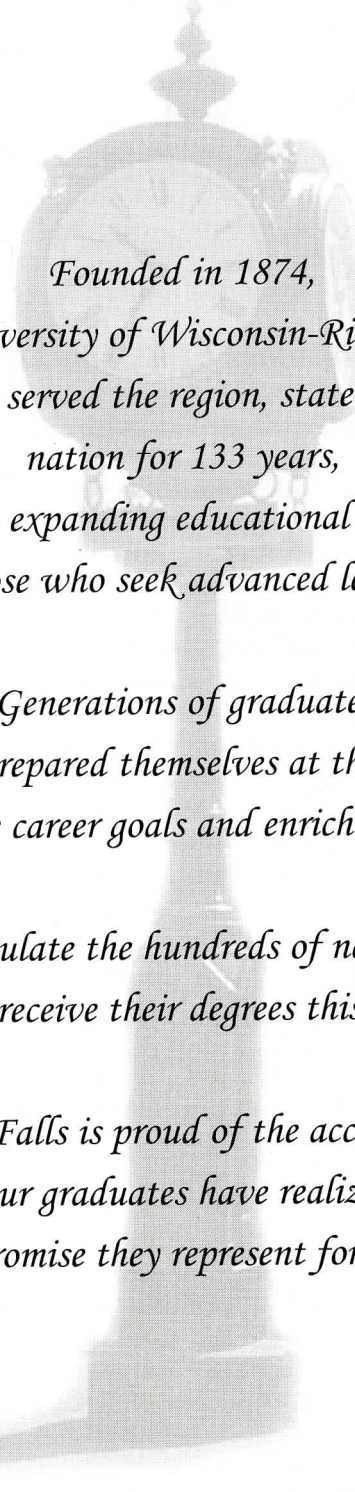


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*Founded in 1874,  
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continually expanding educational opportunity  
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*Generations of graduates  
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*We congratulate the hundreds of new graduates  
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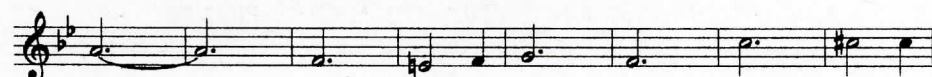
## Pledge Song

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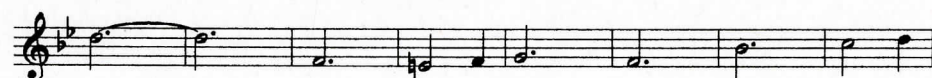
Marvin Geere



To thee Riv - er Falls we pledge all our



love, And to thy ban - ner float - ing a -



bove. May we in pass - ing add just a



gem, To shine for - ev - er in thy di - a - dem.

# The Commencement Program

Saturday, May 12, 2007, in the Robert P. Knowles Recreation Center

Dr. Don Betz, Chancellor, Presiding

9:30 a.m. - College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences • College of Business and Economics • Graduate Studies

2:00 p.m. - College of Arts and Sciences • College of Education and Professional Studies

**Prelude** Commencement Concert  
Variety of Musical Selections  
The River Falls Brass

**Processional\*** "Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar  
The River Falls Brass  
Dr. M. Carolyn Britton, Faculty Marshal (9:30 a.m.)  
Dr. Nicholas J. Karolides, Faculty Marshal (2:00 p.m.)

**Call to Order** Dr. Charles Hurt, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

**Anthem\*** "The Star Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key  
Vincent R. Baumel, Graduating Senior (9:30 a.m.)  
Gretchen A. Gamm, Graduating Senior (2:00 p.m.)  
The River Falls Brass  
Members of the Graduating Class, Faculty, and Audience

**Welcome** Dr. Don Betz, Chancellor

**Congratulatory Messages** Dr. Ogden Rogers, Faculty Senate Vice Chair  
Mr. Joseph R. Eggers, Student Senate President, 2006-2007

**Presentation of Distinguished Teacher** Dr. James M. Madsen, 2007 Distinguished Teacher

**Recognition of Distinguished Alumni** Dr. John E. Clemons, 2007 Distinguished Alumnus

**Commencement Addresses** Ms. Dana M. Laufenberg, "Journeying Through Life" (9:30 a.m.)  
Ms. Nicole K. Peters, "Lessons Learned in the Textbook of Life" (2:00 p.m.)

