

A LEGACY STORY

Editor's note: It started with an email ...

Your Spring "Perspective" asked that if we had "at least two family members" that attended UW-Parkside, we should let you know.

I graduated from UWP way back in 1973 (BS Business Mgt.) and continued on to get my MBA at UW-Milwaukee.

My son, Greg, also is a UWP graduate (1977) and is a Financial Officer now.

My daughter, Michele Matarrese King, graduated from UWP in 1978. She went into teaching and just recently earned her Ph.D.

So, that's it. Long time ago, but those were the days...

Regards,
Ed Matarrese

...interesting story; dad graduates just a few years ahead of son and daughter.

Ed, we need to know more!

Hi, John:

Yeah, I started late, didn't I? After getting married, and serving a couple of years during the Korean conflict, I completed my apprenticeship in the graphic arts industry. But soon, most of the projects offered me no challenge or satisfaction, resulting in monotony—becoming a drag on life; so I turned to education for an escape. Parkside was just starting to evolve from the two-year UW extension that is was, to becoming a four-year degree-granting institution. Enrolling in 1967, I spent the next six years attending classes part time, finally earning my B.S. in business management...22 years after graduating from high school! A whole generation. Was it worth it? I think so. Besides the personal fulfillment, I believe it showed my kids that almost anything could be accomplished, if wanted badly enough.

So, 1973 resulted in celebrations for two graduates—my son, Greg, from high school and me from college. That fall,

he took my place walking the halls of Parkside as I continued on to grad school.

Four years later I proudly watched him receive his B.S. from Parkside after I had recently pocketed my M.B.A. six months earlier. The following year, 1978, our small family sat in attendance as we witnessed my daughter, Michele, walk across the same stage accepting her diploma.

That's it, John. Greg picked up his C.P.A. accreditation and went on to become the CFO at Inland Companies here in Milwaukee. Michele, after spreading her wings, eventually settled down in the education field and was awarded her Ph.D. last year. Me? Parkside's learning experience and ensuing M.B.A. enabled me to culminate my graphic arts career by moving into production management.

You asked for some details—you got 'em.

It was sort of an interesting adventure, remembering the past this way and writing it down...thanks for impelling me to pause, recollect, and be thankful for Parkside coming into existence at such an ideal time in our lives.

Yours,
Ed

Thanks, Ed.

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MICHELE, ED AND GREG; THEN AND NOW.

