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Youth Safety Summit Coming in February

[Continuing Education Services](#) is pleased to announce the inaugural Youth Safety Summit. The Summit will bring together personnel and leaders from K-12, higher education, and youth-serving organizations in this engaging conference to be held in Wisconsin Dells on February 20 and 21, 2025. Educators, administrators, and safety experts will explore critical topics as mental health awareness, digital safety, emergency preparedness, and community engagement. Open to anyone committed to empowering the safety and well-being of our youth.

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Help Your Students Get Ahead with a Winterim Course

[Winterim](#) is a three-week session between Fall and Spring semesters designed to help students stay on track for a timely graduation, or get ahead in their coursework. Open to all student, not just current Warhawks, Winterim offers nearly 50 sections of courses, in a wide range of disciplines and topics. From Children and Sports to Dinosaurs, Public Speaking to American Jazz, there are core, required, and elective courses for everyone. Help the student in your life get a jump on their academic career. Registration now open!

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Community-Based Learning Program Recognizes Exceptional Involvement

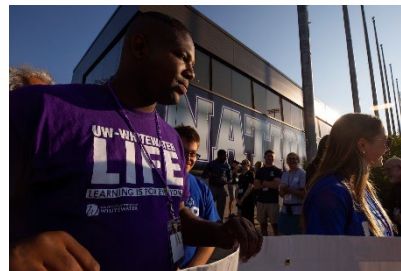
In May, the [Community-Based Learning Program](#) (CBL) recognized individuals and organizations for their exceptional involvement in the program. Josh Washington, a junior majoring in accounting was recognized as the exemplary student; Jessica Lauer, assistant professor in the [professional writing and publishing](#) program, was awarded recognized as the exemplary practitioner; and [Rock River Health Care](#) was recognized as the exemplary partner.

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Cybersecurity Programs Gain National Attention

“I’m inspired to be at UW-Whitewater,” said National Cyber Director Harry Coker, Jr., during his visit to campus in October. Coker and Acting Director of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management Rob Shriver, joined current students, faculty, and alumni associated with the Cybersecurity programs to learn more about how UWW is addressing this critical need. Cybersecurity is one of the fastest growing occupations in the US, and students have many options for earning credentials at UWW including highly flexible [masters](#) and [certificate](#) programs. Cybersecurity is a business imperative, and UWW is “leading the way in ensuring our students have the knowledge and skills to protect organizations from evolving cyber threats” said Paul



UWW LIFE Highlighted as a Quintessential College Experience

Living in a dorm, participating in extracurricular activities, and balancing school and social life are experiences almost all college students have. At UW-Whitewater, that includes a group of students with intellectual disabilities enrolled in the [UWW LIFE](#) (Learning is for Everyone) program. UWW LIFE students “are coming to campus to work on all things independence,” said Sara Athorp, program coordinator. Students learn skills that lead to jobs and independent living in this one-of-a-kind program in the Universities of Wisconsin. Sara, program founder Dr. James Collins, current students and assistants are all featured in a story

Ambrose, dean of the College of Business and Economics.

about how the program charts a new path for students with disabilities.

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News and Upcoming Events



Kids ages 7-12 are invited to the Rock County Campus to a Winter Wonderland! [Participants in the DIY Holiday Gift Workshop](#) will work with a variety of mediums to create gifts for the upcoming holiday season. Gifts will be wrapped at the end of the session, ready to give to family and friends. **Space is limited!**



Are you starting to think about retirement? Consider our [Online Retirement Planning Fundamentals](#) program. This 3-session workshop focuses on taxes and income sources in retirement, social security and investments, and Medicare, insurance and estate planning. Sessions offered in winter, spring, and early fall.



New! Did you know that as of 2024, Wisconsin has had a tornado touch down in every month of the year? Prepare for the most active severe weather months in our [Severe Weather 101 workshops](#). Join expert storm chasers as they help you understand your weather app, the difference between watches and warnings, and much more.



Are you thinking of a career advancement or change? Continuing Education offers [advanced career training programs](#) that lead to professional positions in high demand fields like [medical assistant](#), [residential electrician](#), and [veterinary assistant](#). Looking for individual classes? We have those too. We offer hundreds of flexible, affordable [online classes](#) with start dates each month.

Explore more! Here are a few topics that were in recent issues of our newsletter:

- [National Parks travel-study leads to impromptu wedding for UWW couple](#)
- [Graduate students bring home the gold](#)
- [Continuing Education partnered with practitioners, clinicians, and community members to discuss the State of Dementia.](#)

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