



### **Dr. Coffey receives Underkofler Excellence in Teaching Award**

Dr. Patricia Coffey, teaching faculty member in the Department of Psychology and respected forensic psychologist, was recently honored by the Universities of Wisconsin and the Alliant Energy Foundation for her **exemplary contributions to teaching and student success**. She received the prestigious Alliant Energy James R. Underkofler Excellence in Teaching Award which celebrates faculty who demonstrate an outstanding commitment to undergraduate student success and the ability to inspire in students an enthusiasm for learning. We are thrilled to congratulate her!



## Alumni advice shapes career trajectories at the Psychology Pathways Dinner

Twenty-eight psychology alumni returned to campus this fall for the Psychology Pathways Dinner, an event designed to connect current students with graduates who have built meaningful careers in fields like clinical practice, business, law, and more. For many students, the evening was transformative. One student shared, "I think it changed my entire career pathway. I realized that the career I have been imagining might not work best for me, and I got lots of information about some different options. It was very eye-opening." [Learn more and find ways to get involved here.](#)





## Excellence in Data Science Scholarship puts Psychology "front and center"

Psychology alumnus John Dolan '92 is challenging the misconception that psychology is merely a "soft science" by showcasing its integral role in data science. Through the Excellence in Data Science Scholarship, he supports initiatives that highlight how psychology contributes to solving complex, data-driven challenges in today's world. Read how his gift to the Department of Psychology is **helping equip master's students in the Data Science in Human Behavior program to thrive** in today's data driven business world.



### Share your favorite memory with Dr. Jeff Henriques

When he retires from his 26-year career in the Department of Psychology this summer, Dr. Jeff Henriques will have **taught more than 23,000 students**. If you were fortunate to be in one of his classes and have a memory to contribute or congratulations you'd like to pass on, **please share**. We look forward to reflecting on his career in the print edition of Psychology Matters this spring!

**Research Spotlight:** Shifts in Residential Mobility Predict Shifts in Culture

Increased rates of residential mobility predict living in a more dynamic society at least 10 years in the future: one in which residents are more satisfied with their lives, have greater optimism, and hold their community to a higher standard for treatment of minorities. [Read more from Assistant Professor Nick Buttrick's recent work here.](#)

**Research Spotlight:** The Surprising Benefits of Talking Out Loud to Yourself

"Language is good at sequencing things," says Professor Gary Lupyan, whose research on self-talk was featured in TIME Magazine. "It helps people stay on task and know when to switch." [Read the full article here.](#)



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