

UW-Stevens Point: Statement from Chancellor Bernie Patterson on Gov. Evers' proposed budget

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UW-Stevens Point applauds Governor Evers' commitment to funding higher education and the UW System in his budget announcement. He understands an investment in higher education is vital to growing Wisconsin's talent pipeline, improving lives and providing opportunities for Wisconsinites to earn higher wages.

By fully funding a tuition freeze in his budget, Governor Evers is committed to preserving the quality of education, which is critical to students' success and their future endeavors.

Here at UW-Stevens Point, we have been working closely with our faculty and staff and have numerous innovative, collaborative efforts underway for our campuses in Stevens Point, Wausau and Marshfield. Among those are plans to pilot three-year degrees at a branch campus and expand programs in paper science and chemical engineering and computer science and information systems. We look forward to sharing more details soon about our vision for the 21st century.

All of the campuses within the UW System help build vibrant communities throughout Wisconsin and provide a tremendous 23-to-1 return on investment. Governor Evers' UW budget announcement recognizes the strength of this investment.

This is great news for all of Wisconsin. We look forward to working with the governor and legislators to advance our shared priorities.