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A graduate leaves a past spring commencement with his young son.

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# University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

## Welcome

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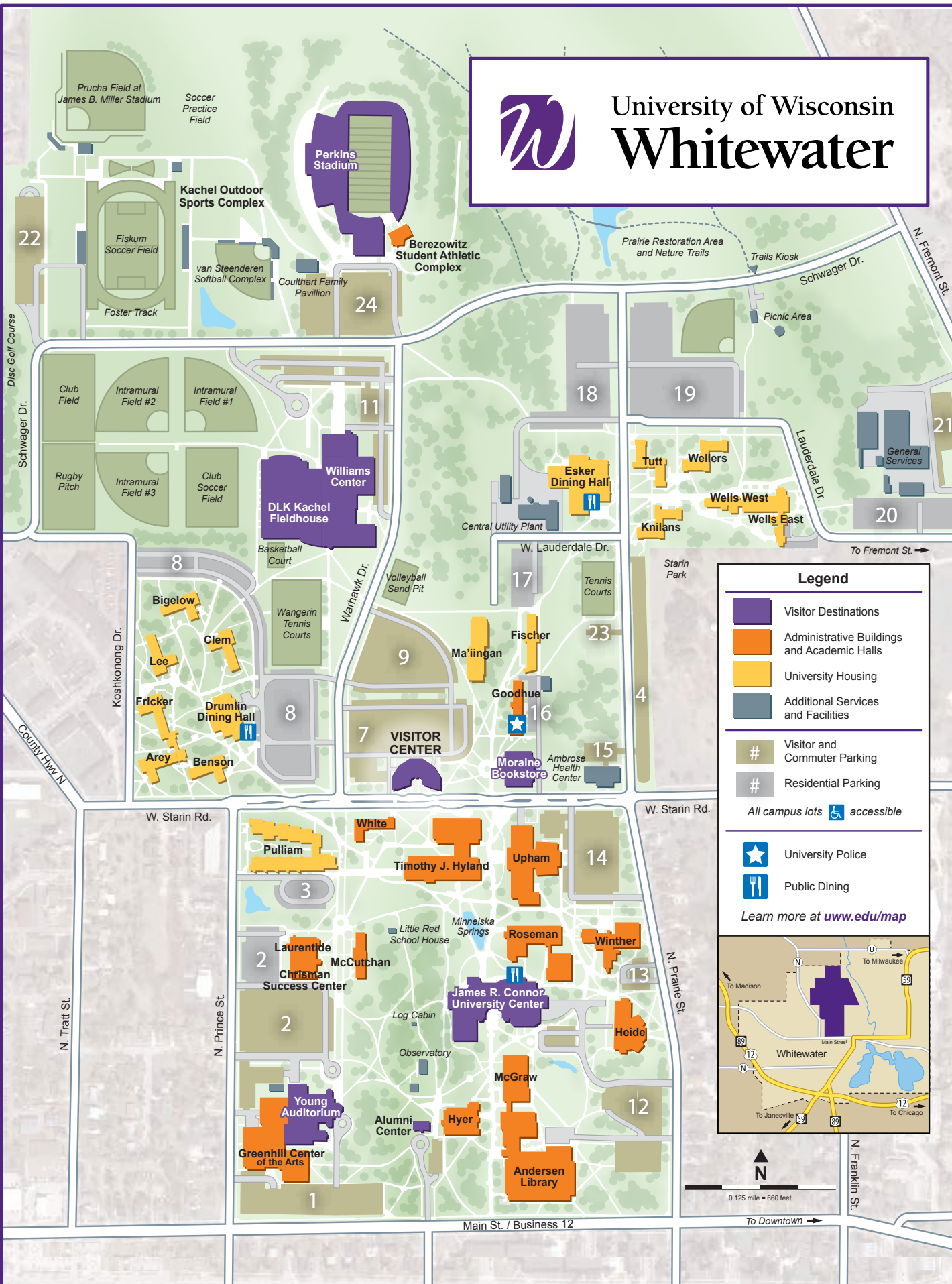
By **MATTHEW KIEDERLEN**  
UW-Whitewater  
Police Chief

The voluntary compliance of the individual is the only way the law is maintained. It is physically impossible and incongruent with a free society for the police to deter crime and enforce the law upon every citizen at all times. It is voluntary compliance, which maintains order. Enforcement can only be used as a tool to educate, encourage and inform; it will not compel individual change.

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# New UWW chancellor shares experiences at Rotary

By Tom Ganser  
CORRESPONDENT

When he was fairly new to the job – in March – Corey A. King shared a few of his early experiences and goals as the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater’s 18th chancellor during the Whitewater Rotary Club meeting at the Irvin L. Young Memorial Library.

Now, with more than 30 years working in higher education, King most recently served for three years as the vice-chancellor for Inclusivity and Student Affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, preceded by leadership roles in student affairs, student services, and enrollment management at Florida Atlantic University, East Carolina University, Wheeling Jesuit University, the University of Florida, and the Council for Student Affairs of the State University System of Florida.

His research interests include higher education leadership, student management, and the international globalization of higher education.

