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# **COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS & COMMUNICATION**

## **SCHOOL OF DESIGN & COMMUNICATION**

**Art • Graphic Design • Interior Architecture  
Media Studies • Professional Communication**

## **SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS**

**Acting • Arts Management • Dance • Drama • Jazz Studies  
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## UW-Stevens Point

# WHERE DYNAMIC FINE ARTS AND COMMUNICATION GRADUATES ARE MADE

Adaptability, problem-solving, critical thinking, initiative, cooperation, communication, along with skills in a given discipline, are qualities that artists need to find success in their chosen fields. They are also qualities that companies cite in hiring graduates for industries that are constantly evolving. As employers note the lack of critical thinking and creative problem-solving skills in recent graduates, these are the very skills developed through the College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC) at the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point (UWSP).

“The liberal arts approach, with varied course offerings and content that extends beyond the classroom, creates a well-rounded student who is ready to excel in any field,” says Steven Heller, a Class of 2007 Communication — Media Studies graduate.

For more than 50 years, the College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC) has prepared students not only for lives of creative expression, but also for diverse professions and leadership positions that enrich the vibrancy of their communities. COFAC programs value curiosity, discovery, innovation, and collaboration, emphasizing dynamic, hands-on learning through which both faculty and students can inspire, create, and achieve.

Today, UWSP's COFAC is central to the region's creative community and its high-quality offerings in the visual and performing arts draw thousands of audience members to campus each year. Faculty and staff are active off-campus throughout the area as visual artists, musicians, filmmakers, performers, consultants, and volunteers. COFAC's reach is not only local, however; thousands of their alumni around the world — from Broadway to Fortune 500 companies — inspire others to reach their own potential.

Nestled in a safe and welcoming small town, UWSP achieves more than you might expect. The university

ranks among the nation's top 7% with its national accreditation in all four arts fields: Art and Design (NSAD and CIDA), Dance (NASD), Music (NASM), and Theatre (NAST). Recognition aside, its high impact learning experiences speak volumes as well.

“At UWSP I am building a solid foundation in acting, vocal, and dance techniques with high quality instruction in small classes—the artistic tools I need to grow and succeed. Additionally, the faculty are guiding me towards finding my own voice and a personal artistic point of view that shapes the types of stories I want to tell and share with the world,” says Júlia Garcia, a Class of 2022 BFA Musical Theatre/ Dance Minor graduate from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

From the moment they arrive at UWSP, students have remarkable opportunities to delve deeply into the kinds of thought-provoking art, riveting performances, and critical media that help us understand ourselves and the world around us. Bustling creative labs like the radio station, campus newspaper, theatre spaces, music hall, art gallery, and television studio define the COFAC experience. With guidance and mentorship each step of the way, each student can find a pathway to excel.







***“Opportunities for international students at UWSP are plenty. I have been greatly inspired by the excellent faculty, amazing performances, caring community, and the exceptional facilities at the Noel Fine Arts Centre. Everything you need to succeed is provided here.”***

Yifan Ning, a Class of 2020 Music/Data Analytics graduate from Baotou, Inner Mongolia, China

“The hallmark of UWSP is its student organizations. There are very few universities in the country that give its students more opportunity to get practical hands-on experience than UWSP,” shares Tim Blotz, a Class of 1985 Communication/Political Science graduate.

The School of Design and Communication covers the areas of art, art history, graphic design, interior architecture, media studies, and professional communication. Careers in visual arts, design, and communication are evolving as technologies, audiences, and delivery systems change. Each course is delivered by dedicated faculty members to ensure students are prepared for today’s jobs and tomorrow’s. Students involved in fine arts and communication do not study a single subject; they immerse themselves in the world, through their own experiences and through seeing, hearing, and feeling the work of other artists, journalists and communication professionals.

Meanwhile, the School of Performing Arts guides

students through the topics of music (music education, performance, and jazz studies); theatre (acting, drama, musical theatre, theatre design and technology); dance, and arts management. The School of Performing Arts responds to a more interconnected world by uncovering opportunities for partnership, collaboration, and interdisciplinary instruction. Faculty build on best practices to foster skills at the heart of a successful career in the arts, but that are also (as shown through the success of alumni) deeply valued across industries and professions. The School is large enough to offer a variety of experiences and challenges, and small enough that students receive the individual attention they need. The curriculum is innovative and emphasises creativity.

