



Program Showcase attendees participate in the pit stop challenge in a hands-on career exploration activity for Mid-State's Automotive Technician and Automotive Maintenance Technician programs during the fall 2023 event on the College's Wisconsin Rapids Campus. Submitted photo

Mid-State to host Program Showcase career exploration event

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WISCONSIN RAPIDS – Mid-State Technical College will host its biannual Program Showcase event on Tuesday, March 12, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Wisconsin Rapids Campus. The Program Showcase career exploration event is for high schoolers in ninth and tenth grades. Attendees will meet with current Mid-State students, staff and program faculty, explore campus labs and experience the hands-on learning that Mid-State offers. Students are provided a bingo card of all participating programs and student services with the goal of stopping by as many stations as they can. “Program Showcase is an opportunity to get students thinking about what might be next after high school,” said Jackie Esselman, dean of Recruitment and Admissions. “This year’s event will feature nearly

20 academic programs, student services and resources, allowing high schoolers to explore all that Mid-State has to offer.” According to Esselman, program-specific opportunities are also available this spring through the Program Exploration series. These events are open to anyone interested in getting started at Mid-State and will showcase Mid-State's business, information technology, law, public safety, hospitality and human services programs. Program Showcase is split into morning and afternoon sessions. Due to high demand, both sessions have limited spots available. Learn more and register for Program Showcase at mstc.edu/program-showcase. View all upcoming events at mstc.edu/events.

University of Dubuque fall semester Dean’s List

DUBUQUE, IA – The University of Dubuque congratulates the following students on being appointed to the fall semester 2023 Academic Dean's List. **Port Edwards:** Taylor Martin **Wisconsin Rapids:** Zilfi Aliu Full-time students in good academic standing (registered for and having earned 12 or more letter grade credits for the term) who earn a term grade point average of 3.5 or above and who do not have any grades of Incomplete for the term are named to the Dean's List. Once grades have been submitted for any Incompletes, the



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Office of Academic Affairs will review eligibility again for possible placement on the Dean's List for the given term. The University of Dubuque (UD) is a private, coed university founded in 1852 that offers



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undergraduate, graduate and theological seminary degrees, as well as other educational opportunities with the intention of educating and forming the whole person.

Wisconsin PGA announces annual awards

Local golf pros celebrated

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WEST ALLIS – The Wisconsin Section of the Professional Golfers' Association of America (WPGA) presents their class of 2024 Special Award recipients. This year's award winners are being recognized for their expertise, leadership and performance in the golf business. Each of the eleven PGA professionals exude enthusiasm for the game of golf and are dedicated to making it better. The recipients will formally receive their awards during the annual WPGA Special Awards Dinner held at Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells on Feb. 28. The Wisconsin PGA awards are supported by the Wisconsin Golf Sales Association and PGA National Resort & Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. “Once again our committee was blown away by the quality of applicants we received,” said Jeff Ellingson, former WPGA president and committee chair. “Every award was very competitive, with several deserving candidates in each category. This year's class of winners is a perfect representation of what Wisconsin PGA Golf Professionals bring to the game day in and day out.”

Grabbing the top billing this year is Golf Professional of the Year Bill Graham, head PGA professional at Chenequa Country Club in Hartland. This is Graham's second Golf Professional of the Year honor (2011) and his tenth WPGA Special Award. “For me this award is the culmination of a professional rebirth of sorts,” Graham wrote after being informed of his selection. “Events of the past several years have made me question what my lifespan would be in our industry. This recognition has validated the decisions I have made to continue to do the work that I love.” The list of 2024 Wisconsin PGA Special Award Winners include: Bill Strausbaugh Award – Presented to a PGA



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Professional who by their day-to-day efforts have distinguished themselves by mentoring their fellow PGA Professionals in improving their employment situations and continuing contributions to professional education. – Jonathan Stuart, PGA, Sand Valley Resort (Nekoosa) Merchandiser of the Year (Resort) – Recognizes a WPGA Golf Professional who has performed outstanding services in the area of golf merchandising. – Danny Rainbow, PGA, SentryWorld (Stevens Point)

About the Wisconsin PGA Annual Awards Process

The Wisconsin PGA honors golf professionals annually. Professionals are nominated by fellow professionals for an award(s). After a professional is nominated, it is his or her choice as to whether to submit materials for consideration. Materials are generally due by early December. The materials are then reviewed by a different subcommittee for each award. The WPGA past president takes their feedback and finalists are determined. Once the finalists have been selected, their materials are forwarded on to the finalist committee made up of the district directors, independent directors and the WPGA executive director. The finalist committee votes on their top choice for each award. Once all the votes have been compiled, the winners are notified and then the information is released to the general public early in the calendar year.



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The winners are recognized for their accomplishment at the annual Spring Meeting Awards Dinner. A description of each award category is located below.

About the Wisconsin PGA

The Wisconsin Section is one of the 41 sections that comprise the regional entities of the PGA of America. Over 500 members and associates belong to the Wisconsin Section, stretching from areas in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to almost the entire state of Wisconsin. Annually, the Wisconsin Section conducts over 40 professional events, operates their foundation - PGA Reach Wisconsin, and participates in several growth-of-the-game activities including PGA Junior League, Drive, Chip and Putt and PGA HOPE. Wisconsin PGA Office is located at 11350 W. Theo Trecker Way in West Allis, Wis.

About the PGA of America

The PGA of America is one of the world's largest sports organizations, composed of more than 30,000 PGA of America Golf Professionals who love the game, are expert coaches, operators and business leaders, and work daily to drive interest, participation and inclusion in the sport. The PGA of America owns and operates numerous championships and events, including major championships for men, women, seniors and the Ryder Cup, one of the world's foremost sporting events. For more information, visit PGA.com and follow on X, formerly known as Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

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