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2017 WESTBY NORSE FUND NEWS LETTER

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Westby Norse Fund is to have a positive influence on our students and broader community by financially supporting the education goals and career aspirations of WAHS graduating seniors.

NORSE FUND ROLLS OUT NEW WEBSITE

Earlier this summer, the Norse Fund rolled out its new web site. The new design is modern looking and user friendly to those who visit. It includes information on past scholarships and recipients, donors, newsletters, links to social media and also ways to help the Norse Fund with contribution information. The web site location has not changed and you can visit it at www.norsefund.org.



NORSE FUND BOARD MEMBERS

The Norse Fund board of directors is comprised of 11 community members from which 2 are staff members of Westby High School. The board members come from various walks of life and each brings a professional skill path that enables the Norse Fund to run with very low overhead costs by capitalizing on their voluntary time, skills and resources. The board is not compensated for their service and can serve 2 consecutive 3 year terms. They make sure the Norse Fund will remain viable and a great resource for furthering the education of many Westby High School graduates. We wish to thank Cedric Veum for his years on the board, many of them as president, as he has reached his term limit.



Board members pictured bottom left: Sara Olson, Roger Harris, Mike Fencl, Phil Moilien, Julie Nelson. 2nd row left Erik Hoven, Christy Tainter, Karl Stoker, Rod Olson. Not Pictured Craig Johnson and Karie Bye

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Board President's Comments - Cedric Veum

As astonished as I am by the \$1,360,587 that has been awarded by the Norse Fund to Westby Area High School graduates since its inception, I am equally astonished at the generosity and monies contributed by WHS alumni and friends that made it all possible! Those dollars did not become a reality unless someone made a commitment to help. With that said, I say an immense 'Thank You' to all that have donated to the Norse Fund or plan to donate in the future.

Since education costs and fees continue to escalate, the dollars we donated just a few years ago just do not cover as much tuition and other educational expense. With that in mind, any and all contributions to the Norse Fund are needed just to sustain, much less make, any increase to the level of support we do to enhance the post secondary education of Westby Area High School graduates.

This past year, as I hope many have noticed, we have a new Norse Fund website. It had been a struggle to maintain the old website and the intent was to have a simple, yet very functional and updatable product that covered our needs. Unfortunately, it has taken longer than anticipated to implement all the features we wanted incorporated. Hopefully, those features will be completed soon. Please check out the website at norsefund.org.

Our Facebook presence which is linked to the website has certainly been enhanced with the excitement and anticipation of what the next 'Throwback Thursday' picture might be. Thank you to all that comment and acknowledge the old yearbook photos.

I do want to thank my fellow Norse Fund Board members for their many hours of volunteer service to make the Norse Fund an ever growing foundation, supporting Westby area graduates in their post high school educational endeavors. In addition, I personally thank everyone for the opportunity to serve on the Norse Fund Board for 12 years, as it enlightened and humbled me to see the support of so many people to help make the Norse Fund, already a great asset to our community, even a greater asset. Please help us carry on that tradition.

Thank you!

Cedric Veum,
Past Norse Fund Board President

Norse Fund Scholarship Update

**The class of 2017 was awarded
54 Norse Fund Scholarships
Totaling \$78,150**

Class of	Amount
1988	4 Scholarships \$2,500
1989	6 Scholarships \$3,500
1990	9 Scholarships \$5,000
1991	8 Scholarships \$7,500
1992	12 Scholarships \$8,500
1993	11 Scholarships \$10,300
1994	12 Scholarships \$14,382
1995	20 Scholarships \$28,475
1996	21 Scholarships \$60,100
1997	21 Scholarships \$30,630
1998	23 Scholarships \$42,000
1999	22 Scholarships \$35,800
2000	27 Scholarships \$43,200
2001	29 Scholarships \$52,300
2002	30 Scholarships \$54,100
2003	32 Scholarships \$53,600
2004	35 Scholarship \$56,100
2005	36 Scholarships \$56,600
2006	42 Scholarships \$59,600
2007	47 Scholarships \$63,100
2008	42 Scholarships \$63,600
2009	39 Scholarships \$62,500
2010	36 Scholarships \$60,300
2011	39 Scholarships \$64,450
2012	38 Scholarships \$63,300
2013	41 Scholarships \$65,550
2014	45 Scholarships \$68,050
2015	50 Scholarships \$67,750
2016	52 Scholarships \$78,150
2017	54 Scholarships \$78,150

