

Graduating Class XVI

2015-2016



Don Anzia

City of Weyauwega,
Public Works

Brief Bio:

Don has been employed with the City of Weyauwega for over 7 years. He currently is the Community Operations Supervisor. Don graduated from Cedar Grove-Belgium High School and received his Associated Degree in Culinary Arts from FVTC. After a stint as a chef, Don returned to FVTC and graduated with his Associated Degree in Natural Resources Technician. Don enjoys most anything done outdoors, particularly hunting, fishing and kayaking, which make Waupaca County a great fit.

LWC Project:

Don worked on the *Accessing Mental Health* project.

“Leadership encourages creativity in solutions to problems” - Don Anzia



Shani Appleby

Weyauwega Nutrition Site
Manager (ADRC)

Brief Bio:

Shani currently serves as the Weyauwega Nutrition Site Manager for the Waupaca County ADRC. She was born and raised in Waupaca County and has lived in Weyauwega all of her life. Shani started out as a CNA and worked in that field for several years. She has been a cook for various restaurants but came back to the nursing field when she worked at the King Veteran’s Home for several years. Over the years she has been very active in her community serving as a first responder as well as a Girl Scout leader, an Alderperson and a Session Officer for her church. Shani recently became a Hospice volunteer. In her free time she loves going for walks, working in the garden, camping and floating, but mostly being with friends and family.

LWC Project:

Shani worked on the *Drug Issues Facing Waupaca County* project.

“Embrace challenges. Be caring and compassionate toward others.”

- Shani Appleby





Maria Barraza
Victory Church, Waupaca

Brief Bio:

Maria arrived in the United States after completing her degree in Accounting and Administration from the *College of Motolina* in the state of Durango, Mexico. She and her family moved to Menasha and opened a business, after 6 years they closed their business to spend quality time with their 4 children. Maria and her husband then relocated to Waupaca where she serves along side her husband at Victory church. In the summer they train members of the church to bring the gospel to the migrant camps. They also work with families, helping them with positive life skills. Maria believes everyone has a brilliant future ahead that must be conquered.

LWC Project:

Maria worked on the *Drug Issues Facing Waupaca County* project.

“Bring hope, and help to awaken the dreams and desires of others.”

- Maria Barraza



Jan Beckmann
Waupaca County,
Highway Department

Brief Bio:

Jan has been an account clerk for the Waupaca County Highway Department since 2008. She is in charge of handling all the accounts payable invoicing for the department as well as keeping track of all the road materials the department stocks and uses. When not at work Jan enjoys spending time with her husband, her boys and their wives and she dabbles in some cake decorating.

LWC Project:

Jan worked on the *Accessing Mental Health* project.

“Be caring, honest, and accessible. Motivate and inspire a shared vision.”
Challenge yourself to grow.” - Jan Beckmann



Dana Berger
FISC, a program of
Goodwill NCW

Brief Bio:

Dana is currently employed with FISC, a non-profit program of Goodwill NCW. She has been a consumer credit counselor, foreclosure prevention specialist and team leader, overseeing Waupaca FISC since 2010. In 2015 Dana was the recipient of the Wisconsin Governor's Financial Literacy Award for her innovative work in providing financial literacy workshops to Native American Tribes in Wisconsin. She has been in the financial services industry for over 20 years. Dana and her family currently reside in Oshkosh.

LWC Project:

Dana worked on the *Accessing Mental Health* project.

“Focus on honesty, commitment, communication, creativity, and inspiring others.” - Dana Berger



Kathleen Daley
City of Waupaca—
Waupaca Area Library

Brief Bio:

Kathleen graduated from UW-Madison with a Master's degree in Communicative Disorders. She has worked as a speech and language clinician for many years. Her love of books, however drew her to libraries. Kathleen has worked part time in several over the course of 30 years, and is currently with the Waupaca Area Public Library. She is involved in Waupaca County Master Gardeners and Winchester Academy, serving on the board of both organizations. Kathleen believes that it is important to contribute to the community in which you live and be an active member of an organization of which you are a member. Enjoyable past times include gardening, reading, traveling and knitting, as well as spending time with family and friends.

LWC Project:

Kathleen worked on the *House the People—Transitional Housing* project.

“Lead by example. Have confidence in yourself and be an active listener.”

