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Hello Western Alumni & Friends! Campus has been buzzing since our last edition, and we are very excited to share what's been going on! Reflecting on things we once took for granted, like the ability to gather, makes us even more grateful that we can hold in-person events again. Our commencement

ceremony in April was fantastic! It was amazing to see the joy and excitement on everyone's faces, and the energy in the room was undeniable.

This edition contains a fraction of the activities and projects happening on campus and throughout the community. Make sure you follow our social media channels for real-time updates; there is much to share with you.

As a reminder, if you are a graduate of Western, regardless of when, you are automatically a member of the Alumni Association. The impact that Western students and alumni have on the region is incredible and deserves celebration. We encourage all of you to keep us informed on where the road has taken you since your



Stephanie Knutson

time on campus. We genuinely value hearing your stories and sharing them with fellow alums and current students.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

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Stephanie Knutson Alumni Relations Coordinator

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#### Amanda Heintz Great misfortune; beautiful closure

The universe was in an irritable mood the day it intervened in Amanda's life in a terrible way. A gentler nudge in the right direction would have been appreciated, but we don't get to choose these things. On a stormy gray morning, Amanda Heintz—at the time a Western nursing student—was driving to church, like she always did. This trip left Amanda with a crumpled car and a cleanly broken femur. The accident was tailor-made for a pain killer habit. She unwittingly entered a darkly lit pattern of addiction—a place notoriously difficult to come back from. However, lots has happened since.

Amanda completed the health science track in high school. She was already working as a CNA, so naturally it was assumed she would continue the nursing track at Western. She did exactly that—until the car accident changed everything. Addiction complications led to Amanda's incarceration at Taycheedah Correctional Institution (TCI), a women-specific prison in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. With a mission far beyond punishment, TCI emphasizes education and reentry skills.

There are program options at TCI, but the Building Maintenance program had openings. Amanda talked herself into applying and

aced the program entrance exam. She learned about carpentry and tools, electricity, plumbing, blueprint reading; the final project was building a modular home. She loved it! When she graduated from the program, she worked maintenance for the prison and continued developing valuable skills until the day she left.

Upon leaving TCI, Amanda knew she wanted to stay the course and looked for a material handling job in the area. T.D. Padesky Electric was hiring that exact position and chose Amanda because of her farm labor experience. She grew within the position and was accepted into the apprenticeship program—getting paid to work while also learning the trade in the classroom and on the job is a great situation!

Amanda currently is at Western enjoying her fifth and final year as an electrician apprentice. She and her team at T.D. Padesky Electric spend most of their time traveling Wisconsin building new Kwik Trips. They are there for the groundbreaking and see the project through to grand opening day. Amanda loves the work and is an accomplished builder and electrician. She can't imagine—even a little—being a nurse.



#### Keeping the "safety" in public safety

Public safety is a critical aspect of a community. Whether it's firefighters or EMS technicians, these public safety professionals have crucial roles in keeping our public safe, protecting us from natural disasters, and helping the vulnerable and unfortunate.

In our community, Western is essential for training the next generation of public safety heroes. The Sparta Public Safety Training Facility serves as the central hub for career training in Western's Fire Protection and Criminal Justice programs and the Law Enforcement Academy. In addition to our programs, area police and

fire departments use the facility for training exercises only Western can provide within the large 11-county district Western serves.

However, the facility required an update. The Law Enforcement Academy's shooting range was recently relocated, leaving a significant and valuable space unused. Additionally, Western's

EMS program, which was housed on the main La Crosse campus, was already moving to the Sparta facility for more space and resources. This strategic move cemented the \$4.7 million remodeling and expansion investment for the facility, which reached completion last fall.

"Every space was touched in some way," said **Kevin Dean**, dean of the Health and Public Safety Division at Western. All classrooms received fresh paint, new flooring, and updated equipment for the digital age. The expansive shooting range converted to four flexible modular classrooms. The additional space accommodates the move of the EMS and Paramedic programs—having all safety programs in one place makes sense logistically while providing a better student experience. The facility offers thorough and seamless training opportunities for our paramedic and EMS students.