**Grand Total All Years -
884 Scholarships - \$1,360,587**

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Comments from Past Norse Fund Award Recipients

Dear Norse Fund Board,

I would like to personally thank your organization for awarding me this scholarship. It has always been my dream to attend college at the University of Minnesota Duluth, and your generous contribution has helped make that dream possible. I have lived in Westby, WI my whole life, adapting to small-town tendencies. However, I always wanted to branch out and find my true passion elsewhere. At UMD, I am studying Public Health Education and Promotion, and plan to use that degree to make a difference in the world around me. Aside from volleyball and art, I am extremely involved in my studies here at UMD. Your support will help me fund my tuition, room and board, as well as the various fees that the university requires. Alongside graduation, my goal here is to make CEHSP Dean's list, as well as join many of our prestigious clubs and organizations. Your contribution has been substantial in helping me achieve my educational goals, and I will always be thankful for your organization.

With gratitude,
Katelin Berklund

Dear Norse Fund,

Thank you for your support and generous scholarship as I continue my education. I will be attending Western Technical College this fall for the Occupational Therapy Assistant Program.

Many Thanks,
Krista Hall

Dear Norse Fund Board,

I am incredibly honored and grateful to receive the *Dorothy A. Bekkum Memorial Scholarship* and would like to thank you for this wonderful opportunity. This coming fall, I will be attending the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse for an undecided major and this scholarship will greatly benefit my ability to focus on school instead of the financial burdens that come with college. Although I am a bit nervous, I am also extremely excited to begin my first year at UW-L. Both of my older sisters currently attend UW-L, and I am looking forward to being on such a beautiful campus with them. During my time in college, I plan on being a diligent student while also exploring new interest and making new friends.

Again, thank you immensely for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Cassidy Peterson

Dear Norse Fund Board,

I would like to extend my utmost gratitude for being awarded the *Flugstad Family Scholarship and the Waylon and Milton Holtet Scholarship!* I will be attending Viterbo University in the fall for Vocal Music Education, and these scholarships will be extremely beneficial to my education. Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Taylor Hessler

Attention Class Reunion Committees!

Do you have a class reunion in the future and would like a list of classmates and their addresses? We can help you. The Norse Fund can provide you with an address listing of your class from our database. All the Norse Fund asks is that you:

- 1) Forward updates to the Norse Fund and
- 2) Mention the Norse Fund as a tax deductible foundation that provides scholarship assistance to deserving graduates of the Westby Area Schools.

The Benefits of your Donation

Your donation to the Westby Norse Fund will result in the following benefits:

- Your donation will help provide scholarships to students to further their education.
- You or your estate may receive significant tax deductions from these donations.

For more information concerning the Norse Fund or how you can make a donation, contact:

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There are Four Different Ways to Contribute to the Norse Fund

UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS

Most of our funds are received by donations made by friends of the Norse Fund with no restrictions made on how their contribution is to be used. This type of donation allows the Board to use the monies received in any way that benefits the Norse Fund.

TIME-RESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS

These types of contributions are a form of restricted funds that the donor wants the Norse Fund to hold and award over time. Time-restricted contributions have to be at a minimum of \$1,000 but can be for larger amounts. The Board holds these funds and awards a minimum of \$500 each year to one or more students.

FLOW-THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS

Flow-through contributions are funds that are \$500 or more that the donor wants to be awarded to one or more students. These types of contributions have to be communicated to the Board by March 1st and funds have to be received by May 1st, to be awarded at the Spring Award Presentation. Minimum amounts are generally \$500, but other amounts may be considered.

PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS

Permanently restricted contributions are also called endowed contributions. This is where a donor contributes a larger sum of monies that is invested to yield an amount that is annually awarded to one or more students.

From time to time, the policies on permanently restricted minimum contributions and yields have changed. This policy changes as investment yield changes, but once the Board accepts a sum of monies and sets a yield rate, that obligation (scholarship) does not change. Presently, the minimum permanently restricted contribution is \$12,500 at a yield of approximately 4 percent which equals a minimum award of \$500 to a student.

