An additional gift from the Copernicus Cultural Foundation of Stevens Point, Wis., will fund the first $1 million endowed professorship in the College of Fine Arts and Communication at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

The gift, from the foundation founded by noted Stevens Point businessman Edmund Bukolt, will fund an endowed professorship in the Department of Music for cello and music education advocacy.

“An important gift creates a wonderful opportunity to advance the mission of the college,” said Sussie Sumrall, chair of the Department of Music. "As a faculty member, I can’t imagine a better way to spend this wonderful gift than to continue this tradition and bring in a world-renowned cellist and a music education advocate to the campus in this endowed position."

Spring 2023 Commencement

Communication Alumni Shannon and Wayne Semmerling, Stevens Point, both 1994 graduates, lead the alumni pinning ceremonies at this past spring commencement.

Bachelors of music candidate Natalie Romanics, singing the national anthem and Alma Mater at the 9:30 a.m. ceremony, and choral music education major Ben Franklin, singing at the 2 p.m. ceremony. The Symphonic Wind Ensemble, directed by John Lynch, director of bands performed at both ceremonies.

The tour has begun! Rising BFA Musical Theatre Sophomore Zaden Scheer, Music Major Nathan Edwards, and Incoming First Years Morgan Strimple (Dance), Nora Perugini (Musical Theatre), and James Shaffer (Music Education) are on tour with Kids From Wisconsin for their 55th season, Starstruck!

They will be performing in Stevens Point July 12 at Sentry Theater!

Make sure to check when Kids From Wisconsin is performing near you, it is a tour you won’t want to miss!