"The project was critical as
we continue to see a demand
for public safety careers in our
region. The space is a remarkable
upgrade to our facility and is
a first-class building for public
safety education."

—Western President Roger Stanford

The facility's most significant change lies behind the building—a large expansion extended to Western's Law Enforcement Academy. Previously, the academy's training area was confined to a small gymnasium. The

new expansion opens to a regulation-size gym and classroom area; the space is also used for additional training expansion scenarios.

For more about Western's Sparta facility, visit: westerntc.edu/public-safety-training-facility.

Remodeled facility photos





#### Western dedicates the Joyce Wanek Center for Art and Design

Western officially dedicated the Joyce Wanek Center for Art and Design. The state-of-the-art classroom, located on the third floor of Western's Integrated Technology Center, is a first-class facility designed to meet the needs of Western's new interior design program.

Significant contributors to the project include Ron and Joyce Wanek. Ron is the founder and chairman of Ashley Furniture Industries, and serves with his wife, Joyce, on the Ronald and Joyce Wanek Foundation. Joyce is a 1979 graduate of an earlier iteration of Western's interior design program.

The interior design program educates students to excel in various settings: residential design and architectural firms, kitchen and bath studios, furnishing manufacturers, construction companies, and sale showrooms.

The more than \$375,000 contribution to Western Technical College from the Ronald and Joyce Wanek Foundation ensures support for updated technology and equipment, classroom furniture

and materials, and instructional support for the next three years. The contribution also funds scholarships and professional development opportunities for program students.



Ron and Joyce Wanek in front of the Interior Design classroom mural

"It's an honor to be involved in this project. As a graduate of Western's interior design program, this project has been very near and dear to my heart. I hope this new space encourages students to collaborate in a fun and inspirational environment that enhances the creative thinking for all."

— Joyce Wanek

Check out Western's interior design program www.westerntc.edu/interior-design.



L to R: Western Interior Design Instructor Jennifer Stangl, Ron and Joyce Wanek, Western Dean of Integrated Technology Josh Gamer, Western Associate Dean of Integrated Technology Michael Poellinger, Western President Roger Stanford

## Compeer Financial Agriculture & Rural Initiative announces \$50,000 grant to Western Technical College

The Agriculture and Rural Initiative, Compeer Financial's donor advised fund, has granted \$600,000 to community and technical colleges across the cooperative's 144-county territory, including \$50,000 to Western! Western also received \$5,000 scholarships for agriculture program students.

Compeer committed \$1.9 million in grants and scholarships at select colleges over the next five years with the goal of further developing agriculture's workforce. The future of agriculture relies on a strong, vibrant, and robust agricultural workforce, and Western provides opportunities for young adults to explore and gain hands-on experience in these careers

Western Technical College is one of five colleges in Wisconsin receiving these grant dollars. Western will use the grant to purchase hydroponic equipment, simulators, models, and marketing tools for recruitment. This grant enhances the hands-on learning and real-world experiences offered to agriculture students.

#### **About Compeer Financial**

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L to R: Western Dean of Integrated Technology Josh Gamer, Compeer Corporate Giving Specialist Melanie Olson, MCC Compeer Financial Fund for Rural America & Strategic Relationships Karen Blatter-Schieler, Western Instructor Agribusiness & Science Dona Goede, Vice President - Student Service & Engagement/Interim Vice President Academic Affairs Amy Thornton

#### A historic agreement for Western

Beginning this fall, a new **Associate of Arts** transfer degree will be offered at Western Technical College. It's a move called "historic" by **Western President Roger Stanford**, following final approval by the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents back in April. The addition of an Associate of Arts degree has been decades in the making. For years, Western has offered an Associate of Science-Liberal Arts (ASLA) transfer degree for students looking to transfer to our four-year partners—all with smaller class sizes and affordable tuition rates.