In summary, if you have an interest in one of these types of contributions, or if you have an idea that you want the Norse Fund to consider, ***please contact Mike Fencl at (608) 452-3538 or Phil Moilien at (608) 452-3452.*** Forms are available on our website at www.norsefund.org.

Thank you for all your past interest in the Norse Fund, and whether your contribution is a current contribution or a bequest in your estate, the Norse Fund will work with you to try to accomplish your goals.



Westby Norse Fund Inc. Donation Form

Donor's Name: _____

Donor's Address: _____

Donor's City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Amount of Donation: \$ _____

Type (*Please check appropriate donation type*):

General Donation _____ Memorial _____ Honorarium _____

If Memorial or Honorarium - please state individual or group being recognized: _____

Please return this form with your contribution to:

Westby Norse Fund, Inc.

P.O. Box 45

Westby, WI 54667

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Norse Fund Contributors October 1, 2016 to October 1, 2017

\$5 to \$24

Aarness, Russ & Christine
Anderson, Roger & Carolyn
Berg, Debra
Bluske, Wesley & Carol
Carson, Glenn & Carol
Cimeno Ventures, LLC
Davidson, Cheryl
Davidson, Harry
Dickman, Michael
Eklov, Birger & Phyllis
Everson, Curt
Flugstad, Robert & Sandra
Fontanini, Kathryn & David
Gilbeck, Gary & Terry
Hauser, Robert & Ione
Hilden, Orval
Hoff, Rolland & Rebecca
Johnson, Brian & Jayne
Johnson, David & Nancy
Lium, Michael & Mary
Melby, Harlan & Delores
Nelson, Marc & Sharon
Oftedahl, Eleanor & Kent
Olson, Fred & Irene
Olson, H.J. & A.M.
Rude, Brian & Karen
Running, Carole & Maurice
Snodgrass, Dawn
Sorenson, Roger & Carolyn
Stefferd, Janice
Wedwick, Brad & Annette
Wedwick, Susanne

\$25 to \$49

Armstrong, Mark & Ruth
Arneson, Dianne
Backus, Lane & Julie
Bluske, Carol
Bohland, Nancy
Brye, Eleanor
Cimino Ventures, LLC

Danielson, David
Evenstad, John & Sharon
Fahey, Janet & William
Fayram, David & Marilyn
Flock, Dan & Therese
Forde, Lori
Gateway Publishing
Gausephohl, Cheryl
Gray, Dorothy & Gardner, Jeanne
Harris, Roger & Donna
Hellwig, Elizabeth
Ihle, Verlin & Jan
Jacobson, Gloria
Jacobson, Mark & Sue
Kammel, Clarice
Kosharaek, Susan & Patrick
Kotek, Daniel & Terri
Kuester, Roger
Mickelson, Juanita
Olson, Ila
Olson, Louise
Pedretti, Jana & Ed
Peterson, Jon & Sandra
Skolas, Cathryn & Larry
Sorenson, David & Carol
Strittmater, Patricia
Strop, Helen
Torgerson, Ralph
Traastad, Douglas
Tysse, Paul

\$50 to \$99

Amundson, Randall & Corrine
Bland, Robert & Cheryl
Blankenheim, Maripat & Robert
Dahlke, DuWayne & Dagny
DeGarmo, Marvin & Linda
Edwards, Cheryl
Flugstad, Carson & Kelly
Foss, Bryron & Joyce
Gilbertson, Gary & Judy
Hallquist, Suzanne

Hendrickson, Adrian & Kathy
Klum, James & Mary
Meyer, Alan & Mary
Moran, Tammy
Nelson, Julie
Olson, Esther
Olson, Rick
Olstad, Gary
Parish, Donald & Deanna
Pedretti, Julie
Role, Donald & Melanie
Rudie, Bruce & Dawn
Sherpe, Howard & Linda
Skolas, John
Veum, Cedric & Margaret

