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INDEPENDENT INSIGHTS

The liberal arts make us free

I would like to talk about the liberal arts. The liberal arts are not just found at liberal arts colleges, and they are not just the “core courses.” The liberal arts also do not refer to the left side of the political spectrum.

The word “liberal” and the word “liberty” have the same root. I would argue then that the liberal arts make us free. A liberal arts education, worthy of the name, will help you to learn to transcend the boundaries of your discipline or major and to make connections, so you see more. A liberal arts education worthy of the name will help you to “see through” political and commercial advertising, so you choose better. A liberal arts education worthy of the name will help you to prepare to make independent judgements, to lead with the heart of the servant, so you will do more. A liberal arts education worthy of the name will help you to rightly value the wisdom

of the past and today’s and tomorrow’s new insights and innovations, so you will have more.

Moreover, what every parent wants to know, a liberal arts degree will help you get a good job, and a good job can be a route to independence and more liberty. A national survey shows that employers most value the five Cs: creativity, critical reasoning, communication, collaboration, and character. A liberal arts education worthy of the name will help you develop all five.

The liberal arts will make you free.

Sincerely,

Rolf Wegenke, Ph.D.
President



- Alverno College
- Bellin College
- Beloit College
- Cardinal Stritch University
- Carroll University
- Carthage College
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- Concordia University
- Edgewood College
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- Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design
- Milwaukee School of Engineering
- Mount Mary University
- Nashotah House
- Northland College
- Ripon College
- St. Norbert College
- Silver Lake College
- Viterbo University
- Wisconsin Lutheran College

60 Forward: Wisconsin’s postsecondary attainment goal

WAICU has partnered with the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) and the UW System on an initiative to increase the proportion of working-age adults with an education credential beyond high school. Forty-eight percent of adults (ages 25 – 64) currently in Wisconsin’s workforce hold a postsecondary credential (degree or certificate). 60 Forward has set a voluntary goal of raising that to 60 percent. A grant from the Lumina Foundation supported WAICU, UW, and WTCS in two “convenings” of leaders from business, education, government, workforce and economic development sectors.



Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch (left); pictured with Alverno President Andrea Lee, IHM (right); spoke at the 60 Forward convening at Alverno College.



State Representatives Jason Fields and JoCasta Zamarripa shared views on what higher education means for Wisconsinites in their districts.

The stakeholder convenings were held at Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College on April 13 and Alverno College on May 9. The convenings provided a platform to share information on the attainment goal initiative and to gain feedback on how higher education can partner with business and other critical stakeholders to meet the 60 Forward goal.



The best way to find out which college is the right fit is to visit campus. This year, Wisconsin's 24 private, nonprofit colleges and universities will host their 22nd annual Wisconsin Private College Week July 9 - 14. Students, their families, and school counselors are invited to take advantage of this joint open house to learn more about the unique learning opportunities and campus life each college or university has to offer.

During Wisconsin Private College Week, participants can tour campus, talk to admissions and financial aid representatives, and meet current students. Students will receive an entry to win one of two iPads for each campus they visit; the PCW evaluation form they complete at the end of their visit serves as the entry form.

The event is free to attend, and visitors can register online to tour the campuses of their choice at www.WisconsinsPrivateColleges.org/visit.

Fall 2018 WAICU School Counselor Workshops

Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon
Tuesday, September 11

Edgewood College, Madison
Tuesday, October 12

Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee
Tuesday, October 16

Lakeland University, Plymouth
Tuesday, October 23

Rockford Radisson, Rockford, IL
Thursday, November 8

Please save the dates for a free WAICU School Counselor Workshop! For both regular attendees and those who are new to Wisconsin's private, nonprofit colleges and universities, there is much to discover:

- The latest updates from colleges on popular majors and what's new on campus
- Information about admissions requirements and finding the best college fit
- The chance to speak 1-to-1 with admissions representatives
- New resources and materials for you and your students

Free continental breakfast and lunch will be served. For more information and to register, please visit WisconsinsPrivateColleges.org/Counselors.

Additional workshops will be held in Minneapolis, MN and Schaumburg, IL in spring.

SPRING COMMENCEMENTS

Alverno College: May 19 in the Pitman Theater on campus. Treasurer of the United States Jovita Carranza gave the commencement address at the undergraduate ceremony. Carranza was made an honorary alumna of the college in 2011.

