UWR Fall Alumni Day is October 3
5 OUTSTANDING ALUMNI TO BE HONORED

When alumni and friends gather on campus for the annual Fall Alumni Day & Brunch on Saturday, October 3, they’ll be participating in a new format for honoring outstanding alumni. Following a revamp of the selection guidelines, the UWR Alumni Association Board of Directors is excited to announce the names of the 5 individuals chosen for honors this year.

- Dr. Jerry Hui, Chippewa Falls, Class of 1999
- Heather Lins, Madison, Class of 1993
- Paul Harrison, Madison, Class of 1985
- Lois Anderson Ursin, Richland Center, Class of 1959, and
- Dr. Myrna Toney, Richland Center, Class of 1957.

Dr. Myrna Toney will be a recent retiree by October, having completed 39 years of service at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and a total of 57 years in education. Prior to joining the DPI, she taught in a number of elementary and middle schools—in Muscoda, Richland Center, Beaver Dam, and Boscoe—and served as associate professor of education at Illinois State University, Normal, IL. Toney has been honored for her work improving educational opportunities for students who are from migrant, minority and disadvantaged backgrounds.

Lois Anderson Ursin is a retired educator who taught in the Richland School District for more than 37 years—at one-room schools in Woodstock and Berger, at Rockbridge and Union Schools. She served as principal of Union School 1975-1982. Anderson has been an active volunteer with the Richland Center Thrift Shop, Green Valley 4-H, Meals at Home, and St. John’s Lutheran Church in Richland Center. Since 1975, she’s been a member of Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, serving as president 1994-1996, the organization’s 50th anniversary year.

Paul Harrison has worked in fund development in Madison for the past 16 years, the past 11 as director of development and communications at Access Community Health Centers, which serves more than 27,000 patients in Dane, Iowa, Richland, Sauk and Grant Counties. Harrison has served on a number of Madison boards and committees with organizations that assist children, families, and that help build the non-profit community.

Heather Lins, design entrepreneur and creative director of Heather Lins Home, owns and operates a company that designs and markets nationally and internationally a line of home textiles and stationery. Her work has won many awards, most recently a 2014 Martha Stewart American Made Award, and HOW International Design Awards in 2013, 2012, and 2011. She gave the graduation address at 2015 UW-Richland Graduation and Awards Night in May. Heather, her sister Gretchen, mother Jackie, and father Terry are all UW-Richland alumni.

Dr. Jerry (Chiwie) Hui is a musician and music educator. Presently he is a UW-Stout assistant professor of music. Hui is also the assistant conductor of the Madison Early Music Festival, the artistic director and founder of two musical groups—Schola Cantorum of Eau Claire and Eliza’s Toyes. Hui has won numerous music awards and, through music, creates partnerships with communities for education and development, such as the recent “From Farm to Table” program at UW-Stout that focused on music about agriculture, food and thanksgiving and to help raise funds for local organizations providing food and shelter for the homeless. Hui began his college studies as a UW-Richland international student from Hong Kong.

The schedule of activities this year will follow a familiar format:
10:30 Registration/ South Lobby of the Wallace Student Center
11:00 Brunch serving begins
12:00 Program honoring the classes and Outstanding Alumni

Special recognition will be given to members of the classes of 1955, 1965, and 1975, as they observe their 40, 50, and 60 year reunions respectively.

Reservations for the brunch are being accepted through Friday, September 11, and are priced at: $15 for adults; $5 for children ages 6-12; and free for children 5 and under. A brunch reservation form is found on the back page of this newsletter.

3rd Annual Brew Fest is October 3

It’ll be a full day of Alumni Association activities as the 3rd Annual UWR Alumni Association Brew Fest will take place on Fall Alumni Day, Saturday, October 3, with a modest expansion in the timeframe. The Fest is free for both brewers and attendees. It will run from 2:00-5:00 in the UWR gymnasium.

Home brewers will be the featured attraction as they offer guests 21 and over samples of their products; they’ll also be vying for the various awards, including Fest Best, Fest Favorite, Alumni President’s Choice, Alumni Choice, Best Display, and Home Brewer’s Choice.

Various food vendors, wineries, and micro-breweries are also being invited to participate. The Brew Fest has become a very popular destination event. We hope to see you there!
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New ecologist: Joining the UW-Richland faculty this fall as assistant professor of biological sciences is Dr. Mathew Vankoughnett. He moved to the Richland area this summer from Ontario, Canada. Most recently, he’s taught at Loyalist College in Belleville, Ontario. He earned his bachelor’s degree in environmental science (with honors) at Trent University. His graduate degrees--master of science from Queen’s University and Ph.D. from the University of Western Ontario—are both in biology. He also earned an Ecosystem Management Technology Diploma and an Ecosystem Management Technician Diploma. In addition to teaching biology, Dr. Vankoughnett plans to further develop the UW-Richland Foundation’s Smart Farm as an outdoor laboratory.

