

# CLASS OF 2024







#### Sara Abbott Metropolis Resort // General Manager

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I am the Resort General Manager at the Metropolis Resort, where the fun never stops! I live in Cornell with my two children, dog, and two cats on 55 acres. I love living in the country and I love the resort, so the commute is worth it! I graduated from UW-Stout with a bachelor's degree in Hospitality, Tourism and Restaurant Management. I sit on the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Lodging Association. In my personal time, I enjoy running, gardening, cooking, and anything in the outdoors.



#### Jeremy Amundson

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My name is Jeremy Amundson. I am the Supervisor for Athletic Training Services at Mayo Clinic Health System. I recently completed my master's degree in healthcare administration. I live on the north side of Eau Claire with my wife, 3 kids (4th on the way), 2 dogs, and 2 cats. I am originally from Osceola, WI, and have lived in NW Wisconsin all but 4 years of my life. I am a retired marine with a passion for any public service industry. I enjoy anything outdoors.



#### Justin Andrews Weld Riley, S.C. // Attorney

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I practice law in the areas of business, labor/employment, school, and municipal law at Weld Riley, S.C. I graduated with honors from Mitchell Hamline School of Law. While originally from Boyceville, WI., my wife Brittany and I have long been proud and active members of the Eau Claire area. My personal interests include hiking, boxing, weightlifting, and cheering on Wisconsin sports teams.





#### Hannah Artz

#### Eau Claire City-County Health Department // Finance Manager

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I am the Finance Manager for the Eau Claire City-County Health Department. My role includes budget development and monitoring and providing oversight of the Health Department's fiscal functions. I grew up in the Chippewa Valley, received my bachelor's degree from UW River Falls, and eventually returned to the area in 2017. I have been with the Health Department since 2021. Currently, I live in Chippewa Falls, and in my free time, I enjoy being active outdoors or on the water.



#### Melanie Baumgart Royal Credit Union // Grant and Giving Coordinator melanie.baumgart@rcu.org

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My career has been a twisting route through conservation, higher education, living in Thailand, continuing education, and finally landing in my current position as Grant and Giving Coordinator for Royal Credit Union where I've worked since January of 2022. I love building connections and helping organizations achieve their highest potential. In my free time, I love spending time on the Chippewa River with my husband, tending my houseplant collection, or traveling the world.



#### Matthew Bessen UW-Eau Claire Foundation // Major Gifts Officer

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My name is Matt Bessen, and I am a Development Officer at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire Foundation. I have been with the University for 4 years, starting as an Assistant Men's Basketball Coach. I hold a bachelor's degree in secondary education from UW-Oshkosh and a Master's in Business - Athletic Administration from Ohio University. I'm an avid, but not that skilled, golfer. I enjoy watching my 3 children compete in sports and activities with my wife, Dana.





# Creanna Cote

#### UW-Eau Claire // Assistant Director, Health Careers Center

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Originally from NW Minnesota, I moved to Eau Claire to attend UWEC, sight unseen, to pursue a degree in Biology. That blind leap of faith 25 years ago, turned out to be one of the best decisions of my life. My love of learning lead me to UW-Eau Claire where I have held several positions in Admissions, Advising, and now the Assistant Director of the Health Careers Center. I am a proud Bird Nerd(birder) and enjoy being outdoors, especially in the fall and winter.



#### Felicia Deering Ambient Inks // Account Manager

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I am an Account Manager at Ambient Inks, with an emphasis on local businesses/organizations. I was born and raised in the Chippewa Valley, and am a proud alumna of Wildlands Science Research School, on Beaver Creek Reserve. I attended CVTC for college, where I received a degree in Business Management. In my free time, I love to be with my loved ones, enjoy the outdoors, care for all kinds of living things, make people laugh, and participate in the beautiful community of Eau Claire.