- Kathleen Daley



Sandy Dykes
Weyauwega High School

Brief Bio:

Sandy has been an Agriscience Instructor and FFA Advisor for the past 28 years, the past 26 with the Weyauwega-Fremont School District. In 2000 she was named Wisconsin Agriscience teacher of the year and National Agriscience teacher of the year. Sandy currently serves as Vice President of the Wisconsin Association Agriculture Educators. Sandy has a love for agriculture and a passion for Ag literacy and teaching others about where their food comes from. Sandy and her husband reside in Almond, operating a 600 acre crop and beef farm. They have three daughters.

LWC Project:

Sandy worked on the *Drug Issues Facing Waupaca County* project.

“Leadership is influence and action. It is the most important skill we should be teaching young people.” - Sandra Dykes



Karen Engel
Disability Benefits Specialist
Valley Packaging

Brief Bio:

Karen started her adult life with a vision of becoming an interior designer and earned a 2 year Associate Degree. The types of work available didn't quite match her expectations. Family came along and she spent time volunteering for activities with her kids. Economic realities led her to working for the Post Office. After 9 years of delivering mail she started college as a non-traditional student and 4 years later completed a BS majoring in Human Services. Her vision is to make a difference in people's lives. One of her favorite quotes is "A person's a person, no matter how small" from Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who.

LWC Project:

Karen worked on the *Accessing Mental Health* project.

“Lead with kindness and empathy—the people you encounter may be fighting a battle you know nothing about” - Karen Engel



Joni Kearn
City of Waupaca—WIN TV

Brief Bio:

Joni is the Treasurer for the Humane Society of Waupaca County, she leads monthly seminars on financial and fiscal well being at the Waupaca Senior Center and is the host of “What’s Happening Waupaca” a local WIN TV program. These projects allow her to touch lives positively through education and sharing of knowledge and experience. Her extensive travel both here and abroad has given her perspective as unique as she it. Being able to combine her education and her experience to work with people and animals to enhance their quality of life is her passion. Joni and her husband enjoy their county life with their horses, cats and dogs.

LWC Project:

Joni worked on the *House the People—Transitional Housing* project.

“Lead with ethical behavior, honesty, communication, teamwork, and strength.” - Joni Kearn



Shannon Kelly
Deputy Director, Waupaca
County DHHS

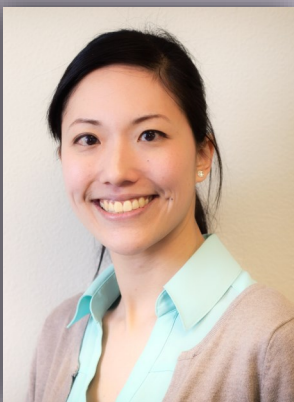
Brief Bio:

Shannon is the Deputy Director for Waupaca County Department of Health and Human Services. Previously she worked with children and youth with special health care needs in the medical setting working as a Certified Child Life Specialist for Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin. Shannon has a Master’s degree in Youth Development and a Bachelors degree in Family Community Services with an emphasis on early childhood.

LWC Project:

Shannon worked on the *House the People—Transitional Housing* project.

“Lead with compassion, civility, and respect. Seek to learn and understand.” - Shannon Kelly



Sandy Liang
UWEX Waupaca County
Family Living Educator

Brief Bio:

Sandy has been the Waupaca County UW-Extension Family Living educator since 2013. She enjoys juggling the many opportunities that come with her job—developing research-based curriculum for families, connecting with the community and coming up with creative ways to teach and lead. In her free time, she enjoys spending time outdoors, playing the violin and attending open/live music events.

LWC Project:

Sandy worked on the *Drug Issues Facing Waupaca County* project.

“Cultivate a climate that fosters collaboration and openness to inspire vision.” - Sandy Liang



Robin Madson
Executive Director
Foundation for Living

Brief Bio:

Robin Madson is the co-founder and Executive Director of Foundations For Living, a non-profit transitional living ministry serving Waupaca County. She is a 2007 graduate of Concordia University St. Paul with a BA in Family Life Education, along with a certification in leadership. In addition to her role at Foundations For Living, Robin sings on the worship team at her church and is a part of the missional community that serves displaced teens. She and her husband have two children and three grandchildren.

LWC Project:

Robin worked on the *Drug Issues Facing Waupaca County* project.

