Linda Scott in First Year as Dean of School of Nursing

Linda Scott was named dean of the School of Nursing and began her appointment on July 15, 2016. "Building on a visionary legacy of leadership and community partnership, the School of Nursing is poised to meet the national mandate to prepare a highly educated and diverse nursing workforce that can address the health care needs of the state," Scott says.

Dean Scott succeeded Katharyn May, who stepped aside as dean after 15 years of service and remains as a member of the faculty. She was associate dean for academic affairs at the College of Nursing, University of Illinois at Chicago. She has a doctorate from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, a master's degree from Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan, and a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University in East Lansing.

Established in 1924, the school is the leading nursing research institution in Wisconsin. It has been ranked among the top 25 nursing programs in the US for more than 15 years.

First-Year Interest Groups at UW–Madison

The University of Wisconsin–Madison offers numerous high impact practices for first-year students. A First-Year Interest Group (FIG) is an academic learning community designed specifically for first-year students. Each FIG is a unique cluster of UW courses, linked together to explore a common theme or topic. The purpose of the FIGs Program is to provide an interesting, intimate, and interdisciplinary experience that helps students make a successful academic and social transition to the university.

All FIGs are based on a small seminar, and most FIG seminars are connected to two other courses. Each fall there are approximately 60 different FIGs available. Some are designed for specific groups of students (those in a certain major or college, for instance), while many are open to any interested student. When students decide to take a FIG, they enroll in all of the linked courses as a set. Most FIGs are limited to only 20 students, thus forming their "cohort" or "interest group."

FIGs offer students extra attention from instructors, a unique way to make friends, and the opportunity to learn in a more holistic way. Examples include "The Artist as Scientist;" "Citizenship, Democracy, and Difference;" "Food Cultures of Italy;" "Law and Literature;" and "Russia and the World." Find more information at figs.wisc.edu.
Next Steps for Admitted Students

Once students have been admitted, they should follow these next steps:

• Apply for financial aid
• Explore university housing
• Sign up for an admitted student event
• Join the official Facebook group for their class

After students have committed to UW–Madison by confirming their enrollment and paying their class deposit, they should follow these next steps:

• Sign up for placement tests
• Sign up for Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR)
• Send final transcript(s)
• Send AP/CLEP/IB scores

Visiting Our Campus

Late spring and summer is the perfect time for your students to visit our dynamic campus. From the Memorial Union to Bascom Hill, UW–Madison is a beautiful and engaging destination with an active student body.

Students and their families can come for an information session and tour and are encouraged to also take time to hear a guest speaker, visit one of the undergraduate schools and colleges, check out a sporting event, catch a performance, or explore downtown Madison. As student spaces and buildings are added, there is always something new to see.

All of our visit options can be found at visitbucky.wisc.edu.

Junior Information Sessions

With the generous support of our alumni, we will host Junior Information Sessions on April 1 in the Los Angeles area and April 2 in the South Florida and Washington, D.C. areas. Students and their family members will learn about our academic programs, on- and off-campus resources and opportunities, and the application process. There will also be an opportunity for them to meet local alumni and representatives from the Office of Admissions and Recruitment. For more information, go to visitbucky.wisc.edu/junior.

Current University Rankings

U.S. News and World Report
10th among public institutions

Center for World University Rankings
25th among institutions worldwide

PeaceCorps.gov
1st among large schools in number of Peace Corps volunteers

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Admitted Student Programs

In April, we will welcome guests to our on-campus admitted student events:

• Admitted Student Information Session and Campus Tour – This information session is designed for admitted freshman students. Students will learn what their Wisconsin Experience could entail, and there’s plenty of time for questions. Following the session is a 1 hour and 45 minute walking tour of campus specially tailored for admitted students. April 3, April 7, April 10, April 14, April 17, April 24

• Your UW Day for Students of Color – The day features a faculty keynote speaker and a selection of information sessions that cover an array of topics, including the diversity programs we offer both in and outside the classroom. A complimentary lunch will be provided, followed by a campus walking tour. The day concludes with a Campus Resource Fair. April 8 – 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

• Your UW Day – This program features a faculty keynote speaker and a selection of breakout sessions that cover an array of topics. A complimentary lunch will be provided in a university dining hall, followed by a specialty walking tour. The day concludes with a Campus Resource Fair. April 21 – 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Additionally, with the generous support of our alumni, we will host Admitted Student Receptions on April 1 in the Los Angeles area, April 2 in the South Florida, New York City, and Washington, D.C. areas, and April 9 in the Chicago area. Admitted students will receive invitations to these events.

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