



WONDERINGS...

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WISCONSIN LEADERSHIP SEMINARS INC.

The WILS Seminar is Finally Here!

What: WILS 2005 Seminar

When: June 9th-12th

Where: Carroll College

100 North East Ave

Waukesha, WI 53186

What will we be doing with all of the ambassadors?

This is the fun part. As all of you who have attended seminar already know, this is a fun filled weekend that the ambassadors, and of course everyone else involved will never forget. Let's take a look at some of the activities these new ambassadors are going to get to experience for the first time!

-Motivational speakers Paul Wesselmann, Darin Eich, and Juan Ortiz

-Interesting panels on politics, biomedical ethics, criminal investigation and prosecution, engineering of food products, and volunteer organizations.

-volunteer tours at Children's Community Center, National Regency,



Wehr Nature Center and Lapham Peak.

-last but not least we will also have team building exercises, a Hawaiian dance, a talent show, and of course group time, photos and ice breakers!

-Why pass up an opportunity where you can impact other's lives in such a positive way?

-Come and join the fun of WILS Seminar 2005 by applying to be a J.S. or facilitator (if you're over 21).

This is your chance to attend the seminar that made you so enthusiastic and excited about leadership all over again! Make an impact on other's lives just as others did for you once.

Please visit www.wils.us to download a copy of 2005 Junior Staff Application

WILS Winter Reunion Recap

The winter reunion this year was a huge success. I am a 2004 ambassador at WILS, and the winter reunion was the first alumni event that I was able to attend after the seminar. I wasn't sure what to expect at first and didn't really know anyone who was going. When I got there, none of the friends that I had made at the seminar were there. However, this gave me a great opportunity to meet some new people, and I made many friends that I still stay in touch with. It's amazing how people can become such close friends in such a short amount of time. We only spent three days together, but I sometimes feel as though I know more about my friends from WILS than I do about my friends back home. Part of this is because of the reflections that we do every night. I think that reflections are one of the best aspects of WILS, and they help people to relate to each other better. The winter reunion was a great time to get to know people, work hard during community service, and still have some fun. It was interesting to listen to Green Bay mayor Jim Schmitt speak, and I really liked that we were able to ask him questions. He related to us really well

and kept everyone's attention. Although I live in Green Bay, I enjoyed going to the Packer Hall of Fame and touring the stadium as well. I've lived here pretty much all my life and I had never really experienced it the way that we did at WILS. It was a lot of fun to go through there with friends and take our time to look around. Free time was another thing that I really enjoyed. It gave us a break from our busy schedule and gave us time to relax. The reunion was a lot of fun and I learned a lot about myself and other people from WILS. Leadership is not only about becoming a leader yourself, but about bringing out the best in others. The WILS alumni have done a great job in this respect, and they are always there for support when you need it. The reunion was a great way for the alumni to get together and learn new things while having a lot of fun at the same time.

-Stephanie Felton

Bay Port H.S.

Green Bay

If you don't say what you really mean, then nobody will know who you really are.

-Bryan L. Hinnen

-submitted by Chris Westphal

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WILS' Words of Wisdom from the Alumni Association President



Its getting to be that time of year again...summer is just around the corner, things seem like they should be settling down a bit, but somehow life gets crazier than ever. Those of you in high school have prom, the much dreaded AP tests, and possibly graduation, while the college kids seem to have endless midterms, and are trying to figure out what they are going to do for the summer. It always seems that there is so much to be done and not enough time to do it. You're an amazing group of people, the strongest they come and probably the biggest group of overachievers out there. I know you're all definitely going to accomplish everything you have set out for yourselves this spring, but don't forget to take some time out of your hectic lives to relax and enjoy yourselves.

