

# UW-Green Bay: Alumni rise to the distinction of distinguished and outstanding at annual alumni awards dinner

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*The University's 2026 best of the best to be recognized along with Richard and Sharon Resch who will receive the Honorary Alumni Award*

Green Bay, Wis.— The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay will recognize several outstanding alumni and two honorary alumni at the 2026 Alumni Awards dinner on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, in the Phoenix Rooms in the University Union. The public is invited to join in recognizing UW-Green Bay's outstanding alumni.

## Event Details:

5 p.m. Reception

6 p.m. Dinner

6:40 p.m. Program

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased through [UW-Green Bay Alumni Awards](#). For more information, contact the UW-Green Bay Alumni Office at 920-465-2074 or [alumni@uwgb.edu](mailto:alumni@uwgb.edu).

The Alumni Awards highlight UW-Green Bay graduates and other individuals who have made special contributions to UW-Green Bay, their communities and professions. The 2026 Distinguished honorees are Tom Anderson '78 and Laura

Stillman '77. Receiving the Outstanding Recent Alumni Award for 2026 will be Jordan Lorenz '12. The 2026 EMBI Earth Caretaker Award recipient will be Laura Bauer Lotto. Richard and Sharon Resch, active community leaders who have tirelessly supported UW-Green Bay will receive an Honorary Alumni Award.

## **Receiving 2026 Distinguished Alumni Awards**

Tom Anderson '78 grew up in Green Bay and graduated from Green Bay Southwest High School. He received an accounting degree from UW-Green Bay and an MBA from UW-Oshkosh. Anderson played basketball at UW-Green Bay, where he received All-American honors, was inducted into the UWGB Hall of Fame and recently had his number retired. He has been married to his wife, Laurie, for forty-six years and they have two children and five grandchildren. His educational background allowed him to attain executive leadership and ownership roles at Hamilton Industries, Schneider, IOgistics/GENCO, Master Fleet and Master Fleet National. He was recognized as a Logistics Pro You Should Know and achieved the Green Bay Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Business award. He was involved with coaching youth basketball at Green Bay West and Ashwaubenon. Anderson was on the Phoenix Fund Board of Directors for fifteen years, and he and his wife have made a five-year financial commitment to the UWGB Foundation - Ignite the Future Athletics.

Recently, Anderson wrote a book titled, "Somebody Should Tell the Story," featuring Dennis Rasmussen, who has an intellectual disability. Over 1,400 books have been sold, focusing on young adult readers: anyone can learn and gain from Dennis' story. Books have been sold throughout the United States and as far away as New Zealand. Dennis' story and message is about advocacy, compassion, connection, empowering through community actions, overcoming stereotypes and barriers and seeking inclusion.

Laura Stillman '77 graduated from UW-Green Bay in 1977 with a bachelor of arts degree in Modernization Processes and Social Change and Development. She completed a master's degree in public health in 1979, at the University of Texas-Houston School of Public Health. Like UW-Green Bay, this new School of Public Health was founded on new models for interdisciplinary education. In Wisconsin, she held positions in health care planning and ultimately, healthcare design became the focus of her career at Flad Architects. Over a 38-year tenure there, Stillman held several positions including Principal and Partner, National Director of Healthcare, and Executive Vice President of this national architectural practice.

Growing from a three-office practice in 1993, today Flad has offices in 12 locations in the United States, including Madison, Wisconsin.

Stillman has authored several publications during her career and led numerous healthcare planning seminars across the country. She served as Principal-in-Charge for new large healthcare campuses at numerous Academic Health Science Centers in the U.S including the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the University of Florida, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, Penn State Health and Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital.

## **2026 Outstanding Recent Alumni Award**

Jordan Lorenz '12 For over 12 years, Lorenz has defined his career by a dedication to continuous improvement, a fierce competitive spirit and a commitment to core values instilled by his family and especially his parents. Sparked by a drive to win, which developed through an early in life love of sports, Lorenz channeled that determination into the business world. He previously served as the Director of Special Markets at Dental City, where he was tasked with leading the company into entirely new territory—building a program from scratch and scaling it into a key pillar of the business today.

Today, Lorenz serves as the Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Dental City, a role he has held for the past two years. In this capacity, he applies the lessons learned from three influential owners, John Mathys, Dave Withbroe, and the late Roy Stumpf, who have mentored him in many ways, driving him and the organization's strategic vision forward. Beyond his corporate leadership, Lorenz is an active voice in the industry, serving on the Board of Directors for the Dental Trade Alliance. He is also deeply committed to his community, previously serving on the UW-Green Bay Alumni Advisory Board and his Church Council. When not in the boardroom, Jordan can be found on the sidelines coaching his kids' basketball teams and enjoying time with his wife Katie and their boys, Braxton, Beckett and Cohen.