#### Dustyn Dubuque Chippewa Valley Museum // Development Manager

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I began as the Development Manager for the Chippewa Valley Museum in January. I have worked professionally in the non-profit field since 2015. I have a MA from UW-Eau Claire and BA from UW-River Falls. I am the Board President for the Dunn County Historical Society, co-host of The Menom Podcast, and captain of the Menomonie Blue Caps, an 1860 vintage baseball team. I am a husband and a father of two, Paxton and Oaklynn.







## Angela Eberhardt

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I am a lifelong Eau Claire resident and have been employed by Mayo Clinic Health Systems for 28 years. I started my career as a Registered Nurse in 1996 and transitioned into leadership in 2003. In 2018 I moved out of Nursing and into my Operations role. I completed my bachelor's at the University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire and finished up my education through Western Governor's University for my MBA. I am married and have 3 children. For fun, we enjoy remodeling homes, gardening, and traveling.



#### Angela Eckman Eau Claire County // HR Director

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Angela Eckman is the Human Resource Director for Eau Claire County. Prior to that, she was the Campus & Business Development Manager for Chippewa Valley Technical College. She is a graduate of UW-Stout with a degree in Business Administration and most recently earned her MBA from Lakeland University with a concentration in Human Resources. She currently lives in Eau Claire with her husband and four children.



#### Laura Faughn BMO Harris Bank // Client Delivery Team Associate

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I have been with BMO Harris Bank since 2015 working with commercial accounts, currently as a client delivery team associate. With the support of BMO, I was able to earn my bachelor's degree in accounting with an emphasis on business finance. I have lived in Eau Claire nearly my entire life and love our city. Outside of work, I am a wife and a mother of a 1 1/2-year-old and enjoy spending free time with family and being outdoors fishing, hunting, camping, kayaking, golfing, and playing volleyball.





#### Miron Construction Co., Inc. // Document Controls Administrator

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Hello! I am a UWEC alum and returned to the area in 2018! My husband and I recently bought our first house and are enjoying (and learning) the joys of home ownership. I love to read, ski, ride bikes, take our dog to new parks and trails, and finally learned how to drive our moped! Now I can join my husband when he takes his motorcycle. Three guesses who is faster!



#### Colton Franks Royal Construction // Project Manager colton@royalbuilt.com (715) 210-1681

My name is Colton and I am a Project Manager at Royal Construction. I have been with Royal Construction for over five years. I live south of Osseo with my wife and 2-year-old daughter. We also have two dogs. In my spare time, I like to golf, downhill ski, and go fishing. I am also an avid bow hunter.



#### Crystal Frei Huebsch Services // HR Specialist

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My name is Crystal, and I am the Human Resource Specialist for Huebsch Services. I have been in my position for 2.5 years, lived/worked in the Eau Claire area for the last 30 years. My children and I love spending time together with our animals.







#### Justin Geissler Market & Johnson, Inc // Project Executive

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I am a project executive at Market and Johnson. I have worked here for 18 years and have been a partner since January 2022. After graduating from UW-Stout in 2005, I started off my career at M&J as a carpenter and worked up thru the ranks. Over the course of my career, I have helped lead many notable projects in this community including, many K-12 projects, and numerous unique projects for CVTC with one of the highlights being the Pablo Center. I'm married and have two daughters.



#### Stacey Hallman Spectrum Insurance Group // Agent

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I have been with Spectrum Insurance since 2019, beginning as an Account Manager and now as an Agent. Prior to that, I worked at Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire for almost 10 years. I am also an Ambassador with the Eau Claire Chamber of Commerce. I have 8 nieces and nephews ranging in age from 3-24 who I love to spend time with. I am also a huge Green Bay Packers and Wisconsin Badgers football fan!



#### Andrew Haselwander Northwestern Bank // Commercial Lender/Business Banker

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My name is Andrew Haselwander and I am a Commercial Lender for Northwestern Bank located, in the River Prairie office. I attended the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire and received a degree in Accounting. In my current role, I partner with current and aspiring business owners, community professionals, and non-profit organizations to provide financing, cash management, and other banking services. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family, traveling, and golfing.