\$100 to \$249

Anderson, Kathleen
Brye, Joseph
Buros, Charolte
Castlerock Foundation, Inc.
Class of 1957
Class of 1977
Dee, Ann
Erickson, Randall
Fencl, Michael & Marla
Flugstad, Rolf & Donna
Frydenlund, Ralph & Sue
Hatton, Susan
Hellwig, Glen & Wendy
Holte, Russel & Linda
Hooverson, Larry & Sonja
Knight, Dennis
Johnson, Nancy
Johnson, Phillip
Johnson, Rodney & Wendy
La Due, Dorothy
Larsen, Paul & Ann
Manning, David & Lori
Moilien, Ronald & Patricia
Norseman Booster Club
Olson, Allen & Alene

Olson, Corrine
Powell, Gordon
Premier Co-op
Proctor, Richard
Schedivy, Margaret & Michael
Sherry, Bonnie
Sledz, Kelda
Snustead, Marty & Kari
Sorenson, Daniel
Stefferd, Bruce

\$250 to \$499

Proctor, Richard & Mary

\$500 to \$999

Anonymous
Midtlien, Howard & Joanne
Moilien, Phillip
Vernon Communications Co-op
WCCU

\$1,000 to \$2,499

Anonymous Donors
Flugstad, Erik
Kerska, Robert
Mockrud Family Trust
Olson, Rod & Martha
Vernon Memorial Healthcare

\$2,500 to \$5,000

Bekkum, Owen

Over \$10,000

Christianson, Robert & Mary
Hoff, Jonathan Memorial
Scholarship

**THANK YOU TO ALL
CONTRIBUTORS TO
THE NORSE FUND**

Newsletter Mailing Lists

To increase distribution and decrease mailing costs, the Norse Fund has changed the way we distribute the newsletter. First, we are sending it via e-mail to those we have email addresses. Second, we now deliver bulk to all residences within the school district instead of the past practice of delivering only to alumni by First Class Mail. Third, our computers randomly choose only 1 alumni at an address to eliminate duplicates to an address. In light of the positives, it takes away using the postal service feature to give back changed addresses for those living within the school district. If you have updated addresses, or email addresses, for children or alumni, please drop us a note at mailbox@norsefund.org or visit our website at www.norsefund.org.

We will continue to keep our database as current as possible as a resource for your upcoming reunions.

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Memorial and Honarium Contributions October 1, 2016 to October 31, 2017

In Memory of:

Albert Skaaland	Howard Sherpe
Albon Pederson	Hubert Parr
Anna Marie Brye Engh Crispin	Jeff Olson
Anna Marie Sisbach	John Skaaland
Audrey Nelson	Jonathan Hoff
Audrey Stenslien	Karen Zielke
Blaine Rudrud	Karsten Chikuri
Burt Ekern	Karsten Hansen
C.O. Veldy, Margaret Veldy, Janette Veldy	Katherine Johnson
Carole Larson	Leif Flugsatd
Dan Lepke	Leslie La Due
David Johnson	Mahlon Nelson
David Ross	Mary Olson Walters
DeVerne Struxness	Norman Lee
Donna Nordstrom	Richard Trussoni
Evanelle Jacobson	Roger Lunde
Frank Enos	Tom Tollackson
Gary Buros	Wesley Bluske
Gerhard Luebke	WHS Class of 1977-
Goody Stendahl	Robert Dowiasch
Greg Lunde	
Harland Mathison	

In Honor of:

Christianson Science & Technology Scholarship
Edward & Anna Kerska Scholarship
Elmo & Margaret Gulsvig Scholarship
Flugstad Family Scholarship
P.T. & Marilyn Bland
Howard & Joanne Midtlien Scholarship
Rodney & Martha Olson Scholarship
WHS Class of 1957

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NORSE FUND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2017

