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Dear Friends and Community Members,

I am writing to share updates from the Friends of the Campus and our campus partners. We proudly serve as the scholarship foundation for the Baraboo Sauk County Campus, as we have for over 50 years.

As many of you have heard by now, UW Platteville has announced that they will not offer classes on the Baraboo Sauk County campus after May 2026. This was sad news, but not unexpected after their recruitment efforts and our campus enrollment dwindled over several years. Faculty and staff are diligently finishing this fall semester and preparing for spring semester to serve the 126 students currently enrolled. We are standing strong beside them, providing scholarships and enhancing student activities throughout the year. Dr. Matt Fencl, Campus Manager, shares updates on page two of this letter.

Please know that the Friends of the Campus is completely independent from the University of Wisconsin system. Money donated to the Friends will stay here, ready to support students in the future.

The future of the campus property will be guided by the upcoming planning process - see more on page two of this letter. We will keep you updated on our website and Facebook page throughout the process.

We will pause our annual Grape and Gourmet Gala for this year, but we will support the annual Codger Brat Softball Game on April 29<sup>th</sup> and host a campus celebration in the spring. Our goal is to gather alumni, retired and former faculty and staff and our campus community to recognize the tremendous value our beloved Boo U provided to our area for almost 60 years.

Thank you for supporting the Friends of the Campus and our mission to support education on the Baraboo Sauk County Campus.

In partnership,



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# BARABOO SAUK COUNTY CAMPUS UPDATES



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## UW Platteville - Baraboo Sauk County

By Campus Director Dr. Matthew Fencel

As with many of you receiving this letter, the recent news of Universities of Wisconsin academic operations soon coming to an end on our beloved “Boo-U” campus struck me with a variety of emotions, the most obvious being sadness. I am disappointed by this news but am also grateful to UW-Platteville’s commitment to supporting students through this year. Though I am approaching acceptance of this news, I will continue to care deeply for our campus community and for the loss of a cherished institution that has dramatically impacted the lives of thousands of people over the past 56 years.

The end of Universities of Wisconsin higher education at Boo-U is near, but it is not yet here. We will continue to educate and inspire through Spring 2026, and I cannot express greater appreciation to our wonderful faculty and staff for accepting this news not only with grace, but with a virtuous commitment to the campus and our students through the next 6 months. Their steadfast loyalty to serving our students and the community during this difficult time is unmatched. So please, continue to visit us and support us at Boo-U. Though our remaining time here may be short, we still have a lot to give.

## Future Planning

Sauk County, on behalf of the Baraboo Sauk County Campus property owners—including the City of Baraboo and Sauk County— have contracted a consulting firm to create a redevelopment plan. The planning process will seek public comments through a survey and listening sessions. Their goal is to have the plan completed by June 2026. Please check our website for the most current information on how to share your opinion about the future of Boo-U.

### Overview:

(adapted from Sauk County’s Campus Redevelopment RFP)

- **Current Use:** The site functions as a branch for the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.
- **Future Plans:** Tentative plans include adding Edgewood University courses on-site, potentially starting August 2026, focusing on nursing (BSN) education.
- **Ultimate Goal:** Before expanding higher education offerings, the City and County wish to explore the highest and best use of the property. This includes considering various options that may range from a center for higher education excellence or mixed-use facility combining multiple functions, to a complete redevelopment.



Find the latest information on how to share your opinion about the future of Boo U on the Friends of the Campus website.

Scan the QR Code or visit [www.friendsofthecampus.org](http://www.friendsofthecampus.org)