## **2026 EMBI Earth Caretaker Award**

Lisa Bauer-Lotto '96 is the Corporate Director of Environment and Sustainability for Green Bay Packaging, where she leads companywide environmental regulatory compliance and plays a central role in strategic planning for major projects and enterprise sustainability goals over 40 sites in 16 states.

A recognized industry innovator, Bauer-Lotto initiated the first net-zero water international validation standard (UL® ECVP 1397), establishing a new global benchmark for third-party verified water stewardship. Working in partnership with UL®, she helped develop a groundbreaking framework to measure alternative water resources and validate net-zero freshwater use. Under her leadership, Green Bay Packaging achieved the world's first UL-validated net-zero water milestone through the Green Bay Mill's reclaimed municipal wastewater system—an achievement that replaces freshwater withdrawals from the local watershed with recycled municipal effluent.

With more than 25 years of experience in the paper industry, Bauer-Lotto is highly engaged in national and state-level environmental associations. She is a member of UW-Green Bay Sustainability Advisory Board, serves as Chair of the Air Quality Committee for the Wisconsin Paper Council and Chair of the American Forest & Paper Association (AF&PA) Industry Water Committee. She is also a member of the Board of Directors for the National Council for Air and Stream Improvement (NCASI). Previously, she served on the Brown County Solid Waste Board, the Green Bay Water Utility Commission, and was a board member and President of Trees for Tomorrow.

Bauer-Lotto holds a master's in Environmental Science from UW-Green Bay and a bachelor of science degree in Chemistry-Business from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. While in graduate studies at UW-Green Bay, her thesis examined the impacts and operations of household hazardous waste collection facilities, contributing to the establishment of Brown County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility.

She began her career as an aerosol chemist before entering the U.S. Navy, where she served for more than 29 years on active duty and in the reserves, ultimately attaining the rank of Captain. During her military career, she conducted industrial hygiene audits and led specialized operational projects at international locations. Her strategic planning expertise played a key role in achieving the first U.S. Navy humanitarian aid mission to El Salvador, which delivered medical care to a record 7,000 patients.

## **2026 Honorary Alumni Award**

## **Richard & Sharon Resch**

Richard Resch graduated from MIT with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and received his master of Business Administration from the Harvard University Graduate School of Business. Resch was the founder and retired CEO of international office furniture manufacturer KI (Krueger International) headquartered in Green Bay. Beginning his career at KI in 1964, he rose through the ranks, eventually becoming the CEO. He was named Wisconsin Manufacturer of the Year in 1995 and then Entrepreneur of the Year in 1996. In 2007, he was inducted into the Sales and Marketing Executives Hall of Fame, joining the CEOs of some of the nation's most recognizable companies. The contributions to the people of Green Bay are evident on the buildings that bear his name and the KI logo, including the KI Convention Center and the Resch Center arena, the Resch Olympic Pavilion and Resch Aquatic Center.

Sharon Resch has had a long history in the arts and community organizations. She won a Ford Foundation of The Arts Scholarship and enrolled at the Illinois Institute of Technology, where she studied for a math degree in the mornings, took dance classes in the afternoons, and danced in the Chicago Opera Ballet in the evenings. The first show she appeared in was Music Man, the first of many Broadway productions she was a part of. Resch was also a dancer on the Carol Burnett Show. She devoted time to Green Bay's Pamiro Opera, the Green Bay Symphony Orchestra and the Wisconsin Ballet Theatre board, was finance chair of the Meyer Theatre board of directors and was a member of the planning and development committee for the Weidner Center.

The Resch's have been long-time supporters of UW-Green Bay. In 2018, UW-Green Bay's Richard J. Resch School of Engineering was created, launching a four-year mechanical engineering degree program and an electrical engineering degree program was added in fall 2021. Additional impact includes the creation of the Sharon J. Resch Endowed Scholarship for Fine Arts; the American International Czech and Slovak Voice Competition at UW-Green Bay; the Sharon J. Resch Institute of Music on the UW-Green Bay campus; and the Richard J. Resch Audio Production Studio. They have also been major supporters of men's basketball excellence at UW-Green Bay. Collectively, their professional success and philanthropic leadership have helped shape UW-Green Bay's academic landscape, athletic competitiveness, and community presence.

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