

I am an alumnus of Stevens Point Area Senior High, who will be attending the University of Wisconsin Platteville this fall. There, I will be pursuing a degree in electrical engineering. Amateur radio has had a direct impact in my choice of major. My hobbies outside of amateur radio include cross country skiing, fishing, and road bicycling. During my tenure as a student at Stevens Point, I was on the football, and wrestling teams. On the radio, my favorite thing to do is chase rare DX entities, with grid chasing on the VHF bands coming in a close second. Designing and building antennas has always fascinated me, with most of my antennas being homebrew. Recently CW has been my favorite mode, as I have taught myself Morse code over the past few years. Digital modes such as FT8 and RTTY have also proved to be interesting. I am active on all bands from 160 meters to the 33 CM band, including an EME array on 2 meters, and 70 CM. EME has opened a new window of opportunity to contact stations all over the world on VHF and UHF bands. As of current, I have 10 confirmed DX 6 on meters, 16 on 2 meters, and 1 on 70 CM. I hope to continue my success I have had on 2 meters, with my new 70 CM EME array. Contesting is another aspect of the hobby I enjoy partaking in, as I often enter in as multi-operator with my grandfather. I participate in the Wisconsin QSO Party, as well as the ARRL DX contests, however my favorite has to be Field Day.

I have already taken a tour of UW Platteville's radio station, and I am eager to join the college club. In the short time I spent during new freshman orientation, I have met many great people. I am sure I will meet many more as I continue the hobby of Amateur Radio through my post secondary education.