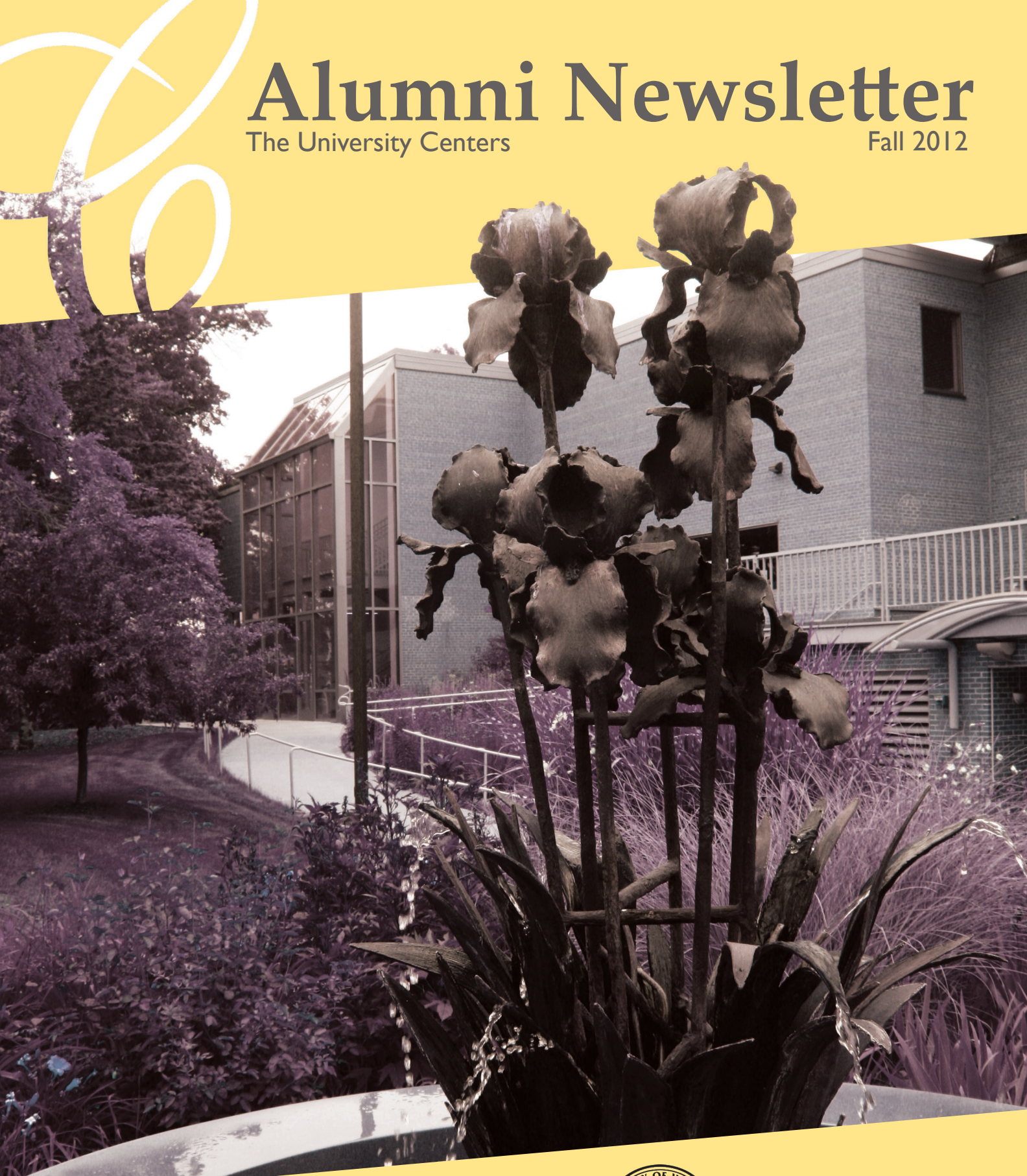


Alumni Newsletter

The University Centers

Fall 2012



University of Wisconsin
Stevens Point

Students Engaged in Rewarding Volunteer Experiences (SERVE) Program

In 2007-2008, the UW Stevens Point Student Involvement and Employment Office (SIEO) developed an intentional volunteer program in order to address the service, involvement and learning needs of students, and serve as connecting point between on-campus volunteer opportunities, non-profit agencies, and the United Way Volunteer Center.