“UWSP has taught me to be a global citizen. The dance program has taught me how everything is relevant and you can take away great information from your classes that can help enrich your education,” says Alyssa Berube, a Class of 2015 Arts Management/Dance graduate.

With an eye toward preparing students for careers not yet imagined, COFAC nurtures each student’s ability to draw from many fields, to take risks, and to make conscious choices as both creators and consumers. Its programs shape the emerging artists, entrepreneurs, storytellers, designers, teachers, and visionaries who go on to spark creativity and transform communities.



# SCHOOL OF DESIGN & COMMUNICATION

Art/Art History • Graphic Design • Interior Architecture  
Media Studies • Professional Communication





## Highlights...

- **Art, Graphic Design** and **Interior Architecture** are all accredited by NASAD and **Interior Architecture** is accredited with the Council for Interior Design Accreditation.
- **Media Studies** and **Professional Communication** are new majors that offer students the opportunity to take major specific courses in addition to cross disciplinary courses.



## Student Opportunities

- There are **numerous annual scholarships and awards** with amounts ranging from \$75–\$5,000
- There are over **13 major-specific student organizations** to belong to and ever more for the entire university.
- Students have opportunities to find paid professional internships on-campus, in the Central Wisconsin region, in the United States, or through our **Study Abroad program**.

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*I owe all my educational and career success to the professors at UWSP who passed along their life experience, to inspire all of us to pursue careers in media.*

McKenna Rentmeester, Media Studies, 2020



***Art has been an important aspect in my life since I was young, and I am incredibly grateful to pursue a degree in graphic design.***

Maggie Liska, Graphic Design, 2022

***"My time at UWSP has been absolutely amazing! Not only are the faculty and staff here to support you, but also here to help you grow as a person and in your career!"***

Cole Verbeten  
Professional Communication, 2021



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# SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

Acting • Arts Management • Dance • Drama • Jazz Studies  
Music • Music Education • Music Performance  
Musical Theatre • Theatre Design and Technology





## Highlights...

- Areas in the School of Performing Arts are members of **Musial Theatre Educators' Alliance**, **National Dance Education Organization** and the **National Association for Music Education**.
- **Fully online Master of Music Education (MME)**
- All areas are nationally accredited.



## Student Opportunities

- There are **numerous Music scholarships and awards** with amounts up to \$5,000.
- There are **15 major-specific student organizations** to belong to and even more for the entire university.
- In addition to the many **Theatre and Dance scholarships**, there are also opportunities to **Study Abroad** and do internships in your field of interest.

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***Theatre will always have my heart and I am grateful for everything UWSP has given me.***

Elena Cramer, Acting, 2020



*I chose UWSP over many other institutions because of the connection I made with the faculty during the summer music Camp COFAC in 2016. The music department became my second home, and was somewhere I looked forward to coming to everyday. The support and friendships/mentorships I built with my faculty members is the type that will last beyond graduation.*

Liam O'Neil, Jazz Studies, 2020

*I chose to be a dance major simply because I love to dance, and that was the option that felt right in my life. UWSP has helped me grow as a person, artist, and community member in ways I would have never imagined.*

Jax Emmel, Dance, 2023



## CONTACT US AT SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

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or visit campus:

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School of Performing Arts  
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point







# COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS & COMMUNICATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Art and Design • Communication and Media Studies • Interior Architecture  
Melvin R Larid Exceptional Artist • Music • Theatre and Dance  
COFAC Dean's Special Talent Awards





## Art and Design Scholarships/Awards

### Edna Carlsen Art Gallery Student

#### Juried Exhibition

- Best of Show Arts Bash Award
- David Smith Award for Art Excellence
- J. Pierson Photography Memorial Award
- Okray Family Fund Award for the Visual Arts
- Nancy J. Sanford Memorial
- Richard C. Schneider Annual Ceramics Award
- SCULPT Award for Excellence in 3D Work
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- Wayne Halverson Art Award
- Glass Sculpture Award
- William J. Hanford Memorial
- Herbert H. Sandmann Arts Scholarship
- Excellence Award in Foundation Level Work (multiple awarded)

#### BFA - 2D Scholarships

- Arts Bash Scholarship
- Delta Dental of Wisconsin Art Scholarship
- COFAC Dedication Scholarship
- Festival of the Arts Scholarship
- Monoprint Scholarship