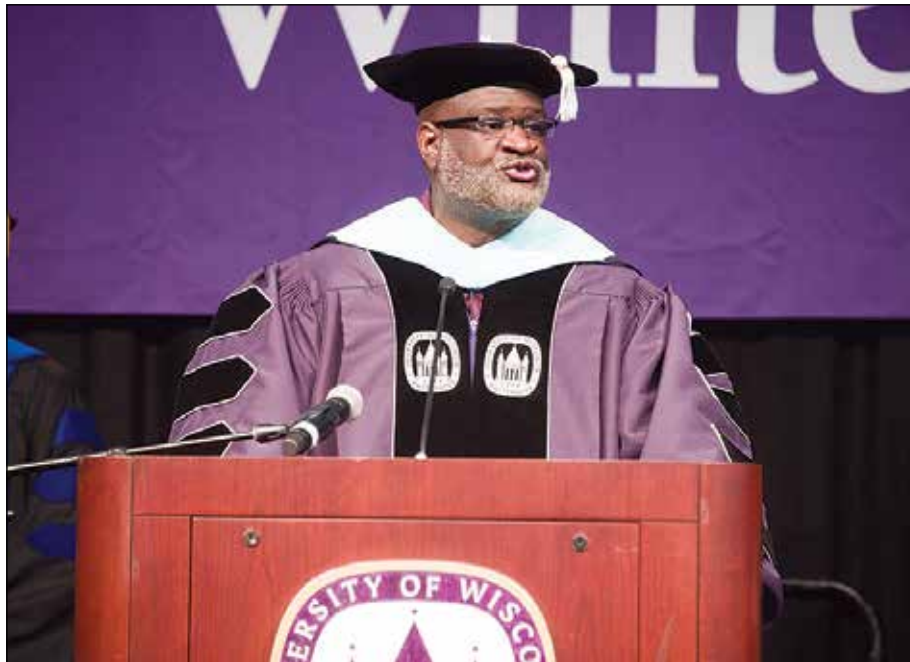
King earned a bachelor’s degree in curriculum and instruction and a master’s degree in higher education administration/student affairs from Florida State University. He earned a doctorate in educational administration and leadership from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

“I’m just really honored to part of the university governance and leadership, and more importantly, to be part of UW-Whitewater community,” King said.

Looking to purchase a home in Whitewater, King said, “I have felt so warmed and welcomed by the community.”

“Everywhere I go, people have opened their arms and their services and professional opportunities to me to help me in my transition here,” he added.

One of King’s initial goals was to “put some momentum” behind UW-W’s 2023-28 strategic planning process, led by Provost



Chancellor Corey King speaks to graduates at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater’s spring commencement. Shortly after being appointed chancellor, King spoke to Whitewater Rotarians and shared his ideas for the university moving forward.

TOM GANSER UW-W Welcome Students

John Chenoweth, “as we think about the next five incredible, wonderful years.”

King said his intentions are to support university’s efforts “to reimagine our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion” and “to engage our campus in what we want our work to be as a campus collective.” For King, this process also includes conversations with community stakeholders.

“We’re also going to focus on the faculty, staff, and student engagement,” King said, “so I’m attending every event that I can. My goal is to hear people across the spectrum in their authentic space and environment -- not creating more meetings just to meet the

chancellor.”

He also planned to engage with the community and UW-W alumni, as well as legislators and the UW System.

King mentioned the onset of a possible capital campaign and the importance of the UW-W Rock County campus that he described as “a jewel in what it can offer not only to the UW-Whitewater community but specifically to Rock County.”

In highlighting the importance of shared governance among faculty, staff, and students, King said it would be important to have stakeholders “at the table.”

King shared his thinking on several topics in response to questions asked, including the

drop in enrollment at UWW and across the nation.

“We are seeing an increase in the opportunity for adult learners and students who are returning for a second degree or greater credentials. So we just have to shift our enrollment strategy to meet the market demand and to capitalize on that market share,” he explained.

He also cited the success of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay’s new “Rising Phoenix Program” that blends dual enrollment in high school and at UWGB, opening the door to earning both a high school diploma and an Associate of Arts and Sciences degree while still in high school.

In considering the dynamic relationship between on-campus and off-campus housing, King viewed the idea of “affiliated housing” as an exciting opportunity.

In Whitewater, according to Whitewater City Manager John Weidl, 65% of housing in Whitewater is multi-family.

“We should not look at off-campus and on-campus housing as competing against each other,” King said. “We should look at it as an alliance of affiliated housing so that there is a UW-Whitewater experience for students regardless if they live on campus or off campus.”

According to King, one of the lasting impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on higher education is in the “socialization and the holistic development of students. Their ability to interact and be successful in the workplace or professional environment is where we’re going to see the biggest challenge.”

He added that one of the themes in the 2023-28 strategic planning process is “to enhance the out-of-class experience, which means to begin a focus on those co-curricular and social development skills for students so that they’ll be able to transition and be a responsible community leader or member, as well as productive in their professional environment.”

