

# December 2018 Newsletter



**Tis' the season of giving!** The planetarium is a non-profit organization that plays an influential role in our community. Help us continue to share our love of the cosmos by donating this holiday season. We have so many exciting things planned for 2019 and can't wait to share them with you!

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## MEET DEREK PALECEK

**Age: 21**  
**From: West Bend, WI**  
**Major: Computer Science**  
**Graduating: Dec. 2018**



**Q:** When did you start at the planetarium?

**A:** Fall 2015

**Q:** Favorite part about working at the planetarium?

**A:** I was able to work with so many people that have different backgrounds.

**Q:** What has the planetarium taught you?

**A:** Of course I learned more about astronomy but also about public speaking, management and was able to advance my programming skills.

**Q:** Best memory?

**A:** When I first started I was thrown right into planning the planetarium's 50th anniversary. It was a very rewarding experience.

**Q:** What's next for you?

**A:** I'll be working at a law firm writing patents for new cutting edge technologies. I'll still be attending show and it'll be fun going as an audience member rather than a staff member

## JEAN'S CORNER

A note from the director.



Dear UWM Planetarium friends,

November has been a productive month. 'Constellations of the Zodiac' has been fun because I get to share some of my favorite myths behind the zodiac signs and some of my favorite celestial objects. During the stargazing portion of the program, we try to find zodiac constellations such as Taurus and Aries. We still have four more shows in the month of December (including a matinee on Saturday, December 8 and a later show on Friday, December 14 to accommodate the busy holiday season) so make sure you get your tickets!

As the semester comes to a close, we will need to say goodbye to Derek Palecek who was worked here since 2015. We will miss his work ethic, his organizational skills, and his friendly manner. Of course we are happy that he is graduating and moving on. It will be bittersweet but we wish him the best and know that we'll see him soon.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season! 2018 was a very successful year for the planetarium and we can't wait to bring the community more engaging and exciting shows in the new year especially as we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Apollo landing.

Hope to see you soon under the stars,  
 Jean

## MUSIC BY THE LIGHT OF THE STAR: HOLIDAY SING-ALONG

December 16 @ 2:00 - 3:00 pm

**FREE**

Join the UWM Planetarium Club and add your voices to the UWM Collegium Musicum as they perform seasonal music from the Middle Ages and Renaissance on period instruments. UWM Planetarium director Jean Creighton will provide a guided tour of stars and constellations in the winter sky.



## CONSTELLATIONS OF THE ZODIAC

Friday Dec. 7 @ 7:00 pm, Saturday Dec. 8 @ 2:00 pm, Friday Dec. 14 @ 7:00 AND 8:15 pm

Discover what cool astronomical objects and epic stories are associated with your zodiac sign. This is one of our favorite programs -- you won't want to miss it.



Buy tickets HERE <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/constellations-of-the-zodiac-tickets-51264300904>

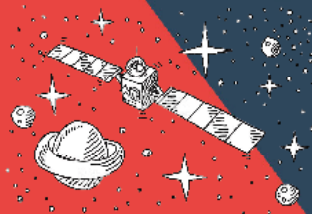
## OPEN HOUSE

January 12 @ 1:30 - 3:30 pm

**FREE**

Kick off 2019 by celebrating 52 years of the UWM Planetarium with our annual open house! Indulge with celebratory cake and live, indoor presentations and stargazing shows every half hour. Audience members will take an interactive tour of the night sky free of light pollution and identify favorite seasonal constellations such as the Winter Circle, Orion, and Taurus

# Happy Holidays



The UWM Manfred Olson Planetarium wishes you a happy and safe holiday season!

# AstroDrunk

Winter 2018

Wednesdays 12:15-12:45pm

**FREE**

December 12  
History of the Solar System & the Hunt for Planet 9

# WE'RE HIRING

## MARKETING COORDINATOR

Help promote our unique programs, increase brand awareness and presence in the community. This is a part-time position and funded for 6 months.

More info at <https://uwm.edu/planetarium/about/job-opportunities/#marketingCoord>