in just its first year of a return to being run solely by the university. For many years, UWSP's dining and catering had been contracted with a third party. The National Association of College & University Food Services named UWSP its silver award winner in the Catering— Special Event category for the University's "Taste of Toj Roob (The Mountains)," a banquet showcasing Hmong culture.

The event, held in November 2009, was hosted by UWSP's Hmong and Southeast Asian American Club, and featured various Southeast Asian dishes, followed by a presentation by Zha Blong Xiong, an associate professor in the Department of Family Social Science at the University of Minnesota. "It's fitting that this national recognition comes to our dining services and an event that celebrates a wonderful facet of our regional culture," said Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Bob Tomlinson. "One of the prime values in developing our own dining operation was to build our connection to our local and regional sources of food, and then to weave into that our efforts to showcase the best of Central Wisconsin culture helps to create events like the Taste of Toj Roob that will give our students life-changing experiences and memories," Tomlinson added. He also credited University Dining Services Director Mark Hayes, Catering Director Marshall Lee and the host of professional and student employees who have helped make this first year of UWSP's university-operated dining service a success.

Does this plastic bottle make me look smart?



We think it does. The University Store is happy to announce that we are in the process of changing over our graduation regalia from 100% polyester fabric to fabric made of 100% recycled plastic bottles. Our new line of "green" gowns are made with a new fabric that is spun from molten plastic pellets, using an average of 23 bottles in each gown. This new super soft material will not only help the environment by using up almost 14,000 plastic bottles, it will also allow our graduates to be much more comfy while wearing them. By December 2010 over 90% of graduating bachelor candidates will be wearing "green" and that number will only increase in years to come. So, the next time you toss a plastic bottle in to the recycling bin, think to yourself- will I see this again on Commencement Day?

UWSP Homecoming 2010



**POINTERS HERE
TO PLAY:**

You're the next contestant

The theme of retro game shows will be taking contestants row for UWSP 2010 Homecoming. The competition has a wide variety of events that will feature opportunities to showcase school spirit as well as musical talents. Alumni are welcome and encouraged to attend any or all of the events throughout the week. The week will conclude on Saturday, October 9 with the **Campus Parade**, followed by the **All-Campus Picnic**. The Pointer football team takes on the Oshkosh Titans for this year's Homecoming football game. For the most current Homecoming 2010 information please visit:
www.uwsp.edu/centers/caro/homecoming

SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

"Paint Your Luck" Window Painting

Downtown Stevens Point, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Voting at 4:00 PM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4

"Double Dog Dare" Royalty Pageant

The Encore, DUC, 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

"Price Is Right Night"

The Encore, DUC, 8:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

"Stevie's Supermarket Sweep" Food Drive

Concourse, DUC, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

"Stephanie's Singing Bee"

Laird Room, DUC, 8:00 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

"Most Extreme Pointer Challenge"

MAC/north side of MAC outside, 1:00 PM

"Yell-Like-Hell"

Berg Gym, HEC, 8:00 PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

"Float or No Float" Homecoming Parade

Judging Area - Steps of Berg Gym
Campus Streets, 10:00 AM

All-Campus Picnic

The official reunion area on campus
Front lawn of Old Main, 11:00 AM

UW-Stevens Point vs. UW-Oshkosh Football Game

Goerke Field, 1:00 PM



VS.



Homecoming Dance

Alumni Room, DUC, 7:00 PM

Late Night Program

The Encore, DUC, 11:00 PM

www.uwsp.edu/centers/caro/homecoming



UWSP Homecoming 2010

New University Centers Staff

Jeff Gaetz

Custodian, University Centers Services

Elizabeth (Liz) Gillmore

Leadership Coordinator,
Student Involvement & Employment Office

Barb Grunwaldt

University Services Associate II,
Student Involvement & Employment Office

Kathleen Jelich

Operations Program Associate,
University Centers Administration

Kristy SeBlonka

Operations Program Associate,
University Store & Text Rental

Emilie Smith

Custodian, University Centers Services

Years of Services & Retiring from the University Centers

35 years - Kathy Paulson

University Centers Administration

40 years – Priscilla Dehlinger

Campus Activities and Recreation &
University Centers Administration

Departing University Centers Staff

Rene Garduno

Custodian, University Centers Services

Susan Jankowski

Limited Term Employee,
Allen Center for Health and Wellness

Roger McFarland

Custodian, University Centers Services

Pat Nolan

Inventory Control Coordinator,
University Store & Text Rental

Amanda Pardo

University Services Associate II,
Student Involvement & Employment Office

Kyle Parrish

Lead Worker, University Centers Services

Alice Stoffel

Operations Program Associate,
University Store & Text Rental

Mary Bowden

Office Operations Associate,
University Store & Text Rental



Classified Staff Award Winner: Nora Stanczyk



projects that are not part of the employee's normal work duties, developing or modifying procedures or exhibiting behaviors that enhances the employee's workplace. The result is improved effectiveness and efficiencies of services offered by the work unit.

