

About the WTG

The twenty-three private, or independent, nonprofit colleges and universities of Wisconsin operate without taxpayer support, but provide an invaluable public service to the state, educating more than 61,000 students a year. Many of Wisconsin's best and brightest need financial help to attend the college of their choice.

The State of Wisconsin created the Wisconsin Tuition Grant (WTG) in 1965 to help qualified Wisconsin citizens to succeed. Fully one-third of the low-income students who apply for the WTG are turned away every year for lack of funds. Each month WTG Achievers brings you success stories of Wisconsinites for whom the WTG has made a significant difference.

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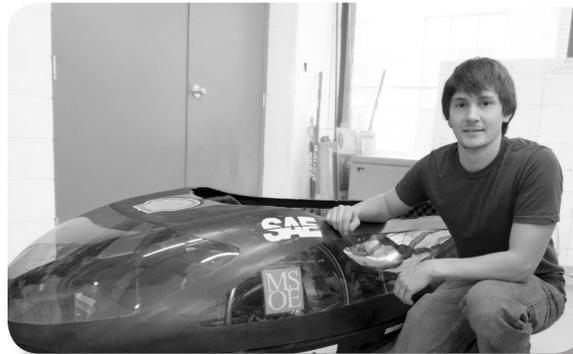
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MSOE student well-prepared for engineering career

Michael Fricke of Baraboo, a mechanical engineering student at the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE), has his sights set on working in the automotive industry after graduation.



Michael Fricke of Baraboo, a student at MSOE in Milwaukee.

Michael is thankful for the financial assistance he's received to attend MSOE. "Through summer employment, a work-study position on campus, and financial aid,

including the Wisconsin Tuition Grant (WTG), I have been able to attend MSOE." In addition to his course work, Michael is taking

advantage of extracurricular activities to prepare for his career. "Ideally I would like to have a job where I engineer mechanical systems within vehicles," he said.

"I'm a member, team officer, and vehicle driver for the Supermileage Vehicle Team. I'm also an officer in MSOE's SAE (Society of Automotive

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Lakeland student active in bone marrow donor outreach

Lakeland College senior Brittany Bohm launched a personal crusade this past school year that inspired the entire college community. Bohm worked with the organization "Be the Match" to sign up people for the national bone marrow donor registry.

Brittany will graduate in December 2013 with a double major in business administration and psychology. She attends Lakeland thanks to a generous financial aid package that includes the



Brittany Bohm of Oostburg, a student at Lakeland College in Sheboygan.

Wisconsin Tuition Grant (WTG). Her efforts are an outstanding example of Lakeland's mission to teach students to lead purposeful and fulfilling lives.

Bohm is driven by the memory of her late boyfriend, Chad Johnson, a Lakeland student who died of leukemia in February, 2012. Johnson was diagnosed and began chemotherapy in May of 2011, but by August of that year the cancer

was more aggressive than the treatments could contain. His only option would have been a bone marrow transplant. The cancer never went

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Engineers) Student Chapter, and I'm enrolled in MSOE's honors program."

Michael competed across the country with the Supermileage Vehicle Team. They participated in the Shell Eco-Marathon in Houston and the SAE Supermileage Competition in Marshall, Michigan.

"The Eco-Marathon was exciting! There were more than 100 teams competing with vehicles running on electricity, gasoline, diesel, ethanol, and fatty acid methyl ester (biodiesel). We were able to successfully drive through the course to achieve 522 miles per gallon. The trip was a great learning experience and the whole team had a great time!"

"I really liked the idea of working on a project that would expose me to engineering design and technological advancement while working towards efficiency. Supermileage provides great leadership opportunities for team members and has led to some great networking opportunities as well."

"I chose MSOE because it has a reputation as a great university that will prepare you for working in engineering. It allows you to enroll in engineering classes at the beginning of freshman year, and there's lots of involvement in student design teams and professional engineering organizations." With a degree from MSOE and help from the WTG, Michael is well on his way to realizing his professional goals.

FACT OF THE MONTH

Over the five-year period from 2006-07 through 2010-11, the average taxpayer cost per degree at a Wisconsin private nonprofit college or university was \$11,567 compared to \$174,525 at a UW System four-year institution.

Source: WAICU research archives

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into remission, making the transplant impossible.

"Chad was 25 when he was diagnosed," Bohm said. "The only thing Chad wanted was to get a bone marrow transplant. His dream has become my dream. It's the dream of all these people in need of a transplant, and I want to do whatever I can to help them."

The Lakeland community stepped forward to embrace her efforts. Brittany led a group of students and staff to organize two bone marrow registration drives at Lakeland in

January. Her goal was to add 126 people to the national registry, but the drive ultimately added 305.

Brittany spoke to dozens of classes, clubs and student organizations and used social media to educate people about bone marrow transplants and motivate them to add their name to the national registry. Her efforts were featured on a Milwaukee television news program and in the *Sheboygan Press*.

"Out of millions of people on the bone marrow registry, there were only five

matches for Chad," said Bohm, who has also given her time and talents to other bone marrow drives. "That's why we're holding these drives, to get more names on the registry so people who need these life-saving transfers have more options. A great way to honor Chad and the others who have passed away is by saying that you'll sign up to one day maybe save someone's life."

The WTG makes it possible for Brittany and thousands of students like her to realize their educational aspirations and make a difference in their communities.

Wisconsin's Private Nonprofit Colleges and Universities

Alverno College *Milwaukee*
Bellin College *Green Bay*
Beloit College *Beloit*
Cardinal Stritch University *Milwaukee*
Carroll University *Waukesha*
Carthage College *Kenosha*
Columbia College of Nursing *Milwaukee*
Concordia University Wisconsin *Mequon*

Edgewood College *Madison*
Lakeland College *Sheboygan*
Lawrence University *Appleton*
Marian University *Fond du Lac*
Marquette University *Milwaukee*
Medical College of Wisconsin *Milwaukee*
Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design *Milwaukee*

Milwaukee School of Engineering *Milwaukee*
Mount Mary University *Milwaukee*
Northland College *Ashland*
Ripon College *Ripon*
St. Norbert College *De Pere*
Silver Lake College of the Holy Family *Manitowoc*
Viterbo University *La Crosse*
Wisconsin Lutheran College *Milwaukee*



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