While the degree works well for thousands of regional students, it emphasized math and science, leading to a less effective pathway for those choosing degrees in the humanities, business, and social sciences. The new Associate of Arts degree splits this degree into two tracks, thus allowing students to choose what best fits their skills and interests. The new degree requires less science and math while increasing humanities and elective courses. This means students have more options to achieve a four-year degree.

Western provided technical training for partners in the region since 1912, but historically, Western has only provided associate degrees. But times have changed, and Western, along with other two-year institutions in the state, have increased their general studies offerings to assist in the transfer pipeline. Western looks to help increase affordable baccalaureate degrees in our region. "We are in the best position to take students from a two-year college into a four-year university student," states Western President Roger Stanford.

Students also save nearly a third in tuition when attending a two-year college transfer option. This change lets students explore options before choosing a path best for them. "We provide a bridge to the four-year college experience. Students who are exploring college, they don't understand the culture of college," said John Gillette, Dean of the General Students division at Western. "They are unsure of the options. Western is a safe partner who is available to them in their local school districts."

Western has transfer agreements with several area universities. In 2020 alone, more than 700 students transferred to four-year institutions, including Viterbo University, UW-La Crosse, Winona State, UW-Stout, UW-Madison, Upper Iowa University, and UW-Green Bay.



#### Avery Strangstalien brings clout to new Esports program!



Avery Strangstalien
is the 2022 National
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Hearthstone,
tangentially
related to
the classic
World of
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Gathering, is a fast-paced digital card game that's free and unbelievably fun to play. The game is one of Strangstalien's favorites. She describes it as "easy to learn, hard to master," though her hardfought title suggests she has done just that.

Strangstalien, a freshly graduated Digital Marketing student, out strategized the number one seed, Terry from Hutchinson Community College, Kansas. A forever fan of game play, Strangstalien has wonderful memories of playing video games as a child with her brother, and has since been steadily perfecting her

"We are proud of Avery both as a student and team member. She has worked hard all season, and we are fortunate to have been alongside her through this memorable event."

—Esports Head Coach Cody Murphy

gaming acumen. Luckily, there is no such thing as perfection, but rather a lifetime of enjoyment and skill building.

This is the first championship title for the fledgling

program; imagine what year two will bring.



To learn more about Western's Esports program: westerncavaliers.com/sports/esports

### **Introducing Paul Bratsch: Career Services Specialist**

Western welcomes **Paul Bratsch** to the Career Services Team. With a background in employment services, Paul has helped clients throughout all stages of the job search process while also creating partnerships with local employers. He also has experience in non-profit management and as an adjunct university instructor.

Paul and Work-Based Learning Specialist Grace Janssen are focused on adding work-based learning components into existing and new programs at Western. If you're a business owner looking to create internships, job shadows or other workplace learning experiences for Western students, contact Career Services.



#### Funding fire training initiatives

Western Technical College is the fortunate recipient of a \$22,593 youth fire training grant from the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS). This innovative collaboration between Western, area high schools, and fire departments creates accessible learning opportunities for interested students while leveraging expertise and resources.

The DSPS grant provides funding for equipment and supplies for Western's Youth Fire Fighter Training program, which is starting its second year this fall. The program, located

at the Onalaska Fire Department, provides dualcredit opportunities for high school students interested in Basic Fire Safety Certification or Western's Fire Protection Technician program. Last year alone, the program helped nine local students earn credentials in these fields.

Public safety training is a core mission at Western. Western serves largely rural areas, which makes recruiting and retaining volunteer firefighters difficult—this partnership addresses this. This grant is helping students by providing them with opportunities sooner.



Pictured L to R—Onalaska School District Superintendent Todd Antony, Wisconsin DSPS Secretary Dawn Crim, Western Technical College President Roger Stanford, Onalaska Fire Department Chief Troy Gudie, Western Instructor Rick Molzahn, Fire Academy Graduate Kyle LeClaire

### Cavalier Cupboard reduces hunger

Western's department of Equity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement measures the use of its on-campus food pantry, the Cavalier Cupboard. Student needs for nutrition and basic needs rose dramatically from the year prior as normal campus operations resumed this year.