Associate professor Clifton Cavanaugh retired at the end of the spring 2015 semester, after a 36 year career in the UW-Richland CSEPA (computer science, engineering, physics and astronomy) department. When Cavanaugh joined the faculty in 1979, there was one computer on campus. Today there are hundreds of computers and related items of technology. He was instrumental in working with CASS/CASP in the 1980s, a program that brought international students from Central America and the Caribbean to study computer science. In addition to teaching university courses, Cavanaugh has enjoyed teaching College for Kids classes for 4th-6th graders. As an emeritus faculty member, he plans to volunteer and assist the campus IT (instructional technology) department.

Dorothy Thompson retired in early July as director of marketing & communication. In the communication era before the web, digital images, Facebook, You Tube, Twitter and other social and electronic communication, the campus communication position was part-time. Thompson then held other part-time positions including Student Activities coordinator, Student Senate advisor, interim Continuing Education coordinator, and journalism instructor/student newspaper advisor. Thompson plans to spend more time traveling.

Design entrepreneur Heather Lins (Class of 1993) gave the graduation address at Graduation and Awards Night 2015 held May 8 on campus. Lins, who is creative director of Heather Lins Home, a Madison-based enterprise, told the audience about ways the foundation she built at UW-Richland helped her advance her career.

Million dollar milestone: The UW-Richland Scholarship Program reached a million dollar milestone this spring. Since 1989, when web-based tracking began, more than $1,000,000 has been provided to help students and their families pay for college. For the 2015-2016 academic year, more than $130,000 was awarded. Alumni and others interested in establishing a scholarship are encouraged to contact the UW-Richland Foundation—email rlncf@uwc.edu or phone (608) 647-6186, Ext. 278 to learn more about how you could contribute to this highly successful program. The scholarship application deadline is changed for the coming year to March 1, 2016.

New at Campus View housing for UW-Richland students are Jennifer Perkins (left) and Sarah Stibbe. Perkins began service as executive director in January. Stibbe joined the Campus View staff in mid-February as office manager. Campus View provides housing for about 140 UW-Richland students.

Roadrunners of the Year: This was a rare year when UW-Richland students named two individuals as “Roadrunner of the Year” for 2015. Honored were (above) math instructor Stephanie Kernik and (below) financial specialist Derek Kalish (Class of 2003). The Roadrunner of the Year award recognizes participation in and support of campus activities, accessibility to students and a positive attitude toward UW-Richland.
**Class Notes**

**1929**
Vida (Miller) Santucci, Healdsburg, CA, writes that she has been enjoying life at the same address for the past 65 years. She and her husband have enjoyed many good times with other members of the Alumni Association over the years, including trips abroad with Henrietta (Teller) Lins and her husband Harold.

**1939**
Louise (Cooper) Schadauer is now living in Richland Center at Schmitt Woodland Hills and has been since April of this year. She joined three siblings as residents of SWH, although brother Harry passed away on June 7. Louise taught in the Madison School District for a number of years and also was principal at Our Lady Queen of Peace School for the 1989-90 school year. Louise was in the first two-year class at the Richland County College and credits her great start there for her long and happy career.

**1944**
Florence Shields, Hillsboro, had the opportunity for some rehabilitation time at Pine Valley Healthcare in Richland Center earlier this year, but is now back at home and happy. She provided a very generous donation to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Thank you, Florence.

**1966**
Bernard Fowler, Wisconsin Rapids, is now totally retired since leaving his Adams-Friendship supervisory position three years ago. He plays as much golf as possible and he and his wife enjoy time with family … and time visiting Door County, as well.

**1975**
Bruce Brewer, Bangor, was installed in the Wisconsin Track Coaches Association Hall of Fame at the annual ceremony held February 7 in Middleton. His induction into the Hall of Fame follows at 36-year career coaching at the Bangor Middle/High School. Bruce’s teams amassed an impressive 25 conference championships over the years, as well as 10 WIAA regional titles and a WIAA sectional title.

**1979**
Sandra (Miller) Osterman teaches art in the Lodi School District. She lives in DeForest with her husband of 32 years and they happily enjoy their four grandchildren. The Ostermans have three children—two sons and one daughter. Sandy teaches K-5 art and for the last 12 years she has done so in the Lodi District. She sings in the church choir and loves to run and bike.

**1982**
Steve & Kate (Honer) Collins, Baraboo, say their time at UW-Richland was “precious to them.” In fact, they believed so much in the UW Colleges that they helped their son Patrick get his collegiate start at UW-Baraboo/Sauk County; he is now a high school math teacher. Kate is a Physician Assistant at the Dean Clinic in Wisconsin Dells where she is also a registered dietitian and diabetic educator. Steve has worked for years in Madison as a Registered Respiratory Therapist and more recently at St. Clare Hospital in Baraboo with their sleep lab.