## UW-W reveals 2023 Hall of Fame class

*Group of 10 to include athletes, a staff member and a supporter*

BY UW-WHITWATER ATHLETICS

DEPARTMENT STAFF

The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Department of Intercollegiate Athletics has announced its 58th Hall of Fame Class.

Former student-athletes Brent Allen ‘07, Dan

Hytinen ‘09, Rebekah Nelson Johnson ‘08, Jessica Kohlman, Kate LaZotte Langfeldt ‘08, Andre McKoy, Derek Stanley ‘18 and Ann Kingsnorth Zessin ‘05 will be inducted.

Longtime UW-Whitewater Athletic Administrator Bob Lanza will be inducted



Brent Allen



Dan Hytinen



Rebekah Johnson



Jessica Kohlman



Kate Langfeldt



Andre McKoy



Derek Stanley



Ann Zessin



Bob Lanza



Tim Patterson

under the category of staff/coach.

Warhawk supporter Tim Patterson will be inducted for his distinguished service to the institution.

All 10 individuals will be recognized for their contributions to Warhawk Athletics as

part of the UW-Whitewater football team’s game against UW-Platteville on Saturday, Oct. 28, at 1 p.m.

Inductees will be part of the Homecoming Parade, which begins at 10 a.m., and be honored at halftime of the football game and

at the annual Hall of Fame banquet, which begins following the contest at 4:30 p.m. at the University Center’s Hamilton Room.

More information on the Hall of Fame

Banquet, including registration, will be available on the university's website.

### About the honorees

**Brent Allen** was an offensive lineman for three Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship teams, two national runners-up and a member of the team that claimed the program's first national title during his four-year career with UW-Whitewater football from 2003-07. As a senior in 2007, Allen led the Warhawks to its first-ever national title for football as the Rimington Award winner as the nation's top center in Division III. That season, Allen bolstered a line that helped running back Justin Beaver set the DIII record for rushing yards in a season (2,455). A Second Team All-America selection by D3football.com in 2007, Allen was a First Team All-Region pick in 2007 and two-time First Team All-WIAC selection during his career. The Mukwonago native was selected to the WIAC All-Time Team, which was created in 2012 as part of

the league's Centennial Celebration. Also a two-time member of the WIAC's Scholastic Honor Roll, Allen graduated in 2007 with a bachelor's degree in human resource management.

**Dan Hytinen** is one of the most decorated throwers in men's track and field program history. Competing from 2005-08, Hytinen is a two-time national champion in the discus securing back-to-back crowns in 2007 and 2008. A six-time All-American, Hytinen finished among the top eight in the outdoor national championships all four years of his career in the discus. His junior campaign featured a fifth-place finish in the shot put indoors followed by a bronze in the outdoor championships in addition to the national title in the discus. Hytinen went on to compete in the United States Olympic Trials in the discus in 2012 advancing to the finals of the event. He holds the program record in the discus with a distance of 59.87 meters (196' 5") recorded in 2008, which also ranks him 4th all-time in NCAA Division III. The South

Milwaukee native graduated in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in physical education.

**Rebekah Nelson Johnson** was a right-side hitter for three Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships and four NCAA tournament qualifying teams including a national semifinalist in 2006, a national runner-up in 2007 and a national championship in 2005. She was named to the NCAA Division III Championship All-Tournament Team as a sophomore in 2005. A Third Team All-America selection by the American Volleyball Coaches Association as a junior, Johnson helped UW-Whitewater claim WIAC Tournament titles in 2006 and 2007. She holds top 20 marks in the program's career record book in attack attempts (3,122), matches with 20 or more kills (3), kills (1,158), matches with double figure kills (53), digs (1,249), matches with double figure digs (53), hitting percentage (.276) and service aces (133). The two-time All-WIAC pick was also the league's Judy Kruckman Scholar Athlete in 2007. A four-

time member on the WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll, the Williams Bay native graduated in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in physical education (K-12).

**Jessica Kohlman** was a national champion for the women's track and field program during her four-year career from 1998-01. A two-time Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference champion in the weight throw (2001 indoors) and hammer throw (2001 outdoors), Kohlman finished among the top eight nationally on three occasions. She earned her first All-America honor by finishing fourth in the discus in 2000 before winning the national title in the weight throw in 2001. She capped that season with her third All-America honor by finishing eighth in the hammer throw at the national outdoor meet in 2001. The New Holstein native previously held the program record in the hammer throw with a mark of 54.80 meters (179' 9") recorded in 2001.

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# UW-W men's basketball coach Miller retires

Pat Miller, head coach of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater men's basketball team – who led the program to 10 NCAA national tournament appearances and two national championships – will retire after 22 years at the helm for the Warhawks.

Athletic Director Ryan Callahan has announced that current Assistant Coach Jarod Wichser will be the interim head coach for 2023-24.

“Pat will go down as one of the most successful college basketball coaches ever,” said Callahan. “His legacy and impact will be felt in Warhawk athletics forever.”

The Warhawks' current roster has a number of southeast Wisconsin standouts on the roster, including Burlington's Joey Berezowitz, Isaac Verges and Carter Capstran from Franklin, Drew Fisher of



Pat Miller

Oconomowoc and Elijah Lambert and Jameer Barker – both of Racine St. Catherine's.

