

# Water Words from the Executive Director

Summer is here, and I hope you are enjoying time in and around water! What is most exciting for the Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin is seeing undergraduates and high school students on the water, engaging with each other and UW System faculty, and learning about the value of Wisconsin's remarkable water resources.

field, of new courses, research opportunities, field experiences and summer camps — all of which came to fruition because of the hard work of UW faculty and staff and the support of the Wisconsin State Legislature and Governor Tony Evers.

In this issue, we share stories, quite literally from the



Later this summer, we will announce additional projects made possible by the current biennial funding. We want to thank UW-Stevens Point for hosting a July Steering Committee

meeting, during which nearly 20 representatives from the 13 UW institutions and UW System discussed the Freshwater Collaborative's vision and long-term strategy. In August we will reconvene at UW-La Crosse for further strategic discussions about how the Collaborative can best use its resources to recruit and train students to meet the state's workforce needs. In addition, we expanded our website to include more student and research

outcome stories, information about funded projects and an experts' directory that will begin to serve as a resource for further collaborations. Check it out at freshwater.wisconsin.edu. Enjoy the summer and get out on the water!

Best, Marissa Jablonski



**Spotlight Stories** 



## UW institutions and disciplines to conduct research in rivers, watershed and creeks throughout western Wisconsin. Read more and watch the video produced by the

UW-Eau Claire communication team.

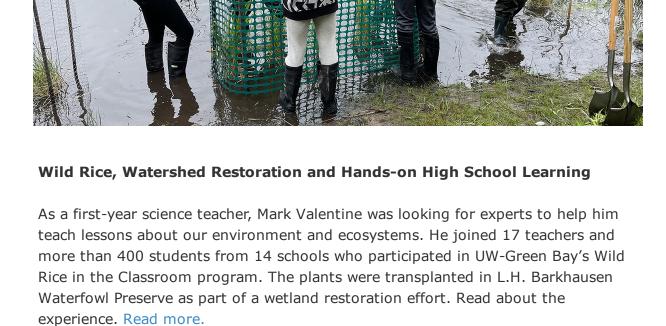
A new summer course brought together undergraduates and faculty from multiple



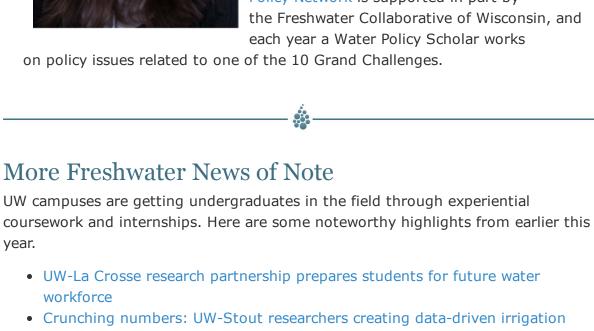
## about the importance of protecting our many water resources and the possibility of pursuing a career in a water-related field. Read more.

college life and what it's like to be a water scientist. Students in the weeklong

Freshwater Camp, taught by faculty from UW-Parkside and UW-Whitewater, learned



#### **Laura Suppes Named 2022-23 Water Policy Scholar** Congratulations to Laura M. Suppes, an



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On the Horizon

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event)

across the 13 universities. The UW Water Policy Network is supported in part by the Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin, and each year a Water Policy Scholar works on policy issues related to one of the 10 Grand Challenges. UW campuses are getting undergraduates in the field through experiential

associate professor at UW-Eau Claire, who was named the 2022-23 Water Policy Scholar at

accessible to the Water Policy Network, which includes faculty, researchers and students

the Center for Water Policy. She will be developing a risk assessment model for analyzing illness from PFAS that will be

- program • UW students dive into hands-on research in Bacalar, Mexico • UW-Madison kicks off REU program

• High-tech eye in the sky will take a detailed look at ground contaminants • UW-Madison grad monitoring Washington Island beaches through UW

- Check out our website for additional news from the Freshwater Collaborative of Wisconsin. To submit event and story ideas, please contact Heidi Jeter
  - Aug. 17: Freshwater Collaborative Steering Committee Meeting, UW-La Crosse Aug. 26: Deadline for UW students to apply for fall field research in Mexico • Sept. 7: Marissa Jablonski presents "Environmental Impact: From the

Individual to the World" at UW-Milwaukee Master Chat (virtual and in-person



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