**Presentation of Candidates for Degrees\*\*** 9:30 a.m. Dr. Charles Hurt, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
Dr. Dale Gallenberg, Dean, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences  
Dr. Barbara H. Nemecek, Dean, College of Business and Economics  
Dr. Douglas L. Johnson, Director, Graduate Studies  
2:00 p.m. Dr. Terry M. Brown, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences  
Dr. Connie D. Foster, Dean, College of Education and Professional Studies

**Conferring of Degrees** Dr. Don Betz, Chancellor

**Welcome into the Alumni Association** Mr. Paul Rebbholz  
Chair, UW-River Falls Foundation Board of Directors

**Pledge Song\*** "UW-River Falls Pledge Song" by Marvin Geere  
Vincent R. Baumel, Graduating Senior (9:30 a.m.)  
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**Recessional\*** "Quintet Number 1" by Victor Ewald  
The River Falls Brass

**Reception** A reception in the W. H. Hunt Arena for graduates, parents, faculty, and friends will follow the Commencement ceremonies. A photography backdrop will be available in the Knowles Center.

\* Audience Standing

\*\* Members of the audience are asked to withhold their applause until diplomas have been distributed to each college.

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## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

Dana Marie Laufenberg



Dana Marie Laufenberg, from Blanchardville, Wisconsin, is receiving her degree from the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES). Dana has assumed numerous leadership positions within CAFES including tenures as President and Vice President of the CAFES Student Advisory Council. Dana has been active with numerous student organizations including membership on the UWRF Rodeo Team and representing the Rodeo Club as their queen in 2003. Dana is a past recipient of a scholarship from the Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation.

Nikki K. Peters



Hailing from Clear Lake, Wisconsin, Nikki Peters is receiving her degree in Speech Communication and a minor in Agricultural Studies. While attending UWRF, Nikki has been involved in the Agricultural Education Society, National Residence Hall Honorary, Student Organizations Committee, Smiles 4 Kids, and Relay For Life. She has also served as a Resident Assistant, Hall Manager, and received the Chancellor's Award. After graduation, Nikki will be pursuing her Master's Degree in College Student Personnel at Bowling Green State University.

## DISTINGUISHED TEACHER

Dr. James M. Madsen



Dr. James Madsen is professor of physics and chair of the UWRF physics department. Madsen holds a B.S. with a double major in applied math, engineering and physics from UW-Madison and a Ph.D. in applied physics from the Colorado School of Mines. Prior to his arrival at UWRF in 1989, he was a postdoctoral research assistant in physics and polymer science at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst from 1987 to 1989, and an IBM graduate fellow with the physics department of the Colorado School of Mines from 1985 to 1986.

While at UWRF, Dr. Madsen has been involved with the IceCube project, which involves neutrino astrophysics research at the South Pole. Several students have worked in Antarctica with Dr. Madsen on the project which involves detector simulation of ice-based neutrino telescopes. Dr. Madsen has given numerous presentations on the IceCube project throughout the world and assisted the Baton Rouge Museum of Natural History with an IceCube exhibit.

Dr. Madsen is a member of the Wisconsin Association of Physics Teachers

and the American Physical Society. Madsen has received several National Science Foundation grants for his research and his work has been published in the *International Journal of Thermophysics*, *Journal of Geophysics and Engineering*, *Nature*, *Astroparticle Physics*, the *Journal of Low Temperature Physics*, and other scholarly publications.

He has been involved in several community service initiatives including serving as a host family for international students, UWRF community classroom presentations, and talks at Rotary International and numerous public and private schools in the St. Croix Valley. He has been a past judge for the West Central Wisconsin Regional Inventor's Fair and for science and math fairs in the area.

In 1997, Dr. Madsen helped establish the Western Wisconsin Polymer Physics Laboratory on the UWRF campus, which supports the research of four students each year who work in conjunction with the local plastics industry.

UWRF Chancellor Don Betz stated that Dr. Madsen, "exemplifies the characteristics we associate with an exceptional educator, namely, intelligence, unbounded curiosity, persistence, accomplishment, and a life-long commitment to helping students learn."

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Dr. John E. Clemons



UW-River Falls 2007 Distinguished Alumnus Dr. John Clemons, a Chippewa Falls native, graduated in 1957 with a bachelor's degree in agricultural education. Attending the UW-Madison medical school, he earned his doctor of medicine degree in 1962.

