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## INDEPENDENT INSIGHTS

### Wisconsin's future . . . powered by people

For millennia the economy was largely dependent on what we could extract from the earth, but the agriculture was subject to the vagaries of climate and much else beyond the power of the people who farmed. In the 19th century, the industrial revolution transformed the world-wide economy to one based on what we could make, but manufacturing subjected the individual to standardization and routinization of work. Now, in the era of the "Knowledge Economy," it is what Richard Florida called the "creative class" in all sectors – including agriculture and manufacturing – who are powering cultural and societal and economic change. Brain workers are the essential "natural resource" and hold the keys to the future.

As has always been the case, there is a world-wide competition for access to critically important "natural resources,"

but what does the competition for people look like and how is Wisconsin faring? A Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance Focus report did, indeed, give focus to this issue. To grow its economy, Wisconsin needs talented and educated people. I quote, "As Wisconsin ages and the 'natural' population increase – the difference between births and deaths – shrinks, workforce size and job creation are likely to slow. If the state's population and economy are to grow, in-migration is the **only** other option. Yet, in the past seven years, Wisconsin's annual population and income losses have averaged 5,750 and \$311 million, respectively [emphasis added]."

While I welcome the best and brightest relocating to Wisconsin, in-migration is not the only strategy. It is a truism in economic development (I previously worked in economic development for five Wisconsin

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## WAICU welcomes Nashotah House into full membership

Nashotah House Theological Seminary has become a full member of WAICU. Previously, Nashotah held an Associate Membership in WAICU, a category created in 2008 specifically for nonprofit theological seminaries that could benefit from WAICU's cost-saving collaborations.

Nashotah House, also known as "the Mission," has been part of the fabric of Wisconsin since being established in 1842, before Wisconsin became a state. It was officially chartered in 1847.

From the start, Nashotah House was ecumenical, graduating its first student in 1845, the Reverend Gustaf Unonius of the Church of Sweden (BA – Uppsala), an instrumental figure in the early movements of Swedish immigration to the upper Midwest. Since then the House has graduated many students



Nashotah House Theological Seminary was established in 1842.

from a variety of churches in the Anglican Communion including the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Church in North America.

Students at Nashotah House are able to choose from a variety of degree and certificate programs received both on campus and through hybrid distance education. The House's strong Anglo-Catholic heritage continues to provide the context for its formational community of faith and learning.

Fr. Steven A. Peay, Ph.D., Dean and President of Nashotah House,

states, "it is very clear that WAICU is an organization to which Nashotah House should belong...it is appropriate that we should be part of an organization dedicated to providing educational opportunity."

## Visit Wisconsin's private, nonprofit colleges and universities during Private College Week: July 13-18, 2015

Summertime in Wisconsin means the perfect time for a road trip! This year, Wisconsin Private College Week will be held July 13-18 on the WAICU college campuses across Wisconsin. Private College Week is the ideal time to visit several colleges and learn more about the selection process, admission requirements, and student life. During this joint "open house" week, visitors can talk to admission and financial aid representatives, meet students, tour the campus, and learn about majors, clubs, sports, and more. Student visitors completing an evaluation will receive a Culver's gift card for a frozen custard treat. Student visitors will be entered into a drawing to win one of two iPads. The more campuses that students visit, the more opportunities to win.

For more information and to register, visit the website at [www.wisconsinsprivatecolleges.org/visit](http://www.wisconsinsprivatecolleges.org/visit).

### COUNSELOR WORKSHOP DATES

#### SAVE THE DATE

#### 2015-16 WAICU School Counselor Workshops

Mark your calendars for the WAICU school counselor workshops throughout Wisconsin. Learn about the private college difference. Registration information will be available soon.

**Monday, October 12**  
Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design

**Tuesday October 13**  
Beloit College, Beloit

**Monday, October 19**  
Carthage College, Kenosha

**Tuesday, October 27**  
Silver Lake College, Manitowoc

**Tuesday, November 3**  
Holiday Inn & Suites Wausau-Rothschild

The program will feature a presentation on the affordability of Wisconsin's private nonprofit sector, tips on the application and financial aid process, updates from each admission representative, and breakout sessions with the chance to meet with representatives from Wisconsin's private, nonprofit colleges and universities. Free continental breakfast and lunch will be provided, and professional development certificates will be awarded.

For more information on these free workshops, visit our webpage just for counselors at [www.wisconsinsprivatecolleges.org/counselors](http://www.wisconsinsprivatecolleges.org/counselors).