In addition, Mukwonago senior standout Collin Madson has committed to play for the Warhawks this coming season.

Miller took over the Warhawk men's basketball program prior to the start of the 2001-02 season and quickly rose through the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and NCAA Division III coaching ranks.

Leading UW-Whitewater to 20 or more wins in four of his first five seasons, Miller hit the 100-win mark in 2005-06, reaching the milestone faster than anyone in WIAC history. In 2014-15, he was the fastest coach in Division III to hit the 300-win milestone among active coaches.

Now after 22 seasons, Miller has compiled a career record of 434-167. His

.722 winning percentage is a top 15 mark in Division III history.

In 2011-12, Miller led the Warhawks through an incredible season that culminated in a national title. Coming off of a season that saw the Warhawks make an early exit from the WIAC tournament, Miller helped largely the same cast of players grow and develop as they claimed the regular season crown and garnered hosting rights to start the playoffs.

UW-Whitewater rolled through the early games, including a 91-62 win over the defending Division III champion St. Thomas in the second round. Cruising all the way to the national championship game, Miller captained his crew to a remarkable comeback from an 18-point deficit for a 63-60 win over Cabrini to secure his first national title as a head coach. Chris Davis was named the Division III Player of the Year while Miller captured Division III Coach of the Year recognition. UW was 29-4 on the season – a mark that would be

matched just two years later.

The 2013-14 season saw another thriller in the finals as Miller and the Warhawks would hoist the trophy once again. With Quardell Young's last second basket and free throw sealing a 75-73 win over Williams College, Miller had led UWW to its second national title in three seasons and fourth in program history. With the title, Miller, Warhawk men's basketball and UW-Whitewater in general made NCAA history as the only school in any division of NCAA competition to win national championships in basketball (men's or women's) and football in the same year – twice. Miller was again named Division III Coach of the Year.

Miller led the Warhawks through the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic with shortened/canceled seasons, but was faced with an unimaginable test prior to last season. Following the tragic death of Derek

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**Kate LaZotte Langfeldt** was a setter for three Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship teams and was a four-time NCAA Division III Tournament qualifier including a national semifinal finish in 2006, a national runner-up in 2007 and a national title in 2005. The two-time All-WIAC selection was also a First Team All-Region honoree in 2007 before claiming Second Team All-America honors that same season from the American Volleyball Coaches Association. She was named to the NCAA Division III Championship All-Tournament Team in 2007. Langfeldt recorded 71 assists in a single match in 2007, a mark that ranks among the top 12 in WIAC history. She holds top 15 marks in UW-Whitewater's program record book in career assists (3,315), matches with double figure digs (53), and assists in a season (1,566 and 1,528). A four-time member on the WIAC Scholastic Honor Roll, the Stoughton native graduated in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in Biology.

**Andre McKoy** was a member of the 1984 national championship team, the first for UW-Whitewater men's basketball and the first men's basketball title for any institution in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. A prolific scorer, McKoy is the program's all-time leading scorer with 2,000 points accumulated during his four-year career from 1981-84 – that mark remains among the top ten in WIAC history for career scoring. He also owns program career marks in field goals made (793) and field goal attempts (1,566) while ranking second in free throws made (416) and free throws attempted (547). During the national championship

campaign in 1983-84, McKoy compiled 697 points – second in the program record book for scoring in a single season. He went on to earn Second Team All-America honors from the National Association of Basketball Coaches and was selected as the WIAC Player of the Year that season. A three-time First Team All-WIAC pick, McKoy compiled a record of 87-27 while leading the Warhawks to a pair of final four appearances in his four seasons. The Madison native was inducted into the WIAC Hall of Fame in 2022.

**Derek Stanley** was a two-sport standout for UW-Whitewater as a member of the Warhawk football team from 2003-06 and competing for the men's track and field program from 2004-08. A two-time All-Region selection and three-time All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference wide receiver, Stanley was a member of two WIAC championship teams and two national runners-up (2005, 2006). By the end of his career, he held top five marks in the conference record book in receiving touchdowns in a career (35), receiving touchdowns in a game (4), longest kickoff return (97 yards), receiving yards in a season (1,328) and receiving touchdowns in a season (16). In the UW-Whitewater record book, he held numerous records for season and career receiving yards, touchdowns, and kickoff returns. Selected to the WIAC's All-Time Football Team as part of the league's Centennial Celebration, Stanley was a seventh-round draft pick to the St. Louis Rams in 2007. Stanley was also one of the most-decorated long jumpers in men's track and field program history. A five-time All-American, he was the national runner-up in

the event at the 2004 indoor championships. He finished eighth in 2006 and sixth in 2008 indoors. Outdoors, Stanley claimed bronze at the 2006 national meet and was sixth in 2004. He was a three-time WIAC champion in the event, winning the title indoors in 2004 and sweeping the conference meets in 2006. His leap of 7.50 meters (24' 7.25") in 2004 remains the program record. The Verona native graduated in 2018 with a bachelor's degree in physical education.