Service learning and volunteerism are two buzzwords in higher education today, and along with this trend there has been a larger focus on research, learning outcomes and assessment. Surveying this research has been helpful in learning what motivates college students to volunteer, what keeps them volunteering, and what they perceive as the benefits of volunteering.

Recent research on volunteering explored what factors contributed to college students' intent to volunteer. The findings suggested the strongest correlation is the students' sense of connection to the community, followed by students' perception of community needs.

The SERVE volunteer program at UWSP is a culmination of research, student input, reflection on past volunteering, and consideration of the future direction of the program.

SIEO's volunteer program consists of six core programs: special events, service trips, blood drives, social justice/issue education, VolunteersRock.org database, and the newest program addition – The Cupboard. The Cupboard is a student-



run food pantry for UWSP students. The mission of The Cupboard is to support students' academic success by providing emergency and supplemental food. SERVE spent 2010-2011 researching and developing the program, and 2011-2012 was spent opening the pantry, raising donation, promoting the service to students, and organizing volunteers.

The Cupboard opened its doors on October 6, 2011. It is run by a student employee with staff oversight in SIEO. There has been an overwhelming response to The Cupboard, both in the number of students utilizing the service as well as the number of students and staff who want to help.

During the fall 2011 semester The Cupboard served clients for 13 weeks and for 15 weeks in the spring 2012. The Cupboard was closed during winter and spring breaks, but accepted on-line request forms during those times. During this inaugural year, 194 clients were served 549 times. 105 clients were new in the fall semester and 89 clients visited The Cupboard for the first time in the spring semester. 432 visits (79%) were made in person during walk-in hours and 117 (21%) were made using the on-line request form. This proportion of walk-in visits to on-line forms was consistent from the fall to spring semester.

For more information about the SERVE program or The Cupboard, please visit: <http://www.uwsp.edu/centers/sieo/Pages/Volunteerism/volunteerismMain.aspx>.

Outdoor EdVentures (OE)

Last year, Outdoor EdVentures (OE) once again opened its doors to the Stevens Point campus and community. The rental program was revamped to include new and improved gear including: 2 new tripping kayaks, 8 new tents, 10 new sleeping bags, 10 new dry bags, and a new stand-up paddle board. As students began to realize that OE was back up and running OE began to see more and more traffic.

Outdoor EdVentures also gave its tripping program a new jolt of life. The fall semester began modestly with local trips down the Plover and Tomorrow Rivers and to Granite Peak Ski Area. In the spring OE began the process of extending its reach. Several out of state trips were conducted including a canoe trip to the Sylvania Wilderness and a spelunking trip to Mammoth Cave National Park in Kentucky. Over spring break OE loaded up a van of 8 participants and 2 trip leaders and headed west for a week of canyoneering in Zion National Park in Utah. The trip was a great success and took participants through some of the most remote slot canyons inside the walls of Zion.

This year OE hopes to run about 6 adventure trips each semester. The location of the spring break trip for this year is still up in there air but there have been whisperings of a backpacking trip to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. We have also introduced a new log rolling clinic into our programming. It has been a lot of work and there remains much to do, but Outdoor EdVentures is proud to be back running on the UWSP campus.