#### Sarah Haselwander Miron Construction // Document Controls Administrator

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I graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire in May 2021. I have a degree in Accounting and Business Management with an emphasis on Entrepreneurship. I have been working at Miron Construction since I graduated from UWEC. In June 2021, I married my high school sweetheart, Andrew. In August 2022, we welcomed our son, Jeremy, into the world. Fall is my favorite season and I love the sound of leaves crunching under my feet. My goal is to travel to see all of the US National Parks.



#### Eric Heintz Associated Bank // Banker

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I'm a devoted husband to Abigail and a proud father of our 3.5-year-old daughter. With a background in psychology and human development, I'm passionate about empowering children through community resources. Born and raised locally, my family's roots run deep in the area. When I'm not working, you can find me fishing, hunting, or tending to our Augusta land, where we craft our own maple syrup—an outdoor enthusiast with a sweet side.



#### Brit Heymans Feed My People Food Bank // Development Director

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Hi, I'm Brit! Professionally, you'll find me serving the Feed My People (FMP) Food Bank here in Eau Claire as the Director of Development. In addition to my role with FMP, I serve on several boards within the Chippewa Valley. When I'm not fundraising to ensure our neighbors have enough to eat or assisting other local nonprofits in making our community the best it can be, you can find me spending time with my husband, son, and two dogs hiking and enjoying all things Eau Claire.





# Wendy Hollenbeck

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#### Security Financial Bank // Mortgage Lender

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Wendy has been a lifelong resident of Eau Claire. Her career as a mortgage lender started in 2006 and is currently in her 17th year of helping homebuyers and homeowners. She has been with Security Financial Bank in Eau Claire for 5+ years. Wendy enjoys being active in our community and many organizations. For fun, she loves being outdoors, practicing and teaching yoga, and camping in her colorful tent!



#### Jessica Hycnar WIN Technology // Contracts & Grants Specialist

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Hi! My name is Jess and I am the Contracts and Grants Specialist with WIN Technology. I have lived in the Eau Claire area for 7 years, moving here after graduating from the University of La Crosse. I have years of experience working with the community and work-based programs within the Eau Claire community and am now focused on enhancing my skillset with contracts and grant writing. I have been married for 5 years and enjoy traveling and experiencing new things any chance I get!



#### Brenna Johnson Trust Point // Relationship Manager

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My name is Brenna Johnson. I have lived and worked in Eau Claire my entire life. Currently, I work at Trust Point as a Relationship Manager where I get to help people with their financial lives. I have my BBA from UWEC and am a Board Member with the Red Cross Northwest Chapter and a member of 100 Women Who Give. I live outside of Fall Creek with my husband and have 4 children and a menagerie of animals. I enjoy cheering my kids in sports (#gocrickets and Blugolds!), hiking, fishing, and hunting.





## Paula McDaniel

#### Minnesota Wire and Cable // Director of Human Resources

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I am originally from Appleton, WI but moved to Eau Claire 25 years ago to attend college at UWEC. I worked at UWEC for 23 years before moving to my current role as Director of Human Resources at Minnesota Wire and Cable. I have a bachelor's degree in organizational leadership and communication from UWEC as well as a Certificate in Human Resource Management from CVTC. I currently hold a SHRM-SCP certification. When I am not working I enjoy camping, fishing, and traveling.



#### Lindsay McNierney

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I am the Physician & APC Recruitment Liaison for the western region of the state for Marshfield Clinic Health Systems. I have been with MCHS for almost 4 years. I received a bachelor's degree in Business Management from Minnesota State University - Moorhead. I am a veteran of the North Dakota Army National Guard and the Wisconsin Air National Guard. I have lived in Eau Claire for 14 years. I enjoy spending time with my two children (9 & 11) and dog. I enjoy traveling and being outdoors.



#### Josh Myers Chippewa Valley Technical College // Full-Stack Web Developer

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I grew up in Colfax and attended college in Eau Claire, so the Chippewa Valley has always been my home. After graduating from UW-Eau Claire with degrees in Graphic Design and Website Development, I worked at a design company for nine years before joining the team at CVTC. When I am not working my day job or helping my freelance clients, you will find me spending time with my wife and three children. We enjoy hiking, golfing, swimming, playing games, and traveling as much as possible!





