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# NCAN Access Update Newsletter

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## NCAN Member News

### [UW-Green Bay Phuture Phoenix Program](#)

Nicholas Bergeron, a sophomore from Fall Creek who is studying Math Education, was presented with the Whitney Radder Phuture Phoenix Phenomenal Role Model Award, May 4<sup>th</sup> in a special ceremony held on the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay campus. Keith Bowe, Whitney Radder's cousin attended the ceremony.

Whitney Radder was a Phuture Phoenix tutor, pursuing a degree in education, when she was killed in a tragic car accident on her return from a Phuture Phoenix visit to Franklin Middle School on April 20, 2010. Wanting her strong spirit to carry on and serve as inspiration to others, her peers established this honor in her memory. This award is presented each semester to a Phuture Phoenix Role Model for exemplifying, upholding and exceeding the expectations of the Phuture Phoenix program, while providing phenomenal community service in Phuture Phoenix partner schools.

Phuture Phoenix began in 2003 from an extended conversation between Cyndie Shepard, the wife of former chancellor Bruce Shepard, and University Trustee Ginny Riopelle about establishing a mentoring program that could help students in at-risk schools stay on course for college. It has since served almost 10,000 elementary schools children from significant low-income populations. The program is being replicated at UW-Eau Claire, Western Washington University and Silver Lake College.