#### BFA - 3D Scholarships

- Arts Bash Scholarship
- Sentry Insurance Student Sculptor Scholarship
- Pineries Bank Fine Arts Scholarship

#### BFA - Graphic Design Scholarships

- Arts Bash Scholarship
- Sentry Insurance Scholarship
- Festival of the Arts Scholarship
- Edna Carlsen Scholarship
- Nancy Bahling Scholarship

#### BA - Art History Scholarships

#### Other Scholarships

- Arts Bash Scholarship(s)
- BA Studio Scholarships
- Elizabeth Weber Rice Memorial Scholarship
- Dan Favor Memorial Unconventional Art Scholarship
- Leadership and Service Scholarship
- International Programs Scholarship
- BFA Review Scholarships
- Arlen and Florence West Scholarship
- Festival of the Arts Scholarship

## Communication and Media Studies Scholarships/Awards

### Scholarships

- Greater Milwaukee Foundation/Walter Jay and Clara Charlotte Damm Scholarship(s)
- John Anderson Spirit of Community Award
- Leland Burroughs Scholarship
- COFAC - Communication Dedication Scholarship
- Albert Croft Scholarship
- William C. Davidson Scholarship
- Lee Sherman Dreyfus Scholarship Award(s)
- Lee Sherman Dreyfus Memorial Speaking Award
- Steven Heller Student Involvement Scholarship
- Dan and Audrey Houlihan Journalism Scholarship
- Hyun & Maria Kim Comm Scholarship
- Larry Kokkeler Memorial Scholarship
- Jonathan Little Scholarship
- Greg Loescher Scholarship
- Leslie Midkiff-DeBauche Scholarship
- Susan Moriarity Memorial Scholarship
- O'Donnell Family Scholarship
- Elizabeth Parkinson Scholarship
- PRSSA scholarship
- James Schuh Broadcasting Scholarship(s)
- Sentry Scholarship
- Mark & Julie Smiley Scholarship
- Stephen A Walther Memorial Scholarship
- Red Shoes Communication Scholarship
- Chris Keller Journalism Scholarship
- Friend of the Division
- Alumna/us of the Year
- Who's Who in Communication

### Student Organization Awards

- The Pointer Award
- SPTV Award
- WWSP-90FM Award
- Friends of 90FM Scholarship Award
- Adviosr's Leadership Award

## Interior Architecture Scholarships/Awards

### Scholarships

- ASID Student Chapter Scholarship
- Bernice Kurzynski Scholarship
- Dr. Barbara Inch Non-Trad Scholarship for Women
- Mary Ann Baird IA International Study Scholarship
- Natalie & Paul Ciulla IA Scholarship
- Patricia C. Kluetz ASID Scholarship



## Melvin R. Laird Exceptional Artist Award

This award annually recognizes and rewards an exceptional graduating UWSP student in performing or visual arts by providing a \$5,000 investment in his or her potential to become a successful leading artist in his or her field. Established by the Hon. Melvin R. Laird and members of the Laird Endowment Advisory Board, the award serves as a continued commitment to the Laird Art Leadership program associated with Laird Leadership Day. The Hon. Melvin R. Laird was the former U.S. Secretary of Defense under President Nixon and Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District representative.

## Music Scholarships/Awards

### Scholarships

- James Arrowood Phi Mu Alpha Scholarship
- Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra Guild/CWSO Guild/UWSP Quartet String Scholarship
- College of Fine Arts & Communication (COFAC) Scholarship Fund
- Sue Colman Scholarships
- Eunice DeBaker Vocal Music Scholarships
- Delta Omicron Music Scholarship
- Festival of the Arts Scholarship
- Kathleen Franceschi-Stoll Cello Scholarship
- Charles Glodoski Memorial Music Scholarship
- Donald E. Greene Music Scholarships
- Jazz Clarinet Scholarship
- Music Department Scholarships
- Peet/Faust Music Dept. Scholarship
- David J. Piotrowski Memorial Music Scholarship
- John Radd Memorial Jazz Scholarships
- Schierl Fine Arts/Jazz/Voice Scholarship
- Bonnie Baldwin Sether Memorial Scholarship
- Keith Stein Memorial Clarinet Scholarship
- Carl Vetter Music Scholarship
- Dorothy E. Vetter Delta Omicron Scholarship
- Robert Worth Jazz Percussion Scholarship
- Worth Company Jazz Scholarship
- Soiree Musicale Scholarship
- Edmund Bukolt Strings Scholarship
- Rib Mountain Adventure Challenge Vocal Jazz Scholarship
- Arlen and Florence West Scholarship

