

1970s

John Niccolai ('75) retired from Salem Grade School as band instructor, Salem, Wis.

Frederick Patrie ('75) retired as Kenosha County Public Works director.

Edward Kidera ('76) exhibited his work at The Stepping Stone American Handcrafts Gallery in Lewes, Del.

Lt. Colonel Martin J. Setter ('77) retired from the United States Army in June, after serving 21 years. He is presently acting as chief of podiatry at Ireland Army Hospital at Fort Knox, Ken. Dr. Setter graduated from the Dr. Wm. M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine with a doctor of podiatric medicine degree and completed his residency in foot surgery at Fort Ord, Calif. He is board certified in foot surgery by the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.

Dr. Setter Served as chief of podiatry at Fort Bliss, Texas; at the U.S. Army Garrison, Yongson, Seoul, Korea; Fort Campbell, Ken.; and Fort Sill, Okla. After retirement of his commission, he will be retained as chief of podiatry at Ireland Army Hospital. He will be a civilian employee with a GS designation. Despite volunteering to serve overseas in both Iraq wars he was found more valuable here and was assigned stateside. He directly treats soldiers needing foot and ankle care while training at Fort Knox and after returning from abroad. He was responsible for overseeing the treatment of soldiers in the Midwestern states after they returned from Afghanistan and Iraq. He also treats the foot ailments of veterans.

Bruce Wagner ('77) is the administrative coordinator at North Cascade Cardiology, Bellingham, Wash.

Richard Lechusz ('78) was promoted to vice president, commercial banking at Southport Bank, Kenosha.

William Stoebig ('79) is a 2008 graduate of Leadership Union Grove.

1980s

Arthur Thompson ('82) accepted a new position as senior vice president, chief financial officer of Southport Bank, Kenosha.

Jim Kreuser ('83) is the new Kenosha County executive.

Tom Meredith ('83) played trumpet for a new arrangement of the classic Chicago Cubs song "Hey, Hey, Holy Mackerel" as part of a new CD, Take Me Out to a Cubs Game, in tribute to music associated with the baseball team.

Cheryl Buckley ('84) Inducted into the Washington Park High School Alumni Hall of Fame, Racine.

Cynthia Jensen ('85) received the UW-Parkside Academic Staff Distinguished Service Award. She is the director of scholarships and the annual fund.

Jennie Tunkieicz ('87) is now the administrative assistant to Kenosha County Executive Jim Kreuser.

1990s

Alan T. Biland ('90 MBA) recently became president and chief executive officer, CC&N, Pewaukee, Wis.

Heather McGee ('90) is founder of the on-line store, SockGrams.

Tim Zarzecki ('90) was promoted to chief of the Mount Pleasant Police Department.

Deanna Ding ('91) is a marketing manager for the Gilbane Building Co., Milwaukee.

Jeff Shawhan ('91) opened Elements Gallery, Racine.

Michael Morrone ('93) has a new Ameriprise Financial office in Kenosha.

Joel Tishken ('93) is an assistant professor of history at Washington State University, Pullman, Wash.

David Doherty ('94) is senior director of business development at Serco, Inc., Vienna, Va.

John Sheehan ('95) is assistant public defender, McDonough County, Illinois.

Damian Evans ('96) received the UW-Parkside Advising Excellence Award. He is the director of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs.

Christy (Sommers) Hoff ('96) obtained her master of arts degree in teaching (MAT) from National-Louis University.

Mateo Mackbee ('96) is an IT Helpdesk Specialist at Bolger Inc., Minneapolis.

Christopher Kugel ('97) is an AmeriCorp*VISTA member working with Peace Learning Circles of Kenosha and Racine (PLC) as their education and development coordinator. His office is in the Center for Community Partnerships at UW-Parkside. He also worked on a project with the state Department of Natural Resources gathering information for the Wisconsin ephemeral ponds project.

Jeff Rhein ('97) is the site director/AoD program director at Community Mental Health Centers of Warren County, Illinois.

Karyn Johnson ('98) is the catering sales manager for the Best Western Harborside Inn and Kenosha Conference Center.

Elissa Petkovic ('98) is a customer service manager for US Bank.

