



COMMENCEMENT

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-WHITEWATER AT ROCK COUNTY

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022, AT 6:30 P.M.



University of Wisconsin
Whitewater

Rock
County

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

ANGELA PAKES

Angela Pakes graduated from UW-Madison in 1996 with degrees in geological engineering and geology/geophysics. She then earned her master's degree at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor in civil & environmental engineering.

Angela is the president and CEO for Forward Janesville. At Forward Janesville, Angela leads private sector economic and community development efforts to ensure the continued health and prosperity of business and industry in Janesville and Rock County. Prior to joining Forward Janesville, Angela spent 16 years at UW-Madison, where she led the planning, design and construction of several large campus revitalization projects. She has also been an engineer at Ford Motor Company.

Most importantly, Angela loves being a mom to two high school-aged children who she has coached in sports. She's an adventurous athlete who loves the Earth and all it has to offer. ❖

STUDENT SPEAKER

LAURA GILLASPIE

Laura Gillaspie is a liberal arts major from Monticello, a small town about 50 minutes away. On campus, she's played club volleyball and she's been involved in the PTK Honor Society, Aspiring Educators of Wisconsin, C.A.R.E. and G.R.E.E.N Scene. She's volunteered at Feed My Starving Children for her old church, and when she's not in classes or working, she loves spending time with her three bunnies, crocheting, reading, and exercising. Laura will transfer to the Whitewater campus, where she plans to earn a degree in elementary education with a minor in math. ❖

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD

HEIDI VAN KIRK

Heidi Van Kirk began her educational journey at UW-Whitewater at Rock County, later earning a Bachelor of Science in communication studies at UW-Superior. She is also an alumna of the Leadership Development Academy of Rock County, and was recognized in 2022 as its Alumni of the Year. Heidi serves as the executive director of the South Central Wisconsin Builders Association. ❖

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

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PROCESSIONAL AND RECESSIONAL Anna Schuette-Reid, piano

WELCOME Dean Patricia Clasen
College of Integrated Studies

READING OF THE NATIVE LANDS RECOGNITION STATEMENT Patricia Clasen

OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD Introduced by Patricia Clasen
Presented to Heidi Van Kirk, executive officer of
South Central Wisconsin Builders Association

PRESENTATION OF THE GIL SEDOR FAMILY EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS Introduced by Patricia Clasen

STUDENT SPEAKER Introduced by Interim Provost Robin Fox
UW-Whitewater

Laura Gillaspie
Student, UW-Whitewater at Rock County

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER Introduced by Interim Chancellor
John Chenoweth UW-Whitewater

Angela Pakes
President and CEO for Forward Janesville

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES Robin Fox

CONFERRING OF DEGREES John Chenoweth
Names read by Patricia Clasen

Associate of Arts and Science
Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

UW-WHITewater AT ROCK COUNTY

UW-Whitewater at Rock County is part of a leading comprehensive university that serves about 11,500 students. The Rock County campus offers a general studies associate degree, a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences, and a collaborative engineering degree. In addition, the UW-Whitewater campus offers bachelor's degrees with more than 50 majors, 13 master's degrees, and one doctoral degree. The Rock County campus is also known as the College of Integrated Studies; other colleges at UW-Whitewater are Arts and Communication, Business and Economics, Education and Professional Studies, and Letters and Sciences. ❖

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT REGALIA

Gowns and robes represent the principle levels of academic achievement. The associate and bachelor's gown have long, open sleeves; the master's gown has long, closed sleeves, and the doctoral gown has full sleeves trimmed in velvet. The velvet on the doctoral gown may be black or another color that distinguishes the discipline in which the degree was earned. Academic hoods vary in length according to the degree and are lined with the colors of the institution that conferred the degree. The UW-Whitewater chancellor wears a medallion that signifies the history and aspirations of the university. The medallion is cast and constructed in sterling silver and gold plate.

Gold stoles worn by students signify membership in Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of students attending two-year campuses. Other stoles may represent students' ethnic background or country of origin. Green and gold cords signify membership in Sigma Kappa Delta, the English honor society for two-year colleges. Purple and white cords signify honor students based on cumulative grade-point average. ❖

SPECIAL THANKS

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