The department's report shows the number of students served rose to 1,910—the most since the cupboard began. In total, 119 individuals used the pantry throughout the year, with 54 percent being repeat clients. The Cavalier Cupboard was started in 2014 by a Western Technical College student who recognized the need to provide food for students. The first year of operation served 727 students. Since then, the pantry has served 8,189 students and their families.

"As we continue to normalize these services, we are finding more individuals have been using the Cavalier Cupboard," said Mitch Berry, Student Inclusion Specialist at Western Technical College. "A big part of this comes from our ability to provide hygiene and baby care items, fresh produce, and other refrigerated or frozen food items."

To learn more about the Cavalier Cupboard, visit www.westerntc.edu/food-pantry.

# Greenhouse grower Zachary Gaugush—thank you for the kale

#### Setting the green scene

Hydroponics is a method of growing plants in a controlled setting using a nutrient solution instead of dirt. This type of growing is efficient and clean, but can present as overly scientific and clinical. The rich, dark Driftless region soil is conspicuously absent, and along with it the worms, bugs, birds, gophers, and rabbits. The warmth and vibrant greenery negate the initial sterility of the white flood tables. Zack Gaugush is quiet and deliberate as he harvests, weighs, packages, and delivers his ultra-fresh produce to Chef Ben, who cooks a few feet down the sidewalk at the Union Market. The folks at the market consistently use everything he delivers;

According to Psychology Today, research shows that indoor and outdoor green spaces significantly improve mental health and mood. It just so happens that parks, trees, fields, grasses, and gardens positively impact our cognitive ability and stress levels.

Paroximity to houseplants, parks, fields, and forests are effective stress reducers. But that's not all plants are good for; they also reduce depression symptoms, ADD/ADHD and post-traumatic stress, boost memory retention, and increase levels of creativity, concentration, and productivity.

that's all the affirmation Zack needs. They especially love it when Zack includes sturdy and nutritious kale—it lends an incomparable crunch and structure to the wraps; taste for yourself! After the produce delivery, Zack will then clean and ready the hydroponic system and prepare seedlings for the next grow.

Zachary (Zack) Gaugush has worked throughout the Driftless region in various plant-related capacities for 20 years. He's done all the outside work, from orchards and field agriculture to forestry and prairies, community gardens and urban food forests, and compost and vermiculture. He talks about his career and craft with ease and delight, entirely fitting the part, as if he was born wearing plaid and sporting a full beard.

In 2019, when Western needed a grower for their recently upgraded greenhouse, Zack

moved fast at the chance to gain new skills and knowledge to augment his already vast plant and agriculture familiarity. Program designers set Western's fundamental greenhouse grower expectations, and Zack was excited about taking production to a new and exciting level. Western's Horticulture Education Center, also referred to as the greenhouse, is a warm and bustling place with local partnerships extending roots into the community and school system. Zack settled into the space and got to work researching, planning, and doing!

#### Horticulture and hydroponics

Horticulture is very different from agriculture

and presents unique challenges but undeniable opportunities. The apparent limitations of hydroponic container growing are dwarfed by the freedom they afford the grower to control and manipulate all growing cycle elements to experiment with different techniques, conditions, and mediums. One of the first projects Zack undertook was hydroponic system research. He selected and installed two hydroponic growing systems: one perfect for delicate herbs like cilantro, spring greens and leaf lettuce, and another that uses flood tables for tomatoes, zucchini, kale, basil, and other sturdier vegetables.

#### **Greenery around campus**

In addition to growing vegetables, greens, and herbs for student consumption at the Union Market, Zack maintains the Green Wall—an impressive two-story display made of 3,900

individually potted plants thriving on the third floor of the Integrated Technologies Center (ITC). Zack redesigned the living display using a variety of indoor plants consisting of vibrant colors and stunning foliage contrasts. He typically



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has anywhere from 100 to 1,000 four-inch pots ready to sub in at any time; the wall is eternally fresh and healthy looking, a spectacle of living joy to behold.

