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**Undergraduate research launches UW-Whitewater alum into dream career**

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UW-Whitewater alum Tyler Brasington, right, shares a laugh with John Frye, UW-Whitewater director of the Undergraduate Research Program and associate professor of geography and geology. Brasington’s work in undergraduate research laid the groundwork for his career. Brasington earned a B.S. in environmental science from UW-Whitewater in 2017, was hired before graduation by the National Park Service, and has built a career as a bear management park ranger and emergency medical technician. (UW-Whitewater photo/Kyle Winter)*

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*John Frye, left, associate professor of geography and geology, talks with admitted student Grace Redman about undergraduate research opportunities during Admitted Student Day on Friday, Nov. 14, 2025. (UW-Whitewater/Craig Schreiner)*

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Tyler Brasington is interviewed on the Whitewater campus on April 25, 2025. (UW-Whitewater photo/Kyle Winter)*

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UW-Whitewater alum Tyler Brasington, left, and John Frye, UW-Whitewater director of the Undergraduate Research Program and associate professor of geography and geology, hold a conversation while on a walk through the Whitewater campus on April 25, 2025. Brasington was recognized the next day at UW-Whitewater’s Founders Day Celebration. (UW-Whitewater photo/Kyle Winter)*