

Military Science & Leadership

The UWSP Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program continues to excel in its mission to train and develop our Army's future leaders. Our program continues its tradition of producing Lieutenants who are among the best in their cohort. We are also growing, attracting an ever increasing number of great Americans selflessly answering their nation's call to duty. While the program continues to evolve in order to meet the future demands of national defense, our biggest source of pride comes from the cadets and students who make up the program.

- **LIEUTENANT PRODUCTION** - In 2004-5, the Pointer Battalion will commission 12 new Second Lieutenants (2LT). This is the second year in a row and the second highest number since 1990. Second Lieutenants Cara Borchardt (Health Promotion), Dax Burroughs (Political Science), Abraham Goepfert (Public Administration & Policy Analysis), Tiffani (Stats) Hapke (Biology), and Allison Rogers (Biology) received the Chancellor's Leadership Award, the university's highest recognition of academic and leadership excellence. Of these 12 Lieutenants, 7 chose to stay with the Army National Guard while the other 5 went on to active duty.

- **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND ASSESSMENT COURSE (LDAC)** - In the summer of 2005, the UW-Stevens Point ROTC program is sending 9 juniors ("MSIII cadets") to the Leadership Development and Assessment Course at Ft Lewis, Washington. Over 5,000 cadets from 271 Army ROTC programs nationwide attend LDAC to receive their "final exams" on basic military soldier and leadership tasks. UWSP cadets typically excel in all evaluated tasks, and we expect this summer to be no different. As a group for the past three summers, the Pointer Cadets have performed better than any of 9th Brigade's 21 Army ROTC programs, all located in the upper-Midwest. The areas the Cadets are evaluated in are:
 - Leadership
 - Physical Fitness
 - Land Navigation
 - Basic Rifle Marksmanship
 - Peer Evaluations

- **SCHOLARSHIPS / ASSISTANCE** - Through both state and federal tuition assistance and scholarship programs, we were able to provide over \$170,000 to the university and our cadets to cover tuition costs. Additionally, ARMY ROTC Pay Allowance, Book allowances and Federal Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) benefits provided our cadets over \$230,000 in income for their hard work and dedication in the pursuit of academic and leadership excellence!

- **CADET TROOP LEADER TRAINING** - We have two Cadets taking part in the Cadet Troop Leadership Training (CTLT) program after they complete the National Advanced Leadership Camp. MSIII cadets Jaime Wehman (Biology), and Jessica Heubach (Psychology) will each have the opportunity to "shadow" a platoon leader in operational Transportation and Finance, respectively, for approximately one month. The unit locations, in order, are the Republic of Korea and Fort Hood, TX.

- **CADET PRACTICAL FIELD TRAINING** - This summer is replete with opportunities for our cadets to attend U.S. Army Special Skills schools. MSIII Cadets Will Barnett (Resource Management), Casey Cotter (Resource Management), Jacob Goepfert (Public Administration & Policy Analysis), and Eric Shimon (Forestry) have volunteered to attend the U. S. Army's Basic Airborne course at Fort Benning, Georgia. This 3-week course is designed to instill discipline and self-confidence in soldiers while qualifying them for duty as Army paratroopers. This year we have the unique opportunity to send a freshman ("MS I") Cadet, Kyle Bender (Business Administration), to the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY to train alongside the USMA Cadets during a grueling summer orientation and training program known as Cadet Field Training. We are sending two other underclass Cadets, sophomore ("MS II") Tide Gile (Athletic Training) and MS I James Gruenewald (Biology) to Fort Bragg, NC where they will assist in the training of U.S. Army Special Forces soldiers as they try to successfully complete their capstone exercise known throughout the Army as "Robin Sage." Congratulations and continue to lead the way!

- **COMMUNITY SERVICE** - The Pointer Battalion continued to volunteer its services to the University and the Community this year by participating in many activities including:
 - Adopt a Highway Program

- Earth Day Tree Planting
 - American Cancer Society Relay for Life
 - Color Guard for Laird Leadership Day
 - Portage County Veteran's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day Celebration Support
 - Color Guards for AIRO Pow-Wow, UWSP Commencement Ceremonies, UWSP "Honor America" Night and UWSP home football games
- **CHANGE IN CADRE (FACULTY)** - The UWSP Army ROTC Battalion changed out the Professor of Military Science this past year with Major Ed Ripp departing for the 4th Infantry Division in Fort Hood, TX. In his place, we have Lieutenant Colonel Scott Bolstad, migrating west from Ripon Army ROTC. We also welcome Lieutenant Colonel Jo Anne Parks from a successful Battalion Command with 12th Battalion, 84th Division Army Reserves, and Major Gary Thompson from Joint Forces Headquarters in Madison, WI, Wisconsin Army National Guard. Good luck to Major Ripp, and a hearty welcome to our new Cadre! Go Pointers! We Lead the Way!