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INDEPENDENT INSIGHTS

Understanding the big picture

It is said that a truly educated person sees the big picture and understands and appreciates the rich detail composing that picture – connecting the dots, maybe creatively reorganizing the dots, but not obliterating them. WAICU-member colleges and universities embrace this philosophy and put it into practice in a dazzling variety of ways: self-designed majors, interdisciplinary studies, independent study, internships, work, athletics, extracurricular activities, and much more.

One way to achieve a broader understanding and appreciation of the big picture is to encourage students to Study Away in countries or in settings distinctly different from those they may know. Equipped with the foundational learning which takes place on campus, they are encouraged to continue to learn in the real world and around the world – a world that is

different and maybe a little uncomfortable, but, once experienced and understood, makes life richer, their understanding deeper, and opens the door to opportunities unimaginable before the Study Away experience.

WAICU members have individually provided Study Away opportunities for generations. Based on WAICU's mission of "working together for educational opportunity," WAICU has now launched a Study Away collaborative program, opening individual members' Study Away opportunities to students enrolled in other WAICU members. The program goals are to increase student enrollment in Study Away programs; to increase understanding of the opportunities Study Away can bring; and to enable member colleges and universities to expand and diversify their offerings while not breaking the budget or duplicating the efforts at

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WAICU supports civic engagement

WAICU, as a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, supports civic engagement and civil debate.

Leading up to the 2018 mid-term elections, WAICU sponsored two debates. The first was the October 13 debate between Wisconsin U.S. Senate candidates, incumbent Tammy Baldwin and challenger Leah Vukmir, which took place in Wausau, Wisconsin.

The second WAICU-sponsored debate was between the Wisconsin gubernatorial candidates, incumbent Scott Walker and challenger Tony Evers. The event took place on October 19 in Madison.

Both debates were held by the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association Foundation Board, which upheld its 30-year tradition of holding statewide debates for the Wisconsin Governor and the U.S. Senate races. The debates were made available to radio and television stations throughout the state for live or delayed broadcast.

The debates were moderated by Jill Geisler, a Wisconsin native and the Bill Plante Chair in Leadership and Media Integrity at Loyola University Chicago. A group of journalists

in each of the regions where the debates were held served as panelists who posed questions to the candidates.

The debates were one of many ways WAICU and its members foster civic learning, not only for students, but for the public.



Pictured (from left to right) at the October 19 gubernatorial debate: Governor Scott Walker; Rebecca Larson, WAICU senior VP for advocacy; Dr. Rolf Wegenke, WAICU president; and governor-elect, Dr. Tony Evers

COUNSELOR NEWS & NOTES

WAICU School Counselor Workshops in IL & MN

The Meridian Banquet Center, Rolling Meadows, IL
Thursday, March 7, 2019

Calhoun Beach Club, Minneapolis, MN
Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Please save the date 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 majors and on 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.

WAICU at the WSCA Conference

Again this year, WAICU is pleased to sponsor the Wisconsin School Counselors Association (WSCA) Conference. The 2019 conference, themed "The Power of Hope," will take place February 5-7 at Monona Terrace in Madison. The event will provide a wide array of professional development opportunities for over 1,200 school counselors. WAICU's booth will feature resources and information from Wisconsin's private, nonprofit colleges and universities. Please visit www.WSCAweb.org for more information.

FAFSA help for families

A new analysis of state and federal data carried out by USA TODAY NETWORK-Wisconsin showed that most seniors at more than 100 high schools in the state had not filled out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Wisconsin, on the whole, ranked near the national average of about 54 percent of high school seniors completing the form.

These low FAFSA completion rates indicate that thousands of Wisconsin students are missing out on federal, state, and institutional financial aid opportunities for college. Some students may not even realize that college is an option for them.

The good news is that help is available. This fall, College Goal Wisconsin held over 40 events around the state to provide professional assistance to families filling out the FAFSA. In addition to receiving FAFSA guidance, student participants at College Goal Wisconsin events could also enter to win a scholarship. For more information on the organization, please visit www.collegegoalwi.org.

