

**Profile of  
Richard Stewart**  
**Professor, Transportation and Logistics Management**  
**School of Business and Economics, University of Wisconsin–Superior**  
**2020 Regents Teaching Excellence Individual Award Recipient**

**Highlights from nomination materials:**

- Ph.D., Urban and Environmental Sciences, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Lally School of Management; M.S., Environmental Studies, UW-Green Bay; B.S., Marine Transportation, United States Merchant Marine Academy.
- Serves as Professor of Transportation and Logistics Management; Director of the Transportation and Logistics Research Center, and Co-Director of the Great Lakes Maritime Research Institute.
- After joining the faculty in 1999, brought to UW-Superior a vision to create a world-class Transportation and Logistics Management major; within two decades of his leadership, the program grew from three students—for which he was the only faculty member—to one of the largest in the school.
- Uses case studies, student presentations, guest speakers, simulation technology, team teaching, and interactive lectures that feature tactile objects, such as international currency, to emphasize the concept of exchange rates; pipeline valves to show the wide variety in that industry; a section of railroad rail with a base plate and spike to show how heavy they are; and a Twistlock device for securing double-stack intermodal containers aboard trains, reinforcing concepts for students.
- Classes include industry tours, such as taking students aboard Great Lakes vessels, to shipyards, railyards, and other facilities; students are prepared beforehand so they can ask pertinent questions.
- Through his efforts, the program averages 26 percent women, which surpasses the industry average of 10 percent women; the program also averages 26 percent international students.
- His students have won at national and state competitions, such as the annual Intermodal Association of North America Student Competition and the Wisconsin Undergraduate Student Supply Chain Case Competition, and are frequent recipients of a variety of scholarships Dr. Stewart helped establish; his students comment that Dr. Stewart's courses challenge them intellectually while developing skills that are an asset in the workplace.
- Select awards: Students' Choice Award for Outstanding On-Campus Teaching, UW-Superior's highest award for teaching excellence (2019); James Rainaldo Mentor Award (2014); VNTS Excellence in Service Award (2013); Outstanding Academic Advisor Award (2009).

**In Richard Stewart's own words:**

- “During this learning process, I constantly and clearly convey to the students my belief that they are capable learners, that I respect them as individuals and as a group, and that we are in this adventure together. My joy in observing a student become an engaged and excited learner is why, for over three decades, I have looked forward to the challenge of excellence in education.”

**In the words of colleagues:**

- “Dr. Stewart's graduates almost ALL receive employment immediately upon graduation and that is due to their extraordinary pre-professional and liberal arts preparation. The reputation of Dr. Stewart is known by employers and community partnerships throughout the Midwest and nation.”  
—*Maria Stalzer Wyant Cuzzo, Interim Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, UW-Superior*
- “[Dr. Stewart] is a generous advisor who makes himself readily available to students and considers carefully the learning processes of students. He not only uses his experience to help students overcome their struggles and develop a positive self-concept but also has transformed students' careers and lives.”  
—*Mei Cao, Director, School of Business and Economics, UW-Superior*