

**Profile of
Jenice Meyer**
Community Engagement Director, Center for Community Engaged Learning
University of Wisconsin–Superior
2020 Regents Academic Staff Excellence Award Individual Recipient

Highlights from nomination materials:

- Asked by Chancellor Renée Wachter to be the university lead and a liaison in many workforce-related initiatives because of her collaborative skills and attention to detail, including the Pathways K-12 Initiative, work on NorthWERD (the northern area universities workforce complement to the regional economic development agency Visions Northwest), the City of Superior economic development team, and other high-level, significant projects for UW-Superior.
- Led UW-Superior’s 2017 Higher Learning Commission accreditation efforts.
- Founding director of the Center for Community and Engaged Learning, now named The Link Center.
- Trained, supported, and oversaw the development of Academic Service-Learning embedded in 26 disciplines and 12 academic departments.
- Led the creation and adoption of telecommute and flexible work policies as academic staff senate chair.
- Oversaw and supported nearly 11,700 hands-on, community-based learning experiences for students, generating more than \$4.2 million of donated time over 10 years to community partners
- As a result of Meyer’s efforts, UW-Superior students have provided nearly 215,000 hours of service, including:
 - Helping small businesses develop marketing plans
 - Creating websites for nonprofits
 - Mentoring children in outreach programs
- Contributed to UW-Superior’s active participation in Campus Compact, the national organization promoting student civic engagement; as a result, UW-Superior earned the prestigious national Carnegie Community Engagement Classification, one of only 234 universities in the nation to hold such distinction.
- Obtained and managed \$345,000 in grants and gifts over the past 10 years.
- Has led innovative ways to meet campus facility needs through building public-private partnerships.
- Has served on 11 off-campus economic, workforce, and community development boards, councils, and teams.

In Jenice Meyer’s own words:

- “As a first-generation, Pell grant eligible student, I may have been lost at a larger school but not at UW-Superior. What was once just buildings and welcoming faces became MY campus, a launchpad into self-discovery and skill development that was my second home. A place where I was challenged and supported, just like in a family, with mentors, friends, and caring faculty. This campus helped me believe in myself and see what I could accomplish. I am forever grateful for this campus, the staff, and the state of Wisconsin for investing in me long before I believed in myself or knew what was possible.”

In the words of colleagues:

- “Jenice is an exceptional university citizen, state employee, and ambassador for our system and education as a whole.”
—*Renée Wachter, Chancellor, UW-Superior*
- “[Jenice] consistently reaches out to create new friends, colleagues, and connections between instructors, students, the business community, the government, and our sister schools in the Twin Ports. Jenice is deeply committed to our city and region and ably links her talent and initiative with her love of community in creative and strategic ways.”
—*Jamie White-Farnham, Director, Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning, UW-Superior (on behalf of additional UW-Superior faculty and staff)*