The U.S. Department of Education is making it easier to access and complete the FAFSA. The form can now be filled out online or on a mobile app. Families can use data from their tax filing from two years prior and submit the form as early as October 1. For example, a student can fill out the FAFSA for the 2019-20 academic year on October 1, 2018 using their family's financial information from the 2017 tax year.

MID-YEAR COMMENCEMENTS

Alverno College

Alverno College will hold its commencement ceremony on December 15 in the Pitman Theatre on campus.

Bellin College

The Bellin College RN-BSN graduation ceremony will take place on December 14.

Concordia University Wisconsin

Concordia University Wisconsin will hold fall commencement exercises in the R. John Buuck Field House on its campus in Mequon on December 15. Dr. Thomas Cedel, executive director at Concordia High School in Round Rock, Texas, and co-director of the Thrivent Fellows Program, will be the commencement speaker.

Marian University

Marian University's winter commencement ceremony will be held on December 14 in the Sadoff Gymnasium on campus.

Milwaukee School of Engineering

Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) Regent Mark Train, retired president and CEO of Jason Inc., received an Honorary Doctor of Engineering degree and delivered the keynote address at MSOE's Fall Commencement on November 17, at the MSOE Kern Center.

Mount Mary University

Mount Mary University's commencement ceremony will take place December 15 on campus. 2017-18 Teaching Excellence awardee Julie Tatlock will be the commencement speaker. Tatlock is an assistant professor of history in the School of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Interdisciplinary Studies.

Viterbo University

Viterbo University's commencement ceremony will be held December 15 in the Fine Arts Center on campus.

Wisconsin Lutheran College

Wisconsin Lutheran College will hold its winter commencement on December 13 in the Recreation Complex - Time of Grace Center on campus. The speaker will be Dr. Donald R. Kudek, Assistant Professor of Business Administration at WLC.

Correction: The title of a feature article in the Fall 2018 issue contained a typographical error and should read "Dr. Cindy Gnadinger inaugurated at Carroll University."

St. Norbert class partners with local businesses to improve corporate communication

ST. NORBERT COLLEGE

Improving internal communication is a hot topic for businesses today. “Companies are always saying they need to communicate better, but they don’t know how to do it,” says St. Norbert’s Kim Smith, assistant professor of communication and media studies. Smith came up with an idea: pairing students with local businesses to study a particular communication-based issue.

Green Bay firms Ameriprise and Dental City quickly signed on. The inaugural program, which started this fall, is part of the college’s Organizational Communication course. The course is taken by all communication and media studies majors.

Representatives from Ameriprise and Dental City were each paired with one class of about 20 students. Students working with Ameriprise examine how the company can create a more dynamic workplace that will keep employees engaged. Dental City, which is experiencing a lot of growth, is interested in learning how it can keep employees

connected and on the same page as it expands.

Speaking of the students, Dr. Smith explained, “They’ll do some online research, use resources such as pamphlets and brochures that are provided by the organizations, and interview specific employees for more insight on the topic.” During the remainder of the course, she’ll guide the students in analyzing and assessing the information they have unearthed. At the end of the semester, company representatives will come to campus and listen to the students’ reports.

Dr. Smith says the project will offer numerous benefits for all involved. Ameriprise and Dental City will gain fresh insights into their companies’ current



From course content to career fairs, businesses find St. Norbert has ways to help them engage with their next generation of new hires.

communication practices, along with ideas for improvement, all at no cost. The project will also afford the companies the opportunity to connect with St. Norbert students – potential future employees. The St. Norbert students will gain valuable insights into real-world business issues while having the chance to make beneficial connections. ■

Edgewood College, Madison College expand partnership

EDGEWOOD COLLEGE

Madison College and Edgewood College have formalized two new agreements that will benefit transfer students from both institutions. One benefits international students from Madison College who wish to transfer to Edgewood College, while the other allows Madison College students to “reverse transfer” classes taken at Edgewood College to fulfill the requirements of their Madison College associate’s degree.

