

UWRF FOOTBALL

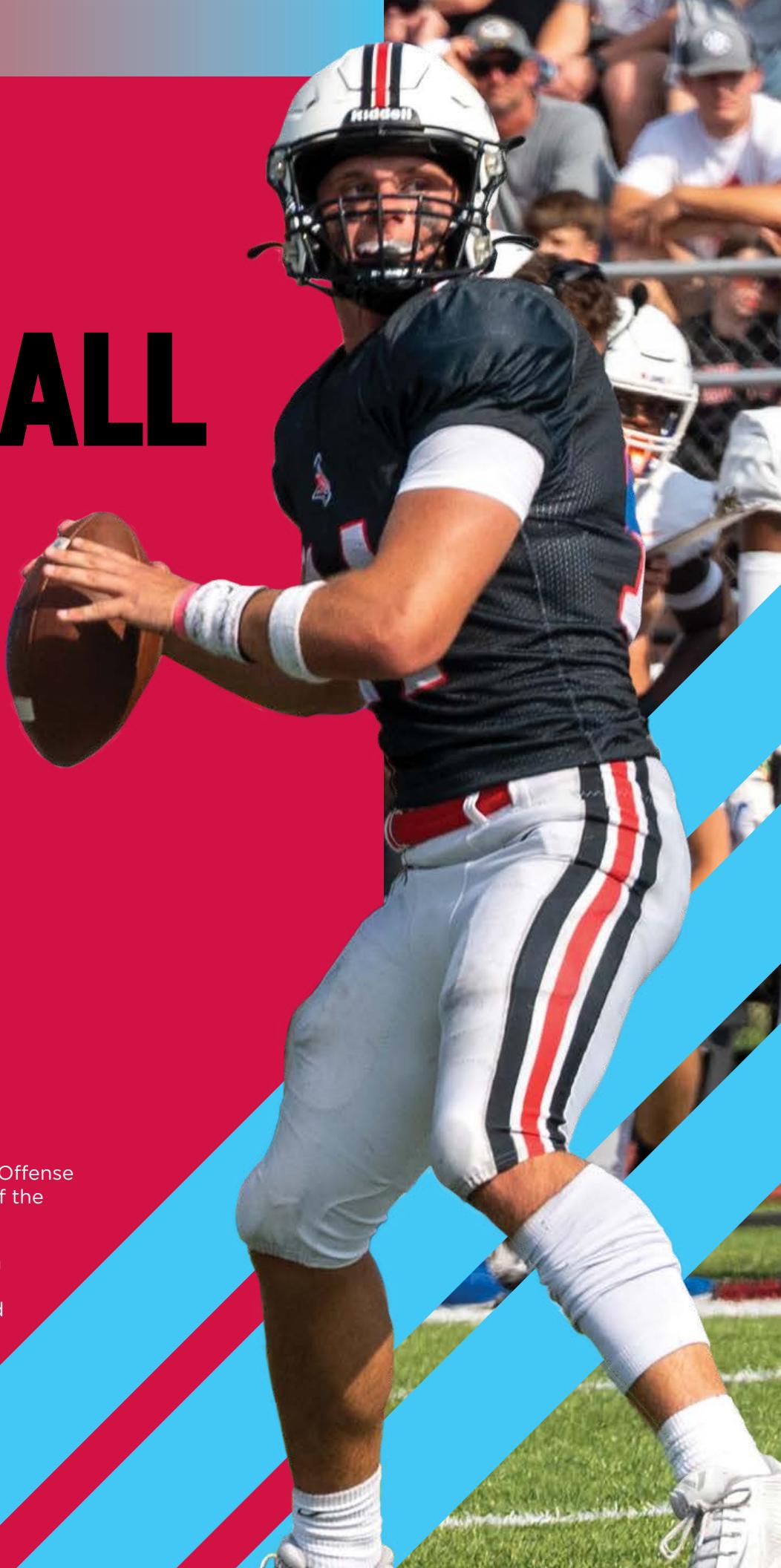


Kaleb Blaha

Senior QB

In 2023, Blaha led the nation in Total Offense and was a Gagliardi National Player of the Year finalist.

