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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay acknowledge the First Nations people who are the original inhabitants of the region. The Ho-Chunk Nation and the Menominee Nation are the original First People of Wisconsin and both Nations have ancient historical and spiritual connections to the land that our institution now resides upon. Today, Wisconsin is home to 12 First Nations communities including the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, Forest County Potawatomi, Ojibwe Nation communities, Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians, and the Brothertown Indian Nation.

We acknowledge the First Nations Peoples of Wisconsin.

Dear Graduate,

Today, we celebrate you and your accomplishments. Congratulations!

I am thrilled to be sharing this significant occasion with you as we celebrate your persistence to graduation. You worked tirelessly to balance work and family with your studies, overcome challenges and persist in reaching your goals.

This is how you RISE!

I have the greatest admiration for you. And I applaud the members of the UW-Green Bay faculty and staff who supported you to this end. Your determined efforts have prepared you to be a leader in your respective fields and the experience of working with others toward a common goal puts you in a position to make positive change in your community.

My greatest hope is that you leave not only with a degree, but an understanding of the obligation that comes with it... to value those around you, to see the world through many lenses, and to lead for the greater good, in whatever path you choose. While this degree marks a significant milestone in your education, I urge you to continue learning your entire life.

Remember, there is tremendous responsibility that comes with your degree and great potential to make a difference. I hope you will realize that full potential and join the 40,000plus Phoenix alumni who are making a positive impact in their communities.

It is an honor for me to serve this great University and to be with you to celebrate this important milestone in your life!



With deep appreciation,

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Michael Alexander Chancellor University of Wisconsin-Green Bay



UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Awarded to graduating seniors who have demonstrated active and meaningful campus and/or community involvement while maintaining evidence of academic quality, demonstrated outstanding leadership ability, provided service to UW-Green Bay and/or the community and showed potential for further achievement and commitment to personal growth.

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CHANCELLOR'S LEADERSHIP MEDALLION

Awarded to graduating seniors who have contributed significant and sustained leadership while maintaining evidence of academic quality (a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.25 or better), demonstrated meaningful campus and/or community involvement and showed potential for future achievement and a commitment to personal growth.

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Congratulations Graduates

The procedure followed for awarding of degrees at most American universities is based on a practice developed at the University of Paris almost 800 years ago. In those days, the Bishop of Paris, like every other bishop, was responsible for educational matters. As the new university developed, he naturally claimed authority over curriculum and degree granting. His authority however was disputed by teachers who asserted only they could judge students' qualifications.

A threatened impasse was resolved by a compromise under which the teachers judged the merits of the students and then recommended them to the bishop for their degrees. You see a secularized version with the Vice Chancellor, as representative of the faculty, certifying the students as qualified. The Chancellor, as representative of the Regents, who have replaced the bishop as the governing authority, then authorizes the awarding of degrees.

The caps and gowns worn by graduates and faculty are based on costumes used in universities of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, particularly at Oxford and Cambridge in England. The academic dress has been used in the United States from colonial times and was standardized by Intercollegiate Code in 1895. The black gowns worn by the associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree holders differ in design and ornamentation, particularly in the sleeves. The cap is black mortarboard with the tassel worn over the left front quadrant. Undergraduate candidates shift their tassel from right to left at the time their degrees are conferred.

Hoods symbolize the master's and doctoral degrees, with the colors representing the field of study and the awarding institution. Graduates may wear regalia in recognition of academic status and honor society memberships.

- Alpha Sigma Lambda National honor society for non-traditional students Burgundy and yellow cords or white and burgundy stole
- Beta Beta Beta National honor society in biological sciences Red and green cords
- Chi Alpha Sigma National honor society for student athletes Black and yellow cords
- International Education Office Study abroad program participation Sash with design of country of study
- Phi Alpha National honor society in social work Royal blue and yellow cords
- Phi Alpha Theta American honor society in history Red and light-blue cords
- Phi Eta Sigma National honor society for first-year students, all disciplines Black, gold and yellow medallion or cords
- Phi Kappa Phi National honor society for all disciplines Blue and yellow honor cords, blue medallion, or yellow stole
- Psi Chi International honor society in psychology Dark blue and platinum cords
- Sigma Beta Delta International honor society in business, management and administration Green and yellow cords
- Sigma Tau Delta International honor society in English Cardinal and black cords
- Sigma Theta Tau International honor society in nursing Orchid and white cords
- UW-Green Bay Academic honors Green and white cords
- UW-Green Bay Chancellor's Medallion

The use of Latin terms reflects the medieval origins of academic ceremony: cum laude indicates distinction; magna cum laude, great distinction; summa cum laude, highest distinction.