Both agreements were effective beginning with the 2018-19 academic year.

Officials from both schools describe the agreements as “innovative, forward-thinking, and responsive to student needs.” The first agreement allows qualified international students from Madison College to receive their associate degree in liberal arts at Madison College and seamlessly transfer to Edgewood College to earn their bachelor’s degree in as few as two additional years.

The second agreement allows Madison College students who earn at least 30



President Jack E. Daniels, Madison College (left), and President Scott Flanagan sign the agreements, as colleagues from both institutions look on. Madison College Photo.

credits to transfer to Edgewood College, complete additional credits required for an associate degree, and transfer back those required credits to Madison College to earn an associate degree. According to Christine Benedict, vice president for enrollment management at Edgewood College, earning

an associate’s degree is an accomplishment that adds to a student’s resume and provides them with a completed credential that should be celebrated and acknowledged in their academic records.

“At Edgewood College, we are always excited to help students finish what they start,” Benedict said. “Making the process of transferring credits back to Madison College easier so that a student’s hard work can be put toward the completion of their associate’s degree is just another way we work in partnership with others to help students meet their educational goals.”

Over the past five years, according to data collected by Madison College, liberal arts transfer students make up an average of 30 percent of its enrollment. ■

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

\$300,000 science grant benefits Ripon summer research students

RIPON COLLEGE

Brett Barwick, associate professor of physics and the Harrison E. Farnsworth 1918 Chair in Physics at Ripon College, received a \$301,261, three-year grant from the National Science Foundation, Fundamental Electron-Photon Interactions. The grant is in support of providing equipment and monies for several summer research students.

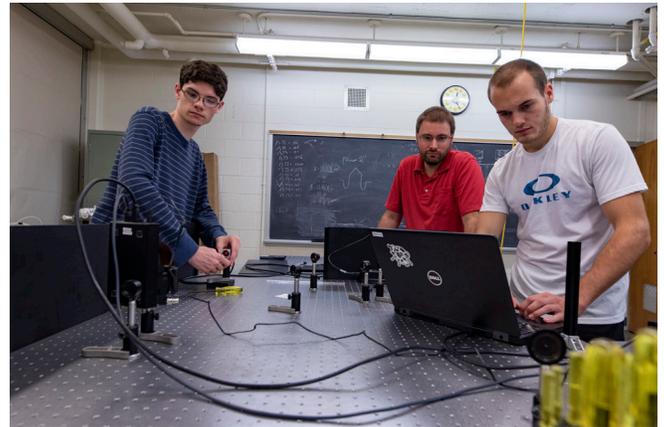
Undergraduate students are sometimes (mistakenly) seen as drilling down on received knowledge, but these students have the opportunity to develop new knowledge. This research experience will open doors to graduate schools and the world of technology entrepreneurs. Moreover, opportunities for hands-on research will prepare students to initiate their own investigations and applications.

“Over the last decade, a new research field has developed by combining electron microscopy with ultrafast lasers,” Dr. Barwick wrote in his proposal. “Now

‘ultrafast electron microscopes’ can be used to make movies of nanoscale (microscopic) processes that occur too quickly to observe with standard electron microscopes.”

Dr. Barwick explained that the project will focus primarily on fundamental quantum mechanical phenomena and on angular momentum from light to electrons. This project team also will explore how light can be used to compress electron pulses in time from picoseconds to tens of femtoseconds and to shape the spatial properties of electron beams.

Research today crosses disciplinary boundaries. For example, the Ripon experiments also will advance the



Brett Barwick, associate professor of physics and the Harrison E. Farnsworth 1918 Chair in Physics (center), oversees students Ryan Anthony-Ceres '19 of Lafayette, Colorado (left) and Jared Zeman '19 of Van Dyne, Wisconsin (right), as they work with a laser.

technical capabilities of electron microscopes and have an impact on imaging and quantum control techniques that are needed for physics, chemistry and biology, Dr. Barwick said. ■

Powerhouse wins World Architecture Festival prize

BELOIT COLLEGE



The Powerhouse won the top prize in WAF 2018 Future Projects.