# Nick Pedersen

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I was born and raised in EC. Graduated from MHS in 2014. Moved to Duluth, MN in the fall of 2014 to attend the University of Minnesota-Duluth. I was a member of the UMD baseball team for two years prior to graduating with a BA in Communications in 2018. I then moved back to Eau Claire and began a career in banking. My work experience includes Consumer Loan Officer at Marine Credit Union, Credit Analyst at Charter Bank, and Commercial Banking at Nicolet. Outside the office, I coach baseball, spend time outdoors, and hang with family.



#### Jennifer Prochnow Xcel Energy // Social Investments Representative

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Jennifer Prochnow is a Social Investments Representative at Xcel Energy. As part of her role, Jennifer supports all of Xcel's employee engagement and philanthropic efforts by managing their foundation's grantmaking program, employee giving campaign, and promoting volunteer opportunities. Jennifer has been with Xcel Energy for seven years, three of which were spent in their Minneapolis headquarters. Prior to joining Xcel Energy, Jennifer worked at Navopache Electric Cooperative in Lakeside, AZ.



#### Joseph Radske WEAU // News Director

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I'm the News Director at WEAU-TV. I've led newsrooms in North Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Wisconsin. I love being a journalist. The opportunity to lead WEAU is the honor of my life. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. While I completed a degree in Mass Communications, I also filled the role of the mascot for UWM, Victor E. Panther. The move to Eau Claire is a return back to Wisconsin. It also brings us closer to family in Milwaukee and Merrimac.





#### Martin Rosendahl Citizens State Bank of La Crosse // Business Banker

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I'm a business lender for Citizens State Bank and a graduate of Minnesota State University Mankato. I was an All-American cross-country runner and went on to run professionally after college. I competed for the U.S. at the 2007 IAAF World Cross Country Championships and in the 2008 Olympic Trials Marathon. I'm married with three children and I still enjoy going for short and slow runs and playing pickleball with the Chippewa Valley Pickleball Club.



#### Jake Serwe UW Eau Claire // Business Development & Sales Manager

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I currently work at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire doing Business Development. I graduated with a BS in Sport Management from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. I reside in Eau Claire with my wife Emily and son Sawyer. I have a passion for relationships and finding out how I can help and serve others. A fun fact is that I have an identical twin brother!



#### **Rebecca Shannon** Xcel Energy // Sr. Manager Innovation and Transformation Delivery

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I have been with Xcel Energy for seven years and recently transitioned to a new role as Sr. Manager of Innovation and Transformation Delivery. Prior to this role, I led the Regulatory Accounting function for our NSP operating companies. I am a graduate of MSU-Mankato and UWEC – with undergrad degrees in Management and Accounting. I also have my MBA and am a CPA. Eau Claire has been my home for the past 14 years. I enjoy spending time with my husband and two boys, traveling, lake days, and baking.





#### Taylor Skibba

#### Eau Claire Energy Cooperative // Marketing and Communications Coordinator

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I am the Marketing and Communications Coordinator for Eau Claire Energy Cooperative. I have worked at the cooperative for four years. I started here in a Credit and Collections Role and moved into my current position in April of 2022. I have lived in Eau Claire for the last 10 years with my boyfriend, our son, and our dog. I love reading, spending time as a family, and camping.



#### Becky Sprague Royal Credit Union // Treasury Management Officer Becky.Sprague@rcu.org

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My name is Becky Sprague, and I am a Treasury Management officer with Royal Credit Union. I recently moved to the Chippewa Valley after nine years of living in Colorado with my husband, Sam, and chocolate lab, Reba. Spending the past eight years working in Treasury Management at a bank in Denver, CO has taught me the importance of hard work, honesty, and integrity. Outside of work, I enjoy getting outdoors to hike, hunt, fish, and snowmobile.



