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### **UW-Stevens Point and UW-Parkside Professors Receive Awards for Civic Engagement**

Every year, Wisconsin Campus Compact (WiCC) recognizes faculty and staff from Wisconsin colleges and universities who go above and beyond to bring the community into their classroom and to make their campuses more engaged in the community. This year, two faculty will be recognized with the Sister Joel Read Civic Engagement Practitioners Award: UW-Stevens Point Professor Dorothy DeBoer and UW-Parkside Professor Jonathan Shailor. WiCC will present the awards at the Annual Civic Engagement Institute Awards Banquet at Northeast Wisconsin Technical College in Green Bay on April 6 at 6:00 PM.

#### **Awardee Information**

Professor DeBoer is a committed service-learning leader who has consistently championed service learning and civic engagement at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and in Central Wisconsin. She has been a campus leader in service learning education at UWSP, facilitating more than 7,000 hours of community service by students in her classes since she joined the faculty in 1999. In all of her classes, Professor DeBoer encourages student service and activism, connecting these values to her course material. She has facilitated hundreds of service learning projects with students at UWSP—always encouraging volunteerism and community engagement in and out of the classroom.

“As a professor who teaches criminology, juvenile delinquency and mental health, the integration of service-learning connects classroom concepts and theories to the real world work being done in community agencies, which prepares students to move beyond the classroom,” said [Wisconsin Campus Compact](#) Executive Director Dr. Gavin Luter. “The formal service learning Professor DeBoer has facilitated through her classes has connected students with numerous community partners. For many students, this is the initiation of lifelong civic engagement and service to the community. Professor De Boer continues to be excited and creative about assisting students to connect their interests and passions into meaningful action.”

Dr. Jonathan Shailor has spent most of his professional life engaging in community based learning and research. He has conducted research on the effectiveness of Shakespeare, prison theatre and the arts and humanities’ as approaches to education in corrections, which he has presented multiple times to colleagues on campus. In addition to his own research and teaching, Dr. Shailor has been a model colleague and supporter of the community based learning program at UW-Parkside. His experience and comradery with his fellow faculty members, students and community members has been exceptional.

“His classroom is the community and the community is his classroom,” commented Luter. “He has created experiences for his students out in the community that have not only helped them grow as scholars and professionals, but also as community members.”

### **About Campus Compact**

Campus Compact is a national coalition of nearly 1,100 colleges and universities committed to the public purposes of higher education. In 2002, Wisconsin joined National Campus Compact’s movement toward an institutionalized commitment of civic engagement and service-learning. Learn more about the Wisconsin Campus Compact at <http://www.wicampuscompact.org/>.

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