Bellin College: May 12 at the Weidner Center for the Performing Arts in Green Bay. The commencement address was given by Bellin Health System president and CEO George Kerwin.

Beloit College: May 20 on campus. Gary Arnold, program director of the Progress Center for Independent Living and former president of the Little People of America, was the commencement speaker.

Cardinal Stritch University: May 20 at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee. The undergraduate commencement speaker and honorary degree recipient was Sr. Edna Lonergan, OSF. The graduate commencement speaker and honorary degree recipient was (retired) Justice Janine P. Geske.

Carroll University: May 12 on campus. Cecelia Gore, executive director of Brewers Community Foundation, gave the commencement address.

Carthage College: May 27 in the N. E. Tarble Athletic and Recreation Center on campus. Best-selling author and Pulitzer Prize-winning presidential historian Jon Meacham was the commencement speaker.

Columbia College of Nursing: May 11 at the Italian Community Center in Milwaukee. The commencement address was given by Dr. Tammy Kasprovich, PhD, RN, CEN.

Concordia University Wisconsin: May 18 in the R. John Buuck Field House on campus for graduate degrees. Undergraduate commencement was held May 19 in the same location. An honorary Doctorate Divinity degree was awarded to The Rev. Allan Buss, Senior Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Belvidere, Illinois.

Edgewood College: May 20 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison.

Lakeland University: May 12 at the Todd Wehr Center on campus. The commencement speakers/honorary degree recipients were Rev. Kim Henning, Pastor, Grace Congregational United Church of Christ, Two Rivers, Wisconsin - Doctor of Divinity; Ms. Laura Kohler, Senior Vice President Human Resources & Stewardship, Kohler Co. - Doctor of Laws; and Dr. Marie Martin, Director of Global Education Services, Fox Valley Technical College - Doctor of Humane Letters.

Lawrence University: June 10 on campus. Peggy Shepard, executive director of New York City-based organization WE ACT for Environmental Justice will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree and serve as the principal commencement speaker.

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Lawrence University working to become a “full-need” institution

LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

Four years after embarking on an ambitious plan to become a “full-need” institution, one that provides financial aid to cover all tuition and fees for admitted students with demonstrated financial need, Lawrence University is closing in on achieving this goal – joining some of the nation’s elite colleges and universities. Only 65 universities nationwide are designated full-need institutions.

Under a campaign dubbed “Full Speed to Full Need,” Lawrence President Mark Burstein set out to raise \$85 million in endowed scholarship funds in five years, an amount estimated to meet the “full-need” commitment. Fueled by an anonymous \$25 million gift, \$75.1 million has been raised in just four years. Campus officials are optimistic the \$85 million goal will be met sometime next year.

The campaign’s success has produced tangible results. When it was launched, 74 percent of Lawrence students receiving

financial aid had an average funding gap of \$6,000 in their awards. During the 2017-18 academic year, students with a funding gap had dropped to 48 percent with an average gap of \$4,200.

“We’re really trying to help every student on this campus and especially the families that have the largest gap,” President Burstein told *Inside Higher Ed*, which published a recent feature story about the initiative; “This [commitment] resonated with the Lawrence community and our values. We’ve been historically a place where students of need come for a transformative educational experience.”

Though not an initial priority for President Burstein when he assumed the presidency, an open office conversation with



Lawrence has raised more than \$75 million towards its goal to become a full-need institution and meet every student’s full demonstrated financial need.

a student who was working 40 hours a week and had amassed \$30,000 in debt proved eye opening. The president wondered how many other students faced similar challenges because Lawrence could not afford to help them.

“It started to make real for me what it means not to be a full-need university, not to support these students,” he said. ■

Concordia breaks ground on new academic building

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN

More than 250 people gathered on Tuesday, April 24, to commemorate the start of Concordia University Wisconsin’s latest building project, The Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise Center.

With state-of-the-art features, such as a functioning medical clinic and an incubator space for nurturing business start-ups, the approximately 41,000-square-foot academic



Concordia students helped President Rev. Patrick T. Ferry, PhD, launch the start of CUW’s latest building project.

building promises to be a place where entrepreneurial collaboration and healthcare innovation can occur together.

The three-story building is expected to be finished by fall 2019. Named after the Robert W. Plaster Foundation, the academic building will house Concordia’s thriving Batterman School of Business.

Concordia students studying healthcare will also be invited into the space. With half of CUW’s six academic schools devoted to healthcare disciplines, there exists a built-in opportunity to fuse business and healthcare learning.