**1991**
Ryan Pettersen, Mc Farland, is a recent addition to the Life Membership Club of the UWR Alumni Association. Welcome, Ryan.

**1992**
In February of this year, Dorothy Thompson had the opportunity to reunite with Wendy Hazlewood and Brenda Brookes. The reunion took place in St. Johns, Antigua.

**1998**
Mark and Rachel (Shireman) Turgesen (‘99), Richland Center, and their family hosted the 2015 Richland County Dairy Breakfast. Both Mark and Rachel graduated both from UWR and UW-Platteville with degrees in animal and dairy science. They have three children: Logan (11), Delaney (8), and Landon (7).

**1999**
Joanne Rudrud, Altoona, graduated from Winona State University in 2001 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Paralegal Studies. She currently works as a paralegal at the William Laman Law Office in Eau Claire.

**2002**
Todd Allbaugh, Madison, has opened the 5th Element Coffee bar, on University Avenue in Madison. His partner in the business is Alejandro Mendez who is a 2011 World Barista Champion. Todd has a very direct contact with the coffee industry in El Salvador in Silas Valle, a 1991 UW-Richland alumnus and participant in the Central American Scholarship Program. Todd has made over 30 trips to El Salvador.

**2010**
Johnathan Seymour, Genoa, is currently working as a cook—and doing lots of reading. He is looking forward to a return to college in the fall.

**2012**
Rosanne (Johnson) Laufenberg, Richland Center, graduated from the UW-Madison School of Nursing in May of 2014 and is employed at Mile Bluff Medical Center in Mauston where she works in the Surgery Department.

**2013**
Rain Koepke, Lawrence, KS, recently completed his American Indian Studies Program at Haskell Indian Nations University and earned his Bachelor’s Degree.

Rachel Cordero, Elroy, was featured in a WKBT/LaCrosse segment at graduation time this year. The story focused on her valiant effort to complete her university degree as a wife, mother, and commuting student. She and her husband have seven children and so she clearly has done outstanding work in completing her degree in sociology.

**We’d like to hear from you...**
Tell us “what’s up” in your life. Where are you? What are you doing? Graduate from college?
Got a new job? Get married? Got some interesting activities to share? Received some recent honors/recognition?

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Dean’s Column
Patrick Hagen, CEO/Dean

Three words have been on my mind for the past year. Budget, budget, budget! At this writing, we are waiting for the state Legislature to pass the 2015-2017 budget. We expect the University of Wisconsin System to receive a $250 million cut, a cut tied for the largest base-budget reduction in the history of the System.

What does this mean for UW-Richland and the UW Colleges? For those of you who follow these matters, you may recall that the Colleges were cut $4.6 million during the biennium that is just finishing. During the last round of cuts, the central administration in Madison cut from its budget and each campus was given a budget cut number as well. At UW-Richland, we managed as best we could by reducing a number of non-instructional academic staff and classified positions across the college. This biennium, with the cut projected to be significantly larger than the one we just sustained, the strategy is different.

We face a fundamental reorganization of our institution. At this time, the details are being worked out. Suffice it to say, the staffing structure of UW-Richland is likely to look significantly different by the start of the new calendar year.

At this point, I want to take the opportunity to thank Kathy Granger and the officers of the Alumni Association. Once Governor Walker announced his budget proposal in early February, loyal Roadrunners received the call to contact their legislators on behalf of UW-Richland. And they did. These efforts did not go unheard. Indeed, the Joint Finance Committee has recommended reducing the cut to UW System by $50 million. Furthermore, Representative Ed Brooks helped initiate budget motions to protect UW Colleges and UW-Extension in this budget cycle. In the end, Brooks’ efforts on our behalf helped persuade the Joint Finance Committee to put the following language in Omnibus motion 521: “Specify that the Board of Regents would distribute the $50 million GPR provided under the motion to the UW institutions that are most impacted by the GPR base reduction.” This is a significant accomplishment. It draws attention to the value UW Colleges brings to the state and the lean nature of our operation. Of course, as they say, the devil’s in the details. At this point, we still don’t know what actions the governor will take once the budget is passed by the Legislature. We also don’t know how President Ray Cross and the Board of Regents will interpret the language in Omnibus 521.

We all know that constant focus on the budget can wear a person down. I’m happy to report that I’m also focused on some really exciting things. In June, I had the opportunity to present at the Regional and Branch Campus Administrators conference in Longboat Key, Florida. The subject was our very successful international program. We’ve grown our program 225% in the past five years. Last fall, we enrolled 52 students from 20 different countries and territories. I am also making plans to celebrate our 50th anniversary during the 2017-2018 academic year. One goal is to establish a UW-Richland and Richland County Teachers College archive at the campus. Finally, I’ll close with a celebratory note. This year the Richland County Campus Foundation surpassed the $1 million mark in scholarships. We have much to be proud of!