Dorothy A Bekkum Memorial Scholarship	Abigail Inglett
Dorothy A Bekkum Memorial Scholarship	Cassidy Peterson
Howard & Lorene Johnson Scholarship	Riley Cade
Howard & Lorene Johnson Scholarship	Laura Dunnum
Alyce and Orrin Chestelson Scholarship	Erik Luebke
Alyce and Orrin Chestelson Scholarship	Lucas Skaaland
Christianson Science and Technology Memorial	Brynn Cade
Christianson Science and Technology Memorial	Danielle Knight
Bertha Dahl Scholarship.....	Owen Gluch
Verdell and LaVonne Engh Scholarship.....	Taylor Hessler
Steve Erickson Memorial Scholarship	Hunter Groom
Flugstad Family Scholarship	Taylor Hessler
Flugstad Family Scholarship	Cassidy Peterson
Elmo & Maragaret Gulsvid Memorial Scholarship.....	Taylor Hessler
Helen Hagen Scholarship	Kyle Hansen
James C Hansen Memorial Scholarship	Jenna Allen
Waylon and Milton Holtet Scholarship	Kyle Anderson
Waylon and Milton Holtet Scholarship	Kayla Bechtel
Waylon and Milton Holtet Scholarship	Taylor Hessler
Waylon and Milton Holtet Scholarship	Chase Wedwick
Edward and Anna Kerska Scholarship	Taylor Hessler
Edward and Anna Kerska Scholarship	Austin Klum
David J Larson Memorial Scholarship.....	Claire Hawthorne
Bryan LeJeune Memorial Scholarship	Tanner Hanson
Howard and Joanne Midlien Scholarship	Kyara Manske
Grace and Red Nelson Scholarship.....	Katie Justin
Dale Nestingen Agriculture Scholarship	Jess Bishop
Anthony Olson Memorial Scholarship.....	Alexa Ellis
Anthony Olson Memorial Scholarship.....	Owen Gluch
Rod and Martha Olson Scholarship.....	Austin Klum
Rod and Martha Olson Scholarship.....	Courtney Moser
John and Estelle Pedace Scholarship.....	Christopher Kittle
Richard W Perkins Scholarship.....	Beta DeFlorian
Richard W Perkins Scholarship.....	Courtney Moser
William Running Scholarship.....	Abigail Inglett
William Running Scholarship.....	Lucas Skaaland
Naomi Schoville Memorial Scholarship	Cody King
Clifford Sorensen Memorial Scholarship	Kyle Hansen
Theodore R Thompson Scholarship.....	Alexa Ellis
Theodore R Thompson Scholarship.....	Emma Lee
Theodore R Thompson Scholarship.....	Erik Luebke
Theodore R Thompson Scholarship.....	Chelsea Olson
Vernon Memorial Healthcare/Dr PT Bland	Jenna Allen
Veum Family Memorial /Alice & Kermit Veum	Owen Gluch
Veum Family Memorial /Alice & Kermit Veum	Chelsea Olson
Western Wisconsin Video Production Scholarship.....	Riley Cade
Norse Fund Board /In Honor of Robert Bland	Krista Hall
Norse Fund Board Scholarship.....	Katelin Berklund
Norse Fund Board Scholarship.....	Kaila Ellefson
Norse Fund Board Scholarship.....	Macy Holte
Norse Fund Board Scholarship.....	Eric Peterson
Norse Fund Board Scholarship.....	Dawson Rux
Norse Fund Board Scholarship.....	Riley See
Norse Fund Board Scholarship.....	Brady Wemette

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WHS NEWS & FACTS

WHS Homecoming and the new Norsemen Football Field

Our 2018 Homecoming football game will be against our rivals, the Viroqua Blackhawks, on Friday, October 12, 2018. A committee has been formed to extend Homecoming's community outreach and involvement of alumni. At present, the game is scheduled for 3:30pm. One idea that is being floated is that all reunions would take place on this weekend. Logistically, this is a challenge, yet it would be a wonderful way to bring alumni together. If you want to be part of this group, please contact the high school (634-0101) and ask for Karl Stoker or Monte Dunnum.

The next phase, that directly affects Homecoming, is the installation of lights. The proposal for lights at the field is halfway to accomplishment. We were able to purchase the lights from UW-L, as they completed a remodel on their Veteran's Memorial Field Complex. The next step is to erect six light poles for the estimated cost of \$96,000. This lighting plan will allow for track & field lighting, football field lighting, and parking lot lighting.

Presently, our district is working with the City of Westby to exchange some black dirt from the district for gravel from the city's quarry rights. The arrangement will allow the bonfire to move to district property. Our celebration would be held on our own grounds. The gravel lot is only a proposal, but at some point it will become a reality, as we move step-by-step toward a Football / Track & Field Complex.