### SPRING COMMENCEMENTS

**Alverno College:** May 22. Student Ingrid Davis gave the invocation at the grad commencement. At the May 23 Alverno College ceremony the undergraduate invocation was given by Chelsie Wedan, the commencement introduction was made by student Theresa Moore, and the student speech was presented by Erin Dulek.

**Bellin College:** May 16. Dr. Tina Sauerhammer, pediatric plastic and reconstructive surgeon for Prevea Health (and a former Miss Wisconsin) presented the commencement address.

**Beloit College:** May 17. The commencement speaker was artist, educator, and intellectual Favianna Rodriguez.

**Cardinal Stritch University:** May 17. Bev Greenberg, honorary degree candidate and current Stritch "Executive-in-Residence," and Major Shawn Monien, Master of Science in Management, presented commencement speeches.

**Columbia College of Nursing:** Commencement ceremonies were held May 15.

**Carroll University:** May 10. Carroll graduate, Wisconsin State Senator and newly-elected Waukesha County Executive Paul Farrow, gave the keynote speech.

**Carthage College:** May 24. Broadcast journalist Laura Ling gave the commencement address, and Benjamin Simington spoke for the senior class. An honorary degree was presented to the Rev. Linda Norman, Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**Concordia University Wisconsin:** May 15 and 16. Jeanne Olson, MS Physical Assistant Program, and Rachel Ferguson, BA Psychology, presented student addresses at the graduate and undergraduate ceremonies, respectively. Dr. Bohdan Hrobon, President of the Center for Christian Education in Martin, Slovakia, presented the commencement speech on both days.

**Edgewood College:** May 17. Degrees were presented to nearly 300 undergraduates and almost 100 masters and doctoral candidates. Four students from Cutting Edge - a program for college inclusion for persons with intellectual development disabilities - also received certificates for completing their studies.

**Lakeland College:** May 3. J. Garland Schilcutt, Lakeland College Professor of Business Administration, presented the keynote address.

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## Concordia University Wisconsin's Economic Impact Exceeds \$200 Million

### CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN

A recent economic impact study compiled by the Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce (MMAC) found that Concordia University Wisconsin is a major contributor to the Milwaukee metro area's economy. The metro area is made up of four counties – Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington, and Waukesha, with Concordia being located in Ozaukee County.

The March report indicates the gross dollar impact of the University to the region totals \$205.7 million (\$174.6 million net impact), with more than 1,100 jobs supported, generating \$76.6 million in annual payroll. It also shows that the state and local taxes on worker earnings total \$7.2 million per year.

According to the University, 75 percent of its student population comes from outside Milwaukee's metro area. This has a direct impact to the region in the form of more than 800 jobs, with those earnings reaching nearly \$60 million. The discretionary



The Concordia University Wisconsin campus in Mequon.

spending of out-of-metro students over the course of an academic year totals nearly \$20 million.

"We are dedicated to helping this community grow and flourish," said Gretchen Jameson, vice president of strategy and external relations at Concordia. "We are proud to contribute, not only economically,

but also through service, volunteering, and leadership as fellow citizens and neighbors."

Full-time enrollment at the University has risen nearly 60 percent over the past 10 years, and degree completions have increased by nearly 90 percent over the same time. According to the MMAC, this

indicates activities by Concordia are helping to advance the region's strategic economic development goals.

The University is a learner centered institution driven by rigorous academics and a commitment to excellence in teaching that inspires students to achieve success in the classroom, a career, and the community. ■

## President Viets to retire from MSOE

### MILWAUKEE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Dr. Hermann Viets will retire from the presidency of the Milwaukee School of Engineering on June 30, 2015. He is only the fourth president in MSOE's 112-year history and has guided the university for 24 years. During that time the university's campus footprint has grown dramatically and expanded degree programs fueled growing enrollment.

Viets' vision for MSOE was to remain at the forefront of professional education with an emphasis on both theory and applied technology coupled with intense laboratory experience and career practice. He has worked to broaden the academic scope of the university while maintaining its application-oriented philosophy and, at the same time, supporting those initiatives that promote a well-rounded college experience.

"MSOE's national academic reputation has grown under the steadfast leadership of Hermann Viets," said Scott Moon, chairman of the MSOE Board of Regents. "Throughout

Dr. Viets' tenure, the economy has seen ups and downs, yet the demand for MSOE graduates hasn't wavered. Employers know that MSOE graduates have an immediate and significant impact on their workplace."



MSOE president Dr. Hermann Viets has guided the university for 24 years.