At UW-Green Bay, students achieve a 3.5 to 3.749 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) to graduate cum laude. Magna cum laude honors are awarded to students who achieve a cumulative average of 3.75 to 3.849. For highest honors — summa cum laude — students must average 3.85 or higher; or a 3.75 to 3.849 plus eligibility for and successful completion of an honors-in-the-major project. To qualify for honors, students must complete 48 credits in residence.

Some majors offer special distinction honors in the major. For this distinction, students must achieve a 3.5 or higher grade point average on all courses required for their major, and a 3.75 grade point in all junior-senior level major courses required, and complete an honors-in-the-major project.

Students graduating with honors will be recognized as such with the following after their name:

* Cum laude

** Magna cum laude

*** Summa cum laude *†* Honors in the major



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- ALMA MATER | Chase Grabowski
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- GREETING | Council of Trustee Sachin Shivaram
- GRADUATING CLASS SPEAKER | Jacob Lau
- COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER | Barbara Lawton

CONFERRING OF DEGREES and PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

- College of Health, Education and Social Welfare Master's Degrees
- College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Associate's and Bachelor's Degrees
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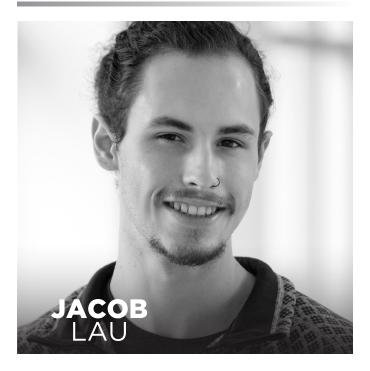
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GRADUATING CLASS SPEAKER



PREPARED FOR IMPACT

Gone are the days when "hip" just meant being cool. In current university vernacular, "HIP" also stands for "high impact practices" opportunities and programs designed to increase student engagement and successful learning. And in the case of Jacob Lau, there's a compelling case for crowning him the "HIPpest Phoenix of all."

True, the personal qualities for earning such a title are largely subjective, but as Ekaterina Levintova, professor of Political Science and Global Studies, observed in her assessment of Lau's accomplishments— "How many students on campus had their education at UW-Green Bay completely infused with HIPs and how many gave so much back to campus while doing it?"

And if quantity of practices is any measure—it might be no contest. Lau's HIP list is impressive and includes everything from tutoring to volunteering at an animal shelter to undergrad research.

(The full list is included below.)

What makes these achievements even more impressive is Lau's confession that, "I was undecided what to do my first couple of years, bouncing between majors. I was kind of into social work, democracy and justice and economics."

And even before that, as a high school student from Salem, Wisconsin, another surprising admission, "I was looking at colleges, I actually didn't know Green Bay had a university. So, my parents said, as long as we're heading north, why not check out Green Bay as well?"

While the "three T's" (Trees, Toilets and Tunnels) are legendary for attracting students, another "T" (time) convinced Lau to join the Phoenix. "Mainly my goal was to be more than an hour-and-a-half away from home and out on my own."

Plus, add one more "T"—transformation. "I wanted to reinvent myself. I wasn't really the greatest student in high school. I wanted to fall in with a great group of people to keep me motivated."

Motivation, it turns out, was a lot easier for Lau once he discovered what to be motivated about. "My first couple of semesters I was more of a recluse in my dorm, just concentrated on my studies and not very active as a student."

Turns out it took a HIP, (The Civic Scholars Leadership Program and #7 on the list) to bring Lau out of his shell and led him to major in public administration. The program was launched during the 2019-2020 academic year and designed to prepare sophomore students to become civic professionals, citizen leaders and in Lau's case, pursue a service-based career.