#### Marcus Stabe TDS Telecommunications // Associate Manager - Field Marketing

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I was born in Eau Claire and raised in Altoona where I graduated from AHS. I then attended and graduated from the Business Management program at CVTC. I worked for Fastenal for 13 years before taking on the role as the Field Marketing Manager for TDS throughout the Chippewa Valley in April 2022. My wife and I have three amazing children together and currently live in Altoona. I enjoy spending much of my free time on the ice or in the boat, fishing with friends and family.





#### Troy Steinmetz Frandsen Bank and Trust // Business/Ag Banker

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I am originally from Bloomer, WI. I love the Chippewa Valley and all that the area has to offer. I grew up loving sports and the outdoors. I went to St. Cloud State University, where I obtained a degree focused on communication and leadership. I also played rugby in college. After college, I moved to the Twin Cities and started my career in banking. After 20 years in the Twin Cities, I decided I needed a change and moved back to the Eau Claire area.



#### **Haley Stowell**

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Born and raised in the Chippewa Valley, I have a deep love for this community and its people. This passion led me to serve as the Director of Resource Development at United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley, where I have the opportunity to make a direct impact in the community I call home. When I'm not hard at work, I enjoy spending time with my partner, picnicking in one of the many beautiful Eau Claire parks, and playing with my two adorable cats!



#### Stephanie Suchla Wipfli LLP // Senior Manager

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I am a CPA and Audit Senior Manager in Wipfli's Financial Institutions (FI) Practice. I joined the firm in 2012 and have focused on the FI industry allowing a concentrated understanding of the unique issues impacting the industry. I currently reside in Eleva with my husband, four children, and two dogs. We are constantly learning new ways to embrace the chaos of having a family of six, including four young kids and a new puppy.





#### Ka Vang City of Eau Claire // Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Coordinator

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They say you attract things that are most like you, hence my 20+ years of professional experience working in Higher Education supporting students who are low-income, first-generation, and/or underrepresented. Making the shift to join the City of Eau Claire as the Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Coordinator has been an exciting opportunity. So far, I've truly enjoyed engaging with various communities and hearing their issues, concerns, and learning ways we can collaborate and provide support.



#### Ancilla Walter

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I am the General Manager for Express Employment Professionals Eau Claire & Menomonie. I have lived in the Chippewa Valley my entire life. I graduated from CVTC with a degree in Human Resources. I have worked in the Staffing Industry for the previous 8+ years. I have a passion for working with individuals to help them find their next career. I enjoy spending my time with friends and family, doing different activities such as boating, camping & being outdoors.



#### Wally Wheeler Midwest Select Insurance Group // Benefit Specialist

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A "Farm Kid" from Cleghorn, and a resident of Eau Claire, where I graduated from college. I've been in the sales/marketing world all my life. I was in the construction supply industry for 30 years, printing industry, owned a signage company (Image 360), and am currently in the healthcare side of employee benefits. I've been a community service volunteer in the Eau Claire Jaycees, Home Builders Assoc. and currently helping the Boy Scouts by serving on the Chippewa Valley Airshow committee.







#### Adam Yang Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire // Director of Marketing

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I recently relocated to the Eau Claire/Chippewa Falls area in 2021, where I started my new role as the Director of Marketing at Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire. With 10+ years in the field of marketing, I received my B.S. in Business-Marketing from UW-Stevens Point and MBA from Concordia University Wisconsin. Outside of work, my wife and I are blessed with four wonderful children. I do enjoy all things sports, from soccer, football, and basketball to paintball and disc golf.



#### Ashley Zingshiem Ayres Associates // Recruitment Specialist zingshiema@ayresassociates.com

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I have been with Ayres since late 2021 as a Recruitment Specialist. Within my role, I learn something new every day, which is why I enjoy recruitment marketing and its constant changes. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my family which includes my husband, our young daughter, and our dog along with our families from Phillips and Osseo.



# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** CLASS OF 2024



#### **Chair** Michael Strubel WEAU 13 News

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Michael Strubel currently leads the sales team at WEAU 13 News as the General Sales Manager. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire with a bachelor's degree in organizational communication. Previously, he served as a Major Gift Officer for the Marshfield Clinic Health System Foundation and spent ten years in tourism as the Director of Sales & Events for Visit Eau Claire. Additionally, he is proud to be an active member of the boards for the Eau Claire Public Schools Foundation, the Family Support Center, the YMCA of the Chippewa Valley, and volunteers for the Communications Committee under direction of the Eau Claire Community Foundation. Michael is married to his wife Tracy, a mental health therapist in the Eau Claire Area, and has three beautiful daughters.



#### Incoming Chair Phillip Swiler Valley Sports Academy

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Phillip Swiler is currently the Community Engagement and Public Relations Director at Valley Sports Academy (VSA) and Lake Wissota Golf Course. He is a 2008 Disney Institute Graduate and also earned a Supervisory Management Certification from Hennepin Technical College in 1993. Previously, he served as the VP of Investor Engagement at the Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce from 2019 - 2023. Prior to the Chamber, he was in various leadership roles in the technology sector for 27 years. Phil has spoken at numerous conferences and seminars, topics on the subjects of leadership, sales, sales management, customer service, and business development/marketing. Additionally, Phil has been a youth hockey coach for 31 years and serves on the CVTC Advisory board for entrepreneurship, as well as other local committees. He is a volunteer for Junior Achievement (11 years) and Habitat for Humanity (Strategic Planning 2023) as well as other non-profits in the area. Phil also owns a successful DJ and entertainment business. He is married with two adult children. Phil loves to cook, golf, play and coach hockey, listen and mix music, travel to the beach, and spend quality time with his family and friends. Phil is also a 2020 graduate of LEC!



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#### **Past Chair** Heather Costley Mayo Clinic Health System

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Heather Costley is a Nurse Administrator at Mayo Clinic Health System. Heather currently is working with the Pediatrics, Neurosurgery, Neurology, Preventive Medicine and Recovery, Occupational Medicine, Allergy and Asthma, as well as the Osseo Hospital. She also has a background in ambulatory and inpatient OB/GYN care. She received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Marian University in Fond du Lac, WI, and a master's degree in nursing administration from UW-Eau Claire. Heather volunteers for the Fall Creek School District. She served as the LEC Day Chair for Health & Quality of Life Day prior to joining the executive committee.



#### Leadership Facilitator John Kleven Chippewa Valley Technical College

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John Kleven is currently an Associate Dean of Business, Arts, and Sciences at Chippewa Valley Technical College. His over 17 years there have also included 12 years as an instructor and 5 years as a campus manager. (CVTC). John earned a master's degree in career and technical education and a bachelor's degree in marketing education with a business administration minor from UW-Stout. He also received an associate degree in marketing from CVTC.

John is a music volunteer for Joshua's Camp. He serves on the Grounds Design Committee for St. Edwards Montessori and is a Board member (currently president) for Beaver Creek Reserve. He is a 2018 graduate of Leadership Eau Claire™.



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#### **Program Director** Sarah Hughes Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce

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Sarah Hughes is the Education & Program Director for the Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce. She is responsible for developing and coordinating various Eau Claire Chamber programs and events, including Leadership Eau Claire<sup>™</sup> and Youth Leadership Eau Claire programs.

Sarah received her associate's degree from UW-Barron County and is currently attending CVTC to get another associate in Marketing & Digital Marketing. She is also pursuing her bachelors in Graphic Design at Upper Iowa University. Sarah enjoys hiking, reading, yoga, and spending time with her friends and family!



Leadership Eau Claire<sup>™</sup> brings together a group of diverse people with leadership abilities and immerses them into the Eau Claire community through seven sessions and two leadership development retreats. The goal is to increase participants' community knowledge through skill-building exercises, activities and educational days that inspire them to take an active role in shaping our community.

Tomorrow will look very different depending upon whose eyes you are looking through, but the Eau Claire area will definitely be better because of Leadership Eau Claire™.



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