During Viets' presidency, the university implemented study-abroad programs, a number of bachelor's degrees such as actuarial science, biomolecular engineering,

construction management and software engineering, and master's degrees including perfusion and an MBA, among others. MSOE became the National Affiliate University for Project Lead The Way (PLTW) programs in the state of Wisconsin. The Rader School of Business, MSOE School of Nursing, Pieper Family Endowed Chair for Servant-Leadership and Uihlein/Spitzer Chair of Entrepreneurship were established during Dr. Viets' tenure.

The university campus increased to 20 acres with the addition of Krueger Hall, Rosenberg Hall, Humphrey House and the German-English Academy. The Grohmann Museum houses the Man at Work art collection. The Kern Center athletic facility, and

Viets Field, a soccer/lacrosse field built atop a parking garage, focus on student wellness. The Grohmann Tower student apartment building is the newest addition to campus. ■

## MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

### Lawrence University focusing on controlling student costs, increasing financial aid

#### LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

Affordability has become today's biggest buzzword in conversations about college.

Lawrence University is addressing those concerns with its smallest rate increase in 20 years for the 2015-16 academic year. Lawrence set its comprehensive fee for the upcoming school year at \$52,950, an increase of 2.89 percent over the current year. The increase is the smallest since a 2.84 percent change in 1996.

The comprehensive fee covers, not only tuition, but room, board, student activity and sustainability fees.

The modest increase is made possible by efforts on part of the administration to decrease Lawrence's operating expenses by 7 percent — \$3.75 million — over

the next three years while preserving the quality of its education.

"I realize the financial burden that many of our students and families face, and I take seriously any increase to the



At 9:1, Lawrence boasts one of the lowest student-to-faculty ratios of any college in the country.

comprehensive fee," said President Mark Burstein, who has made affordability a cornerstone of his presidency since assuming the office in July 2013.

"The cost of providing a rigorous and challenging academic experience, with a student-to-faculty ratio (9:1) that is among the lowest in the country, is indeed great. As we continue to improve this institution and its offerings to students, it is imperative that we work to find ways to moderate the increasing cost of the transformative education we provide."

Lawrence launched a campaign last September focused on raising student scholarship funds following a \$25 million gift, the largest in school history. Alumni and friends of the college since have contributed more than \$18 million to match the gift, generating funds that will be used solely to create endowed scholarships that help meet students' demonstrated financial need.

"Efforts to raise funds for scholarships and to decrease operating costs are essential to the continued health of Lawrence and to the affordability of the education we offer for future Lawrentians and their families," said Burstein. ■

### Beloit College recognized for commitment to sustainability

#### BELOIT COLLEGE

Beloit College recently achieved a bronze rating from the STARS Report (Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Reporting System) for its sustainability efforts during the 2013-14 academic year. The report—which is derived from 70 different self-reporting credits—is becoming the standard method for gathering information about sustainability on college campuses nationwide.

The college further committed to 'going green' this January, with the release of an extensive three-year Sustainability Plan. Goals outlined in the document fall under three categories: campus and community engagement, operations, and planning and evaluation. From a practical standpoint, this means increasing sustainability literacy by engaging with the campus community, as well as improving the resource efficiency of campus operations. The college hopes to reduce water and energy usage, while upping recycling efforts and decreasing



Beloit College's Center for the Sciences was awarded platinum-level Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) status by the U.S. Green Building Council in 2009.

food waste, among other objectives.

Strong interdepartmental cooperation is key in making sure Beloit's vision for a sustainable campus becomes a reality. Recent triumphs include the student-run Beloit Urban Garden (BUG), which supplies Bon Appétit, the campus food service provider, with sustainably grown produce. The college also gives students the opportunity to work on campus or community-based sustainability

projects for eight weeks over the summer with their Sustainability Fellows program. Each student works at a single site with the mentorship and guidance of a faculty member. Previous fellows have harvested crops at BUG, helped to restore the nearby Chamberlin Springs nature preserve, and developed a sustainable system for watering the college's sports fields.

Looking forward, Beloit is likely to keep climbing in the STARS rankings as it gets ready to break ground on a new student union and athletic space. Renovations on the "Powerhouse," a former coal power plant along the Rock River, will be completed in 2018. The structure is set to be the first building in the United States to use geothermal energy from a river to create a radiant surface that will maintain temperatures year-round. ■

## Northland College Educator Prep Program receives national recognition

### NORTHLAND COLLEGE

The Association of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges for Teacher Education recently awarded Northland College a 2015 Model of Excellence Award for its clinical residency program.

