

Our 2011 Nancy A Felhofer Professional Achievement Award winner:

JEANNE STANGEL - Jeanne says her greatest personal accomplishment is balancing family, a professional career and still finding time for fun!

Jeanne is the Associate Athletic Director for UW-Green Bay. She says working in the field of college athletics, especially athletic administration, a male-dominated industry, has made for a very rewarding and challenging career. She absolutely loves her job and has a passion for presenting opportunities to students who want to attend college. In her job as director of the Phoenix Fund, her main responsibility is to raise money for UWGB student-athlete scholarships. She was recently recognized by UWGB for 10 years of service where she led annual efforts to raise more than ½ a million dollars in **private** funds for scholarships.

Jeanne says that her “greatest feeling of accomplishment...comes from working with and mentoring young girls and students to get them involved and teach them the importance of citizenship, volunteering, and philanthropy. To watch them develop a sense of purpose, self-worth, achievement, and ability to make a difference, is unbelievable!”

Jeanne is a UWGB graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing and Management. She is a Phoenix Hall of Fame charter inductee and had her #23 women’s basketball jersey retired and publically displayed on Feb 5, 2011. She’s received Horizon League Conference Participation Service Awards for Sportsmanship Committee and Women’s Basketball Administrative Liaison.

In her spare time, she serves on the boards of the Women’s Fund and the Green Bay Preble Optimist Club. Jeanne was co-chair of the Women’s Fund Power of the Purse Fundraiser in 2009 and 2010, and helped establish the Preble High School Girls Basketball Booster Club in 2009. She’s a volunteer basketball coach for the Preble Futures, is active in her church, and has served as fundraiser for Breast Cancer Awareness with Bellin, Susan G Koman, and Breast Cancer Family Foundations; she helped organize the Preble High School “Pink Zone Game” event to raise awareness for breast cancer and increased donations from \$880 in 2009 to over \$4,400 in 2010.

Jeanne says that three wonderful women have had the most influence on her career: Her mom, who has always told her “you can do it” and is still there to support and encourage her; her college basketball coach, Carol Hammerle, who told her “I challenge you to do it” and motivated her to achieve her greatest potential academically, athletically, and taught her the true characteristics of leadership; and lastly, Sue Porath, her friend, fellow MW member, professional associate, and colleague, who continues to mentor, guide and encourage her to “just go for it!”

Jeanne’s advice to a woman launching her career today is to live by 3 statements from the Optimist Creed: “Promise yourself to look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true...Promise yourself to be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own...Promise yourself to be so concerned about the improvement of yourself, that you have no time to criticize others.” She advises “to get involved in wonderful support organizations like MW because interacting with fellow women in leadership positions keeps you in touch and provides endless opportunities to learn, share, laugh, and vent when needed!” And lastly to “never give up on where your heart and mind take you...follow your passion, stay on course, and give it your best shot.”

Congratulations, Jeanne! We are so proud of your accomplishments and your association with MW.