Already Concordia has demonstrated its leadership in this area by leading multiple start-up or accelerator competitions designed to support participants who are developing innovative healthcare solutions. Concordia also annually hosts the Healthcare Economics Summit, which draws nationally recognized speakers including Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker and the incoming president of the American

Medical Association (AMA).

Features of the building include:

- Multiple classrooms, offices, and mixed-use rooms such as laboratories, work rooms, analysis centers, and public areas.
- A dynamic, cross-disciplinary “collaboratorium,” or incubator/collaboration space that will match students with educational mentors and successful community entrepreneurs to foster the launching of new products into the marketplace.
- A medical clinic that will model the consumerization of healthcare using free-market principles. The clinic will deliver top-notch healthcare while providing experiential learning opportunities for students. It will involve students in Concordia’s School of Health Professions and will be co-managed by faculty and students in CUW’s growing healthcare administration program.
- A home base for the Rx think tank, a consortium of Wisconsin business leaders who share a goal to consumerize healthcare by empowering consumers in transparent markets. ■

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Christine Pharr, Ph.D. inaugurated twelfth president of Mount Mary University

MOUNT MARY UNIVERSITY

In a ceremony that drew strongly upon themes of community, Mount Mary University officially installed its 12th president, Christine Pharr, Ph.D., on Friday, April 20.

In her inaugural address, “A Community of our Making,” Dr. Pharr explained the empowerment that comes from networks of support - “it takes a community to lead a meaningful life,” she said. “No one is successful on their own.”

Mount Mary University was founded in 1913 by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. It was the first four-year, degree-granting Catholic institution for women in Wisconsin. Today it serves a minority-majority population and offers more than 30 undergraduate majors for women and nine graduate programs for women and men in four schools: Arts & Design; Humanities, Social Sciences & Education; Natural & Health Sciences; and Business.



Dr. Christine Pharr (second from left) is pictured with former presidents Dr. Eileen Schwalbach, S. Ellen Lorenz, SSND, and Dr. Pat O'Donoghue in a blessing from Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome Listecki.

The need for community is particularly important at Mount Mary, Dr. Pharr explained, because it is foundational for single-sex institutions. Mount Mary is building a strong foundation for women to lead, she concluded.

The United States is ranked 103 in the world in women leaders at a national level, she said.

“This is a place where we believe one person can make a difference,” she said. “We are a beacon of hope, a tower of light for our future.”

The ceremony included a blessing circle comprised of various representatives from Dr. Pharr’s life and community - her family, former colleague’s parish, Mount Mary faculty, and staff. For more details, visit mtmary.edu/inauguration.

Dr. Pharr has been president of the university since July 1, 2017. She possesses a passion for women’s leadership, particularly in the sciences. After graduating with her bachelor’s degree in biology and chemistry from Mount Mary College in Yankton, South Dakota, Dr. Pharr went on to earn a master’s degree in chemistry from the University of South Dakota and a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from the University of Idaho. ■

Silver Lake College revitalizes SLC Serves program

SILVER LAKE COLLEGE



Silver Lake College of the Holy Family student Armani Jones helps out at the Lakeshore Humane Society in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, as part of the SLC Serves program’s “Day of Service.”

Silver Lake College of the Holy Family, founded and sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, is dedicated to the Franciscan values of compassion and caring for community.

This year, the college teamed up with United Way of Manitowoc County to

revitalize its SLC Serves program, which initiates and coordinates the college’s service to the community. SLC Serves kicked off with a “Day of Service” in late January. More than 150 Silver Lake College students, staff, and faculty members served 20 sites in the area, including St. Vincent de Paul, the Manitowoc Public Library, the Rahr-West Art Museum, the Manitowoc-Two Rivers YMCA, and the Salvation Army of Manitowoc County.

“Each time we go outside ourselves and show compassion, mercy, and love for the other, we participate, in a little way, in the compassion and love God has for us,” said Mr. Shaun Johnson, director of Franciscan

spirituality and service and a member of the SLC Serves committee.

First-year students participated in SLC Serves as part of their Learning Communities coursework, which emphasizes community, civic engagement, and social justice.

“This is an excellent opportunity for students to engage with the larger world and recognize the positive impact they can have on it,” said Ms. Erin LaBonte, a Learning Communities faculty adviser and a member of the SLC Serves committee.