WHERE WE ARE NOW AND WHERE WE ARE GOING: Norsemen Enrollment Projections

These following numbers show a pretty stable enrollment pattern for the foreseeable future. Our history has been that we don't typically slide below these projections; we see numbers that are usually a little higher than the projections.

Grade	# of Students	WAHS Enrollment
12	87	346
11	89	339
10	90	342
9	80	322
8	80	328
7	92	328
6	70	312
5	86	326

* Future Enrollment Projections are based on present enrollment and next 3 classes

* First Grade Enrollment numbers are usually a little low.

WHS Football Field



Transcribed vs. Dual vs. AP: Earning College Credit Like a Norsemen

When you give to the Norse Fund, you are probably supporting someone who has already started their college journey. WAHS offers three types of courses that lead to college credits.

Transcribed Courses: These courses are offered for credit at both Western Technical College and at WAHS. Under the guidance of WAHS staff, our high school students study the exact curriculum that Western offers. Any student earning a grade of "C" or better earns credits at Western Technical College.

AP Courses: Our Advanced Placement Courses provide students with training to pass the AP exam offered by the College Board. Depending on student interest and teacher availability, our students may take AP Biology, AP Environmental Science, AP English, AP Chemistry, AP Psychology, or AP American Government. In May the students take the AP test in the subject of their choice giving them the opportunity to earn college credits.

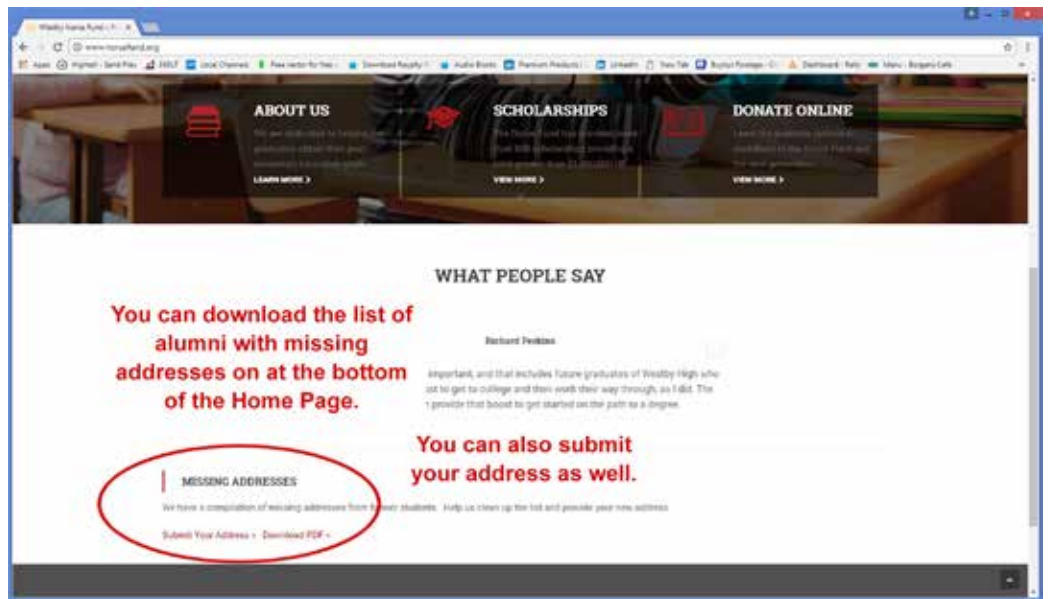
Dual Credit Courses: These courses are similar to transcribed courses, but are certified by the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Presently, Tammy Gilkes teaches College Writing 110 in her classroom at Westby. Students who earn a "B" or better and meet the entrance requirements receive that grade and 3 credits for English 110 at UW-L. This credit is transferrable to many universities if the student attends somewhere other than UW-L.

Whether a student pursues an Associate's or Bachelor's degree, many students have earned college credits before they even walk across the stage.

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Graduates with Missing Addresses

We would like to hear from you. Instead of printing the entire list of graduates with missing addresses, please see our website for a complete listing and fill in the missing information.



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