The program itself takes two semesters, Lau explains. "In the first semester, we bring students into Green Bay to meet with community partners (that range from museums to the mayor's office.) And in the second semester, students get an internship with one of those community partners."

By "we," Lau is referring to taking HIP to the next level, creating his own job by applying for, and now serving, as an AmeriCorps VISTA fellow employed by The Center for Civic Engagement working with the newest class of Civic Scholars. His relationship with Professors Levintova and David Coury has evolved from student/teacher to colleague. "They (including Ashley Heath, the program manager) consider me their coworker. My input is just as valued as everybody else's."

Lau also hopes to rekindle their academic relationship by enrolling in the new Master of Public Administration program this spring and, if possible, stay in Green Bay. As far as professional aspirations? "When I think about a career, I don't want to think about just a paycheck. I want to feel good about the work I do."

Professor Levintova, for one, already feels good about the work he's done. "Jacob is the epitome of somebody who not only charts a very challenging but rewarding path for himself, but also gives so much back to the very programs which benefitted him." He's also proven, that when it comes to making a high impact, practice makes perfect.

Jacob Lau's "Greatest HIPS"

Tutoring and mentoring with TRIO/Upward Bound

Service Learning by volunteering for Happily Ever After no-kill animal shelter

Completing Emerging Leaders Experience

Peer Mentoring for Gateway to Phoenix Success program (after completing GPS himself)

Participating in undergraduate research for Political Science research lab

Mentoring high school students for equity and inclusion

Completing UW-Green Bay's first ever Civics Scholars Program

Interning for Green Bay City Hall (Planning and Zoning Department)

Interning for Greater Green Bay Chamber of Commerce (Legislative Department)

Participating in Study Abroad (Ecuador trip with Prof. Marcelo Cruz)

Presenting original research at UW-Green Bay Academic Excellence Symposium





BARBARA LAWTON

A long-time public servant, Lawton was the first woman elected lieutenant governor in Wisconsin, serving from 2003-2011. As lieutenant governor, she promoted economic development, the creation of a "Green Economy Agenda" and the "Wisconsin Women = Prosperity," a plan to increase leadership, economic, and educational opportunities for Wisconsin women.

She chaired the Wisconsin Arts Board (2003-13), chaired the National Lieutenant Governors Association, and served on the National Leadership Council of the American Association of Colleges and Universities and the Advisory Board of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government Public Diplomacy Collaborative. Since leaving public office, Lawton focused on campaign finance reform, serving as president and CEO of Americans for Campaign Reform and cofounding Issue One, launching their bipartisan ReFormers Caucus.

Lawton serves on the Advisory Boards for the national Millennial Action Project, Oxfam America's Sisters on the Planet, the Board of Directors of the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinic Authority Board, and on the Board of Trustees for Lawrence University. She is honorary cochair of Law Forward. Lawton was a founder of the Greater Green Bay Community Foundation and the Green Bay Area Multicultural Center.

Lawton attended UW-Green Bay beginning the semester the bay campus opened. She graduated summa cum laude from Lawrence University and earned a master's degree in Spanish at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Lawrence recognized her in 2009 with an honorary doctorate of laws degree. She also earned an honorary doctorate of fine arts from the Milwaukee Institute of Arts and Design.



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A STAR RISES

As a rule, a laundry-list of distinctive achievements is standard fare for a commencement speaker. But one of Alexandra Zakutney's achievements stands alone – she is the first Phoenix who's risen to the challenge of preparing for medical school while also as a D1 volleyball player, achieved 1,000 kills to her name.

But she won't take all the credit herself. "To get 1,000 kills you need a good setter." Another Zakutney fun fact: she's a native French speaker, and also completely fluent in English. "My whole education was in French. Green Bay was the first school where I studied in English." Plus she blends Canadian politeness with Wisconsin nice. "I guess I do say 'pardon' a lot."

The Zakutney family has devoted much of their lives to the world of collegiate athletics. Her mom and dad met playing volleyball, her brother is a gymnast and her sister also plays volleyball. Zakutney's personal accolades on the UW-Green Bay women's volleyball team merit special recognition on their own—named to the Horizon League's All-Freshman Team in 2018-19, Horizon League's First Team in 2020, '21 and '22, Player of the Week four times, the All-Tournament Team in 2022 and selected to the All-Academic Team three consecutive years (an honor awarded to a limited number of athletes.)