## Theatre and Dance Scholarships/Awards

### Scholarships

- Festival of the Arts Scholarship
- Anne Gilfry Schierl Fine Arts Award in Dance
- Anne Gilfry Schierl Fine Arts Award in Acting
- Anne Gilfry Schierl Fine Arts Award in Drama
- Anne Gilfry Schierl Fine Arts Award in Musical Theatre
- Anne Gilfry Schierl Fine Arts Award in Design & Technology
- Kathryn Bukolt Dance Scholarship
- Bukolt Dance Awards
- Peet Faust Drama Scholarship
- James Mueller Scholarship
- Backstage Musical Theatre Scholarship
- James Vorland Technical Theatre Scholarship
- Crosby Scholarship in Technical Theatre
- Prize in Student Directing, Stelmahoske Award
- Dr. Arthur Hopper Outstanding Graduating Senior Award
- First Nighters Scholarship
- Robert Baruch Excellence in Theatre Award
- James Moore Excellence in Dance Award
- Theatre Arts Scholarships for new students in: Dance, Drama, Acting Design/Technology, and Musical Theatre
- James and Linda Martin Moore Dance Award
- Mary Lou Holls Costume Scholarship
- Roger Nelson Musical Theatre Scholarship
- Baruch/Bridgeman Award for Outstanding Achievement as a Player
- Toy Box Scholarship
- Arlen and Florence West Scholarship
- Hall Theatre Experience Scholarship
- Sentry Scholarship
- Melvin R. Laird Exceptional Artist Award
- Nigbor Family First Nighters Scholarship
- Gingrasso Dance Education Study Award
- David B. Carter Acting Scholarship
- David B. Carter Musical Theatre Scholarship
- David B. Carter Design and Technology Scholarship
- Paul Palombo Scholarship (Arts Management)

## COFAC Dean's Special Talent Awards

Each year, the Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication distributes several thousand dollars from the COFAC Fund for Excellence to support new student recruitment in the School of Design & Communication and the School of Performing Arts. These scholarships may be awarded to new students declaring any major within the COFAC. The number of awards varies each year and is dependent on the donor gifts to the college.







# ABER SUZUKI CENTER





# Highlights...

- The **Aber Suzuki Center** is the only Suzuki program in the **state affiliated with a university**.
- It is **one of only 24 programs** across the country **offering long-term, degree training** for teachers.
- It is also one of the **most extensive programs** in the country **for students**, offering classes in Suzuki Early Childhood Education, violin, viola, cello, bass, voice, piano, guitar, flute, harp, chamber music and orchestra.

***"Amazing program for music.  
The absolute best!"***

Luke Middendorf, Parent, 2019



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College of Fine Arts & Communication  
**University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point**



**AMERICAN  
SUZUKI INSTITUTE**





## Highlights...

- The **American Suzuki Institute** is a family oriented **Suzuki music summer program** held on the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point campus sponsored by Aber Suzuki Center during the **last 2 weeks of July**.
- The **original ASI** was founded in **1971** in **Stevens Point, WI** by Margery Aber who modeled the institute after Dr. Shinichi Suzuki. The **Institute attracts** more than **1,000 teachers and families** from **35 states** and **12 countries** to Stevens Point, WI each year.
- **ASI** has the **longest-running history** of any **summer institute** outside of Japan and is a **model of excellence** for other institutes around the world.