Nora came to UW-Stevens Point from UW-Marshfield in November 1999. She started as a Financial Specialist and was awarded the Information Systems Resources Support Technician title while employed with the Point Card Office. In 2007 she was involved with the choosing and implementing UWSP's new card system. More recently, last year she served on the University Dining Transition Committee that was formed when the food service made the transition from an outside contractor to becoming self operated.

In her life outside work, Nora enjoys flower gardening at home and takes pride in her four children and five, (and counting), grandchildren.

Nora Stanczyk of the Point Card Office was a recipient of the 2010 Classified Staff Advisory Committee (CSAC) Outstanding Work Performance Award. She was nominated by her supervisor, Jerry Lineberger, Associate Director of the University Centers. This award recognized exemplary performance beyond the normal position description of an employee. It includes taking on additional responsibilities of increasing nature, accepting and completing special



By Shannon Williams,
Student Involvement and Employment Coordinator, S!EO

Imagine immersing yourself in a completely unfamiliar community, rolling up your sleeves, and giving your all. Imagine stepping outside your comfort zone and taking a risk in the name of something you believe in. While most students take this risk in order to help others, the rewards they receive in return are indescribable. Service trips give students that opportunity to get outside their comfort zone, travel, and make an impact. The Student Involvement and Employment Office's service program, named SERVE, is entering its fourth year. Over the past couple years, the service trip program has grown exponentially. In 2009-2010 alone, 43 students volunteered 752 hours during three weekend trips and one alternative spring break trip.

Service trips are not only about hands-on service. They are also about education, reflection, and action. Students spend several hours before and during the trip learning about the root causes of issues and the community where they are volunteering. Students conclude each trip with a personal action plan.

The best part of a service trip is the personal transformation that takes place within each participant. Students have returned from trips and have gone on to create service projects in their hometown communities, sponsor a drive among friends and family, and advocate and educate for their new passion.

The average cost of an alternative spring break trip is \$600 – 800 per student. The bulk of this cost encompasses travel, meals, and lodging. Most students do not have the ability to pay this amount in order to volunteer their time. \$600 is a rent payment, a couple car payments, or several weeks' worth of groceries. These opportunities would not be possible without the financial support of the Student Government Association, SERVE fundraisers, and the generosity of alumni and friends who believe in the power and significance of service.

With your support, we are able to subsidize volunteers' out-of-pocket expenses and give them the opportunity to create a personal legacy through service. If you would like to be a part of this amazing ripple effect of service and impact, please consider making a donation to the service trips' Foundation account, attending one of our fundraisers (such as Make Life Sweeter, a dessert buffet), or there are ways to participate with the trips directly.

In the last three years, students have volunteered their time to help these communities:

Rushford, MN

assisting with flood clean-up/relief (September 2007)

Camp Heartland

a camp for kids affected by HIV/AIDS (Winter Break 2008)

Intercity Impact

a weekend trip Milwaukee exploring issues of poverty and homelessness (October 2008, 2009)

Chicago

working at a different non-profit each day in order to learn the diversity of urban social issues (Spring Break 2009)

Buckhorn State Park

environmental stewardship projects (August 2009)

Plateau Restoration in Utah

environmental stewardship projects (Spring Break 2010)

Growing Power

a weekend service trip at this urban farm in Milwaukee whose mission is ensuring access to healthy food for people of all income levels (April 2010)

For more information, please contact Shannon Williams at:
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We also invite you to visit SERVE's web site at:
www.uwsp.edu/centers/sieo/volunteerism.





Alumni Highlight: Aaron Leist

What a year it has been, moving from Stevens Point to Madison and into the "real world". In my year in the Centers, more specifically with the University Store and Text Rental, I was blessed with the opportunity to not only develop as professional but as a person. Within the University Store and Text Rental I was able to learn and grow with fellow students in a safe environment. The blend of real world interactions with customers and staff gave me an advantageous perspective into everyday communications in my current role. With the pace of technology moving at the rate it is, customer service and satisfaction has never been more important. Stephanie Pope, my supervisor at the University Store and Text Rental, is an advocate of top-notch customer service and I was fortunate to have great mentorship from her.