Zakutney grew up in Ottawa, Ontario, a 777-mile trek east skirting three of the five Great Lakes. In high school, she was a rising talent in Canada, but her club didn't play in a lot of American tournaments, so she flew below the radar in the states. In fact, it was a fellow Canadian on the Green Bay team that made her connection with the coaches.

She admits to being surprised being recruited by Green Bay. "I had a lot of offers in Canada, so I really wasn't planning to take the leap and go to a different country." But her brother had taken the leap earlier, attending Penn State to participate in gymnastics. And while Penn State may have the edge in total enrollment, UW-Green Bay did have its own qualities that attracted Zakutney.

"I also knew they had a really good human biology department. That's really what I wanted to study in college. I was interested in the science aspect."

Seems the health-sciences also ran in the Zakutney family. Her mom is an occupational therapist and dad's Senior Vice President, Digital Health and Cardiac Technology and Chief Information and Technology Officer at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute. So, growing up, she was already familiar with hospital settings, but in the spring of 2018, her medical experiences were about to become far more personal.

She was starting as a freshman, which was unusual in itself, playing UW-Madison. "First point of the game I went to hit the ball, trying to get a kill, tilted my body slightly, landed and just heard a big pop."

That "big pop" was a torn anterior cruciate ligament, medial collateral ligament, plus the lateral and medial meniscus in her left knee.

She was injured in March, waited until June to have surgery, and began a year-long rehabilitation. Then in 2019 COVID hit and everyone was sent home. She returned to Ottawa—and an uncertain future. "It was kind of nerve-wracking," Zakutney recalls, "because I didn't know if they would let international students return."

But return, she did—both to Green Bay and to volleyball, with the support of family, friends, coaches, teammates and professors.

"I was really lucky to be part of a program that appreciates everyone on the team, even when you're hurt."

For Zakutney it was never about the size of UW-Green Bay, but the generous spirit that defines being a Phoenix. As she explains it, "It's not a very big school, but I've gotten really close to the professors. They really do want to help you."

And adding to this already long list of achievements, there's one more twist in Zakutney's tale (though, thankfully, it has nothing to do with a knee.) She was born with a hearing loss and has been wearing hearing aids since the age of two, which brought its own uncertainty and challenges.

"I was pretty nervous about how I would do in college." Zakutney recalls, "If I would have trouble hearing the professors, if I would have to ask for special assistance and how difficult that would be."

Added to that challenge was missing classes because of her volleyball commitments, knowing that communicating with her professors was even more essential. Yes, she had doubts, but never let that hold her back.

"I decided just to take the leap. Try something new and get out of my comfort zone. Now here I am, four and half years later, ready to graduate!"

As for the future? "I'm currently studying for the MCAT. That's a lot of brain power. But that's something I want to do so I'm really determined to achieve it and see where it takes me."

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Mark Murphy, possessor of extensive experience in professional football and sports administration, is in his 15th year as the Packers' President and CEO.

Under Murphy's guidance, the organization continues to rank as one of the NFL's premier franchises, with highly successful operations

both on and off the field. On the field, the team has compiled one of the NFL's top records during his tenure. Additionally, the club has made 11 playoff trips, including a team-record eight straight from 2009 to 2016, advanced to five NFC Championship games and earned a victory in Super Bowl XLV. Off the field, the club continues to perform well in its business efforts, which allows the organization to support football operations. The fan experience at Lambeau Field, a top priority for the organization, continues to be ranked among the best in sports.

In the community, the Packers Give Back program has an annual charity impact of more than \$9 million.

Murphy also is directing the organization's master plan involving Lambeau Field, the Lambeau Field Atrium, Titletown, the practice facilities and other property near the stadium, with nearly \$900 million invested during Mark's tenure.

Mark and his wife, Laurie, have four children and five grandchildren, and have been involved in the communities in which they've lived, donating their time to numerous organizations. Additionally, Murphy has been deeply active in higher education, through his career as athletics director at Colgate and Northwestern, as well as serving on the Council of Trustees at UW-Green Bay.

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