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turibeatur sitat aliquae quiberc hiliam"*

Name, Title, Year

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**AMERICAN SUZUKI CENTER**

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American Suzuki Institute  
College of Fine Arts & Communication  
**University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point**





# OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPERIMENTAL LEARNING AND PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

Our Students Prepare for Careers under Faculty Mentorship

Rennie Haris, Puremovements - Master Class

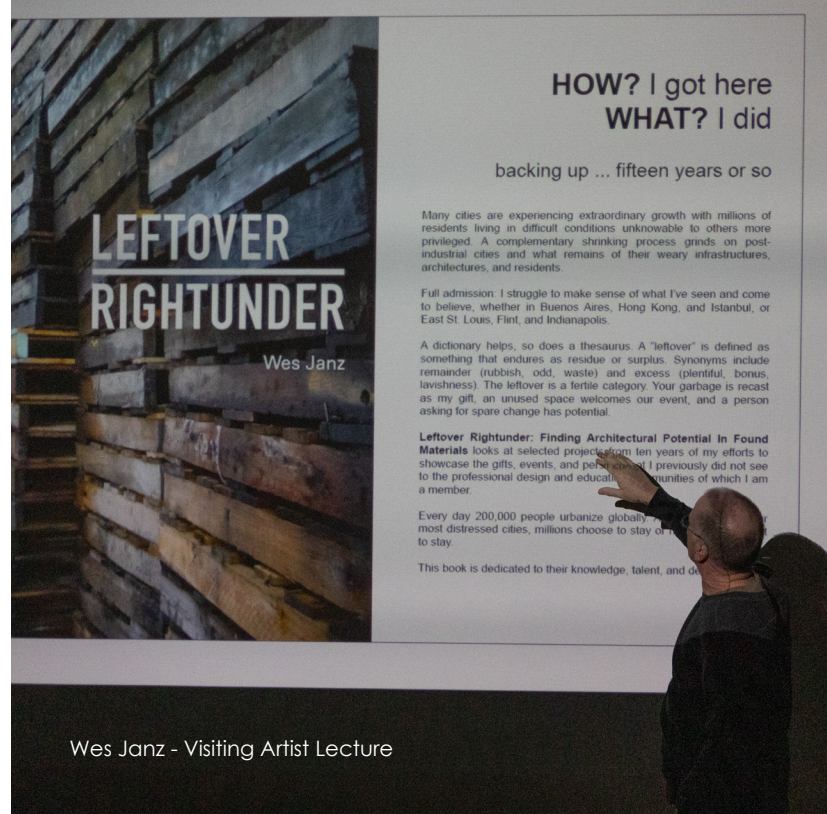


## Performances, Exhibits, and Presentations

- Great Artists/Great Speakers Series
- Master Classes with Professionals
- Participation in Professional Ensembles
- COFAC Creates
- Pop-up Exhibitions and Performance
- Edna Carlsten Art Gallery
- Schneider Student Gallery
- Campus Display Cases
- Multidisciplinary Projects

## Teacher Preparation

- Very Young Composers
- Workshops and Masterclasses
- Camps and Festivals
- Vetter Concerts



Wes Janz - Visiting Artist Lecture



Renée Fleming - Master Class

## Student Creative Projects

- 2D/3D Art works
- Choreography
- Design
- Film
- Directing
- Music Composition
- Playwriting
- Collaborative work

## Media

- SPTV
- The Pointer
- WWSP 90FM Radio
- 90 FM Triva
- CinePoint Media Festival



## Community Engagement

- Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra
- CREATE Portage County
- Festival of the Arts
- Hidden Studio Tour
- Monteverdi Master Chorale
- Q Artists' Cooperative and Gallery
- Riverfront Arts Center
- Riverfront Jazz Festival
- Spectral Microcinema
- Stevens Point Sculpture Garden

## Internships and Externships

- Disney Student Internships
- Study Abroad internships
- Local, state, regional, national businesses internship and externships



## Student Organizations

### School of Performing Arts

- American Choral Directors Association (ACDA)
- American String Teachers Association (ASTA)
- Delta Omicron (D.O.)
- Horn Club of UWSP
- Low Brass Club
- National Association for Music Education Collegiate (NAfME Collegiate)
- Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia
- Pi Kappa Lambda (PKL)
- Players
- Trumpet Club
- UWSP Jazz Society
- UWSP Opera Club
- UWSP Pep Band
- UWSP Percussion Club

### School of Design & Communication

- American Institute of Graphic Artists (AIGA)
- American Society of Interior Designers
- The Association of Art Historians and Scholars (AAHS)
- Carlsten Gallery Student Advisory Committee (CGSAC)
- Historic Preservation Student Society
- Illuminating Engineering Society of North America
- International Interior Design Student Association
- Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA)
- Sculpt
- Student Art League (SAL)
- Student Television (SPTV)
- The Pointer Newspaper
- WWSP-90FM





Fang Hui - Visiting Artist Lecture





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