

# STOUT UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

For Wisconsin's Future

# **UW-Stout's Mission**







UW-Stout is characterized by a distinctive array of programs leading to professional careers focused on the needs of society. These programs are presented through an approach to learning which involves combining theory, practice and experimentation.

# **Our Request**







UW Board of Regents designation for UW-Stout as Wisconsin's Polytechnic University

# **About UW-Stout**

#### History

- Established in 1981 as Stout Manual Training School
- Offered manual training and domestic science training

### People

- 8,327 students
- 1,215 employees

### Academic Programs

- 30 undergraduate majors
- 16 graduate and 2 advanced graduate majors

### Enviable Placement Record

- More than 90 percent placement for 23 years
- 97.6 percent placement in 2004–05



# **Characteristics of Polytechnics**



- Comprehensive universities
- Offer career-focused programs in the arts, social and related behavioral sciences, engineering, education, and natural sciences and technology
- Engage students in applied learning, theory and research

# Who are the Polytechnics?

- Arizona State University Polytechnic
- California Polytechnic State University–San Luis Obispo
- Ferris State University
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- Indiana Institute of Technology
- Michigan Technological University
- New England Institute of Technology
- New Jersey Institute of Technology
- New York Institute of Technology
- Polytechnic University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (aspirational peer)
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Southern Polytechnic State University
- Stevens Institute of Technology
- SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica–Rome
- Virginia State Polytechnic
- Wentworth Institute of Technology
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute

### UW-Stout's Organizing Theme for the 21st Century





- Program Planning
- **Fundraising**
- Honors College
- Marketing and Branding
- Campus Plan
- Program Alignment

- Features an array of academic programs in the arts and humanities; education; social, natural and human sciences; math; computer science; engineering and related technologies; and management.
- Embraces an "applied learning" educational philosophy.
- Applies technology in all university functions.
- Promotes technology transfer programs, business incubators, research centers and a technology park.
- Works closely with the Wisconsin Technical Colleges and other universities.











**Digital Learning Environment:** 

- Student Laptop Program
- Wireless Network
- Course Management System
- Specialized Software
- Mediated Classrooms

Dr. Forrest Schultz Associate Professor of Chemistry

#### Program Growth

- Polymer Engineering
- Computer/Electrical Engineering (collaborating with UW-Platteville)

### Active Learning

- Laboratories
- Technology advantage
- Laptop/e-Scholar program

### Applied Research

- Nanotechnology
- NanoSTEM









### **Faculty/Student Research**







Kristine Christofferson Applied Science–Biotechnology major

Sophomore from Eau Claire

# **Support for Polytechnic Designation**

### Endorsed by:

- Faculty Senate
- Senate of Academic Staff
- Stout Student Association









# **Benefits of Polytechnic**

- Grow Wisconsin Aids job growth to improve Wisconsin's economy.
- UW System's Growth Agenda Improves UW-Stout's ability to attract and retain high-quality students, faculty and staff.
- UW System's Institutional Array Provides the UW System with a distinctive university that complements the existing array of research, liberal arts, and two-year and comprehensive institutions.
- UW-Stout's Strategic Vision
  Inspires a good university to become great.



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### WISCONSIN'S POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY Preparing students for a career... and life.