Local Briefs: UW-EC ranks highly, U.S. News says

U.S. News & World Report magazine has again named UW-Eau Claire among the best public regional universities in the Midwest.

The 2013 edition of "America's Best Colleges" ranks UW-Eau Claire No. 5 among the top regional public universities in the Midwest and 31st among all private and public institutions in the Midwest.

UW-Stout ranked 16th among the public regional universities in the Midwest.

UW-La Crosse was fourth, UW-Stevens Point was 10th and UW-Whitewater was 11th.

The category's Midwest region includes schools in 12 states stretching from the Dakotas in the west to Missouri in the south and Ohio in the east. Public and private universities included in this category provide undergraduate- and master's-level programs, and typically draw students from surrounding states.