On September 17 of this year, in a win over Alma (MI), Blaha became the school's all-time Total Offense Record Holder.



WHY UW-RIVER FALLS?



UNIQUE CULTURE

Falcon Football prides itself on a family atmosphere and positive relationships.



INCREDIBLE FOOTBALL SUCCESS

The last four seasons, the Falcons have stayed in the Top 25 National Polls and have been ranked as high as #4 in the nation.



AMAZING FACILITIES

The \$64 million Falcon Center is home to Falcon Athletics and one of the nicest facilities in the nation in Division III Athletics.



BEST LEAGUE IN THE NATION

This WIAC (Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) is the top rated conference in the country.



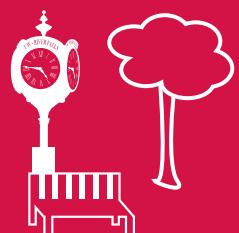
PROXIMITY TO TWIN CITIES

Being a part of the extended Twin City area brings us many advantages and opportunities for our students.



AFFORDABLE TUITION

Total Cost:	Wisconsin	\$17,410
	Minnesota	\$18,482
	Non-Resident	\$25,873



BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS

Breathtaking views, the Kinnickinnic River and amazing facilities are highlighted by our new \$122 million Science Building.



BROAD CURRICULUM

UW-River Falls offers over 70 areas of study.



Alex Klecker '23

In 2023, Alex Klecker was named AFCA All-American OL



About UW-River Falls

- Liberal arts undergraduate and graduate university that is a member of the University of Wisconsin System.
- 70+ areas of study in four distinct colleges
- Beautiful campus located on the South Fork of the Kinnickinnic River, famous for its trout fishing.
- Located just 30 miles from Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area. Proximity to the Twin Cities offers great internship and job opportunities.

Fast Facts

- Location – River Falls, WI
- Enrollment – 5,275
- Average Class Size – 22
- Student/Faculty Ratio – 18:1
- Varsity Sports – 20
- Student Organizations – Over 125
- Total Cost (includes tuition, food, housing):
 - Wisconsin Resident – \$17,410
 - Minnesota Resident – \$18,482
 - Midwest Student Exchange – \$20,971/year
(Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and Ohio.)
 - Other Non-Residents – \$25,873*

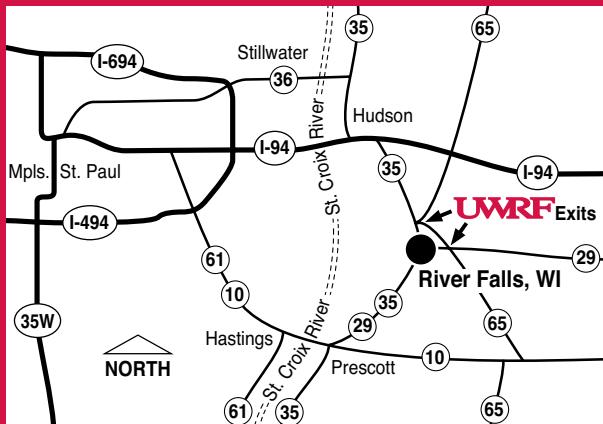
*Includes automatic \$3,000 scholarship for non-resident students that is renewable up to four years.

Proximity to Twin Cities

Did you know...

- Minnesota players make up nearly half of the Falcon Football roster.

• While located in Wisconsin, River Falls is considered part of the Eastern Metro of the Twin Cities located only 10 miles from the Minnesota border and 29 miles from the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.



Scholarships

With more than \$2 million awarded in scholarships each year, UW-River Falls continues to be among the top scholarship providers in the UW System. We're committed to offering need and merit-based scholarships to students with a history of strong academic performance – with or without test scores.

UWRF awards first-year scholarships based on a comprehensive review of criteria including your history of academic performance, background and experiences, financial need, leadership, and potential to enrich the campus community.





