



YOUR DREAM. OUR PROMISE.

## In Their Own Words

### Testimonials from students



"Every day we touched on topics like how to get into college and what they are looking for in a student to help you get in. We talked about the

FAFSA, and scholarships. He even helped my mom too with some of the things on the FAFSA. I think my acceptance to Viterbo had a lot to do with the help I received at the Future Center."

*Cody  
Logan High School  
Class of 2017  
Viterbo University*

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## Future Center News

### Career Connections

*February 5th News Conference Planned*

## Tenth La Crosse Promise Family Moves In

### Welcome Home!



La Crosse Promise is anticipating the new year with great excitement as we welcome our tenth family to their new home and plan for at least six more new homes and one renovation project in our select neighborhoods.

La Crosse newcomers Dawn and Jerry Wacek and their two young sons moved here from Rice Lake, Wisconsin. They initially inquired about our program in July 2016 and began the process to acquire a lot and build their dream home, and securing \$50,000 in college funds for their sons' education.

Exactly one year later, this past July, the demolition crew cleared the lot for their new home and the path from dream to reality began! They moved into their new home in December 2017.

Their oldest son is a 5th grader at Hamilton and their youngest will be in K4 this fall. *(Continued below)*

**PRESS CONFERENCE**  
**FEBRUARY 5 at 11a.m.**  
**1206 7th Street, La Crosse**

We are hosting a news conference on February 5 at the Wacek home, 1206 7th Street, to welcome the family and feature the collaborative efforts of all involved. Scheduled attendees include Mayor Tim Kabat, County Administrator Steve O'Malley and Superintendent Randy Nelson. Executive Director Brian A. Liesinger will lead our event. For more information, contact us at 608.789.2049.



In January, John Lettner, a nurse at Winona Health and former paramedic and EMT spoke to several students interested in the healthcare field. [Watch](#)

**News**

**Hey Seniors!**

How is that college application coming? Do you have your essays done? Have you applied to all the scholarships out there? Is your FAFSA complete and submitted?

We're here to help you! Stop in the Future Center (Central room 243) any time to see Ms. Moe or at Logan, Mr. Gordy (room 125).

This is your future! Let's get started.

**EVENTS**

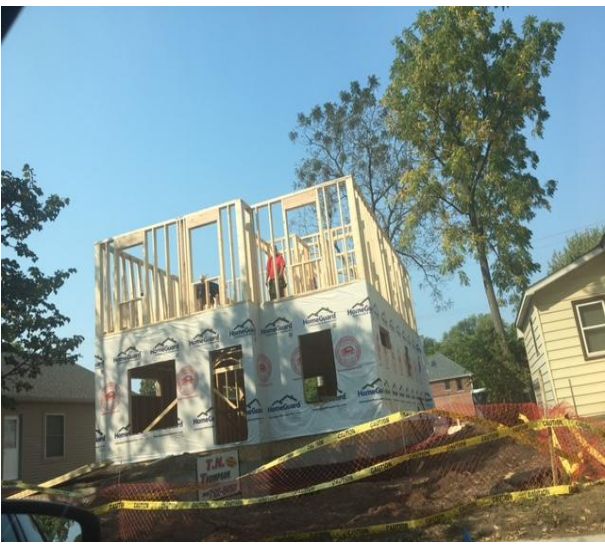
Wednesday February 21st- 7a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Hands on Health at Gundersen Health System – Get first hand medical care experience!

Thursday February 22nd- 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Pizza and Professionals event at the La Crosse Public Library-Main branch: Meet with career professionals and enjoy free pizza!

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)

The Waceks are one of the first Promise homebuyers to utilize incentives from the city and the county – they purchased the lot from the city and applied for the acquisition and demolition grant from the county. With that funding, they took on the daunting project of removing the existing structure on the property that had been deemed beyond repair. They hired Tom Thompson with TN Enterprises to build the home. This is Thompson's third Promise home in the neighborhood.



"We were so excited to build our new home in the Powell-Poage-Hamilton Neighborhood and to be a part of the Promise Program," said Dawn Wacek. "We love the neighborhood, the nearby park, and the school."

The Wacek home is also next to another La Crosse Promise home. By the end of 2018 there will be a total of five finished Promise homes on 6th and 7th Streets, between Hood and Adams.

Dawn and Jerry's brightly-colored home home is a two-story Craftsman, with 3 bedrooms including a master suite all on the second level. On the main floor: kitchen, mud room, living room, family room and dining area. There are 2.5 bathrooms and the laundry room is on the second floor. The Waceks did much of the finish work themselves and hope to continue their DIY work with landscaping this spring.

