

Falbo, Osmolak Receive Alumni Association Awards

At the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Spring 2001 Commencement ceremony Sunday, May 13, Mike Falbo and Nancy Osmolak were honored with Distinguished Alumni awards.

Falbo ('80 business management) received the 2001 UW-Parkside Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award. Osmolak ('89 humanities and history) received the group's Distinguished Alumni Service Award.

Falbo mixes business and community service

For more than 25 years, Falbo has distinguished himself in the community-banking industry. Since 1984, Falbo has served as president and chief executive officer of State Financial Services Corporation, Hales Corners, Wis. Since joining the organization in 1983, he helped State Financial Services Corporation grow from approximately \$200 million in assets to more than \$1 billion in assets. He has worked diligently throughout his career to advance not only the profession of community banking, but has also worked to develop communities through his volunteerism and leadership efforts.

Falbo was selected by former Wisconsin governor Tommy Thompson to serve on the Child Welfare Council as part of Wisconsin's welfare reform. His commitment to children and to making this new



program work was quickly noticed by his council peers who chose Falbo to chair the committee.

He is also involved with the YMCA, St. Francis Hospital Foundation, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation. He generously donates his time and financial resources.

Falbo has also demonstrated his leadership abilities at UW-Parkside. He has worked to better the educational opportunities at the university and continually encourages individuals to further their education. Falbo strongly supports continuing education for State Financial Corporation employees through tuition-reimbursement programs. He is the current past president of the UW-Parkside Benevolent Foundation.

Falbo served in the United States Army in the medic corps in Vietnam and received three Army commendation medals. He received an honorable discharge in 1971.

Falbo and his wife, Sheila, recently chaired the American Cancer Society Ball in Milwaukee. The event raised money to help support American Cancer Society efforts in southeastern Wisconsin.

Falbo's work ethic and desire to make communities better places, have earned him the respect of his peers.

Mike and Sheila Falbo have two daughters, Stacey and Jessica.

Osmolak earns honor

The organizations to which Osmolak has tirelessly donated her effort are a testimonial to her personal history of commitment to her community and UW-Parkside.

Before the days of widespread preschools, Osmolak contacted the local park district in Burlington, Wis., for a meeting place and started a volunteer preschool. Many children, including Osmolak's own, enjoyed the experience. As her children grew, Osmolak was involved with the PTA; became a Girl Scout leader for six years; and a Cub Scout den mother and den mother coach for four years. Eventually, Osmolak became a Lifetime Girl Scout and currently serves on the marketing



committee for Racine County Girl Scouts.

She has been an active volunteer at church; served on the parish council for six years; chaired the human concerns committee for five years; and helped with many church events.

Osmolak is a charter member and past president of the Burlington Area Arts Council, and received the BAAC directors award in 1995. She is a member of the Burlington Business and Professional Women and was chosen BBPW Woman of the Year in 1988-89. She is a member of the Burlington Women's Club and has chaired the annual nursing home party and memorial book program for 18 years.

Each month, she drives disabled people to churches in and around Chicago to give their families a day of respite. She has been a driver for the Apostolate for the Handicapped since 1959.

After graduating from high school in 1950, she never lost her dream of becoming a university graduate. She regularly attends UW-Parkside events; participates in the annual Focus on Women conference; and has been a member of the Women's Studies Community Advisory Board. She is also co-chair of the Race, Class, and Gender book discussion group on campus.

Osmolak and her husband, Ed, are the parents of four children – David, Gale, Michael and Jeff. The Osmolaks have eight grandchildren.

Alumni News

Egerson joins staff

Sheila Egerson has joined University Advancement as alumni activities coordinator. She is a 1998 graduate of UW-Parkside with a degree in communications. Egerson will be coordinating alumni events and expanding alumni programs. As a student at UW-Parkside, she was a campus ambassador and an active member of various student organizations. She was Ms. Sweetheart of UW-Parkside in 1996. Most recently, she worked with the Girl Scouts of Racine County as a field director. Egerson is a member of the NAACP, St. Paul Baptist Church in Racine, and is an active volunteer in the community.



"I look forward to my new challenges and I am very delighted to be back at UW-Parkside," she said.

Egerson encourages all alumni to call her at 262-595-2645, email her at sheila.egerson@uwp.edu, or write to her at UW-Parkside, 900 Wood Rd., Kenosha, WI 53144.

Alumni College

You're invited to be a student again this fall at Alumni College. Choose from a variety of topics. The day begins with continental breakfast and welcome. Then off to classes you go. Upon completion of the last class, alumni and friends are invited to a reception and commencement party.

Alumni Basketball Game/SAC Open House

Join us for our second annual alumni basketball game in conjunction with an open house at the Sports & Activity Center. Watch for time and date details coming soon.