Director of Teacher Education Annette Nelson accepted the award in February at the national conference held in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Nelson dedicated the award to the students who implemented and participated in the pilot program. Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Les Alldritt attended the presentation, extending his congratulations to the faculty and students.

Dr. Nelson and faculty initiated the residency program two years ago. “Students from around the state said they wanted more time in the classroom with the kinds of students they would teach,” Nelson said. “We responded with a two-semester clinical residency program integrated with classwork.”



Northland College faculty and students celebrate receiving the Association of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges for Teacher Education's Model of Excellence Award for its clinical residency program.

Northland College created a concentrated block system where education students spend Monday and Tuesdays in school classrooms in the region and Wednesdays and Thursdays on the Northland campus. Students expressed appreciation for the mix of practical and

theoretical instruction. “When you get in the classroom, you can see how it plays out,” said Kaitlyn Withun, a Northland College senior and elementary and middle education major.

Students complete over 200 hours before they begin student teaching. “We are the only educator preparation program in the state to offer this much undergraduate time

in the school classroom—double what the state requires,” explains Dr. Nelson. This intensive, focused clinical program, Dr. Nelson says, places Northland graduates at the top of the resume pile when applying for teaching positions. ■

## Scholarship honors Marquette coaching legend

### MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

Alyce and Raymond Majerus deeply valued education, prompting their son, former Marquette men’s basketball coach Rick Majerus, to form a foundation in their honor.

Rick died in 2012, but the Majerus Family Foundation he created carried on. The foundation has made a \$1 million gift to create the Rick Majerus Endowed Scholarship. It honors the late Marquette alumnus and coaching legend.

The scholarship will provide tuition support to first-generation students in Marquette’s Helen Way Klingler College of Arts and Sciences who demonstrate financial need. It is the largest scholarship gift in the college’s history.

“Rick founded the Majerus Family Foundation in honor of our parents, and

the values by which they lived their lives and passed on to their children,” said Jodi Majerus, Rick’s sister. “Our parents highly valued education and were proud that each of their children graduated from



Marquette coaches Al McGuire, Hank Raymonds and Rick Majerus sit on the bench during an NCAA tournament game in Atlanta, March 1977.

college – the family’s first generation to do so.

“Rick felt strongly about making higher education affordable and accessible to all,”

she added. “And through a scholarship in Rick’s name, at his alma mater, we are honoring his deepest beliefs in the importance of helping others reach their highest potential.”

Majerus was among the first members of his family to attend college. He graduated with a history degree in 1970. He spent the next 15 years as an assistant and head coach at Marquette, earning his master’s degree in education from Marquette in 1979.

During his time at Marquette, Majerus embraced the Jesuit ideal of developing and caring for the whole person. The Majerus family’s gift will help a new generation of students have similar formative experiences.

“On behalf of the many students and families who will benefit greatly from this gift for years to come, the Marquette community offers the most heartfelt of thanks to the Majerus family,” Marquette University President Michael R. Lovell said. ■

## MEMBER AND WAICU HIGHLIGHTS

# Bellin College completes expansion project to Health Sciences Resource Center

### BELLIN COLLEGE

Bellin College students will benefit from enhanced interprofessional training and clinical simulation experiences because of a recently completed expansion project. Bellin's Health Sciences Resource Center (HSRC) now includes an additional 8,500 square feet for a wide range of health education and training purposes. Construction began in January and was completed in May. Bellin College added a labor/delivery birthing suite that will serve as a permanent home to two of the college's high-fidelity simulators—Noelle and Baby Hal. Additional facilities include an Intensive Care Unit, Pediatrics Unit, and Surgical Suite. With these state-of-the-art facilities, Bellin College continues to meet the growing healthcare needs of Wisconsin by providing advanced training for our future healthcare providers in the Northeast Wisconsin Area.

The College faculty will work collaboratively to create case studies and simulated learning experiences with medical students, nursing students, and radiologic sciences students.

As part of the expansion project, the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW –



Faculty and students work collaboratively in the expanded facilities of the Health Sciences Resource Center (HSRC).

Green Bay) joins Bellin College's campus in July. MCW – Green Bay will have four exam rooms, a debriefing room, procedure room, and two offices. MCW – Green Bay utilizes standardized patients to learn assessments skills and physical assessment skills. Their standardized patients will have dedicated space to utilize between exams and practice sessions.