ACADEMICS

Prepare to Thrive

Discover UW-River Falls



5,275 students attend UWRF



70+ areas of study



Top 5 reasons to be a Falcon

- distinctive programs
- value
- location
- involvement opportunities
- connected faculty



100% of classes taught by faculty



international students from 17 countries



55% Wisconsin
41% Minnesota
3% Out-of-State
+ 1% International

100% FALCONS



JD Hilton '28

In 2022, JD broke the school's all-time Freshman Receiving Touchdown Record with seven.

Undergraduate Programs

Accounting
 Adapted Physical Education **
 Agricultural Business
 Agricultural Education
 Agricultural Engineering (Option Areas: Machinery Systems, Food and Process Systems, Natural Resources and Environmental Systems)
 Agricultural Studies
 Animal Science (Option Areas: Companion, Equine, Meat, Veterinary Technology)
 Anthropology**
 Art (Emphasis Areas: Art Education, Art History, Ceramics, Drawing, Fibers, Glass, Graphic Design, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture Mixed Media)
 Asian Studies**
 Biology (Option Areas: General Biology, Ecology and Organismal Biology, Broad Field Science Education)
 Biomedical and Health Science
 Biotechnology
 Business Administration
 Chemistry (Option Areas: Biochemistry, Preprofessional, Chemistry Education, Dual Degree – Engineering)
 Coaching**
 Communication Sciences and Disorders
 Communication Studies
 Community and Environmental Planning
 Companion Animal Studies**
 Computer Science and Information Systems
 Conservation
 Criminology
 Crop and Soil Science (Option Areas: Crop Science, Soil Science, Sustainable Agriculture)
 Dairy Science (Emphasis Areas: Management, Science)
 Data Science and Predictive Analytics
 Economics
 Elementary Education (Major options: PreK – 6th grade, 1st – 8th grade)
 Engineering Technology (Option Areas: Agricultural Engineering Technology, Environmental Engineering Technology, Mechanized Systems Management)
 English (Emphasis Areas: Literature, Creative Writing, Professional Writing, Broad Area)
 English Education
 Environmental Engineering
 Environmental Science
 Equine Science**
 Exercise and Sport Science
 Farm Management **
 Film Studies**
 Finance
 Food Processing Technology**
 Food Science and Technology (Option Areas: Dairy Foods Management, Operations Management, Science)
 Geography and Geographic Information Science
 Geology (Emphasis Areas: Environmental/Engineering, Environmental/Hydrogeology, Mineral Exploration, Ocean Sciences, Paleontology, Petroleum Geology)
 German**
 Graphic Design- Marketing Communications Dual Degree

History
 Horticulture (Option Areas: Professional, Landscape, Fruit and Vegetable)
 Hydrogeology**
 International Food Operations Management
 International Studies
 Journalism
 Management
 Marketing
 Marketing Communications
 Marketing-Professional Sales)
 Mathematics (Option Areas: Mathematics - Liberal Arts, Mathematics Education)
 Military Science and Leadership**
 Modern Language
 Music (Option Areas: Music – Liberal Arts, Music Education)
 Musical Theatre**
 Neuroscience
 Outdoor Education**
 Philosophy
 Physics (Option Areas: Applied Physics for Industry and Engineering, Physics – Secondary Education, Dual Degree – Engineering, Pre-Engineering)
 Political Science
 Pre-Chiropractic
 Pre-Dental
 Pre-Engineering
 Pre-Law
 Pre-Medical
 Pre-Occupational Therapy
 Pre-Optometry
 Pre-Pharmacy
 Pre-Physical Therapy
 Pre-Physician Assistant
 Pre-Veterinary Medicine
 Professional and Organizational Communication**
 Psychology (Option Areas: Health, Industrial and Organizational, Mental Health, Social Justice)
 Secondary Teaching Licensure, Ages 10 – 21 (Major Options: Agricultural Education, Adaptive Physical Education, Athletic Coaching, Art Education, Broad Field Science Education, Broad Field Social Studies Education, English Education, Health and Physical Education, Mathematics Education, Spanish Education, Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)
 Social Work
 Sociology
 Spanish
 Stage and Screen Arts
 Sustainability Studies**
 Sustainable Agriculture**
 Sustainable Justice**
 TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)
 Women, Gender and Sexualities Studies**