Alumni Resource Network

Here's an opportunity to share your expertise with students and alumni. The Alumni Resource Network is designed to help students and alumni connect with other UW-Parkside alumni so they can gain career insight or explore job opportunities. Soon, you'll receive a brochure detailing the program being chaired by Gwen Miller ('80). For more information contact Sheila Egerson in the alumni office at (262) 595-2645 or email her at sheila.egerson@uwp.edu.

Constituent Alumni Associations

Watch for events sponsored by our constituent alumni associations (CAA), the Alumni of Color, the English Department Alumni, and UW-Parkside employee/alumni. We're also interested in establishing CAAs for biology, communication, and sociology. To learn how you can participate, contact Sheila Egerson in the alumni office at (262) 595-2645 or email her at sheila.egerson@uwp.edu.

UW-Parkside Alumni and Friends:

When it comes to UW-Parkside, I think each of us has something in common: We all have special memories that will remain with us forever. One of mine is the way the campus looks on a sunny day in fall.

That started me thinking - where's the best view of campus in the fall? I came up with a couple, but what do the rest of you consider to be the "best view of campus in the fall."

Send your suggestion to:

PERSPECTIVE
UW-Parkside
Alumni Relations
900 Wood Road
Kenosha, WI 53144

The *Perspective* staff will pick out a few of the more creative letters, take a picture of the view and feature the letter and the photo in the November 2001 edition of *Perspective*.

So, put on your thinking caps, remember your "best view of campus in the fall" and tell us about it!

Mike Farrell

UW-Parkside
Alumni Association President

WANTED

Nominations for the 2002 Distinguished Alumni Achievement and Service Awards



To nominate an individual who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to the community or the university, contact the Alumni Office at 262-595-2443. Nominations are due by February 1, 2002.

Nominees must hold a bachelor's or master's degree from UW-Parkside.

– 1970s –

Thomas R. Jennett ('74) has been appointed to the position of general manager-North American Aftermarket Division of Valeo, Inc. Valeo is a \$10.5-billion worldwide automotive component supplier headquartered in Paris. Jennett will be based in Auburn Hills, Mich., and will be responsible for developing the aftermarket for all Valeo products in North America including wiper systems, engine cooling, electrical systems, clutches and transmissions, security systems, and air conditioning systems. Formerly, Jennett was senior vice president and general manager of the Aftermarket Division of Delco Remy America, Anderson, Ind.

– 1980s –

Peter Stone ('81) has joined Johnson Bank as assistant vice president, senior mortgage loan officer in Kenosha, Wis. Stone is responsible for originating first mortgages and developing new business in Kenosha.

Gary W. Roemer ('82) has been named an assistant professor at the University of New Mexico, Las Cruces. He will teach in the department of fishery and wildlife science and continue to complete research on the ecology and conservation of the island fox, an endangered species

found on the Channel Islands off the coast of California. He has a bachelor's degree from UW-Parkside, a master's degree from Humboldt State University, Arcata, Calif., and a doctorate from UCLA.

Jeff Cassity ('86) has been recognized as a Million Dollar Producer for the year 2000 for Century 21 Savaglio Realtors, Kenosha, Wis. He has been with the firm since June 1998.

Jane Strutz ('89) is the recorder at Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) branch 1581 in Racine, Wis. AAL branches in southeastern Wisconsin were recently honored for community service.

– 1990s –

Aldred Days ('93) is serving a 3-year term as the public information officer for the Racine (Wis.) Police Department. Days also serves on the UW-Parkside Alumni Association board of directors.

Thomas C. Koessler ('93), a former Pleasant Prairie, Wis., resident now living in Chicago, has joined the law firm of Hedlund Hanley & Trafelet, Chicago. Koessler will work in the firm's commercial litigation and product liability practice. He is a graduate of UW-Parkside and Kent School of Law.

Jeffrey Larsen ('93) has been named on-site manager of the Lincoln Lutheran

Atrium of Racine, Wis. His responsibilities include management and all maintenance functions of the luxury apartment complex.

Lisa Scott ('95) has been promoted to operations officer-item processing, in the central operations department of Johnson Bank's midtown office. She is responsible for night operation of item processing and the bank's new check imaging capture system.

Christopher Limbach ('97) has graduated from Northwestern College of Chiropractic, Bloomington, Minn., and is now with Beise/Malone Chiropractic Centers. Limbach graduated from UW-Parkside in 1997 with a major in biological sciences.

– 2000s –

Jerry Praeger ('00) has published a paper in the top physics journal in the country, *Physical Review*, February edition. Praeger developed an equation that can be used as a tool that can be applied in many fields. An astronomer could use Praeger's equation to more easily calculate how a variable star's brightness will change. He graduated from UW-Parkside in May 2000 with majors in chemistry and mathematics.

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Organizations and activities while on campus (clubs, athletics, fraternities, sororities, etc.): No abbreviations, please.

Let us know how your experiences at UW-Parkside have affected your life. Did someone on campus have a real impact on you? What events do you remember most?

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