

scholarship recipients wrote in support of his nomination, citing the personal interest he has taken in the program. "Not only has he been successful in life, but he has graciously given back to create futures for students," one student wrote.

Babs Waldman, a doctor, wrote of her spouse's commitment to UWM: "Avi is most grateful for his education. He is proud of what UWM gave him and feels that without it, he could not have achieved as he did. His education at UWM is the foundation upon which he built his success, along with, as he often says, hard work and a lot of luck."

Gregory J. Uhen

Distinguished Alumnus Award in the Field of Art and Design

'81 BS Architectural Studies

Gregory J. Uhen has emerged as a true civic leader, working to raise the bar on the architectural face of Milwaukee, participating in efforts to stimulate the local economy and demonstrating a philanthropic commitment to the community.

As president and CEO of Eppstein Uhen Architects (EUA), Milwaukee's largest architectural firm, he has championed catalyst projects such as Miller Park, Summerfest and the new Milwaukee Intermodal Station.

Since assuming his leadership role in 1996, the firm has doubled in size to nearly 140 employees, many of whom are UWM graduates.

The 100-year-old, full-service architecture firm is known for its efforts to preserve the environment, practice sustainable design and create better building environments. Its Milwaukee headquarters is in a restored Historic Third Ward building.

Uhen takes an active design and leadership role in many of EUA's most significant projects, including the Bayshore Mall redevelopment,

Milwaukee Riverwalk and the new Manpower World Headquarters. (See page 20 for an example of EUA's work).

At EUA, Uhen has encouraged a tradition of corporate giving.

EUA and its employees donate time and dollars to more than 100 nonprofit organizations, including Safe & Sound Inc., the Milwaukee Women's Center, the Latino Community Center and Journey House.

In 2007, in honor of the firm's 100th anniversary, Uhen established the Eppstein

Uhen Foundation to increase and focus the firm's giving. That year, the company gave nearly 10 percent of its net profits to Wisconsin charitable organizations.

To help diversify the field of architecture, EUA has provided scholarships and internships to minority architecture students since 1995. In 2007, the firm began sponsoring a Building Information Modeling (BIM) studio course and lecture series at the UWM School of Architecture & Urban Planning (SARUP), the first of its kind in the nation.

Uhen is also a member of SARUP's prestigious Dean's Club, whose members have given a total of \$1 million in life insurance policies to the school.

GOLD AWARDS: GRADUATES OF THE LAST DECADE

Matthew M. Dumich

School of Architecture & Urban Planning

'03 MA Architecture, '99 BS
Architectural Studies

A tireless achiever and volunteer, Matthew Dumich blends a passion for hard work with design talent and community engagement.

A former student leader at the School of Architecture and Urban Planning, he is still taking charge as a licensed architect with one of Chicago's most innovative firms, Valerio Dewalt Train Associates (VDTA). His professional work includes several new Chicago high-rise buildings. (See page 18 for an example of Dumich's work).

Dumich's forte is helping UWM graduates network with design and construction professionals in Chicago by bringing together groups to attend a UWM basketball game or an alumni event in Chicago. He also serves on the UWM Alumni Association Board of Trustees.

As chair of the Young Architects Forum of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Chicago chapter, he leads events such as the group's annual "Portfolio Review" and the "Starting a Design Firm" discussion series.

In addition to mentoring both UWM architecture students and young professionals, he also teaches a design studio at the Illinois Institute of Art - Chicago.