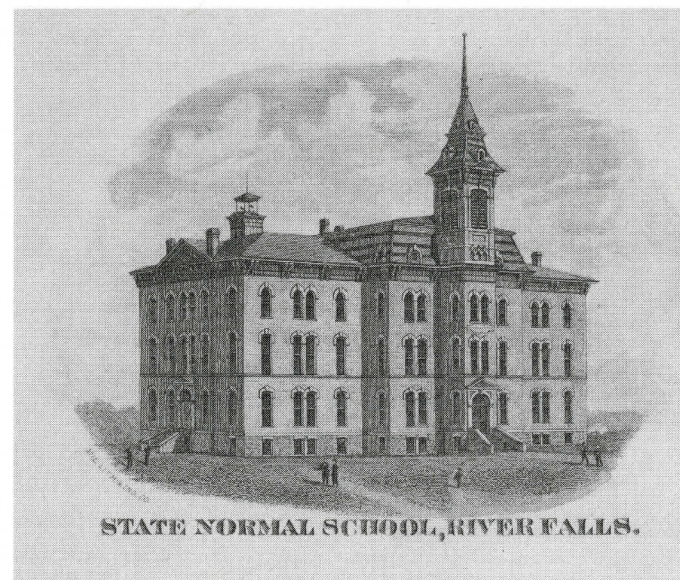
He completed an internship and residency at Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center in La Crosse, Wis., in the early 1960s and stayed on at the hospital throughout his 27-year practice. While at Gundersen Lutheran, Dr. Clemons founded the otolaryngology department (ears, nose and throat), established a treatment center for head and neck cancers, and created the first cleft lip and palate clinic in western Wisconsin.

Dr. Clemons gained national and international recognition by introducing an improved procedure to reattach a severed ear. Applying microscopic techniques for surgery on fine bone structure, he developed what the Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery now calls the "Clemons Technique." The method has also been applied to assist in reattaching other body parts.

To better serve patients unable to travel to La Crosse, Dr. Clemons began an outreach clinic in Winona, Minn. The practice became a model for other departments at Gundersen Lutheran, and today more than 135 outreach clinics operate at 44 locations outside the city. As a teacher and mentor, Dr. Clemons inspired numerous young physicians. He taught for a short time at the University of Iowa and also served as a clinical professor with the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Dr. Clemons has published numerous medical articles and has been an active participant in civic affiliations, including Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, and other educational and community organizations.

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY



Founded in 1874 as the fourth State Normal School, the University of Wisconsin-River Falls continues to carry out its original mission—to educate and prepare citizens for the future.

For the first 75 years of its existence, as both Normal School and Teachers College, UW-River Falls concentrated on training teachers for Wisconsin's growing public school system. But the years were not without struggle. In 1897 the original building (shown above) was destroyed by fire. Despite efforts to relocate the school to another city, River Falls prevailed and South Hall rose on the foundations of the ruined school. Yet, throughout that period the curriculum expanded, reflecting the increasing professionalism of teacher education. In 1912, along with the other State Normals, River Falls added a specialty to its curriculum—agricultural education. The specialty added distinctive elements to the school's academic life and helped it to weather new challenges to the school's survival. Following accreditation by the North Central Association in 1935, the institution continued to evolve and expand curricular offerings. After World War II, with returning G.I.s filling the classrooms and hoping to pursue careers other than teaching, opportunities in the liberal arts were added and the Teachers College became a State College in 1951. With the addition of graduate programming in the early 1960s, the school achieved university status, and in 1971 became a member of the prestigious University of Wisconsin System.

The expanded mission of the university over the years was accompanied by an increasing enrollment, growing from just several hundred students in the 1800s to approximately 6,000 students today. The physical campus has also grown, today consisting of more than 30 academic, residential and student support services buildings.

Now nearly 50 degree programs are offered in the university's four colleges—arts and sciences; agriculture, food and environmental sciences; education and professional studies; business and economics; and in the graduate program.

At 133 years of age, the university is committing itself anew to inspire and educate citizens and leaders who will serve this growing region and our multifaceted world.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The ushers and students distributing programs are students affiliated with Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, Honors Program, and Leadership Development and Programming Board.

Head ushers for the ceremonies are Dan Christenson and Derek Huesmoen (9:30 a.m.), and Brittany Busby and Martha O'Brien (2:00 p.m.).

Members of the University Women's Club are serving as hostesses at the commencement reception.

The names of candidates for graduation are being read by Bob Baker (College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences); Betty Bergland (College of Arts and Sciences); Reza Rahgozar (College of Business and Economics); Mike Harris (College of Education and Professional Studies); Eileen Korenic (Graduate Studies).

Assisting with the placement of the hoods is Mary Manke.

## CHANCELLOR'S AWARD

Although the university had long recognized academic achievement through the granting of awards, scholarships, and honors, non-academic accomplishments had not received similar recognition. It was for this reason that, in 1977, the Chancellor and the Student Affairs staff began considering a way of honoring students who had made significant non-academic contributions to the university.

