Two Initiatives to Support 2013-2015 Performance Goals
University of Wisconsin-River Falls
Pathway to Distinction
2012-2017 Strategic Plan

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN River Falls
Strategic Goals

1. Distinctive Academic Excellence
2. Global Education and Engagement
3. Innovation and Partnerships
Supporting 2013-15 Performance Goals

• Goal: Increase student work with faculty on research projects

  – Initiative: Expanding Undergraduate Research
Undergraduate Research

• A High-Impact Educational Practice leading to increased retention rates and student learning

• Builds on a strength of UW-River Falls—a strategic and student priority

• Examples of Critical Needs to Support Undergraduate Research:
  
  – Student support (stipends, projects, travel)
  – Faculty support (time, project support, professional development, grant writing support)—impacts faculty recruitment and retention
  – Infrastructure (e.g. faculty director and support)
Supporting 2013-15 Performance Goals

• Goal: Increase Foundation scholarship dollars (with need component)
  – Initiative: Falcon Scholars Challenge
Falcon Scholars Challenge

- $1,000/year, four-year scholarships (donated funds)
- $2,000 for study abroad or UGR in junior/senior year (student funds)
- Goal: Support 80 new freshman/year having financial need and high potential for success

Will positively impact recruitment, retention, and student success
The Vision and the Challenge

- 320 Falcon Scholars at UWRF by 2016
- A fundraising priority of *Rising to Distinction* campaign (announced April, 2012)

- Necessary charitable support to UW-River Falls Foundation
  - Year 1 $80,000
  - Year 2 $160,000
  - Year 3 $240,000
  - Year 4 $320,000

Total: $800,000
Progress of the Falcon Scholars Challenge

• Progress to Date: $625,882

• Arlin (‘58) and Marilyn (‘56) Albrecht commit $400,000 to Falcon Scholars as challenge gift to UW-River Falls alumni and friends