Zack also grows plants for David Lien's Landscape Horticulture program: the students learn to care for, landscape, and experiment with them. Most of the decorative greenery around campus are grown and cared for by Zack. The obvious standouts are the lush, full fig plants around campus. When you spot one, a student is usually studying near it something science fully supports as beneficial. It's of particular interest that the fig plants thriving in the greenhouse will produce fruit in the coming months, thanks to Zack's expert care and attentive guidance.

Last, and not even close to least, he maintains the Green Roof—an outdoor patio off ITC's second floor. Currently, the green roof has a variety of sedum succulents flourishing as attractive no-mow ground cover. The desert-loving plants thrive in pea gravel, and together provide a perfect biosystem for cycling rainwater for collection and use in the building's plumbing system. This summer, look for an exciting new Green Roof polish as Zack puts together another natural marvel! The well-planned colors, textural variety, contrasting heights, and intoxicating herbal aromas are guaranteed to please!

Western is a great home away from home for Zack. His work is invaluable and makes the campus a better place for employees, a more beautiful place for students, and a more resilient community.

To learn more about the Landscape Horticulture program, visit www.westerntc. edu/landscapehorticulturetechnician.

Western's greenhouse also houses GROW growlacrosse. org, a local nonprofit. GROW's mission is to educate children about ecology and our food system in exciting and engaging ways. Western is proud of this partnership that is creating and inspiring a new generation of master gardeners and ecologically minded citizens.

#### Our 2022 Distinguished Alumnus



**Tom Colbert** is honored to be Western's Distinguished Alumnus for 2022.

Colbert is currently Kwik Trip's IT director. He was chosen because of his community leadership and his commitment to Western—these features make him the perfect representative. He is a proud Western alum and is an effective advocate for technical education and the great value Western provides the community and region. He routinely encourages staff to visit Western's campus, get involved on advisory boards, and provide internship opportunities for Western students.

Colbert is a 1986 graduate of Western's CIS
Programmer/Analysis program. He spent nearly three
decades at Kwik Trip, starting out as a developer. Since
becoming IT director, Colbert has helped to shape
Kwik Trip as an industry leader providing exceptional
customer service. In 2017, he was recognized as the
Convenience Store News Technology Leader of the Year.
This award recognizes businesses or individuals that

have extraordinary vision and innovation in technology solutions.

Western's Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes dedicated service to the community or nation, leadership, personal growth, professional achievement, and contributions to the Western district.

#### Our 2022 Student Ambassador

Congratulations to **Halaynna Macharia**, Western's student ambassador for 2022. The student ambassador is the official spokesperson for Western and the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS).

While in this public role, Macharia plans to make the most of this opportunity by developing her leadership and speaking skills as she emphasizes the societal and economic importance of a technical education. She will also highlight the affordability and accessibility of Western and other technical schools as she collaborates with other student ambassadors.

Macharia is a first year Respiratory Therapy student. She chose Western because of the program selection and the strong support students receive from instructors and staff. She sees that Western values student success and finds comfort in that.

At Western, Macharia plays an active role in student affairs. She's a member of student government where

she serves as campus events coordinator. In addition, she is a work-study in the Student Life Office and a peer tutor to other Respiratory Therapy program students. Macharia plans to gain experience in the medical field and then return to school for her four-year degree.





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#### Thank you!

With deep gratitude we thank Ellen Gianoli for the wonderful years she served on the Western Technical College Alumni Association Board. A typical board term is three years, but Ellen is anything but ordinary—in the best ways possible! She has served for ten years and has been a rock for the alumni board. We are sad she's stepping away, but we are thrilled we can still rely on her as one of the most passionate advocates Western could have.



Thank you for all you do in this community and the support you continue to show Western. *You are amazing!* 



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#### Rescheduled Golf Outing

The Annual Scholarship Golf Outing is on Wednesday, August 31, 2022! We were disappointed to postpone due to the weather, but we are hopeful Mother Nature will be in our favor this time! A huge and sincere thank you to all our primary sponsors for their support! We humbly thank all that sponsor and participate in the event!

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## Remember When...