Kelly (Gould) Fritz ('99) is senior graphic designer at Jockey International.

Roger Wiersum ('99) was awarded a Purple Heart at a ceremony at Washington Park High School where he teaches social studies, government and psychology. He was injured by a roadside bomb in Iraq during a tour in 2004 while serving in the Army Reserve.

2000s

John Surendonk ('01) was inducted into the Horlick High School Graduates of Distinction. He has been a teacher with Racine Unified School District for 34 years and is currently the elementary science coordinator and planetarium director. Surendonk has been an adjunct instructor at UW-Parkside since 1995.

Lori Curi ('02) is the degree audits coordinator in the Office of the Registrar at UW-Parkside.

Donetta Davis ('02) is an English instructor at Gateway Technical College in Racine and Kenosha.

Michael Gonzalez ('02) is the new grant support specialist at UW-Parkside.

Joyce Wilde ('02) is now a Reiki master, Racine.

Benji Bar-Lev ('03) has been ordained as a rabbi. He was in the rabbinical class of 2008 at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. He is now assistant rabbi at Temple Beth Shalom in Columbus, Ohio.

Valentina (Coca) Jocius ('03) is contract administrator for Case IH, Racine.

Sabrina Morgan ('03) was recently promoted to continuous improvement analyst at Stericycle, Bannockburn, Ill. She is responsible for assisting in the implementation, training and deployment of LEAN and continuous improvement initiatives within assigned areas or small business units. She develops metrics and return on investment (ROI) before recommending projects to determine business expectations. She has worked at the company for three years.

Dannie Moore ('04) became the assistant director of multicultural student affairs at the University of Texas - Arlington.

Chamika Ellis ('05) is an area coordinator at The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Gregory Gierl ('05) opened the Kenosha Conservatory of Music.

Jeannie Simpson ('05) is a resident director at the University of Maryland.

Ann Grissman ('06) graduated in May with a master of science degree in education, higher education, college student personnel from Southern Illinois University Carbondale and is now a residence hall director at UW-Stevens Point.

Jessica Mikol ('06) is program supervisor at Main Gallery, a summer program that provides meaningful employment in the arts for Racine youth.

Amanda Morris ('06) is a residence life coordinator at the University of Louisville.

April Puryear ('06) received the UW-Parkside Classified Staff Distinguished Service Award. She is the program assistant in the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs.

Nicholas Michael Ravnikar ('06) Recently worked with a group of Racine high school student to produce a city-wide talent show designed to help curb truancy. The show was called "Rayscene from the Streets."

Chris Semenas ('06) is now the constituent outreach assistant in the External Affairs Department at the Center for American Progress in Washington, D.C. In this new position, he will be organizing, researching, and collecting data for CAP to outreach to policy professionals.

Erica (Bates) Vranak ('06) is lead designer and project manager at Image Management, Racine.

Corey Ciesielczyk ('07) has been named the men's basketball coach for Menasha High School, Menasha, Wis., and will teach special education. He was previously an assistant coach at Kenosha Tremper.

Sarah Gabbey ('07) is an English teacher at Starbuck Middle School, Racine, Wis.

Emily Junion ('07) is presently a chemical production operator at Sigma-Aldrich Chemical in Sheboygan Falls, Wis. She will attend graduate school at Tulane University in New Orleans this fall for her M.S.P.H. in environmental public health in the master's international program. As a part of the program she will be required to complete two years of service in the Peace Corps. While at UW-Parkside, she was on the cross country team and PSGA.

Tyler Lange ('07) has joined Northwestern Mutual Network as a financial representative. He will be associated with the Cornerstone Financial Group, Racine.

Amy MacDonald ('07) is one of two new First Year Experience academic advisers at UW-Parkside.

Antonio Narvaez ('08) is an operations team leader at one of Target's distribution centers, Oconomowoc, Wis.

Adam Schem ('08) is a marketing assistant in the Marquette University Athletic Department.

Evan Witalison ('08) is an AmeriCorps* VISTA member working with Mentor Kenosha & Racine. His office is in the Center for Community Partnerships at UW-Parkside.

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