“Be a servant first. Be intentional about creating an atmosphere where everyone is treated with respect” - Robin Madson



Kelly Mathwig
Personal Banker
Premier Community Bank

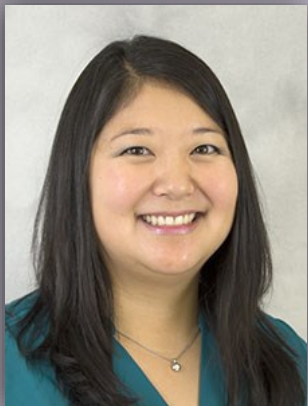
Brief Bio:

Kelly is a Personal Banker at Premier Community Bank where she is passionate about listening, serving and helping her clients succeed in reaching their financial goals. Over the years Kelly has been active in volunteering at her children’s school and at her church, organizing and executing many outreach/mission events. In her spare time she can be found with her husband cheering on their three teenagers at the various activities they are involved in.

LWC Project:

Kelly worked on the *Drug Issues Facing Waupaca County* project.

“Only ask others to do what you are willing to do yourself. Have a clear vision. Listen to others and celebrate successes.” - Kelly Mathwig



Kim Miller
Payment Partners
a program of Goodwill NCW

Brief Bio:

Kim has spent over 11 years working for non-profit financial agencies with a passion for financial education. She has been the Team Leader of Payment Partner (a representative payee agency and a program of Goodwill NCW) since 2013. Kim is a graduate of Bethel University with a degree in Finance/HR. When Kim and her family moved to Waupaca in 2013, she made it a goal to be more involved in her community. She is actively involved in her church and serves as Vice President on the Board of Directors for Sunny Day Childcare.

LWC Project:

Kim worked on the *House the People—Transitional Housing* project.

“Seek new opportunities with a fresh perspective. Lead by example. Commit 100%.” - Kim Miller



Nicole Rasmussen
CPS Initial Assessment
Social Worker—Waupaca
County DHHS

Brief Bio:

Nicole is a CPS Initial Assessment Social Worker with the Waupaca County Department of Health and Human Services. She graduated with a BA in Psychology with an emphasis in Human Services from UWSP in 2005. She is passionate about her work with families. Nicole resides in Waupaca with her husband, son and adored cat.

LWC Project:

Nicole worked on the *House the People—Transitional Housing* project.

“Draw out the strengths of others so you can put them together to create something wonderful.” - Nicole Rasmussen



Adam Rogge
Patrol Corporal
City of Weyauwega

Brief Bio:

Adam has been in the field of law enforcement for 11 years and currently serves the City of Weyauwega as the department Patrol Corporal. Adam graduated from Waupaca High School and attended FVTC where he received his Associate’s Degree in Criminal Justice. Adam is currently enrolled at UWGB where he is studying Integrative Leadership Studies. He lives in the city of Weyauwega with his wife and their five children.

LWC Project:

Adam worked on the *Drug Issues Facing Waupaca County* project.

“Be the leader that builds up and encourages others. Be the leader that people can trust.” - Adam Rogge



Lee Seater
Human Resource Manager
Creative Converting

Brief Bio:

Lee is the Human Resources Manager for Creative Converting in Clintonville. She has been a resident of Waupaca County for the past nine years. Originally from Racine, Lee obtained her BA in Psychology and Sociology as well as her Masters of Arts degree in Human Resources and Labor Relations from UW-Milwaukee. She currently lives in New London with her two children.

LWC Project:

Lee worked on the *Accessing Mental Health* project.

***“Have the courage, confidence, and vision to empower and inspire others.”
- Lee Seater***



Travis Truesdale
Production Supervisor
Faulks Brothers

Brief Bio:

Travis is the Production Supervisor in the sand, gravel, and aggregate division with Faulks Brothers Construction. He obtained his BS in Civil Engineering from UW-Madison. Travis enjoys snowboarding, hiking, wakeboarding and boating on the beautiful Chain O'Lakes. He and his wife reside in Pine River.

LWC Project:

Travis worked on the *Drug Issues Facing Waupaca County* project.

“Honesty and integrity should be at the forefront of any leadership journey. Be reliable and dedicated.” - Travis Truesdale



Stacy Zachow
Utility Accountant

Brief Bio:

Stacy is the Utility Accountant for Clintonville Utilities. Stacy obtained her BA from UW-Oshkosh in Accounting and Finance and a minor in Insurance. After college Stacy knew she wanted to be back home in Waupaca County. Stacy truly enjoys working with the City employees as well as the residents of the city. During her free time, she enjoys riding her horse, wake boarding and playing with her black lab.

LWC Project:

Stacy worked on the *House the People — Transitional Housing* project.

“Lead by example. Work hard, communicate honestly, and build effective relationships.” - Stacy Zachow