**Ann Kingsnorth Zessin** was a member of the UW-Whitewater gymnastics team from 2001-04. A two-time national qualifier, she went on tie for fourth in the all-around at the 2004 National Collegiate Gymnastics Association championship to earn All-America honors. Zessin was an All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honoree in three events in 2003 and in the all-around in 2004. Zessin was a member of a team that held multiple program records during the previous scoring era (only four scores were used) including six of the top 20 team scores on the floor exercise including the program record, seven of the top 20 team scores on the uneven bars including the program record, four of the top 20 scores on the balance beam and the fourth-highest team vault score. A three-year honoree on the WIAC's Scholastic Honor Roll, the Illinois native graduated in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in physical education.

**Bob Lanza** served the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Athletic Department in a variety of roles over his 32-year tenure that spanned from 1985-2017. Playing a vital role in the success of Warhawk Athletics, Lanza was the department's business

manager from 1985-2005 - responsible for budgets, purchasing, travel and game administration. He served as the interim Athletic Director during the spring semester in 2004 and was promoted to Associate Athletic Director in 2006. Lanza served on and chaired numerous University committees during his tenure and he earned the UWW Academic Staff Excellence for non-instructional staff award in 2014 which recognizes outstanding performance. He also earned the 30-Year Service Award in 2015. Lanza continues to support the athletic programs through his work with summer camps administration, while also assisting with event management and with the athletic communications staff.

**Tim Patterson** has been connected to Warhawk Athletics for over 40 years beginning as an athlete, through service on boards, committees and clubs and as a donor. Patterson was a member of the football team from 1979-82 and the baseball team from 1980-83 before graduating in 1985 with a degree in general business with an emphasis in marketing. A former student assistant football coach as well, Patterson was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame as an athlete in 2001. He served as the president of the W-Club for 24 years raising more than \$250,000 for Warhawk Athletics during that time. He was a member of the Hall of Fame committee for 25 years, serving as the chair for three years. A longtime member of the Quarterback Club, Patterson is actively involved in golf outings, is a regular donor to Wally & Rod's Warhawk Raffle Auction and is a longtime advertising sponsor at Prucha Field at James B. Miller Stadium.

# Rindahl's head coaching career about to begin

BY THE UW-WHITEWATER SPORTS INFORMATION DEPARTMENT

Jace Rindahl has taken the reigns at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater as the next head coach of the Warhawk Football program.

Rindahl, a Warhawk alumnus and assistant coach for the last eight seasons, has served as the Interim Head Coach since Kevin Bullis announced his retirement following the 2022 campaign. Rindahl's tenure at the helm of Warhawk football began immediately.

"I am extremely excited to announce Jace Rindahl as our next head football coach," said UW-Whitewater Athletic Director Ryan Callahan. "Jace has been a great coordinator, recruiter and



Jace Rindahl

mentor to the student-athletes and coaches since he came back to Whitewater in 2015. We have been fortunate to have coaches like Forrest Perkins, Bob Berezowitz, Lance Leipold and Kevin Bullis who built the foundation for continued success for our football program."

Rindahl acknowledged the responsibility with the new job.

"As a former student-athlete and assistant coach, I feel my time in this program has helped prepare me for this opportunity and I am ready to serve our football team, athletic department, university and community," he said. "My wife and I could not be more excited for my opportunity to be the head

coach at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater."

Rindahl is the 22nd head coach in the 134-year history of the UW-Whitewater football program. After a brief stint as an assistant at another university, Rindahl returned to UWW as the run defense coordinator and linebackers coach in 2015. He became the defensive coordinator in March of 2020, and was promoted to assistant head coach prior to the 2022 season.

UW-Whitewater formally introduced Rindahl as head coach at a press conference earlier this year, in the Berezowitz Student Athletic Complex, located next to Perkins Stadium.

Rindahl's defense has been at the pinnacle of the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and one of the best in Division III since joining the staff. In seven seasons of competition (there

was no competition in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic), Rindahl's rushing defense led the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference six times and ranked among the top 20 nationally on four occasions.

UWW's scoring defense led the league four times and ranked among the top 20 in Division III five seasons in that span.

"There is great potential and support here at UW-Whitewater," added Rindahl. "We will continue to enhance and build the program to always strive to be the best that we can be."

During Rindahl's most recent stint on staff at UW-Whitewater, the Warhawks have won five WIAC titles, advanced to the NCAA Division 3 playoffs six seasons with a national runner-up finish in 2019, national semifinal appearances in 2015, 2018 and 2021 and a trip to the quarterfinals in 2016.

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Gray, a phenomenal player and member of the Warhawk men's basketball family, Miller helped the team cope and led UW-Whitewater back to the court in 2022-23.

The squad honored their fallen teammate and friend with arguably one of the greatest seasons in Miller's career. Following an up-and-down regular season campaign, the Warhawks likely needed to win the WIAC Tournament and they were up for the challenge. With Miller at the helm, UW-Whitewater won three straight including a 92-79 upset of UW-Oshkosh on their home court to claim the league's automatic bid into NCAA action.