**Minor only



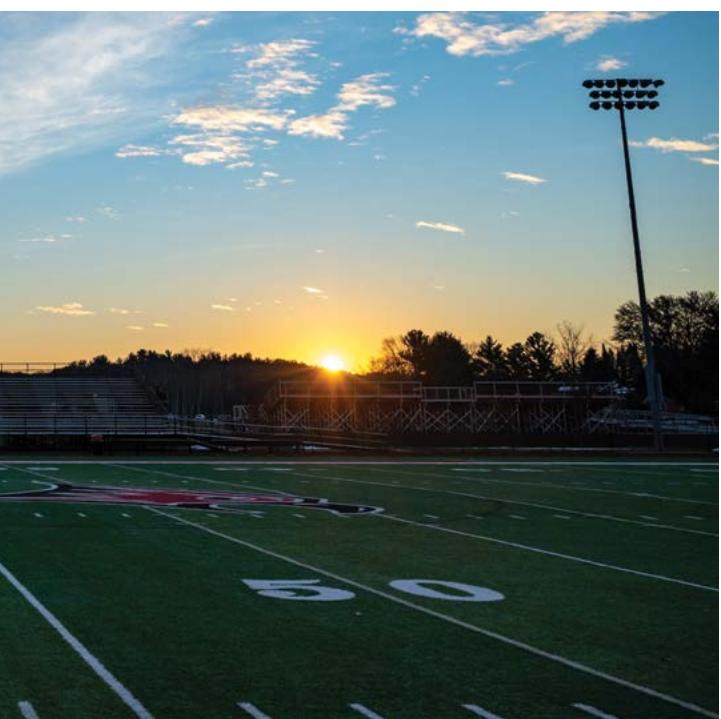
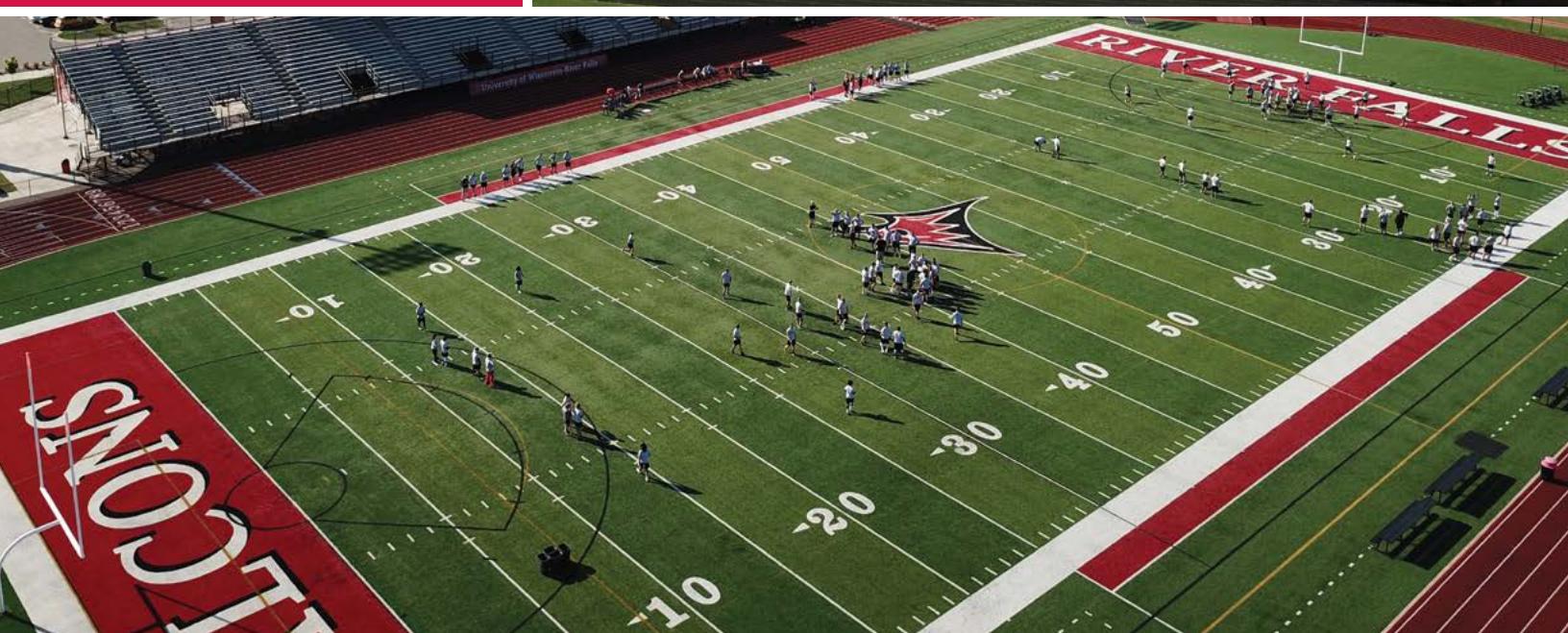
Dylan Brown '24