SLC Serves also goes hand in hand with SLC Works, the college’s recently introduced Work College model.

“Service is a significant component of SLC Works,” said Mr. Matt Goff, dean of SLC Works and a member of the SLC Serves committee. “This comprehensive work-learning-service program provides students with the opportunity to contribute to their educations and to the welfare of the community as a whole.” ■

Columbia College of Nursing collaborates with Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) School of Pharmacy and School of Medicine for an Interprofessional Education (IPE) session

COLUMBIA COLLEGE OF NURSING

In April, 31 third-year Columbia College of Nursing students collaborated with 43 second-year MCW pharmacy students and 61 second-year MCW medical students in an IPE session on the MCW campus. Students worked together on a patient case that was augmented with the use of standardized patients (individuals portraying patients). The goal was for students to increase their comfort levels in working in health care teams, practice effective teamwork when working with patients, and enhance the delivery of patient-centered care.

Nursing, pharmacy, and medical students were placed in 28 interprofessional teams, of approximately 5 students each, to work on a patient case featuring a standardized patient with peripheral arterial disease. The activity included each team collaborating to create 20 questions they would ask a patient during an interview, with the goal of developing a diagnosis

and a comprehensive plan of care. Each team then exchanged their thoughts and finalized a diagnosis and plan of care. The teams collaboratively delivered the plan to the patient at the second encounter, and later received feedback from the patient about the team's performance. Small and large group debriefing sessions allowed students to reflect on what they learned during the session.

Student feedback showed the impact of the session, with one student commenting, "I learned I cannot give my best, most optimal patient care on my own: collaborating with other health care professionals allows for the best patient experience and care possible." Overall, the session provided the students an opportunity for self-reflection, an apprecia-



Columbia College of Nursing students collaborate with Medical College of Wisconsin students during an IPE session.

tion for the expertise and skills of other disciplines, and a better understanding of how collaboration amongst disciplines enhances patient care.

IPE learning helps prepare students at Columbia College of Nursing to meet the demands placed on nurses in today's health care settings, knowing they have a healthcare team to support them. ■

Northland College receives high marks for sustainability achievements

NORTHLAND COLLEGE

Northland College has earned a STARS Gold rating in recognition of its sustainability achievements. The award is from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). STARS, the Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System, measures and encourages sustainability in all aspects of higher education.

Northland College ranked as one of the top-ten undergraduate institutions in the world for overall sustainability, rating second in the academic category, which is focused on curriculum and research.

"Northland approaches sustainability in all of its forms — health, community, culture, environment, energy, and economy — and integrates sustainability into the academic curriculum and the research done by our students and faculty," said Dr. Scott Grinnell, director of sustainability

initiatives. "This assessment by AASHE validates our intentional work to bring full-spectrum sustainability into the center of all we do as a college.



STARS is a framework for colleges and universities to measure sustainability performance.

With more than 800 participants in 30 countries, AASHE's STARS program is the most widely recognized framework in the world for publicly reporting comprehensive information related to a college or university's sustainability performance.

Participants report achievements in five overall areas: academics, engagement, operations, planning and administration, and innovation and leadership.

"STARS was developed by the campus sustainability community to provide high standards for recognizing campus sustainability efforts," said AASHE Executive Director Meghan Fay Zahniser. "Northland College has demonstrated a substantial commitment to sustainability by achieving a STARS Gold Rating and is to be congratulated for their efforts."

Unlike other rating or ranking systems, this program is open to all institutions of higher education, and the criteria that determine a STARS rating are transparent and accessible to anyone. Because STARS is a program based on credits earned, it allows for both internal comparisons as well as comparisons with similar institutions. ■

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

MSOE breaks ground on new \$34M academic facility

MILWAUKEE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

The MSOE community, elected officials, and business representatives celebrated the groundbreaking for the university's new Dwight and Dian Diercks Computational Science Hall. The \$34 million facility has been funded by a donation from MSOE Regent and alumnus Dr. Dwight Diercks and his wife, Dian.

"MSOE will set the standard for preparing leaders to solve the diverse technical challenges of the 21st century," said Dr. John Walz, MSOE president. "There is no doubt that this facility, along with the educational program and partnerships that result from it, will put us well on the way to reaching that vision."