I've learned over the years that the key overachieving is balance. Of course being involved, volunteering, studying, and practicing sports, instruments, etc. are essential to your success, but getting the rest and relaxation that you need is also important so you can keep up with your hectic lives. Finding that balance of work and play is not easy, but it's something to keep in mind and work towards if you begin to feel worn-out this spring. Good Luck with all you set out to do! Don't forget to take a few minutes and fill out a Junior Staff Application! I hope to see you all this summer at seminar and/or reunion!
-Amy Beres

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Leadership is lifting a person's vision to higher sights, the raising of a person's performance to a higher standard, the building of a personality beyond its normal limitations. - Peter F. Drucker

Shout Outs

Tra- Congrats on your Internship! We're gonna miss you this summer at Seminar and Reunion!
-Amy Beres

Alumni Board- All of you rock my world. I could not be P.R. Director without you guys and your constant support! Thanks a lot.
-Stef Weber

Congratulations to all of the WILSers who have been involved in musicals or plays this year, especially Ryan, Laura, Shannon, Eduardo and Mike - you were all awesome!
-Samantha Toigo

**Gratitude: In our daily lives we must see that it is not happiness that makes us grateful, but the gratefulness that makes us happy.
-Albert Clarke**

WILS Newsletter

Check Out the WILS Website!

With newsletters only filling your in boxes three times per year, WILS has decided that we want to keep everyone involved in this outstanding organization updated on everything that is going on throughout the state! Whether it be reunion information, alumni association gatherings, volunteer events, or anything else pertaining to WILS....The place to find all of the information you need is: www.wils.us

Leadership Reflections

ARE YOU INSPIRED?

Many people write about leadership, and I'm nowhere near as smart as half of them. I'm sure, as you all are leaders in your own ways, that you've heard all the catch phrases and clichés concerning leadership than you can shake a stick at. That said, I've been asked to weigh in on my perception of leadership. So, I hope I don't bore you with it, but here we go.

In my life, leaders have presented themselves to me in many forms. There've been strong ones, popular ones, quiet ones, smart (and not so smart) ones, and numerous other types. However, the best types of leaders have, to me, all had one thing in common: the capacity to inspire.

To me, inspiration is the strongest source of strength, motivation, and direction. It makes us not only want to do something, but want to "do more," giving way to the old saying, "anything worth doing is worth doing well." When I assume a leadership position, I don't want to just show or tell people

what to do and then make them do it, or even ask them to do it; my goal is to *inspire* them to do it. That way, I'll know that anyone who does follow is doing so because they wish to do the best they can. With any luck, one or two of you have been inspired by myself, but I can bet that all of you have been inspired by someone in your life, because you've shown the aptitude to lead, and that requires inspiration in itself.

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Thus, I encourage all those in leadership positions to not just lead, INSPIRE. Just think of how effective things in your own life are when you are inspired to do them. Imagine what can be accomplished when you instill that feeling in others! And to those who find themselves in a following position (as we all do from time to time), follow inspired, passionate leaders, and they will take you far. Find what inspires you, and keep it close to you. Draw your strength from that. For the inspired, the impossible is

inexistent!

-The Vice-President

The WILS Alumni Board 2005

What have we been up to?

In early February, the WILS Alumni Board met for a retreat in Fond du Lac for a weekend. We discussed the upcoming Seminar 2005 and the Summer Reunion, as well as the newsletter and fundraising. We brainstormed new ways to keep Ambassadors and Alumni excited and involved, including having an online scrapbook for people to submit WILS pictures and keep in touch with other WILSers. Being a member of the Alumni Board is a fun job and a way to stay in contact with your friends from WILS!

PRESIDENT

Amy Beres is the new WILSAA President. She has also served on the board as Vice President and Secretary, planned a reunion, and has been involved with the Seminar Planning Committee. Amy is a sophomore at the University of Wisconsin-Madison majoring in biochemistry. She's looking forward to another exciting year of WILS events!

