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## **BROWN COUNTY AND GREEN BAY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES RAKE IN GENEROUS SALARIES AND LAVISH, GOLD-PLATED PENSIONS**

GREEN BAY--A report released today by Taxpayers United of America (TUA) reveals that government employees of the City of Green Bay, Brown County, and Brown County government schools and universities are receiving very generous salaries and that their estimated pension benefits in many cases will be larger than salaries in the private sector.

"The most outrageous salaries are in the various government schools of the Brown County," said Christina Tobin, TUA Vice President, "followed by the Univ. of Wisconsin Green Bay, and the City and County."

"At the top of the Top 100 Brown County government school salaries is **Gregory Maass**, of Green Bay Area Public Sch. Dist, who pulls in an annual salary of \$186,000. Fringe benefits, which can include pension contributions and life insurance, are estimated to be \$57,725, every cent of which is paid for by taxpayers."

"The state refuses to release figures relating to pensions, and I condemn this lack of transparency, the public has the right to access pension information they have paid for. On the basis of the figures that were released, Maass' future annual pension including Social Security is estimated to start at a very sumptuous \$156,200."

"The second-highest salary and benefits of the Top 100 Brown County public school salaries and pensions go to **Kevin Hanson**, of West De Pere Sch. Dist, with an annual salary of \$166,363 and fringe benefits of \$45,981. His estimated future pension, including Social Security, is an extravagant \$142,454."

"UW Green Bay Chancellor **Thomas K. Harden** pulls in an annual salary of \$216,000, and an estimated future pension including Social Security of \$177,200 a year. **Julia E. Wallace**, Vice Chancellor, gets a salary of \$162,500 and an estimated future pension including Social Security of \$139,750."

"For Brown County's Top 25 salaries and pensions, **Chandralekha Bommakanti**, who provided 'Extra Help,' received 2010 W2 wages of \$205,965, and his pension, including Social Security, is estimated to start at \$170,176 a year. In the City of Green Bay, **Police Captain Richard L. Demro** received an annual salary of \$125,826, and his pension including Social Security is estimated to start at \$107,787."

"Wisconsin's pension system is making multimillionaires out of government employees at taxpayer expense," said Tobin. "With today's report, we are shining the spotlight on the runaway government employee benefits that Gov. Scott Walker has attempted to bring under control."

"The citizens of WI spoke loud and clear last November that they wanted to change the way government works in Wisconsin. The purpose of government is not to create rich government employees."