Finding themselves back on the road for the playoffs, Miller and the Warhawks traversed 1,900 miles over a six-game span (dating back to the WIAC Tournament Semifinal in La Crosse), to punch their ticket back to the Final Four.

Their incredible journey would end there, but the season still stands as one

of the greatest in Miller's career.

Miller's storied career at UW-Whitewater began as a student-athlete in the late 1980s. He played three seasons under head coach Dave Vander Meulen and was a co-captain of the team that won a national championship in 1989, the second title in program history up to that point.

That year, he was also named the WIAC Max Sparger Scholar-Athlete of the Year. By the end of his three-year playing career as a Warhawk, Miller had written his name in the program record book in multiple categories as one of the best from beyond the arc, shooting .480 from three-point range. In 2006, Miller was inducted into the UW-Whitewater Hall of Fame.

Following his graduation from UW-W in 1989, Miller went on to play a season with the Horsens Idrets Club in the Danish Basketball Federation before returning to the states to begin his career in coaching.

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# Conducting from the sidelines

## Dillon's celebration for the Packers prompts gift from band director

By Jennifer Eisenbart  
STAFF WRITER

Touchdown celebrations are a recognizable part of any National Football League contest, but for University of Wisconsin-Whitewater band director Glenn Hayes, something the Green Bay Packers did last week made him smile.

When Packers' running back A.J. Dillon scored a touchdown in Green Bay's rout of Minnesota earlier this year, he led the Packers' offense in a little musical celebration. Several players did air guitar, one tried drums and Dillon conducted the lot of them with the football.

"I saw him do that, and it really made me smile," said Hayes, as news began to spread of a special gift sent Dillon's way following the 41-17 victory – a conducting baton of Hayes.

Dillon posted this to his Twitter feed: "Best fans in football! This is pretty cool, shoutout Mr. Glenn Hayes! For this gift and message, much appreciated! I'm official now GO PACK GO!" Attached was a picture of a letter from Hayes, along with a baton from Hayes – one with green and gold in the handle.

The letter read, in part:  
"Please accept the enclosed as a gift from one conductor to another. I have used the enclosed baton at Carnegie Hall. After watching you conduct after your recent touchdown, I thought you might need a baton as conducting with a football must be awkward. Please notice the handle does have green and

gold coloring in three locations."

Hayes went on to say it was clear the baton was meant for Dillon.

"I thought, 'I have this baton with a green and gold handle,'" Hayes said. "It was kind of a whim thing, but I thought maybe he'd like it."

By the end of the day of Dillon's tweet, news outlets had caught onto the story, with the letter and baton making national news.

It wasn't something Hayes was expecting when he decided to send the running back one of his former batons – one that Hayes used while conducting the UW-Whitewater concert band at Carnegie Hall.

"To be honest, I was kind of stunned," Hayes said of Dillon's immediate acknowledgment and the resulting news coverage.

"I know they're in game preparation, and I didn't know when he'd receive it," the band director added. "Many of the football coaches (at UW-Whitewater) are very good friends of mine, and I know how busy they are. I didn't know what the reaction would be."

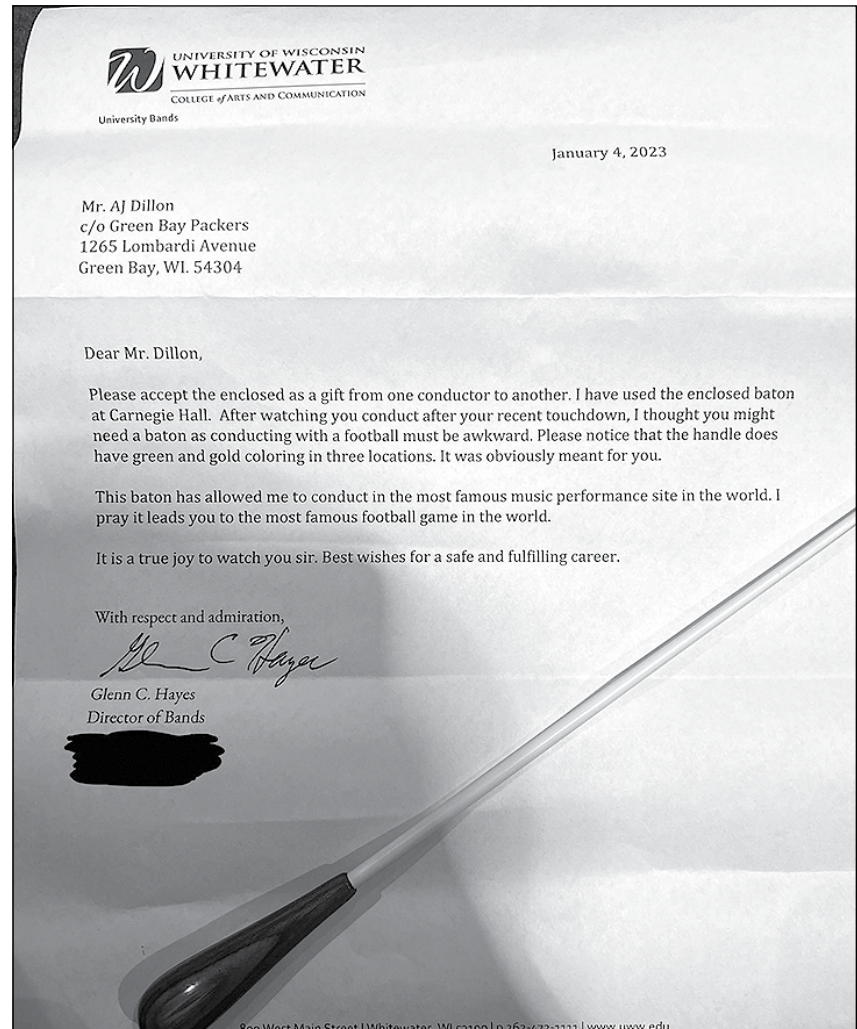
Hayes has been the band director at UW-Whitewater since 1987. He said he's seen plenty in his time here – football wins included – but there was something special about Dillon's choice of celebration that week.