In 2023, Dylan Brown became the Falcon's All Time Leader in Pass Break-Ups.

BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS



RAMER FIELD/ DAVID SMITH STADIUM



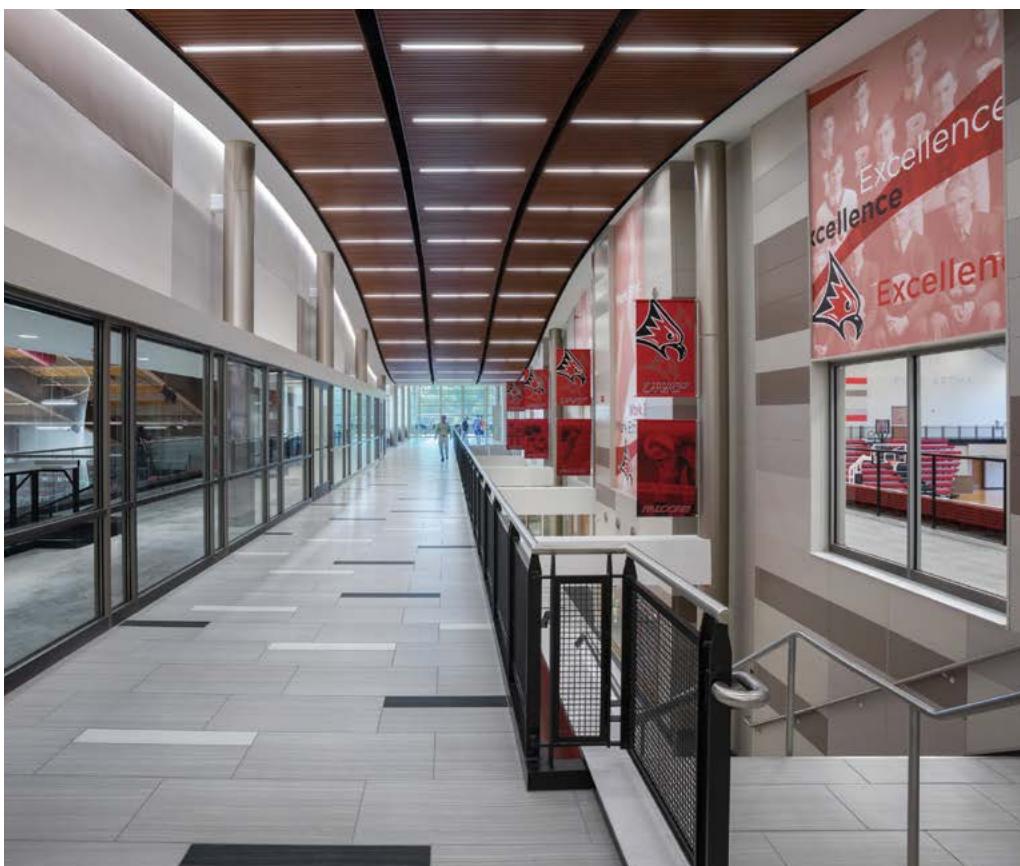
FALCON FOOTBALL LOCKER ROOM



FITNESS CENTER



FALCON CENTER



PAGE ARENA



HUNT HOCKEY ARENA



KNOWLES INDOOR TRAINING FIELD HOUSE

INCREDIBLE SUCCESS #4

D3FOOTBALL.COM
UW-RIVER FALLS FOOTBALL

On October 9, 2023, after a 49-7 win over UW-Eau Claire, the Falcons moved up to the #4 ranked team in the nation in both the D3Football.com and AFCA Coaches Poll, for their highest national ranking in school history.