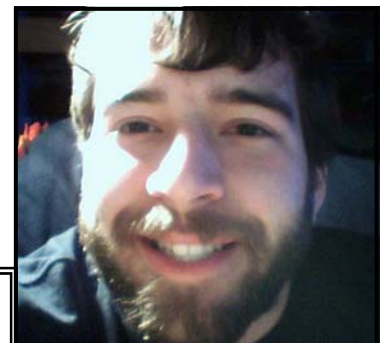
VICE PRESIDENT

When I first decided to run for office in the Alumni Association, the vice president position appealed most to me. I really wanted to work with junior staff, so that all the ambassadors that come to seminar could have as cool of a JS as me (thanks Tina Matic!). So, hopefully, I can perform these duties to my fullest potential. Also, I hope that I can contribute good ideas and high amounts of energy to the organization. That's my goal and commitment to WILS.



President Amy Beres

Vice President Josh Koon



**It's not enough to have lived.
We should be determined to
live for something.
May I suggest that it be
creating joy for others,
sharing what we have for the
betterment of mankind,
bringing hope to the lost, and
love to the lonely.
-Leo F. Buscaglia**

SECRETARY

Alumni Association Secretary: Hi, my name is Beth Wolfenden, and I'm a freshman at the University of Wisconsin-Madison majoring in Political Science. I'm the Secretary of the WILS Alumni Association, and I have been very involved since I was an ambassador in 2002. My duties as Secretary include taking the minutes at meetings and keeping our records.



Secretary Beth Wolfenden

Treasurer

Hello! I'm Samantha Toigo and I am the Treasurer of the WILS Alumni Association. I'm a 17-year-old senior at Notre Dame Academy in Green Bay and a 2003 ambassador from Japan. Next year I'll be at Marquette University double-majoring in journalism and political science. My job within the WILSAA is to deal with the money. I keep records of all transactions, handle checks and deposits, issue receipts and give a financial report at every board meeting. This year I plan to create a simple computer spreadsheet system to keep track of the WILSAA funds that future treasurers would be able to use as well. I am thrilled to take on a more active role within the organization after planning the 2004 Winter Reunion and I look forward to meeting new alumni in several capacities this year. (Also, if you're ever near Lambeau Field, stop at Cold Stone Creamery – I'll make you some delicious ice cream and sing a weird song).



Treasurer Samantha Toigo

MEMBER AT LARGE

Hey y'all! I'm Christopher (Cowboy) Westphal and I'm the "Member-at-Large" for the WILS Alumni Board (perhaps the first time the title appropriately describes the PERSON as well as the position)! As a Member At-large, my duties are those that are delegated to me by the Advisor(s), President, or Vice President.

My goal this year is to further the development of the Alumni Association and take it farther than it has ever gone before. Specifically, I would like to see CD's made of the slideshows, creation of an organized online scrapbook, as well as the Alumni taking over the sales of t-shirts (as well as the designs). I not only wanted this position because WILS had given me so much, but because I felt I was in the right position in my life to become a leader again; to strengthen an organization that has touched so many individuals! I currently attend UW – Madison and am working on obtaining a degree in biomedical engineering. I love my dog Duke who is a yellow-Labrador retriever and enjoy taking funny looking pictures of him...like his owner!



Member At Large
Chris Westphal

FIRST YEAR LIASON

Mark Piper is the First Year Liason for WILS 2004-2005. He helps out the board with any duties they may need done, and also helps the board to have a connection with other first year alumni. He is a great aspect to our team so far, and I'm sure he will continue to support the board for the remainder of his term.

P.R. DIRECTOR

Hey guys, my name is Stefanie Weber and I am P.R. Director for WILS. My duties include sending out a newsletter four times a year and keeping the records up to date on new WILS Alumni. I also help with WILS mail. My goal this year is to really contribute to the group by keeping an up-to-date record of the new WILS Alumni. I also want to make the newsletters extra special, with more information and achievements of all the WILS Alumni, so feel free to send me info on yourself and your amazing accomplishments.



P.R. Director Stefanie Weber



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True leaders are defined by how they help others to reach their goals, not on how many goals they have accomplished themselves.

-Jared Markiewicz



Where there's a WILS,
there's a way!

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