"I went, he's conducting," Hayes said. "And I loved the fact that a number of players came over. I mean, Aaron Rodgers got involved. It's just fun."

"He needed a baton," Hayes added, pointing out the colors in the handle.

"It's meant for a Packer," he added. "I think he showed (that day) and from what I know of his career, he's a good leader."

"I hope it brings A.J. luck," he added. "I think it has some magic in it. It's gone to a good home. Not only can he run with a football, and catch a football, he can conduct."



University of Wisconsin-Whitewater band director Glenn Hayes sent this letter and baton to Green Bay Packers' running back AJ Dillon following the Packers' win over the Minnesota Vikings earlier this year.

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# UWW's Gulig named Wisconsin Poet Laureate

*After announcement in early 2023, he revealed he wants to share his love of literature*

By Dave Fidlin

CORRESPONDENT

As a child, Nicholas Gulig gained a deep love of poetry through a variety of pivotal experiences. In the years since, he has aspired to share his passion and wants to further the mission as he settles into a new honorary role.

Gulig, an associate professor of languages and literatures at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, was recently named to the new two-year term of State Poet Laureate of Wisconsin by a panel overseeing it.

The Wisconsin Poet Laureate Commission cited several reasons for Gulig's appointment to the leadership position, including his demonstrated commitment to promoting and advancing the importance of literature — most notably, through poetry.

"One of the things that I want to do is be as available as humanly possible to the needs of the people, the communities and the organizations that are supporting poetry in Wisconsin," said Gulig, who joined the UW-Whitewater faculty in 2016. "Whatever they need — if I am able to help them continue to do what they're doing — I'll work to help increase their visibility."

As the State Poet Laureate, Gulig is serving as an ambassador of sorts for the literary craft, while simultaneously undertaking a project that will be completed by the end of 2024. He is giving talks at various seminars, workshops and similar venues throughout Wisconsin.

The position, Gulig said, offers a degree of flexibility to suit each laureate's professional background and personal approach to the role. As he looks to the next two years, Gulig said he aspires to fill some of the gaps he experienced as a child and create a collective sense of community.

"I grew up feeling like there was no support for people who were interested in, and were doing the things that I did as a kid and young adult here in Wisconsin," Gulig said. "I was wrong about that because there are all of these pockets of people that are taking time out of their day and out of their schedules to provide these platforms and spaces for poets to flourish and be recognized."

At the time of this writing, in early February, he was still fleshing out the granular details, but Gulig said his goal for the culminating laureate project is to assemble a document or book, outlining



Nicholas Gulig, an associate professor at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater was named Wisconsin Poet Laureate early in 2023, a term he'll serve through the end of 2024.

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how Wisconsin has supported the arts — and, more specifically, poetry.

Gulig credits his parents for instilling within him an appreciation for the arts. As a young child, his dad made it a point to read him poetry-filled bedtime stories. As he grew older, Gulig looked to books as a leisure activity.

shaping his love of the written word through a poetic form.

"You're not only thinking about what words are saying, you're thinking about how words are in relationship to one another," Gulig said of the art form. "I grew up listening to my father's record collection. I was listening to albums back then in the way that kids watch YouTube videos today. My ear was trained to be attentive from an early age."

Gulig's foray into academia came from a love of teaching and was a platform for bringing together two of his passions.

"I think the real joy of being a teacher is spending the vast majority of my waking life thinking about poems, with students who care about poems," said Gulig, whose roles on campus also include running "The Muse," the campus literary journal, and overseeing the UW-Whitewater Creative Writing Festival.

Since the vast majority of his students are in the earliest stages of their adult years, Gulig said he can discuss the intrinsic beauty and value of poetry at a very specific, foundational point in their lives.

"Often times, they're coming from spaces where they haven't had a lot of exposure to the wilderness of the poetic landscape," he said. "What they have is curiosity and talent that is raw, unsculpted and hasn't been exercised a lot."

Gulig said he considers it a privilege to give his students the opportunity to view literature in a way they might not have considered it in the past.

"I get to be the one who gets to put a poem in their hands and say, 'Spend the weekend reading this. We're going to talk about this poem on Monday,'" he said. "They've never had anything like that. This is the first time they get to experience poetry with that level and duration of attention."