Ben Beise

2021 First Team
All-American

Tampa Bay Buccaneers (NFL)
Seattle Sea Dragons (XFL)
San Antonio Brahmas (XFL)

Nick Jacobsen, DL

2017 WIAC Defensive
Player of the Year

Minnesota Vikings
Mini Camp Tryout

Alex Herink, WR

2019 All-WIAC
First Team

NFL Rookie
Free Agent



The UWRF Falcons were champions of the inaugural Isthmus Bowl 2021. This was the first bowl of any kind in the state of Wisconsin. The Falcons tied an NCAA record for 44 first downs in the 2021 game. In 2022, the Falcons defeated Washington University (MO) to bring them their second straight bowl title.



BEST LEAGUE IN THE NATION

The Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) is considered the top rated league in the nation. The 127 National Championships won by WIAC teams is the most in the history of Division III sports. At one time this year, there were five teams from the league rated in the Top 25 of both National Polls.



GAME DAY ATMOSPHERE



MATT WALKER

Head Coach

@CoachWalkerRF

HR
HansenRatings

2021 National
Coach of The Year

WIAC

2021 WIAC Conference
Coach of The Year

Matt Walker completed his 14th season as the head football coach at UW-River Falls in the fall of 2023. The 2023 season was a historic campaign that saw the Falcons climb to the No. 4-ranked team in the nation while spending the entire season ranked inside the Top 25 in all national polls. This was following a 2022 season in which Walker led the Falcons to their second-straight Isthmus Bowl Championship. In 2021, he led the Falcons to a nine-win season that tied the most wins in school history. That season, Walker was named the WIAC Coach of the Year and Hansen Rating National Coach of the Year.

Walker has coached over 120 Falcons to All-WIAC honors. On four separate occasions, one of his players has earned the conference's highest student-athlete achievement honor in the Max Sparger WIAC Scholar-Athlete Award. Greg Klingelhutz won the award in 2011, John Schimenz in 2012, Ryan Kusilek in 2015 and Michael Diggins in 2017. Walker also coached WIAC Defensive Player of the Year Nick Jacobsen in 2017, who received a Mini Camp Tryout with the Minnesota Vikings. In 2021, Walker coached, Tight End, Ben Beise, who was named an AFCA First Team All-American and the only Division III player in the country that season to be signed to a 90-man NFL roster when he joined the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' preseason roster. Under Walker, UWRF has claimed the Athletic Department's Award for Team Community Service in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

In addition to being the head coach, Walker also coaches the quarterbacks. Since his time at UWRF, Falcon quarterbacks have re-written the record books for passing and total offense categories. Walker's quarterbacks own every passing yardage, touchdown and total offense record in school history. In 2019, senior Ben Beckman had the most prolific single season by a quarterback in program history. He was the first 3,000-yard passer, threw for over 300 yards five times, led the league in passing yards (3,105) and total offense (3,408), and broke single season marks for nearly every passing statistic in school history. In 2021, under Walker's guidance, Kole Hinrichsen made his own argument for the greatest QB season in school history. The senior signal caller broke school records for completions in a game (44), completions in a season (290), touchdown passes in a season (28), and broke Beckman's total offense record from 2019 with 3,546 yards in a season. Falcon QBs were the leaders of an offense that broke school records and led the league for total offense (544 yards per game), first downs (329), and scoring (43.6 points per game). The 2021 offense finished the season ranked 3rd in the nation in total offense and 2nd in first downs. And, in 2022 and 2023, Kaleb Blaha put his name in the hat as one of the greatest players in the history of the program. With one more season left ahead as the Falcon starter, he is on pace to walk out of the program owning nearly every single season and career record for QBs, total offense and yardage. In 2023, Blaha led the nation in total offense with 388.2 yards of total offense per game and was a Gagliardi Trophy finalist.