The customer service emphasis and skills I was taught at the University Store and Text Rental have given me that "edge" we all so greatly desire. Since I was the Human Resources Coordinator at the store I learned an invaluable amount of knowledge on insider customer service as well, my customers were my co-workers. Building relationships and rapport in a short time period was important then and is now as well.

I am currently working for UW Credit Union in Madison, WI. I opened accounts with UW Credit Union while at school in Stevens Point and thoroughly enjoyed the member service I received. A few weeks after graduation, Stevens Point branch manager, Matthew Kovalaske, mentioned if I hadn't found a job in a few months that I should apply at UW Credit Union, as it was a great place to work. I applied; received a peak time teller position and progressed at Pier 37 in Monona. Luisa Herrera, branch manager at Pier 37, enhanced my learning opportunities in a customer service environment that was fun, safe, and effective.

I credit my success to both the teams at the University Store and Text Rental and Pier 37; as well as the two managers mentioned above. I am currently an Organizational Development Specialist, a role that directly links my skills developed while at UWSP and UW Credit Union. I have been in this role for around two months now, and the skills I gained in terms of recruitment and new employee orientation have helped greatly. Understanding perspective, respecting people, and constantly being in an active listening mode are three things I will never relinquish. Thank you to my family, friends and everyone at the UWSP Centers and UW Credit Union.

Arts & Entertainment 2010



The 20 Greatest Hits of JOHNNY CASH

*Saturday, September 25, 2010
7:30 PM, @1800 Sentry Theater*

Liam Ford, Wisconsin Area Music Industry (WAMI) award winning American/Rockabilly Artist of the Year's outstanding tribute to the 20 finest songs recorded by Johnny Cash. Backed by WAMI award winning Mark "Buddy" Shurilla and the Greatest Hits with Jayne Taylor.



George Winston

*Thursday, October 7, 2010
7:30 PM, @1800 Sentry Theater*

George Winston - A solo piano concert - His performance consists of pieces from his melodic seasonal recordings, Vince Guaraldi's Peanuts pieces, New Orleans R&B piano, stride piano, songs by The Doors and more, including pieces from his new CD, Love Will Come - The Music of Vince Guaraldi, Volume 2.



Brandi Carlile

*Friday, October 15, 2010
7:30 PM, Laird Room, Dreyfus University Center*

After debuting with her self-titled album in 2005, the Washington State-bred Carlile saw her fanbase mushroom with her second disc, The Story, in 2007, partly due to the number of songs that were featured on the television show Grey's Anatomy from this album. Among the growing legion of Carlile fans is Elton John. "Brandi has an amazing voice," he says. "She's a great songwriter and has a tremendous career ahead of her." Brandi Carlile's third album, Give Up The Ghost, unveils her talents in their truest form. Guaranteed to be a night of incredible music.

What's New???



New Vending Contract

More products in aluminum cans for recycling & fewer plastic bottles on campus.



Artwork in the Dreyfus University Center

Student artwork on permanent loan from the Carlsten Art Gallery.



Farmers Market every Tuesday this Summer Outside the Dreyfus University Center

Eating locally is more economical, more healthy and cheaper!

DeBot Center Renovation

New dish machine & pulper added to the kitchen.



Allen Center has a New Neighbor Moving In. It's Residential Living!

New suite-style residence hall opening in Fall 2011!

ALL EVENTS at: THEATER @ 1800,
Sentry Insurance Headquarters, 7:30PM
(unless otherwise noted)

The Second City

Thursday, September 2, 2010

The world's premier comedy theater
Laird Room, DUC

PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
2010/2011

Golden Dragon Acrobats

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Chinese acrobatic touring company

Luna Negra

Monday, November 15, 2010

Dance Theater

Andrea Burns

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

Broadway Singer

Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue

Thursday, February 3, 2011

New Orleans style jazz

North Shore Quartet

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Classical string quartet

Project Trio

Wednesday, April 6, 2011

High energy chamber music

Ira Glass

Saturday, April 30, 2011

Radio producer & host, "This American Life"

Laird Room, DUC

www.uwsp.edu/centers/pas/

