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Greetings from UW-Eau Claire!

Here on Wisconsin's Most Beautiful Campus, we are thrilled to be celebrating our 100th year as a partner in the vibrant life of the Chippewa Valley.

From the very beginning, UW-Eau Claire has been an important contributor to the region. In fact, local business and civic leaders made sure Eau Claire became the location for a state normal school (teachers college), which opened its doors in 1916. Even back then, it was clear to area citizens that higher education was a key to the vitality of our community.



From those first 186 students in 1916 to today's enrollment of more than 10,400, we grew to be a nationally ranked public regional university with a widespread reputation for outstanding faculty and staff who are dedicated to providing students with transformative learning experiences.

And our partnerships with our community continue. They live on in our mission of preparing graduates who are ready to contribute to the success of our community. They also live on in our collaborations that result in new initiatives to meet our common goals. Thanks to these partnerships, our region soon will benefit from a new community arts center, and a new event and recreation complex is in the planning stages.

And did I mention the hundreds of educational, cultural, recreational and athletic events the university provides that help make the Chippewa Valley one of the most interesting areas of Wisconsin in which to live?

We'll kick off our Centennial Celebration at the May 2016 commencement of our 100th graduating class, and we'll continue our festivities through spring 2017. In between, we look forward to our more than 80,000 alumni and friends in the community joining us for events planned to highlight and celebrate all things Blugold!

Come help us celebrate 100 years of Excellence at UW-Eau Claire!

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