Before coming to UW-River Falls, Walker was the head football coach at DePauw University (Ind.) from 2006-09 and compiled a 22-8 overall record. His teams finished 13-7 in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference and placed second in the final conference standings in 2007 and 2008. From 2000-05, he was an offensive assistant with the Tigers. During the 2010 season, he was an offensive assistant coach at Butler University. Walker was also the head baseball coach at DePauw from 2001-09 and led the Tigers to five conference divisional championships and to a NCAA regional berth in 2001. He was named the Conference Coach of the Year in 2001. Three times he led the Tigers to the most wins in a single season (2004, 2005, 2008). He was one of the youngest coaches in college baseball history to get to 250 wins and left DePauw with a 253-166 record for the second most wins in program history.

He earned a sports science degree from DePauw in 1999. He went on to earn his master's degree in physical education from Indiana State in 2001 where he earned Phi Kappa Phi academic honors.

Walker resides in River Falls with his wife, Jana, their two daughters, Kraly (18), and Hudson (14), and two sons, Townsend (11), and Sullivan (4).



FOOTBALL STAFF

Offense



JOE MATHESON
Offensive Coordinator/
Wide Receiver
@CoachJMath



CRAIG MILES
Offensive Assistant



LUKE SHIVELY
Run Game Coordinator/
Offensive Line
@LukeShivelyUWRF



CHARLIE KORBEIN
Assistant Offensive Line



PARKER KIZER
Tight Ends
@CoachKizer_UWRF



JAKE KREUTER
Assistant Wide Receivers



SCOTT IMRIE
Running Backs



Defense



JAKE WISSING
Assistant Head Coach/
Defensive Coordinator/
Linebackers
@Coach_Wiss



MICHEAL NOLL
Assistant Defensive Line



ALEX WOOD
Defensive Pass
Game Coordinator/
Corners
@CoachWoodUWRF



AUSTIN BIWER
Defensive Assistant



**ETHAN
WEGSCHEIDER**
Safeties
@CoachWigsRF



JAY VANG
Defensive Assistant



PETE RANGE
Defensive Line



BOBBY PATTERSON
Kickers/Punters/
Long Snappers
@CoachPattRF

Special Teams

Andre Hall '26

FOOTBALL STAFF

Strength and Conditioning



JAKE ANDERSON
Head Strength and
Conditioning



LUKE PAVLAT
Assistant Strength and
Conditioning

Athletic Training



KRISTINA BURK
Head Trainer



SEAN PETERSON
Assistant Trainer



CHRIS PABICH
Assistant Trainer



ADAM JOHNSON
Assistant Trainer



**DR. ANDREW
OCKULY**
Team Physician



DR. JACOB WESSELS
Team Physician
Allina Health

Administration



**CRYSTAL
LANNING**
Athletic Director



STEVE STOCKER
Associate Athletic
Director



CHARLIE SOWA
Associate Athletic
Director



TRENT JACKSON
Assistant Athletic
Director/
Sports Information
Director



SCOTT SEKELSKY
Athletics Advancement
Officer



BETTY BIBEAU
Financial Specialist



DAVIS CARBAUGH
Assistant Sports
Information



DELL DREY
Facilities Coordinator



SCOTT HALL
Media and Technology
Coordinator



Jaylen Johnson '26

THE FAMILY

Falcon Football has a unique culture built on family. We have a commitment to the power of relationships and brotherhood in our program.



THE FALCON WAY

We use the privilege of playing football to make a difference in the lives of others. Below are just a few examples of how individuals in the Falcon Football Family have given back.



Coach to Cure MD



Trick or Treat for Canned Goods



Youth Day with the Falcons

Relay for Life - volunteering to set-up and take down facilities at the county event

Breast Cancer Awareness Game - In conjunction with the River Falls based American Cancer Society, raising awareness and money for the cause

Coach to Cure MD - raising awareness for a cure for Muscular Dystrophy

Trick or Treat for Canned Goods - collecting nearly 2,300 pounds of non-perishable food items

Youth Day with the Falcons - hosting a free camp for 250 local kids providing the opportunity to experience on-field college practice drills, tour facilities, as well as receive autographs, a t-shirt and home game passes

BRIDGE - A non-profit organization the provides community-based life skills training for youth and adults with disabilities. Falcon players work with groups from BRIDGE every week on campus.

