

SPOTLIGHT ON COFAC



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



UW-Stevens Point receives gift to create a \$1 million endowed professorship in music

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 notable Stevens Point businessman Edmund Bukolt, will fund an endowed professorship in the Department of Music for cello and music education advocacy. The group's initial gift in 2021 funded a faculty fellowship.

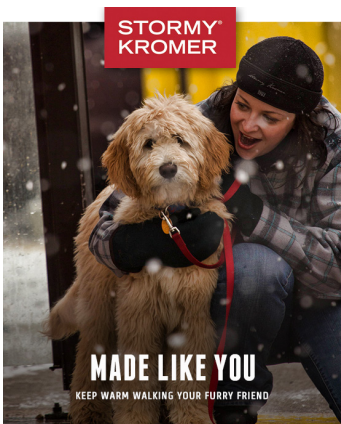


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ALUMNI STORIES

ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS

Stormy Kromer's Gina Thorsen heeds twin passions for art and family



Gina Thorsen
'97 Arts Management

There's an art to making a product as iconic as the Stormy Kromer cap. Just ask Gina Thorsen '97, CEO of Jacquart Fabric Products, the current parent company of the fabled Upper Peninsula brand.

"Invention requires creativity," Thorsen notes. "The very first Stormy Kromer cap was created by Ida Kromer to meet a need that her husband, George, had. Without her ingenuity, creativity and imagination, we wouldn't be here today."

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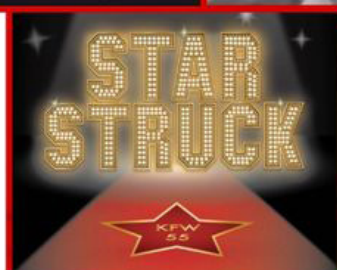
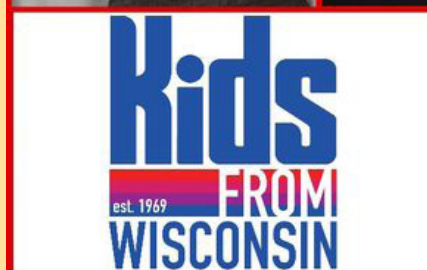
Spring 2023 Commencement

Communication Alumni **Shannon and Wayne Semmerling**, Stevens Point, both 1996 graduates, lead the alumni pinning ceremonies at this past spring commencement!

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



STUDENT STORIES



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!

[KIDS FROM WISCONSIN](#)

- [CHANDLER BENN - Athletic mindset propelled vocal performance major](#)
- We have a lot of Pointers in Iowa this summer working, but we couldn't be more excited to highlight them all! BFA Musical Theatre **Cara Langhauser**, BFA Musical Theatre **Hunter Olson**, Music Education Alum Michael Treder, Music Education Alum **Elijah Schuh**, Vocal Performance Alum **Natalie Trumm**, and Musical Theatre/ Music Education Alum **Landen Alft** in **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** at [American Gothic Performing Arts in Ottumwa, IA](#)!

Want to see where our other students are performing or interning this summer? Visit our Facebook and Instagram pages!

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RETIRED FACULTY & STAFF LUNCH



On June 1 several of our retired faculty and staff got together for brunch hosted by Dean Cisler. From left to right: Susan Gingrasso (Dance), Michael Keller (Music), Joan Karlen (Dance), Hyun Kim (Communication), Jennifer Tubbs (COFAC Gifts Officer) and Rob Stolzer (Art).

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