February 2018

La Crosse Promise

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In Their Own Words

Celebrating 10th La Crosse Promise Family

Testimonials from students



"My Future Center Advisor made sure I didn't procrastinate on applying for college because sometimes I would forget to do that with other school work and outside activities going on. With his help, I was able to officially start my first

college application and essay. Also, he helped prepare a mock interview for me for a scholarship. This helped me to prepare for future interviews whether it be for scholarships, jobs, or any interview I may encounter throughout my education."

> Yeng Logan High School Class of 2017 University of Wisconsin-Madison

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Intern Wanted! We are currently looking for an intern for

Welcome to the Neighborhood!





The Wacek Family (below), new to La Crosse, moved into their new Promise home in December. On February 5th, dozens of guests, the press, and city, county and school officials attended a press conference at the home at 1206 7th Street to welcome the family to the neighborhood.

The Wacek kids, Baxter, 3 and Ben, 10, (above) will each receive \$25,000 in college

scholarships.

At the press event, La Crosse Promise Executive Director Brian

summer and fall 2018. The roles can be combined. Megan Britt (pictured here) was our amazing intern for the entire 2015-16 school year. <u>View job</u> post

Events

Hands on Health Day





Seventeen students from Logan, Central and Aquinas learned about careers in the healthcare field and enjoyed a hands-on experience at the Gundersen Integrated Center for Education (ICE House) on February 21 for Hands on Health Day. This event was hosted by Scenic Rivers Health AHEC and is designed to connect interested students to career possibilities in the healthcare field. Watch Video

Pizza and Professionals

February 22nd Students, parents and professionals met at the La Crosse Public Library-Main branch and enjoyed free pizza!

Career Connections

Liesinger, School Superintendent Randy Nelson, County Administrator Steve O'Malley and City Planner Caroline Gregerson commented on the impact the Promise program is making in the neighborhood and the importance of collaboration. Dawn and Jerry Wacek told the crowd that they were grateful for the Promise and were very pleased with the process.

There are currently seven Promise eligible homes under construction, one around the corner from the Waceks and one two doors down (shown here.)



By the end of 2018, there will be at least five Promise homes on that block alone.

Community members and especially the neighbors are starting to take notice of the positive impact.

'We were looking to build a home in completely different areas originally, but I can say with absolute certainty that the only reason we moved to this neighborhood was because of the Promise Program," said Galen Papaconstantinou, who purchased the Promise home next door to the Waceks last year.

"When we moved in, we thought it would take perhaps a decade to start to see improvement in the neighborhood," he continued. "In a single year, we have seen as much improvement as we had hoped we would in our original projection.

"You folks are doing fine work!"



Guest Speaker for February/March:

Kathy Nelson, Respiratory Therapist and Western Technical College Professor

Kathy met with students at Central on February 26. Students learned about the unique field of respiratory therapy and were able to discuss education paths and job opportunities with the professor and two of her WTC students. They will present at Logan on Monday, March 5.

Campus Visits



Monday, March 12th (non school day) 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. UW-Stevens Point Campus Visit – Sign

up for this all-day event to tour the university! Lunch is provided.

Tuesday, April 3 (non school day) Viterbo Campus visit: Sign up to visit this beautiful campus in your own backyard!

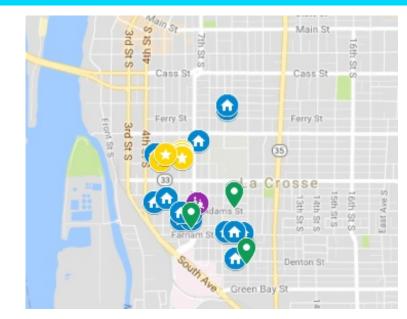
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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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* Assist with opportunities in careers that are sustainable and rewarding.

* Connect you with info and resources to identify your ideal post-high school options.

* Explain financial aid and help you with the application process.

* Help you locate scholarships.

* Provide you with guidance with college selection, career exploration, apprenticeships, and more!



Job Fair Tuesday, April 24 at Central High School Spring Job Fair in the Commons 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m Area employers will be on hand to answer your questions. Look sharp and be professional when you come to the job fair!

Tuesday, May 1 at Logan High School Spring Job Fair in the gym 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m

If you are an employer and would like to participate, call Kristen Lueth at 608.789.2049.

Neighborhood Program -- Come See Us!

Washburn Garden Expo at Lincoln Middle School: March 3

Veteran's Benefit Expo-La Crosse Center, March 8

If you have a spot for us in your event or meeting, let us know! We enjoy engaging with the community directly. Contact Kristen Lueth at klueth@lacrossepromise.org or 608.789.2049.

ABOUT US

La Crosse Promise is a non-profit dedicated education initiatives and neighborhood revitalization. We provide career and college prep advising to all of the students in the School District of La Crosse. In addition, our neighborhood program provides qualifying homeowners up to \$50,000 in education scholarships.

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