Go, Roadrunners!

President’s Column
Kathy Granger (’66)

I hope everyone is having a great summer. My husband Bernal and I are enjoying judging at county fairs throughout the state, loving the sights, sounds and smells that only fairs have. Our honeybees are having a busy summer also, with the honey production predicted to be better than last summer. Our garden is again too large for two old people, but we really enjoy sharing our harvest with others.

Thanks to all of you for making the political contacts concerning the state budget issues.

Obviously, the results were not what we wanted, but we are grateful for what we got. We need to continue to be vigilant with our support of UW-Richland.

And, a HUGE thank you to everyone that has responded with our membership drive. We are so grateful for everyone for their membership payments and for the many scholarship and special donations, as well. UW-Richland Alumni are a super bunch of people!!

Please put Saturday, October 3 on your calendar. This is our Fall Alumni Day & Brunch which this year helps us honor five outstanding alumni. The five individuals that will be honored are so exceptional in their life stories and achievements and they represent us so well. This event is open to the public and we are looking forward to the wonderful meal and social time. The reservation form is found on the back page of this newsletter.

Following the Brunch, everyone is invited to join us in our 3rd Annual Brew Fest. This fun-filled afternoon offers the opportunity to taste some yummy home brewed beverages, along with local foods. Sunday, the 4th, is the Foundation’s Tour of Homes. This wonderful event allows us to see some lovely homes and provides another financial fund raiser for UW-Richland.

Share any suggestions/comments that you may have to make our Association the best it can be. Life is good!

Are your dues due?

Your UWR Alumni Association depends on your membership dues to cover operating expenses. If you’ve not yet become a dues-paying member, we ask you to do so. Rates are very, well, cheap.

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Check the mailing label of this newsletter to see if your dues are due. If you see a membership date of 2014 or earlier, your dues are due; if you see no date, that means you’ve never been a paying member. Whatever the case, we do need your support.

Questions? Contact John Poole: john.poole@uwc.edu
An energetic and fun crowd was on hand to enjoy the festivities of Homecoming 2015. This year’s event was held on Saturday, March 7, and featured alumni women’s volleyball, alumni men’s basketball, bean bag and pool tournaments, and overall good fun in the Roadrunner Café.

Coach Gail Hoffman’s Blue Team won all five matches in the volleyball competition, as she out-distanced rival coach Becky Murphy Rosenthal (’03) in fine fashion.

Coach Dave Kinsman (’72) led his Red Team to an 85-81 overtime win over his good friend and opposing coach Don Fitzgibbons (’72).

Next year’s Homecoming will be on Saturday, March 5, so mark your calendars now.

In Memoriam

Harry Cooper, Richland Center, died on June 3, 2015. Harry was a member of the first two-year class to graduate from the Richland County Normal.

Keith B. Straight, Class of 1933, died in La Crosse on October 15, 2014, at the age of 99.

Reta Kramer, rural West Lima, died at home on June 27, 2015.

Van Ferguson, Class of 1973, died on February 2, 2015, following a nine month struggle with cancer. As part of Van’s legacy, he has endowed scholarship programs at UW-Richland and River Ridge High School.

Ben Quamme, Class of 2003, died tragically as the result of an automobile accident on October 6, 2014, his birthday. Ben completed a B.S. in Business Administration at Viterbo University following his studies at UW-Richland.

3rd Annual
UW-Richland Alumni Association

HOME BREW FEST

Saturday, October 3, 2015
2:00-5:00 p.m.
UWR Gymnasium
Free admission
Alumni Scholarship Recipients Named

Recipients of the UW-Richland Alumni Association Scholarships for the 2015-16 academic year were named recently. The recipients include Hayley Schipper, a 2015 graduate of Viroqua High School; Nicole Kauffman, a 2014 graduate of Boscobel High School; and Wan Yang, a 2013 graduate of a Puyang Oilfield No 1 High School in Puyang, China.

Hayley is receiving the $500 Alumni Association Ruth Dobbs Memorial Scholarship, while Nicole and Wan are both receiving $300 awards.

Connor Joins UWR Staff as Marketing & Communications Director

Shawna Connor joined the UW-Richland community as interim director of marketing and communications on July 7. She replaces Dorothy Thompson who retired earlier this summer.

She brings to the position more than 15 years of experience as the owner of a marketing and communications consulting firm. Connor has a bachelor’s degree in radio & television from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, and a master’s degree in integrated marketing communication from the University of Denver. She and her family reside in the Viola area.
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FALL ALUMNI DAY 2015

Reservations Form

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