Bellin College was founded in 1909 and has grown to become one of Wisconsin's premier private Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences (BSRS) and Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) accredited degree granting colleges. A focused curriculum, extensive hands-on practice, leadership and service learning, and dedication to the values of Excellence, Integrity, Community, and Caring help our students succeed academically and professionally. ■

### SPRING COMMENCEMENTS

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**Lawrence University:** June 14. Lawrence University presented honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees to iconic civil rights leader Georgia Congressman John Lewis, and to one of the Freedom Riders from the 1960s, Appleton native James Zwerg.

**Marian University:** May 15-16. Pinning ceremonies for the Schools of Nursing and Education were held on May 15. On May 16, Mark Lasky, CEO of Sadoff Iron and Metal Company, was the keynote commencement speaker.

**Marquette University:** May 17. Sister Peggy O'Neill, S.C., founder of El Centro Arte Para la Paz in El Salvador, an agency dedicated to helping the poor, presented the commencement speech. She also received an honorary degree as did former Marquette president, Rev. Robert A. Wild, S.J..

**Medical College of Wisconsin:** May 15. Robert Lefkowitz, MD, Nobel Laureate of Duke University Medical Center presented the commencement address. Dr. Lefkowitz, Dr.

John Bartkowski, Lester Carter, Jon Hammes and Ann Hammes received honorary doctoral degrees.

**Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design:** May 9. Student speakers were Emily Ebert and Jasminie McMasters. Madeline Kelly Lubar spoke for the Board of Trustees, and Barbara McLaughlin, Ph.D was faculty speaker.

**Milwaukee School of Engineering:** May 23. James Rahn, president of the Kern Family Foundation, and Dawn Tabat, executive vice president of Generac Power Systems, received honorary Doctor of Business and Economics Degrees. Each also gave a keynote address.

**Mount Mary University:** May 16. Sara Marie Sybesma, senior class representative, gave the commencement address.

**Nashotah House:** May 21. 2009 Pulitzer Prize winner Jon Meacham, executive editor and executive vice president at Random House, gave the commencement speech.

**Northland College:** May 23. Robin Wall Kimmerer, a professor of environmental and forest biology and an award-winning author, delivered the commencement speech. She also received an honorary degree as a Doctor of Humane Letters.

**Ripon College:** May 17. Dr. Christopher Howard, a decorated U.S. Air Force veteran and current president of Hampden-Sydney College, presented the commencement speech. Nicole Malli was senior class speaker, and Kane Kummel received the Distinguished Educator award.

**St. Norbert College:** May 17. Marti Wronski, vice president and general counsel for the Milwaukee Brewers delivered the commencement speech. She also was presented the Presidents Medal. Benjamin Chu, Ph.D, and Abbot Joel Garner received honorary doctoral degrees.

**Silver Lake College:** May 2. Silver Lake College president, Dr. Chris Domes, gave the commencement

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governors) that significant economic growth does not result from “smokestack chasing,” luring businesses to move across the state’s borders. Rather, the proven path to success is to “grow our own;” that is to encourage employers to expand where they are and to encourage entrepreneurs to start new businesses. Even so with the competition for talent. Those of us who live here love this state and would not want to live anywhere else. However, efforts to lure “brain workers” to relocate to Wisconsin without a specific job waiting or by means of slick advertising campaigns are unlikely to be successful. Wisconsin does know how to “grow its own”—by providing educational opportunity here in this state for those who are currently without such opportunity. Study after study shows that college graduates end up living close to their alma mater. Wisconsin employers will expand here if there is a supply of talented brain workers here as well. Those same graduates will also be starting up new enterprises in Wisconsin.

So, if “growing our own” is a workable, winning strategy, how do we get there? We need only look to Minnesota—a state with similar climate, traditions, and population. Wisconsin ranks 28th in the country in the percent of its population with a baccalaureate degree and 26th in per capita income. Minnesota ranks 10th in the country in the percent of its population with a college degree and 11th in per capita income. The alignment—28th and 26th versus 10th and 11th could not be more dramatic. Equally telling is one additional variable: Wisconsin ranks 27th of the 50 states in per capita grant aid provided to in-state students, while Minnesota is in 18th place. WAICU supports Wisconsin Grants targeted to Wisconsin students attending a Wisconsin college or university (UW-System, WTCS, or WAICU.)

WAICU-member colleges and universities are doing their part—growing enrollment by 90 percent between 1980 and 2014. Invest in people, and Wisconsin’s future will be powered by people!