The gift marks a bold step forward for the university. With the addition of Diercks Hall and its new Bachelor of Science in Computer Science program,

MSOE will be positioned at the educational forefront in artificial intelligence (AI), deep learning, cyber security, robotics, cloud computing, and other next-generation technologies. MSOE will be a national educational leader in this transformative technology space and will apply AI to deepen and enhance the current disciplines of study at the university: engineering, business, and nursing.



MSOE's Diercks Hall will house its new bachelor's degree program in computer science.

"This new facility is not only an investment into MSOE, it is an investment in our state's future that will help develop our workforce while opening new doors for businesses throughout Wisconsin and the Midwest," said Governor Scott Walker.

Diercks Hall will be a 64,000-square-foot facility in the heart of MSOE's campus. Major features include a state of the art datacenter with an NVIDIA GPU-powered supercomputer, and space for corporate and academic partnerships. Students, faculty, staff, and businesses are invited to collaborate with MSOE to benefit from this tremendous asset to the region.

Dr. Diercks earned his bachelor's degree in computer science and engineering at MSOE in 1990. He also holds an Honorary Doctor of Engineering degree from the university. Today, he serves as senior vice president at NVIDIA, a California-based technology company and global leader in AI, supercomputing, and visual computing. ■

SPRING COMMENCEMENTS *continued from page 2*

Marian University: May 12 on campus.

Marquette University: May 20 at the BMO Harris Bradley Center. Jeannie and Jim Gaffigan, a wife-husband team who have collaborated on a wide variety of comedy projects, served as the commencement speakers and each received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Jeannie is an alumna of Marquette. Marquette alumnus David A. Straz, Jr., a banking entrepreneur, internationally respected philanthropist, and patron of the arts; also received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Medical College of Wisconsin: May 25 at the Miller High Life Theater in Milwaukee. The Medical College of Wisconsin - Green Bay campus held its first commencement ceremony June 1 at Lambeau Field.

Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design: May 12 at the Pabst Theater in Milwaukee.

Milwaukee School of Engineering: May 26 at the Kern Center on campus. Jackie Herd-Barber received an honorary Doctor of Engineering degree and delivered the keynote address. Ms. Herd-Barber is an alumna of MSOE and a member of the MSOE Corporation.

Mount Mary University: May 19. S. Joanne Poehlmann, SSND, Associate Professor of Sociology, served as the commencement speaker.

Nashotah House: May 24 at St. John's Military Academy in Delafield. The Rt. Rev. & Rt Hon Richard Chartres KCVO, retired Bishop of London, delivered the commencement address.

Northland College: May 26 in Ponzio Stadium on campus.

Ripon College: May 13 on campus. Judy Woodruff, anchor and managing editor of PBS NewsHour, was the keynote speaker and received an honorary degree. Wisconsin State Representative Joan Ballweg also received an honorary degree.

St. Norbert College: May 13 in the Mulva Family Fitness and Sports Center on campus. Dr. John R. Raymond Sr., president and CEO of the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW), was the commencement speaker. Dr. Raymond also received an honorary degree, as did Dudley Birder, artistic director of the Dudley Birder Chorale at St. Norbert College.

Silver Lake College of the Holy Family: May 5 in the Franciscan Center for Music Education and Performance on campus.

Viterbo University: May 12 at the La Crosse Center.

Wisconsin Lutheran: May 19 in the Recreation Complex on campus. The commencement speaker was R. Bowen Loftin, Ph.D., who is a professor of physics at the University of Missouri, where he served as chancellor in 2014 - 15.

COUNSELOR NEWS & NOTES



Coming soon: NEW! *Guide to Admission and Financial Aid*

Wisconsin's Private Colleges' *Guide to Admission and Financial Aid* is a trusted resource for prospective students and anyone who would like to learn more about WAICU's 24 member-institutions. Updated based on feedback from high school students and counselors, the latest *Guide* will be available at the end of the summer.

The *Guide* features:

- Profiles on 24 colleges and universities, including enrollment size, student/faculty ratio, admission requirements, tuition and fees, room and board, financial aid information, and athletic offerings
- Information about the advantages of attending a private, nonprofit college or university in Wisconsin
- Application timelines
- Housing information
- Scholarship resources
- A detailed chart of the majors and minors offered at all 24 institutions
- . . . and more!

To request *Guides* or to update the quantity you would like to receive, please call WAICU's educational services team at 1.800.433.4733 or send an email to studentaccess@waicu.org.