One Love - A domestic abuse and healthy relationship workshop. Founded in 2010 to honor Yeardley Love, One Love works to ensure everyone understands the difference between a healthy and unhealthy relationship.

Military Appreciation Game - Showing support and appreciation for all United States Military personnel.

THE FALCON WAY- RELENTLESS

Relentlessly Unselfish - Always put team before self

Relentlessly committed and dedicated to program

Relentlessly strive to improve every day

Relentlessly positive attitude

PROGRAM GOALS

- Earn a meaningful degree
- Win the WIAC Championship
- Qualify for the National Playoffs
- Win the National Championship



Team Community Service Award

For the third straight year, Falcon Football has won this award at the year end Athletic Department's Falcon Awards. Falcon Football is making a difference in the lives of others.





TRANSFER FRIENDLY

Your Next Step

We've got the tools, expertise, and support to help you transfer to UW-River Falls and thrive when you get here. Your transfer journey is unique to you - the school you attended, the credits you've taken, and we're here to provide a personalized plan to make transferring as seamless as possible.

You can set up an in-person or virtual appointment with our transfer admissions counselor. We'll talk you through your plans, share more about our academic programs, cost, financial aid, and the resources available to you as a transfer student. Before you enroll, you'll work with an adviser to review your unofficial credit evaluation and learn more about course equivalencies.

Get the Most from Your Coursework

- Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC): Completed MnTC will grant a waiver of General Education and University Requirements (except for a one credit Health and Fitness for Life course). Specific college, degree, licensure and prerequisite requirements must still be completed with individual courses.
- Associate of Arts (AA) degrees from Minnesota and Wisconsin will grant a waiver of University Requirements and General Education requirements. Specific degree, licensure and prerequisite requirements must still be completed with individual courses. AA degrees from other states are reviewed individually to see if they qualify for a similar waiver. Technical classes and Technical Degrees (AS - Associate of Science and AAS - Associate of Applied Science) are reviewed by faculty advisers for course-by-course transfer.

Transfer Resources

Looking for more info? We've got transfer tools online you can check out now. Scan the QR code to get started.

Or contact:



Grace Mickelson

Transfer Admissions Counselor
grace.mickelson@uwr.edu



UWRF Transfer Student Definition

Student has graduated from high school AND have a minimum of 12 or more transferable credits from an accredited institution.



Michael Brown '24

All-American
Corner Back in 2021



ADMISSION

Prepare to Experience

How to Apply

You've been to campus. You're feeling great. What's next? Time to apply! (Don't worry, we've made it simple.)

1. Complete an online application at apply.wisconsin.edu or on the Common Application website (first-year students only - just search for UW-River Falls!) if you'd like to apply for multiple schools with one simple application.
2. Submit an ACT or SAT score (optional*)
3. Submit transcripts

*When applying to UWRF, you have the choice if you want to submit standardized test scores (ACT or SAT) with your admission application.



How Do I Know if I Should Apply Test-Optional?

If you're satisfied with your scores and think they accurately reflect your academic achievements, we encourage you to include them with your application.

If you don't think your scores accurately reflect your academic ability and potential, you should consider applying Test-Optional. You won't be penalized for not including them, but you should know once you submit your application, you won't be able to add them if you change your mind.

Application Complete!

We know that GPA, class rank and course options vary widely between high schools, so we will continue to do a comprehensive review of your application. Although we'll consider both academic and non-academic factors, your performance in the classroom remains the most important factor in our review process.

High school GPA is a strong predictor of success in college, so we'll take a close look at your high school transcript, evaluating both the challenge of your high school courses and your academic performance. We'll also consider your extracurricular activities, personal achievements, community service, family commitments, employment responsibilities and any other information that you'd like to provide.

Apply today! go.uwrf.edu



**Aaron
Borgerding '24**
This past season, Aaron was named a NFF Campbell Trophy finalists and a Finalist for the WIAC Scholar Athlete Award.



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Andrew Schumacher '24