University Recreational Sports (URS)

Since becoming a department last year, URS has made great strides toward becoming more self-reliant and recognizable on campus. The subsidy request process has been overhauled so that URS now has more say in budget cutting issues and can make more educated decisions about the budgets if cuts need to be made. In addition, URS is now running its own re-recognition meetings. This allows us to cater the material of these meetings specifically to club sports rather than lumping them together with Greek and academic organizations.

The URS department is excited to be in a new home this semester. We are now located in the DUC concourse on the

second floor, room 206 (formerly the Point Card Office). This new office location gives us a more recognizable face here on campus. It allows for more interaction between the URS staff and the UWSP students. It also gives clubs some much needed meeting space and allows them to showcase themselves more than they were able to in our old office.

Since moving into the new space, we have already had several students approach us about the possibility of starting a new club. We currently have 30 active sport clubs and that number continues to climb. As URS grows, it will continue to seek out new and creative ways to better serve our club sports and their members.

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Maria Schneider Orchestra

Thursday, November 1, 2012

Maria Schneider's music has been hailed by critics as "evocative, majestic, magical, heart-stoppingly gorgeous, and beyond categorization." She and her orchestra became widely known starting in 1994 when they released their first recording, "Evanescence." With that recording, Schneider began to develop her personal way of writing for her 17-member collective, tailoring her compositions to distinctly highlight the unique voices of the group. Subsequently, the Maria Schneider Orchestra has performed at festivals and concert halls worldwide.

She herself has received numerous commissions and guest conducting invites, working with over 85 groups from over 30 countries spanning Europe, South America, Australia, Asia and North America.

PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

2012 - 2013



Moscow Boys Choir – Christmas Around the World

Wednesday, December 5, 2012

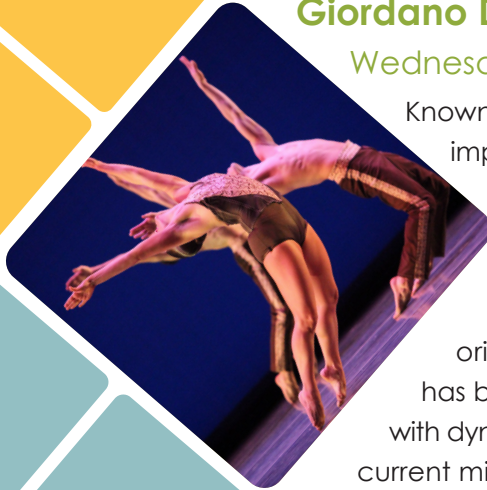
The Moscow Boys Choir is a careful blending of heavenly soprano voices with the rich resonance of bass, tenor and baritone sound that brings a distinct Russian flavor to the choral experience.

Founded in 1957, this choral ensemble is among Russia's most prestigious all-boy choirs. Hand picked from over 400 students at their school in Moscow, these highly talented youngsters have the voices of angels and the discipline to match their talents. The Moscow Boys Choir enjoys an international reputation for excellence.

**All events at the Theater @1800
Sentry Insurance at 7:30PM**

Giordano Dance Chicago

Wednesday, February 27, 2013



Known for their high-energy, high impact artistry, Giordano Dance Chicago continually expands the boundaries of jazz dance while diversifying the repertoire and receives critical and audience acclaim worldwide. This original jazz dance company, formed in 1963, has been captivating audiences around the world with dynamic and diverse performances. The group's current mission is to develop and preserve the indigenous American art form of jazz dance, thereby creating an awareness of jazz dance as a true artistic expression of American life.



The Water Coolers

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Conceived by one of the creators of the long-running New York hit "Tony n' Tina's Wedding", The Water Coolers is "laugh-out-loud" music and comedy about the things we share around the water coolers of America every day — life, work, kids, husbands, wives, travel, technology — and trying to balance it all. A unique combination of comedy writers, directors and business people from around the country work together to create a funny, smart, authentic take on work and life. This hilarious show of original songs, sketch comedy and pop parodies has been presented off-Broadway and has won the Spotlight Award for Ensemble Entertainer of the Year.