In some respects, Gulig acknowledges his role as a teacher is a full-circle moment and gives him the opportunity to reflect on what brought him to poetry and teaching.

"I get to relive that moment of my life, but from a different lens," he said. "My students are so filled with wonder and curiosity. As we get older, it's hard to be curious. We start to feel like we've seen it all. The world is worth being curious about."

*This story first appeared on the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater website.*

"I grew up with books as a form of entertainment," Gulig said. "The thing I looked forward to wasn't playing video games or turning on the television — it was going to the library and getting books. My house was filled with books. My love of poetry came from a love for reading."

Music also played a pivotal role in



At the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater's held spring commencement in May, a student shares some wisdom on their cap. Whitewater's Catherine Yang receives her bachelor of science degree at the commencement.

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# An important walk

*Nearly 1,500 graduate from UW-Whitewater in spring*

By Tom Ganser  
CORRESPONDENT

Kachel Fieldhouse at the Williams Center was filled with broad smiles and spontaneous cheers May 13 in celebration of the achievements of graduates of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in two ceremonies. Almost 1,500 graduates received a degree.

The morning ceremony recognized 613 undergraduate and 136 graduate students from the College of Arts and Communication, the College of Business and Economics and the School of Graduate

Studies. The afternoon ceremony recognized 504 undergraduate students and 144 graduate students from the College of Education and Professional Studies, the College of Integrated Studies, the College of Letters and Sciences and the School of Graduate Studies. An additional seven degrees were not specific to any college.

The graduates included 98 veterans, nine international students and 180 non-traditional undergraduate students, defined as undergrads who are 25 or older. In addition, 167 self-identified students with disabilities will receive degrees.

The commencement speaker for both ceremonies was Mike Domitrz, who earned a BBA in business in 1993 and is the founder of Center for Respect, an organization with a mission to prevent sexual assaults and encourage safe dating.

The student speaker for the morning



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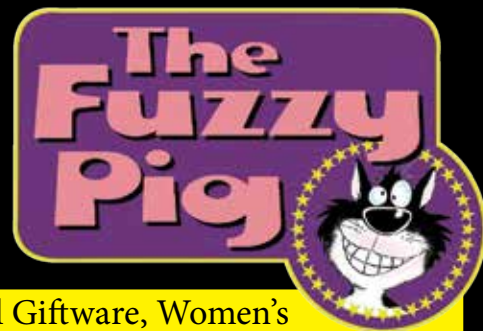
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ceremony was Hollyn Peterson. She earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a painting emphasis, along with teacher certification.

In his welcoming remarks during his first commencement ceremony as UWW's 18th chancellor, Corey King said, "I am humbled to lead a university where students, faculty, and staff achieve excellence, where we adapt and persevere when faced with new challenges, and where we deeply care for one another.

"For 155 years, we have inspired, engaged, and transformed lives," he continued. "Today represents something very special, emotional and life changing."

In a commencement tradition since 2019, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs John Chenoweth shared the "Native Lands Recognition Statement."

"For thousands of years, this region and these lands were home to diverse native peoples and with the knowledge and understanding of this history, we acknowledge that the land upon which the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater now exists was and remains the historic and



traditional territory of many native peoples. We welcome and are honored by the responsibility to be good stewards of these lands and good neighbors to all Wisconsin's indigenous populations."

Graduates who represented the first generation of college graduates were recognized, along with military veterans, and graduates who had achieved Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude and Summa Cum Laude grade point averages.

Peterson shared her early challenges as a three-time cancer survivor beginning

in kindergarten, and continuing in second grade and third grade, after which doctors gave her a 2% chance of surviving.

She recalled times being in the hospital for every holiday, "even weird ones like Groundhog's Day." Having missed over 650 days of school, she was behind both academically and socially. The prospect of attending college was more challenging.

What pushed her into becoming a UWW Warhawk was the Center for Students with Disability and people who "wanted me to succeed, not just pass."

"If there's one thing I've learned about overcoming difficult things, it's not only how to survive, but how to continue living. I try to make every day count."

Peterson asked the graduates to put a hand over their heart.

"Remember what everything looks like. How it feels to wear your cap and gown. What things sound like," she said. "The people you're with today. How you feel inside. And you will always be Warhawks. Congratulations."

Domitz recalled that at the

commencement ceremony he gave a bear hug and a kiss to the Dean of the College of Business – who happened to be his father, Joseph Domitz.

Although his aspirations were in acting, learning about the rape of his sister changed his life's direction.

"I was 20 years old when I started speaking about sexual assault," he said. "I looked like I was 16. So imagine in 1990, a 20 year old who looked 16 asking teachers in high schools and middle schools, and universities, to talk about a topic nobody's talking about in classrooms."

Thanks to the encouragement of a professor who "shaped my career over the next 30 years," Domitz followed his heart. That professor, Domitz reflected, is emblematic "of what this campus is."

Sharing with graduates a line of thinking that is common in starting a career – "It you can't make it, fake it" – Domitz argued strongly against this as living a lie.

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