It was recommended that a Chancellor's Award, in the form of a medallion, be established. It is cast in antique bronze, two inches in diameter, and suspended from a red ribbon. The medallion is a smaller replica of the Chancellor's medallion, a symbol of office worn on ceremonial occasions. It depicts the University's official seal. A certificate of recognition from the Chancellor accompanies the award.

It was determined that the award would recognize service to the university; be granted primarily to upperclass students, although exceptions could be made; would not be based chiefly on scholastic achievement; and could be granted at any appropriate period, but would ordinarily be awarded at the all-campus awards reception.

Names in bold on the program designate Chancellor's Award recipients.

The following 2007 graduating seniors have received the Chancellor's Award:

Lacey M. Felmlee  
Kathryn A. Krtnick  
Natsumi Kubo  
Ashley E. Olson  
Nicole K. Peters

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE MEDALLION

The medallion that faculty and staff are wearing has been awarded to those with 25 or more years of faithful service to UW-River Falls. The medallion, which features the university seal, is designed to be worn with academic regalia at formal institutional events. The strength of the University of Wisconsin-River Falls lies in the commitment of its faculty and staff to our historic mission of teaching, scholarly activity and community service.

## ACADEMIC GARB

The cap and gown which faculty and students are wearing today have a tradition going back to the 12th and 13th centuries during the Middle Ages, when students and faculty were considered members of the clergy with special political and social privileges.

The Bachelor's gown has a closed front and long, pointed, open sleeves. The Master's gown has an open front with extremely long, closed sleeves, from which the arms protrude through a slit at the elbow. The end of the sleeve is square, with an arc of a circle just above the bottom. The Doctor's gown is an open-fronted garment with voluminous bell-shaped sleeves on which appear three velvet bars (usually black, but sometimes blue for philosophy). Gowns are usually black, although some universities use other colors (New York University - purple, University of Chicago - maroon).

The academic hood is edged in colored velvet which indicates the field in which the degree was earned. The Master's velvet is about two inches wide; the Doctoral velvet is five or six inches wide. The Doctoral colors are dark blue for the Ph.D. (Doctor of Philosophy), light blue for the Ed.D. (Doctor of Education) and light purple for Doctor of Laws.

For Master's degrees, the color of the velvet band is: agriculture, maize; arts & letters, white; business, drab; economics, copper; home economics, yellow; engineering, orange; fine arts, brown; library science, lemon; medicine, green; music, pink; physical education, sage green; science, golden yellow; social science, citron; speech, silver grey; theology, scarlet.

The colors in the lining of the hood indicate the institution from which the degree was obtained, e.g. Indiana University is crimson and white, University of Minnesota is maroon and gold, University of Wisconsin-Madison is red and white, State University of Iowa is black and gold.

## CLASS MARSHALS

The seniors with the highest cumulative grade point average for each college serve as class marshals and have the honor of leading their fellow students to receive their diplomas.

The top seniors and their cumulative grade points for each college are:  
College of Arts and Sciences

Andrea K. Crownhart, Biology, 4.0

Heidi D. Vogel, Biology, 4.0

Tara L. Zwiefelhofer, Sociology, 4.0

College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences

Jennifer R. Weinert, Animal Science, 4.0

College of Business and Economics

Michael J. Lovell, Computer Science and Info Systems, 4.0

College of Education and Professional Studies

Caitlin Callister, Elementary Education, 4.0 (graduated Fall, 2006)

## HONOR GRADUATES

Honor Graduates are recognized on the program as follows:

- \*\*\*\* Summa Cum Laude: The student has a grade point average of 3.900 for entire college career, at all institutions attended.
- \*\*\* Magna Cum Laude: The student has a grade point average of 3.800 for entire college career, at all institutions attended.
- \*\* Cum Laude: The student has a grade point average of 3.700 for entire college career, at all institutions attended.

*Students who have earned these honors wear the red and white neck cords.*

- \* Senior Merit: The student has a grade point average of 3.500 and above for the final 60 semester credits.

## HONORS PROGRAM

Names in capital letters designate completion of the Honors Program. Graduates of this program wear silver neck cords.

## HONOR SOCIETIES

Graduates who have been elected to membership in academic honoraries wear the designated color cords and insignias associated with the societies. The following national academic honor societies are recognized:

Alpha Kappa Delta

Gamma Theta Upsilon

Phi Alpha Theta

Phi Kappa Phi

Pi Sigma Alpha

Psi Chi

Sigma Beta Delta

Sigma Pi Sigma

Sigma Tau Delta