Construction of the Beloit College Powerhouse, a combined student union, recreation center, and athletics facility, is on track, and the facility is scheduled to

open in the fall of 2019. The project repurposes the decommissioned Blackhawk Generating Station on the Rock River into a 120,000-square-foot student center in every sense of the phrase. The Powerhouse will be a first-of-its-kind facility in the country—one that interlaces student life spaces with recreational facilities, further connects campus with the community, and preserves history while looking to the future.

Even though the grand opening is a year away, the building is already making its impact known.

The World Architecture Festival first gave the Powerhouse its Reuse Award for future projects, one of 10 projects in the world honored by the festival. The Powerhouse

went on to win the overall prize among WAF's 2018 Future Projects. The award recognizes future projects that identify key ecological and societal challenges that architects are actively seeking to address over the next 10 years.

“The Beloit College Powerhouse Project seeks to replace an old model of energy with a new model to support the health and wellbeing of its many inhabitants. The Powerhouse is designed to become a centre for human energy, activity, and health,” reported the World Architecture Festival news release.

The college vision for the building, established through a shared community process, sought, not only to build a unique college building, but also to build bridges over compartmentalization of the student experience. The \$38 million project was generously funded by donations from alumni/ae and friends of the college and with significant public resources in the form of tax credits and grants from the state and federal government. ■

Joseph E. Kerschner, MD, named chair-elect of the board of directors of the Association of American Medical Colleges

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF WISCONSIN

Joseph E. Kerschner, MD, dean of the Medical College of Wisconsin's School of Medicine and provost and executive vice president of the Medical College of Wisconsin, has been named chair-elect of the board of directors of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). His one-year term began on November 6, 2018 and will continue through the conclusion of Learn Serve Lead: The AAMC Annual Meeting in November 2019. At that time, he will serve a one-year term as chair, followed by a one-year term as immediate past chair.

The AAMC is a not-for-profit association dedicated to transforming healthcare through innovative medical education, cutting-edge patient care, and groundbreaking medical research. Its members are all 152 accredited U.S. and 17 accredited Canadian medical schools; nearly 400 major teaching hospitals and health systems, including 51 Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers; and

more than 80 academic societies.

Dr. Kerschner became the dean of the school of medicine and executive vice president of the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) in November 2011 following 10 months as interim dean. He assumed the additional role of provost in 2017 and also serves as professor in the departments of otolaryngology and communication sciences and microbiology and immunology. Prior to being named chair-elect of the AAMC board of directors, Dr. Kerschner served as chair of the AAMC council of deans. Dr. Kerschner maintains an active membership on numerous professional and honorary societies, is past president of the American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology and current president of the International Society for Otitis Media.

"This appointment is further meaningful recognition of Dr. Kerschner's tremendous leadership at MCW and at the national level, where he nurtures top talent, spearheads initiatives to

build new strategic partnerships and addresses the challenges facing academic medicine," said John R. Raymond, Sr., MD, president and chief executive officer of the Medical College of Wisconsin. "His expertise continues to benefit the whole of academic medicine and the challenges facing its many missions." ■



Joseph E. Kerschner, MD

Co-op program draws record enrollment at Lakeland

LAKELAND UNIVERSITY

Lakeland University's new Cooperative Education program continues to attract strong interest both from employers seeking to expand their workforce and from students/families making their educational choices.

This fall, Lakeland welcomed a record first-year class to campus thanks to the co-op program. Lakeland saw 217 first-time, full-time students arrive on campus, a 24 percent increase over 2017. Lakeland's previous best first-year class was 215 in 2013.

