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Appleton native receives UW Oshkosh award

UW Oshkosh, Oct. 05, 2015—An Appleton native received the Jeff Curler Endowed Professor of Health Sciences award from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh at the Opening Day Convocation Sept. 8, 2015.

Suzanne Marnocha is a professor and assistant dean in the College of Nursing and has worked in the college for 21 years.

“The award is a great personal honor and means recognition for hard work,” Marnocha said, citing a variety of nursing research topics including healthcare diversity, end of life care for elders with dementia, cyber-professionalism and the use of high fidelity simulation in teaching.

Marnocha hopes to use the award to fund current and future research projects.

“My goal for research in the College of Nursing is to improve the healthcare of people and teach our nursing students to be highly ethical and professional in a technological and global culture,” Marnocha said.

Marnocha earned a bachelor’s and master’s in nursing from the University of Evansville Indiana, and a doctorate in nursing from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

“I come from a long line of teachers and I love nursing so much, so what better way to ensure the future of nursing than to teach nurses,” Marnocha said.

She began her career as a bedside registered nurse and continued the work even as she began teaching at UW Oshkosh, totaling to 38 years in the intensive care unit.

Marnocha’s love of studying and learning stems from her belief that things change on a daily basis, which is why she said working in the UW Oshkosh College of Nursing is a perfect fit for her.

Aside from nursing, Marnocha enjoys being a wife, mother, grandmother, motorcycle rider, horse owner, chicken and honey bee raiser, gardener and sustainability enthusiast.

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About UW Oshkosh

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, with an enrollment of more than 14,000 students from across the state and beyond, is the third-largest university in Wisconsin.

UW Oshkosh offers more than 70 baccalaureate and graduate degree programs in the colleges of Business, Education and Human Services, Letters and Science, and Nursing, which began offering the University's first doctoral degree (Doctorate of Nursing Practice) in fall 2010. Serving as an educational and cultural anchor for the 1.2 million residents of northeastern Wisconsin, UW Oshkosh champions the economic well-being of the New North with an annual impact of more than a half-billion dollars, directly and indirectly creating 9,000 jobs and collaborating with partners in an array of catalytic economic development initiatives.

A pioneer in campus sustainability, UW Oshkosh became the first Fair Trade University in the nation in 2008. The University planned for and, in 2011, built the first dry fermentation anaerobic biodigester in the western hemisphere, powering up to 8 percent of the campus's electricity needs. Two similar renewable energy facilities have since been built on large and small area dairy farms. UW Oshkosh is among 21 colleges and universities from around the United States to earn a spot on The Princeton Review's 2013 Green Honor Roll and has been ranked as high as 3rd in the nation in the Sierra Club and Sierra Magazine's annual "Coolest Schools" rankings, based on the "greenness" of participating universities.

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