The university traces its roots to a clause in the Wisconsin Constitution, which decreed that the state should have a prominent public university. In 1848, Nelson Dewey, Wisconsin’s first governor, signed the act that formally created the university, and its first class, with 17 students, met in a Madison school building on February 5, 1849.
This quote was included in a report by the Board of Regents on Sept. 18, 1894, in response to accusations by a board member that Richard Ely, head of the UW’s School of Economics, was a socialist and teaching utopian, impractical, or pernicious doctrines. After an investigation, Ely was declared innocent. In the statement, the Board of Regents introduced the concept of academic freedom by stating that the university should never censor or limit its members quest for knowledge. The following quote is now on a plaque in Bascom Hall. The class of 1910 dedicated the plaque to the UW.
FORWARD
2018

The Wisconsin Idea is our pledge to the state, the nation, and the world that our endeavors will benefit all citizens.

Rebecca Blank
Chancellor
2013 to present
we go by ELPA

No. 1 ranked

we are prone to bragging...

but only about the

University, School of Education, Department, ELPA students, and the city of Madison....but that’s about it...
Mark Your Calendar

**JULY**

- **July 9**
  - First day new graduate students can enroll for fall 2018
  - [Information on enrollment](#)

**AUGUST**

- **August 29 11:00-4:30 Union South**
  - Graduate School new student welcome (information will be send to you from the Graduate School) — not mandatory

- **August 30 10:00-11:30 & 2:30-5:00**
  - Education Building Wisconsin Idea Room
  - ELPA new student welcome — not mandatory

**SEPTEMBER**

- **September 4**
  - First day of classes
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Information Contacts</th>
<th>Resources</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Campus Map</td>
<td>Parking/Bus Pass</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ELPA Faculty/Staff</td>
<td>Registrar’s</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ELPA Handbook</td>
<td>Schedules/Timetables</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ELPA Student Ambassadors</td>
<td>School of Education</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Email Accounts</td>
<td>Student Financial Services</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Enrollment</td>
<td>The Guide</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Graduate School</td>
<td>Tuition</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ID Card</td>
<td>University Academic Calendar</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>International Student Services ISS</td>
<td>UW-Madison</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Welcome to the ELPA Community

School of Education Building
1000 Bascom Mall