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NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Carthage College** has been named to the *Chronicle of Higher Education's* 2017 – 2018 list of Top Producers of Fulbright U.S. Scholars and Students, which is based on data from the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.
- **Dr. Joanne Passaro**, provost and vice president for academic affairs at **Carroll University**, has been named president of the Metropolitan College of New York (MCNY).
- **Marquette University** alumni Jim and Kelly McShane have made two \$1 million gifts focused on mental health research in the College of Health Sciences and on the development of more academic support within the Opus College of Engineering.
- **Jeff Morin**, president of the **Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design (MIAD)**, is one of the 32 artists selected from approximately 1,200 applicants to create artwork for the new Milwaukee Bucks arena.
- **Nicholas Hennigan, Tara Rahmani, Sabrina Stangler, and Michaela Thiry** are the first four **Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE)** students to be named University Innovation Fellows (UIF). The international program, run by Stanford University's Hasso Plattner Institute of Design (d.school), empowers students to become agents of change at their universities. All of these students are Wisconsin Grant recipients.
- **Edgewood College** has been honored with 2017 Tree Campus USA® recognition by the Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to effective urban forest management.
- **Lawrence University** student musicians won a pair of "best" Student Music Awards (SMA) in *DownBeat* magazine's 41st annual competition. Under the direction of **Patty Darling**, the 19-member Lawrence University Jazz Ensemble was named undergraduate college winner in the SMA's large jazz ensemble category. Seniors **Jake Victor** and **Jack Kilkelly-Schmidt**, who formed a band last fall while studying abroad at the Conservatorium van Amsterdam in the Netherlands, won the undergraduate college SMA for small jazz combo/student-led ensemble as the Jake Victor 5TET for the album "Twisted Heads."
- **Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE)** students were among the winners in the Architectural Engineering Institute (AEI) of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) 2018 Student Design Competition, and took first place in the Electrical Systems Design category.
- The National Society of Black Engineers chapter at the **Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE)** was named Best Small Chapter of the Year at the NSBE national convention in Pittsburgh.
- **Dr. Constance Kassor**, assistant professor of religious studies at **Lawrence University**, has been awarded a \$6,000 grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Beginning July 1, Dr. Kassor will spend two months in Kathmandu, Nepal, working on a translation of the 15th-century Tibetan Buddhist text "Synopsis of the Middle Way."

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- **Carroll University** has announced a 15-month accelerated Master of Science in Exercise Physiology program with an emphasis on strength and conditioning.
- **The Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design (MIAD)** has launched Designship, a first-of-its-kind apprenticeship program for design graduates in Wisconsin.
- **Alverno College** will launch a new Master of Music Therapy program this fall.
- **Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE)** has announced a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and will welcome the first students to the program in Fall 2018.
- **Beloit College** is launching a new summer program in collections care. The Center for Collections Care (C3) will provide opportunities for hands-on learning and practice for museum, library, archive, and conservation professionals and emerging professionals.
- **Edgewood College** has announced a new Hmong American Certificate Program in partnership with The Hmong Institute.

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lighting of a fire.”

W.B. Yeats

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EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATION

- **Viterbo University** and Western Technical College have reached a formal agreement to provide a new engineering pathway program for students starting this fall. Students enrolled in the pathway program will spend two years at Western. Following successful completion of classes at Western, students will transfer, with junior standing, into Viterbo's new engineering bachelor's degree program.
- **Mount Mary University** has added Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC) to its list of partner institutions for the Nursing 1-2-1 program. This innovative, new program allows students to obtain an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN), licensure as a Registered Nurse, and seamlessly move to complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (BSN), all within four years. The program initially launched with Milwaukee Area Technical College.
- **Edgewood College** has formalized two agreements to expand its partnership with Madison College. One will benefit international students from Madison College who wish to transfer to Edgewood College, while the other will allow Madison College students who transfer to Edgewood College before receiving their associate degree to “reverse transfer” classes taken at Edgewood College to fulfill the requirements of their Madison College degree.
- **Mount Mary University** recently launched a new pre-pharmacy program in collaboration with the **Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW)** that provides early assurance admission into the doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program at the Medical College of Wisconsin's School of Pharmacy.
- **Wisconsin Lutheran College (WLC)** has announced a 3+3 dual-degree affiliation with Rosalind Franklin University (RFU) that allows a student to obtain a bachelor's degree from WLC and Doctorate in Physical Therapy from RFU in just six years instead of the usual seven or eight.