

# Bucky Badger In the Lab...



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**BUCKY BADGER'S** impact is huge. His influence is profound. He is recognized instantly and brings a smile to every face. Many people think of Bucky mainly as the mascot for our athletics teams—which he is. I think of him also as a student who is eager to learn and to grow. He shares the attitude of all students who enroll at the University of Wisconsin-Madison: “I am here to benefit from abundant opportunities, to graduate in a timely manner, and to become a useful citizen who contributes to society.”



I have known Bucky as a chemistry student since I joined the faculty in 1970. Although he is playful wherever he appears, I find him to be serious about his academic progress, too. He impresses me with his responsible behavior in and out of the classroom. In the lab he wears his goggles and follows all the safety rules. He is inquisitive and pays attention to the details of each experiment. He interacts respectfully with fellow students and instructors alike. I am thrilled to have him in my class.

Bucky, along with other students, participates in my Science is Fun public engagement and outreach programs. These aim to further connect our University with the citizens of Wisconsin and the world. The goal of the Science Is Fun programs is to make both intellectual and emotional connections with our audiences. We aim to spark interest, to nurture curiosity, and to encourage creativity. Fundamentally, we strive to enhance the quality of life in society. Through his participation, Bucky Badger embodies the Wisconsin Idea.