Sincerely,



Rolf Wegenke, Ph.D.  
President



## WAICU BULLETIN BOARD

### NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Brad Andrews**, vice president for student success and strategic enrollment at **Carthage College** has been named president of Southwestern College in Kansas.
- Historic Emerson Hall, built in 1897, has been reacquired by **Beloit College** and will be renovated and reopened as a residence hall in the fall of 2016, thanks to a gift from Jim and Nancy Packard of Beloit.
- **Lakeland College** and the Sheboygan Area School District (SASD) have partnered to form a Teacher Development Institute that provides additional professional development training for Sheboygan teachers.
- **Jeffrey (Jeff) Morin**, dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC) at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point has been named as the next president of the **Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design**, succeeding retiring president **Neil Hoffman**.
- **Richard B. Artman**, president of **Viterbo University**, has been elected to the Council of Independent Colleges Board of Directors.
- **Lawrence University** junior **Joe Bazydlo** advanced to the finalist round of the Princeton University Entrepreneurship Club annual competition for a smartphone app—“Trailblazer”—for hikers and trail users. The Lawrence University team was one of the only liberal arts college teams invited to the finals.
- A joint venture between **Medical College of Wisconsin** and **Milwaukee School of Engineering** promoting lean healthcare management techniques, has received a \$1 million pledge from Gus Ramirez and the Ramirez Family Foundation and will be called the Ramirez Lean Scholars Program.
- **Northland College** has approved a transfer agreement for students from Nicolet College to facilitate direct credit transfer for those students who have earned an associate degree from Nicolet and seek a bachelor’s degree from Northland.
- **Alverno College** has been awarded a College Ready grant of \$269,626 from Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation for its Reading the World: Alverno English and Math College Success Academy. The grant supports academic programming that prepares more students to pass college-level math and English courses, increasing their odds to earn a degree.
- Funded by a five-year, \$20 million grant from National Institutes of Health, **Marquette University**, **Medical College of Wisconsin**, and **Milwaukee School of Engineering**, together with Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, UW-Milwaukee, the BloodCenter of Wisconsin, Froedtert Hospital, and the Zablocki VA Medical Center, are collaborating to improve patient care and education through biomedical research. By working together, they have access to research techniques and broader groups of patients they would not otherwise have reached.
- **Carroll University**’s Enactus, an international, community-focused student organization led by academic and business leaders, works on projects with community businesses to overcome obstacles to success. Last year, Enactus’s work earned them the position of Opening Round finalists in a regional competition.
- The online master’s program at **Marian University** was named one of the top ten master’s programs in the nation by [onlinemastersprograms.org](http://onlinemastersprograms.org).
- **Edgewood College**, **Beloit College**, **Marquette University** and **Northland College** have been recognized as most environmentally responsible colleges according to [The Princeton Review Guide to 353 Green Colleges](#).
- **Ripon College** is working with Eli Lilly in the Open Innovation Drug Discovery Program to virtually screen molecules for potential pharmaceutical use.
- **St. Norbert College** has joined Green Bay Area Catholic Education (GRACE) and Notre Dame Academy to collaborate on new joint initiatives that are intended to expand Pre-K through college educational opportunities in the Green Bay area.
- **Silver Lake College** has signed an agreement with the Wisconsin Technical College System to guarantee admission to Silver Lake College’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing program to all technical college students who have earned an Associate Degree in Nursing.

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- The **Medical College of Wisconsin** will open a school of pharmacy in Milwaukee to address an overall need for highly-qualified pharmacists and to serve underserved Wisconsin communities, with an anticipated opening date of summer 2017 or 2018.
- Lawrence University** was awarded a Grand Gold honors in the 2015 Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Circle of Excellence competition in the general information video category for "The Rabbit's Nose," a documentary on a student's undergraduate experience at Lawrence. The competition garnered a record 3,227 entries.

### NEW DEGREES AND PROGRAMS

- Cardinal Stritch University** is offering a new doctoral program in special education, focusing on cultural, instructional, and theoretical models of learning for special needs students.
- Concordia University Wisconsin** will offer a new Doctor of Physical Therapy Accelerated Track for students working toward a Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Science (BSRS) in fall 2015.

### SPRING COMMENCEMENTS

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speech. Sister Lorna Zemke and Sister Marella Wagner each received the distinction of Professor Emeritus.

**Viterbo University:** May 9. Amanda Moder gave the student address. Kent Handel, chair of the board of trustees, provided congratulatory remarks.

**Wisconsin Lutheran College:** May 16. Mark Wrightsman, former member of the Wisconsin Lutheran College Board of Regents and President and CEO of PaR Systems, gave the commencement speech.