Do you recognize anyone from this Western Baseball Team? We would love to hear from you!



(Our college name during the time this photo was taken was Western Wisconsin Technical Institute or WWTI.)

Do you have a photo to share?

Contact the Alumni Office at 608-789-6083 or alumni@westerntc.edu

## In Memoriam

Lori D. Antony 4/30/22

1982 Accounting

Ronald O. Bakkum 3/25/22

1972 Marketing - Retailing, 1969 Electronics, 1966 Mechanical Design Technology

Donna M. Bateman 3/8/22

1989 Visual Communications

Martha C. Boerner 2/2/22

1982 Operating Room Assistant

Nina S. Butterfield 5/7/22

1996 Community Developmental Disabilities Associate

Lois C. Christopherson 6/22/22

1986 Health Unit Clerk

Gregory A. Craig 5/24/22

1976 Supermarket Management,

1989 Human Resource - Business Administration

Mary L. Erickson 5/31/22

2013 Health Information Technology

Janice M. Fogel 6/10/22

1992 Medical Assistant

Mary L. Ghelf 6/17/22

1981 Data Processing Machine Operations

Michelle R. Heaser 6/6/22

1994 Health Unit Coordinator

Sheila A. Horstman 7/18/22

1994 Medical Assistant

Nancy J. Huffey 2/22/22

1989 Feed, Seed & Farm Supply

Shirley L. Huhn 7/31/22

1989 Food Service Management

Susan E. Jacobs-Claussen 6/12/22

1985 Nursing - Technical

Chloe A. Kaiser 2/9/22

2016 Occupational Therapy Assistant

Dustin R. Kennedy 2/4/22

1992 Marketing

Dale G. Krambeer 5/10/22

1993 Auto Body & Paint Technician

Katie L. Limberg 6/9/22

2016 Business Management,

2012 Nursing Assistant - Certificate

Mary Ann B. Manhart 7/4/22

1987 CETA Clerk Typist, 1985 CIS Programmer/Analyst,

1993 Food Service Management

Cheryl M. Manz 5/21/22

1983 CIS Programmer/Analyst

Carol L. Marking 4/9/22

1982 Mechanical Drafting

Allen D. Mechtel 7/15/22

1980 Welding

Lorraine Millich 1/7/22

1971 Practical Nursing

Charles W. Misch 4/20/22

1979 Wood Tech

Lisa A. Olson 3/7/22

1988 Accounting

Jane M. O'Neil 2/28/22 1990 Health Unit Clerk

Randall S. Piper 2/6/22

2000 Nursing

John A. Ray 7/27/22

1971 Practical Nursing, 1984 Nursing - Technical

Mary A. Roesler 5/12/22

1986 Health Unit Clerk

Allison R. Rogers 2/2/22

2017 Paralegal

Julie A. Ross 2/20/22

1982 Medical Record Technician

Mary M. Rotering 7/24/22

1976 Nursing - Technical

Linda K. Rottman 5/10/22

1980 Mechanical Drafting

Lawrence W. Ryberg 5/13/22

1979 Industrial Engineering Technician

Lori A. Sage 1/16/22

1989 Dental Assistant

James R. Sauer 2/2/22

1974 Certified Nurse Assistant - Certificate

Richard J. Schmidt 2/6/22

1968 Marketing - Foods

Theresa Sharp 5/27/22

1983 Medical Secretary

Maureen K. Shauck 3/6/22

1988 Accounting

Carrie L. Small 4/24/22

1981 Central Service Technician

Fredrick E. Sorenson 1/8/22 2001 Agri-Business Science Technology

Katie D. Squier 5/29/22

1982 Dental Assistant

Steven J. Stellick 2/15/22

1979 Wood Tech, 1988 Welding

William H. Stenulson 7/5/22 1971 Air Conditioning, Heating, & Refrigeration Tech

Kathryn A. Stumlin 3/9/22

1995 Nursing

Jean Thakur 4/12/22

1975 Ward Clerk

Jean M. Tumaniec 4/19/22

1975 Foods - Institutional

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