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The twenty private, or independent, colleges and universities of Wisconsin operate without taxpayer support, but provide an invaluable public service to the state, educating more than 56,000 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 financially needy Wisconsin citizens to succeed. Fully one-third of the needy 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 difference.

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WTG helps Carroll student keep promise to dad



*Susan Nuciforo
from Beloit,
a 2005 graduate
of Carroll College*

A promise Susan Nuciforo made to her dying father has long helped to keep her motivated and on track. With

only two final exams left during her fifth semester at Carroll College, her father passed away. Before he died, Susan promised him that she would take the rest of her exams and go on to finish her college education.

That promise drove Susan, a 2005 Carroll graduate from Beloit, to stay on top of her studies and participate in extracurricular activities. A finance major, Susan is taking a year off from school since graduation to learn commercial lending, then plans to go on to graduate school to pursue a master's

degree in finance.

Susan's years at Carroll were busy ones. She was on the executive board of Carroll's chapter of the American Marketing Association, a member of the Financial Management Association, and a deejay for the campus radio station. She also worked for the college as an athletics fellow, supervising 20-30 student workers, and volunteered at a local teen center, Habitat for Humanity, and The Waukesha Backpack Coalition, which provides school supplies and backpacks

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Thanks to WTG, Wisconsin and two sisters benefit from nursing education at Alverno



*Junior Angela (left) and
sophomore Marie Havaich
from Milwaukee,
students at Alverno College*

Nursing runs in the Havaich family. Sisters Angela and Marie Havaich, both students at Alverno College, were inspired by their mother who

works in nursing as a surgical technician.

The sisters, Angela and Marie, both want to be in a profession where they can provide care and service to others. Their educational path at Alverno College has been a rewarding one, both sisters say, but the cost of college can be high.

Thanks to the Wisconsin Tuition Grant (WTG), both sisters have been able to attend the college of their choice, and the grant has

helped them cover expenses.

"I have applied the grant directly to my tuition," says Angela, who began her third year of studies at Alverno last fall. "It really does help. It allows me to take out fewer loans, so I will have less to pay later."

Both sisters received the maximum \$2,700 WTG for the 2005-06 academic year.

Because of this, Angela says she is able to focus more on

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to children from low-income families in Waukesha County.

One of Susan’s fondest memories of her father dates back to her Girl Scout days. When she was in fourth grade, none of the scouts’ mothers were able to be the troop leader. So Susan’s father and another father jumped in and led the troop for a year. Susan says that commitment helped her realize later that her father was always willing to support her, even if he had to put his own interests on hold. And although he is gone, she nonetheless still relies on his support.

Without the financial aid she received from the Wisconsin Tuition Grant program, Susan would not have been able to afford to attend Carroll College. The grant also helped her stay in Wisconsin near her family, rather than attending a public university out of state that was a possibility she considered at one time.

Susan has always been very family oriented and often looks to her mom and her extended family for support.

Susan says she has succeeded at Carroll because of the personable atmosphere of a small campus.

One of her favorite professors, Dr. Gregory Kuhlemeyer, professor of business, “knows what he’s talking about and is able to adapt to students’ needs,” she says. She also looks up to Jeffrey Kunz, assistant professor of accounting, who “pushes you to do your best.”

That same push once came from Susan’s father, who told her to strive for the best in life and to never settle for second best. Susan is doing just that.

FACT OF THE MONTH

“Students who work full time, have a high school equivalency diploma, or face other challenges are far more likely to graduate from a private college or university than a state institution.”

“Twelve Facts That May Surprise You About America’s Private Colleges and Universities”
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her studies and worry less about the cost of education. “The grant is a great help,” Angela says.

Once she completes her education in 2007, Angela plans to work as a nurse practitioner and pursue trauma nursing.

She would also like to work with autistic children. Her interest in children stems from having been a summer camp counselor and working with children with

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), so she feels working with the younger set would be a natural fit.

Angela’s sister, Marie, says the WTG also has helped her defray college costs. “Every little bit helps. College is expensive, and this has certainly helped pay my tuition.”

Marie’s future plans in health care include working as a physician’s assistant or

continuing her education by going on to medical school and becoming an orthopedic surgeon.

Both sisters have enjoyed the small class sizes at Alverno, the hands-on approach to learning, and the individual attention they receive from their instructors.

“I like the closeness of Alverno. You’re not just a number here,” Marie says.

Wisconsin’s Private Colleges and Universities

Alverno College *Milwaukee*
Beloit College *Beloit*
Cardinal Stritch University *Milwaukee*
Carroll College *Waukesha*
Carthage College *Kenosha*
Concordia University *Mequon*
Edgewood College *Madison*

Lakeland College *Sheboygan*
Lawrence University *Appleton*
Marian College *Fond du Lac*
Marquette University *Milwaukee*
Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design *Milwaukee*
Milwaukee School of Engineering *Milwaukee*

Mount Mary College *Milwaukee*
Northland College *Ashland*
Ripon College *Ripon*
St. Norbert College *De Pere*
Silver Lake College *Manitowoc*
Viterbo University *La Crosse*
Wisconsin Lutheran College *Milwaukee*