The first-year class includes 118 students joining Lakeland's new co-op program, far exceeding the goal the university had set for year one.

Lakeland's co-op program allows students to work for local employers and gain 12-18 months of professional work experience prior to graduation. Students can use wages they earn to pay their

tuition, minimizing debt after graduation.

"The co-op model for educating students in a liberal arts setting will be economically sustainable for the majority of the families in this region of the Midwest," said Lakeland President David Black.



In addition to classroom learning, Lakeland co-op students earn wages and academic credit for their work.

"We introduced cooperative education as an alternative to the pathway available at most institutions, and clearly it resonated with students and their parents.

Students with intellectual curiosity and the motivation to work should have the opportunity to complete an arts and sciences education that includes experiential learning and that leaves them with little or no debt," Dr. Black explained.

Lakeland's founding employer partners include: Aurora Health Care, Bemis, Blue Harbor Resort, Clifton Larson Allen, Destination Kohler, Inspire Sheboygan County, Johnsonville, Masters Gallery, The Osthoff Resort, Sargento, Schenck, Sun Graphics Media, United Way of Sheboygan County, and Vollrath.

"We're providing them with the human capital needed to help them achieve their operating and growth goals, which is part of the reason we exist," President Black said.

"We're excited with the reception co-op has received from employers. They play a critical role in delivering work opportunities for our co-op students." ■

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Opportunity Program helps new students succeed in college

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE

The first year of college is challenging for even the most prepared students. Ensuring that students have support and resources from day one increases retention and student satisfaction. This is why the Student Success Center at Wisconsin Lutheran College (WLC) developed the Opportunity Program in 2011.

Students admitted into the Opportunity Program typically fall below WLC's admission requirements; however, with intentional support, these students will succeed in college. Each year, WLC's Opportunity Program serves 20 first-year students as they transition from high school to college.

Derrick Brungraber is one of those students. He grew up in Door County and attended Gibraltar High School in Fish Creek. He will be the first in his immediate family of seven and his extended family to graduate with a four-year degree. As a first-generation student, Derrick appreciates



Wisconsin Lutheran College student Derrick Brungraber with Becky Jeffers, a student success counselor at WLC.

the value of attending WLC, as well as the challenges of transitioning from a small community to a big city.

"Derrick has grown over these past four years and has made WLC his home," said Becky Jeffers, the student success counselor who met with Brungraber while he was in the Opportunity Program. "He was unsure of his major, but he worked hard and took the

initiative to meet with faculty and staff who could help him find a path on which he will be happy and successful."

"Through the Opportunity Program, we focus on connecting students with faculty and staff who help them balance academic, social, and personal expectations," said Jeffers. "Students also learn skills for studying and time management, receive proactive academic advising, and explore potential career options."

Brungraber is now a senior focusing on an interdisciplinary major in Psychology, Business, and Biology. He has fully embraced the resources made available to him at WLC. "I am grateful for the support WLC has given me," said Brungraber. "Everything I am experiencing is giving me the knowledge and skills I need to be successful in college and in life." ■

Marquette's Explorer Challenge: supporting a culture of innovation, garnering national accolades

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY



The 707 Hub is part of Marquette's Office of Research and Innovation.

When undergraduates at Marquette University began envisioning a new collaborative space for student innovation and entrepreneurship, they pitched it to Marquette's Explorer Challenge, had their submission selected, and worked with

partners to turn their ideas into the 707 Hub, now one of the most popular places on campus.

The Explorer Challenge is an annual competition that invites students, faculty, and staff to submit proposals for up to \$25,000 in seed money for original projects that create positive impacts and advance Marquette's strategic plan, Beyond Boundaries. Now in its fourth year, the challenge particularly encourages interdisciplinary, collaborative projects and community-based partnerships that aim for solutions to pressing problems.

Jeanne Hossenlopp, Marquette's vice president for research and innovation, describes the challenge as a key way the university is forging "a campus-wide culture of innovation for students, faculty, staff, and partners." And now that culture is generating national interest and praise. The University Economic Development Association recognized the Explorer Challenge with two national innovation awards this fall.