The estimated value of the home is about \$215,000.

**IMPACT: A CITY BLOCK**



**With the completion of the brand new home at 1216 7th Street this spring, there will be three Promise homes in a row on 7th Street between Hood and Adams (pictured above in 2015). With the completion of another Promise home at 1203 6th Street just a few doors down from the first Promise home at 1217 6th, there will be a total of five Promise homes on one block!**

Now, that's what we impact!

Viterbo Campus visit: Sign up to visit this beautiful campus in your own backyard! This will be a half-day visit.

Tuesday, April 24

Central

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

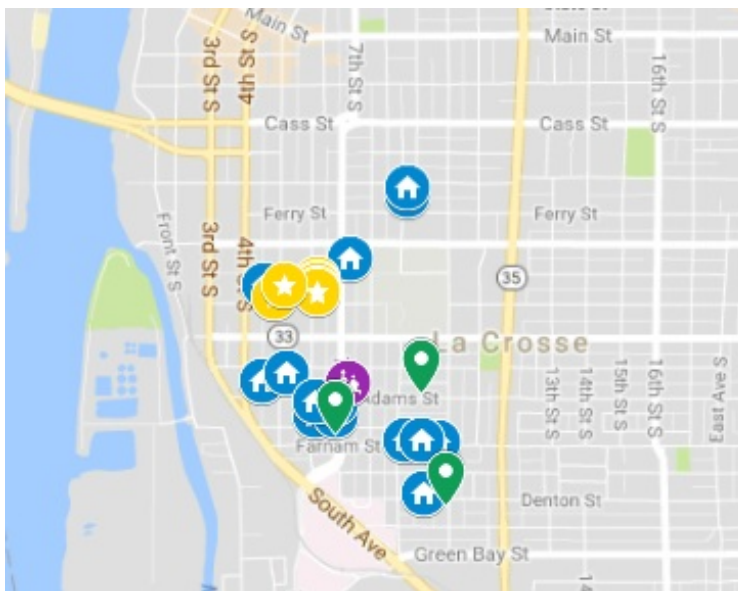
Logan

Spring Job Fair in the gym

1:30 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!

## Where we are and where we're going...



Check out our new interactive [map at lacrossepromise.org](http://map.lacrossepromise.org). You can view our current properties and potential properties.

Stop by the Future Center for more information or call 608-789-2049

## City Hosts Open House at Promise Home for Gundersen and Mayo Employees

### Future Centers

**What's your dream? We are here to help you achieve it!**



*Our Future Centers:*

\* 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



On January 24, the City of La Crosse hosted an open house for Gundersen and Mayo employees at 943 Farnam, a La Crosse Promise spec home which is nearly complete and is for sale.

Builder Josh Wiedenbeck is also building two more homes on Farnam for a total of three Promise-eligible properties. Scholarships have been reserved for these homes.

Both Mayo and Gundersen also offer incentives to buy homes in the Powell-Poage-Powell and Washburn neighborhoods. For more information about these incentives, visit [lacrossepromise.org](http://lacrossepromise.org).

### Upcoming Events

exploration, apprenticeships, and more!

## Students and Parents:

**CREATE YOUR FSA ID AND GET YOUR FAFSA COMPLETED!**



Federal Student Aid, a part of the U.S. Department of Education, is the largest provider of student financial aid in the nation. They help make college education possible by providing more than \$120 billion in federal grants, loans, and work-study funds each year to more than 13 million students paying for college or career school.

To apply for your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you must first create a FSA ID.

Visit [www.lacrossepromise.org/future-centers](http://www.lacrossepromise.org/future-centers) for more information.



**Come see us!**

**Family Fun Fest at the La Crosse Center:  
February 25**

**Washburn Garden Expo at Lincoln Middle  
School: March 3**

*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](mailto:klueth@lacrossepromise.org) or 608.789.2049.*

***Happy New Year to all our friends and supporters!***



Make a gift online [here](#) or send to:

La Crosse Promise  
P.O. Box 2894  
La Crosse, WI 54602

## 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.

**608.789.2049 or 608.792.1137**



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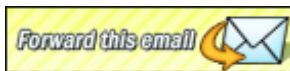
**Hayley Moe,  
Central High School:  
Please give at [lacrossepromise.org](http://lacrossepromise.org)  
608.789.2034**



**Give now**

**THANK YOU!**

**Forward to a Friend**



*The mission of La Crosse Promise is to be a catalyst for community revitalization through education.*