Four join Alumni Board

At the October meeting, the UW-Stout Alumni Association elected Kevin Miller ’90 and Deborah Wiedrich Ruemler ’74 to join its board of directors.

Deborah Wiedrich Ruemler received a degree in hospitality and tourism. Ruemler is employed as a designer for Red Lobster. She is responsible for design, development and implementation of training for 60,000 employees and managers in 675 restaurants nationwide. Ruemler received her MA at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. She resides in Orlando, Fla., with her husband Lynn.

Kevin Miller received a degree in technology education. Miller is currently employed as a technology education consultant for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. He provides technical assistance in school-to-work programs related to trade, industrial and technology education. Miller is a member of the Wisconsin Army National Guard. He and his wife, Kathy, live in Madison, Wis.

New president, vice president and student representatives

John Ostrowski ’79, ’80, safety, Regional Loss Control Manager at Crum & Forster Insurance was elected president; and JoAnn Prange ’86, general business administration; Quality Improvement for the State of Wisconsin, was elected vice president. Emily Stromley, psychology, River Falls, Wis., was named the undergraduate representative; and Linde Claire ’96, psychology, St. Paul, Minn., was named the graduate representative.

Nominations sought for 1997 Distinguished Alumni and Service Awards

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1. Nominations must be submitted to the Alumni Office.
2. Nominees must be living graduates of UW-Stout. UW-Stout faculty, staff and administrators are not eligible.
4. Selected recipients are required to be present at the Alumni Reunion, June 20 and 21, 1997 in order to receive their awards. Lodging expenses for the award recipient are provided by the UW-Stout Alumni Association. Recipients must provide own travel expenses.

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3. Final decisions regarding recipients of the award will be made by the Alumni Association Awards Committee, subject to the approval of the UW-Stout Alumni Association Board of Directors.
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Nominees for the Outstanding and Distinguished Alumni Awards should exemplify:

Professional Distinction and Achievement—significant and broad professional accomplishments reflecting credit upon the individual and UW-Stout. Community Service—specific and meritorious service to the community, state or nation.

Nominees for the Service Award should exemplify:

Advancement of UW-Stout’s Mission—daily life exemplifying the mission and ideal of the university for promoting intellectual competence, personal development and service.

Additional Criteria for Nomination:
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If you have a resume for the nominee, please include it with your nomination form. If you have any questions, call the Alumni Office at 715/232-1151.
Applications available for alumni scholarships

Last year, the UW-Stout Alumni Association awarded $3,000 through the Stout Alumni Association Graduate Scholarships and Robert S. Swanson Fellowship. Ranging from $750 to $1,500, these awards are not exclusively based on the applicant’s financial need.

Graduate scholarships must be used for a graduate program at UW-Stout. All applicants must have completed a degree from UW-Stout or be currently enrolled at UW-Stout in an undergraduate or graduate program.

Fellowship applicants must have attained a degree from UW-Stout prior to applying for the award. A total plan explaining the use of the stipend should be included. The fellowship may be awarded for several types of study: research projects, doctoral studies, seminars that enhance a program you are now involved in or a program that may aid in a career change. An individual can be awarded the fellowship no more than two times. Factors which are considered include academic performance, recommendations, professional activities, community involvement and written application statements.

The Scholarship Committee will review applications and make the selections in the spring, and inform the recipients in May, subject to the approval of the UW-Stout Alumni Association Board of Directors.

UW-Stout Alumni Association graduate scholarships and the fellowship are financed by funds collected from past membership dues (eliminated in 1982). In addition, royalties from the Alumni Association University Gold cards through WESTconsin Credit Union contribute to the endowment.

Applications and letters of reference must be postmarked on or before March 1, 1997 and sent to the UW-Stout Alumni Office, P.O. Box 790, Menomonie, WI 54751-0790.

For an application or more information, call 715/232-1151.

Credit cards support alumni programs

The UW-Stout Alumni Association has an exciting credit card program available to UW-Stout alumni, students, faculty and staff.

Every time a UW-Stout card is used, a portion of the purchase goes to support the UW-Stout Alumni Association Graduate Scholarships and Robert S. Swanson Fellowship. This card, which is offered through WESTconsin Credit Union (WCU), is a great bargain. It’s less expensive than most credit cards. WCU’s interest rates and fees are reasonable, and they have a reputation for fine service.

WESTconsin Credit Union offers you the option of consolidating your current credit cards into the UW-Stout Alumni Credit Card. You also have an Air Travel Mile Program with the option of airline tickets or $300 cash back with the UW-Stout Alumni Association Gold MasterCard. For additional details, contact WESTconsin Credit Union at 715/232-3405.

Job search services available to Stout alumni

Placement and Co-op Services staff is available to assist you with your job search. Information and assistance with resume development, interviewing and networking is available by appointment.

The Disc Resume is also available for a $20 fee. By downloading your Disc Resume registration and resume with our office, you will have access to our Electronic Referral Service for employers. Last year, we were able to electronically send more than 1,600 referrals to employers looking for qualified people.

The Disc Resume is a pre-formatted, customized disk used on IBM compatible computers with a high density drive. Alumni can store their disk and return it to Placement and Co-op Services via the mail for downloading into our database. Once downloaded, the disk will be returned for future updates.

In addition to the referral service and resume and interviewing assistance, we offer job searching tips, including use of the World Wide Web. You can schedule an appointment with a career counselor by calling 715/232-1601.

Alumni are encouraged to subscribe to our vacancy listing, a weekly publication of career opportunities throughout the United States. It is no longer necessary to supply the self-addressed, stamped envelopes to receive the listing. Rates for the vacancy lists are $30.00 for 6 months or $50.00 for one year. To subscribe to this service, please send the coupon (on page 15) and a check to:

Placement and Co-op Services Office
Vacancy List Subscription
103 Administration Building
University of Wisconsin-Stout
Menomonie, WI 54751-0790

Looking for outstanding employees?

Interviewing on campus, participating in the Career Conference or the co-op program, and listing opportunities in the vacancy list are as simple as a phone call or a fax.

“Fax-a-job” is an efficient way to get the word out to qualified applicants. Provide a position description, including a contact name and application deadline via fax at 715/232-3595. If time is short or location is a factor, consider our electronic referral service. We are able to query our database for a listing of students, graduates and alumni that may meet your needs, and then send their resumes to you for your perusal.

You are then able to make the contacts with candidates you are interested in. Give us a call at 715/232-1601, and we can further explain this service.
Faculty and staff recognized

Annual homecoming reception honors 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service to the university


Twenty-Five Years  Row 1: Sharon Thibado. Row 2 (l-r): Rita Slinden, Sandra Gill, Anne Ramaga. Row 3 (l-r): Jerry Coomer, Charles Kneugier, Raymond Hansen


Alumni Association Online

Visitors to UW-Stout’s home page on the World Wide Web can find links for the Stout Alumni Association. Go to: http://www.uwstout.edu and find “Welcome to University of Wisconsin-Stout” on the main directory and proceed to that menu; or just go directly to: http://www.uwstout.edu/fndalum/alum.html

You’ll find information about various Alumni Association programs and services including Alumni Awards, Graduate Scholarships and the Robert S. Swanson Alumni Fellowship; the online version of Stout Outlook; a calendar of upcoming Alumni Association and Stout University Foundation events; a “hotlist” of Stout Alumni on the Internet; and links to other interesting Stout sites such as Blue Devil Athletics and Placement and Co-op Services.

We encourage you to visit and add your name to our “hotlist.” In addition, we’d appreciate input you may have regarding content of pages. Our desire is that the Alumni website would be a helpful resource for alumni to connect with us and with other alumni.