During the association's annual summit, held in late October in Milwaukee, Hossenlopp joined other finalists for the association's Award of Excellence in presenting the project to attendees. She highlighted the Explorer Challenge's provision of seed funding, infrastructure for internal and external networking, and resources to support entrepreneurship. Attendees voted and selected Marquette the winner in the innovation category. The *Journal of Economic Development in Higher Education* also named Marquette an "editor's choice" awardee.

This recognition for the Explorer Challenge highlights Marquette's progress in achieving President Michael Lovell's vision for university innovation. Arriving in 2014, he noticed members of the Marquette community had an abundance of good ideas but needed help making them a reality. The challenge debuted in 2015 and has to date supported 81 projects from students, faculty, and staff as it continues to inspire and reward a spirit of creativity at Marquette. ■

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other members.

A brainstorming session of the WAICU Board of Directors (the presidents) in the spring of 2017 launched this new initiative. Through an exhaustive due diligence process coordinated by WAICU, utilizing an advisory task force of WAICU members, the new program is now being implemented.

WAICU has received national recognition for its 40-plus cost-saving collaborative initiatives. The new WAICU Study Away program represents a broadening of our services to include more on the academic “side of the house.” As is the case with any experiment, we hope to gain knowledge and to continue to improve the program, to make it ever better. Our colleges and universities are hotbeds of innovation and creativity. We embrace what we have learned and continually learn more.

Sincerely,



Rolf Wegenke, Ph.D.
WAICU President



HERZING[®] UNIVERSITY

The WAICU Board of Directors has welcomed Herzing University to membership in WAICU.

WAICU is recognized in state law as the official organization of Wisconsin's 24 private, nonprofit colleges and universities. Criteria for membership in WAICU includes: accreditation by an organization recognized by the US Department of Education; status as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation; headquartered in the state of Wisconsin; and committed to WAICU's mission of “working together for educational opportunity.”

WAICU BULLETIN BOARD

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Wisconsin Inno's “25 Under 25” list included **Gabrielle Hood**, an alumna of **Alverno College** and owner of GH Energy Management; **Quentin Allums**, an alumnus of **Cardinal Stritch University** and founder of Urban Misfit Ventures; **Davis Marklin** and **Alec Shaw**, co-founders of the **Marquette University** Blockchain Lab; and **Tara Rahmani**, an industrial engineering student at the **Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE)**. Wisconsin Inno is a digital media outlet that covers the entrepreneurs, executives, startups, businesses, trends and topics that are shaping the present and future of Wisconsin's economy.
- **Ripon College** has been ranked the top liberal arts college in Wisconsin and eighth in the nation for colleges that promote social mobility, according to *U.S. News & World Report*.
- **Alverno College** has been awarded a \$974,698 grant from the National Science Foundation to fund and support the college's New Futures in Science and Mathematics Program, which is designed to help high-achieving, low-income women graduate with a degree in a STEM discipline.
- **Brenda Jones**, vice president for financial affairs at the **Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design (MIAD)**, and **Sebastian Thachenkary**, executive director of marketing and community engagement at the **Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE)**, were named “C-Suite Stars 2018” by the *Milwaukee Business Journal*. **MIAD President Jeff Morin** addressed the crowd at the award ceremony.
- **Marquette University** and Near West Side Partners were awarded \$1.3 million by the federal government to revitalize the College Court apartments and to continue development efforts on the northwest side of Milwaukee.
- At the Associated Schools of Construction Region 3 student competition, the **Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE)** took second place in the national project solutions competition and first place in the regional design/build and heavy civil competitions.
- Town Bank has made a commitment to invest \$12 million over 10 years to fund scholarships, athletic and educational programming, and other events at **Marquette University**.
- **Ripon College** received a major gift from alumni/ae Mark and Janice Franzen '83 '83 to establish a new endowed professorship in applied mathematics to support a full-time, tenured or tenure-track professor in applied mathematics and provide faculty development funds, and equipment and resources to support the teaching of mathematics.
- The U.S. Department of Education has awarded **Mount Mary University** \$3 million to increase graduation rates for low-income students who enter college needing developmental support in English and math.
- **Edgewood College** and **Northland College** have been included in the Princeton Review's “Guide to 399 Green Colleges, 2018.”
- After 18 hours and 51 minutes and thousands of social media shares, **Ripon College's** first-ever #OneDayRally giving day campaign came in 221 percent ahead of goal, raising a total of \$656,626 from 940 donors.
- **Marquette University** received a \$681,425 grant from the National Science Foundation to help acquire a supercomputing cluster that is more powerful than the university's current system.
- **Dr. Matthew Knoester**, associate professor of educational studies at **Ripon College**, will travel to Delhi University in India in January 2019 on a Fulbright-Nehru Fellowship.
- **Edgewood College** has been named to the *Military Times'* list of “Best for Vets: Colleges 2019.”

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- The **Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE)** broke ground on MSOE Raiders Stadium October 22, 2018. The new baseball stadium in Glendale, Wis. is the result of an agreement between the Nicolet High School District and City of Glendale. The partnership allows MSOE students access to other facilities at Nicolet High School, such as the swimming pool and tennis courts. Funded primarily by a gift from Dr. Kathleen Ruehlow '72, MSOE Regent, Raiders Stadium will serve as the official home to the MSOE and Nicolet baseball teams. Dr. Alan Ruud '69, MSOE Regent, and Catalyst Construction are also supporting this project.
- The first Rural Prosperity Roundtable in the nation was held Monday, Feb. 5, 2018, at **Ripon College**. Anne Hazlett, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Assistant to the Secretary for Rural Development, led the first of several national Rural Prosperity Roundtables with federal, state and community leaders.
- **Lakeland University's** new Women's Leadership Institute (WLI) will create resources to help female students achieve their professional and leadership goals. The institute will be offered at each of Lakeland's seven centers located throughout Wisconsin and will serve female students

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without accepting it."*

Aristotle

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enrolled at Lakeland as well as Wisconsin Technical College System students who will be seeking a bachelor's degree after graduating with their two-year associate degree.

- **Mount Mary University's** Grace Scholars program, which covers 85 percent of tuition annually for up to four years for select Milwaukee students, will offer a guaranteed spot to nine local community-based organizations next fall. Organizations include Boys and Girls Club, Carmen High School of Science and Technology, College Possible, Cristo Rey Jesuit High School (new this year), Divine Savior Holy Angels High School (new this year), Milwaukee Academy of Science (new this year), Notre Dame School of Milwaukee Graduate Support Program, PEARLS for Teen Girls, and Saint Joan Antida High School (new this year).

APPOINTMENTS

- **Dr. Freda Russel**, dean of the College of Education and Leadership at **Cardinal Stritch University**, has been appointed to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's Professional Standards Council. Dr. Russel was nominated by WAICU president, Dr. Rolf Wegenke.

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- The Sheboygan Area School District, Lakeshore Technical College, and **Lakeland University** are leading the nation with the first program that will allow high school students to earn an associate's degree at their high school and complete a bachelor's degree in just two years following graduation.
- **Bellin College** will begin offering an Orthopaedic and Manual Physical Therapy Fellowship (OMPT) and a Doctor of Science in Physical Therapy (DScPT) in early 2019.
- **Viterbo University** has started a new Master of Science in Nutrition Sciences degree program.
- **Marquette University** has launched a new online master's degree program in supply chain management.

RIP

- **Dr. Paul Byers Ranslow**, 11th president of **Ripon College**, passed away April 9, 2018.
- **Sister Camille Kliebhan, OSF, Ph.D.**, fifth president and chancellor emerita of **Cardinal Stritch University**, died November 17, 2018.