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INDEPENDENT INSIGHTS



Students at the capitol

WAICU Students' Day

"I stated my case and shared my story" is how one of the student participants summarized meeting with legislators as part of WAICU Students' Day. On March 29, students and supporters of students gathered in Madison

for the 2017 WAICU Students' Day. The students were there in support of a cause, "...working together for educational opportunity."

Specifically, the students urged support for the Wisconsin Grant, the principal state financial aid program for qualified Wisconsin students. After years of flat funding, Governor Walker has proposed a 5 percent biennial increase for the Wisconsin Grants. The same percentage increase is recommended for students in all sectors:

University of Wisconsin System, the Wisconsin Technical College System, and the private, nonprofit sector.

During WAICU Students' Day, students from across Wisconsin learned about the state budget process and heard from speakers who shared their experience attending a WAICU-member college and receiving the Wisconsin Grant. Mr. Rich Zipperer, a graduate of St. Norbert College and Chief of Staff to Governor Walker, and Rep. Beth Meyers, a Northland College alumna and Wisconsin Grant recipient urged the students to speak up and to get the most out of the quality education they are receiving. Students also enjoyed a demonstration on an effective advocacy visit; a former legislator played one of the parts.

WAICU made appointments for all of the attendees to meet with their state representative and senator to describe the role student aid – and the Wisconsin Grant, in particular – has

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Students speak out about WAICU Internship Program

After a competitive selection process, twenty-three students (out of 125 applicants) from WAICU members have been selected to intern with Wisconsin nonprofit organizations this summer. These students will soon be immersed in a variety of experiences, where they will gain real-world skills that build upon their college education. Over the course of the summer, interns will complete 400 hours of work and in return receive a stipend and scholarship, as well as professional experience. The program is made possible through the generous support of two Wisconsin-based foundations.

WAICU president, Dr. Rolf Wegenke, called the internship a "win-win-win:" a win for the students who learn both of the importance of the nonprofit sector and the world of work, a win for the hosting nonprofit from an extra pair of hands – and a heart – for their cause, and a win for member colleges and universities who are constantly on the look out for additional ways for students to engage in experiential learning.

Siobhan Heiss, a student at Wisconsin Lutheran College, shared some insights as a returning WAICU intern, placed at the Hedberg Public Library, in 2016 and 2017.

WAICU: *What was one of the big projects you worked on last summer?*

Siobhan: *I helped with their capital campaign, Transform Your Library. It was fascinating to see how to set up a board and how to motivate people to start the campaign. This showed me how nonprofits are funded.*

WAICU: *How did your internship help you in your studies/provide a different perspective?*

Siobhan: *I am an accounting and finance student, and [the library's participation in city budget] meetings showed me the real-world application of budgeting. The city was facing a 2 percent deficit. At the meeting, all the departments gave suggestions on how to combat the deficit. I loved seeing the city come together and try to solve the issue collaboratively. After attending those meetings, I realized I could see myself as a city's general manager. I would not have known this without the opportunity WAICU has provided me.*

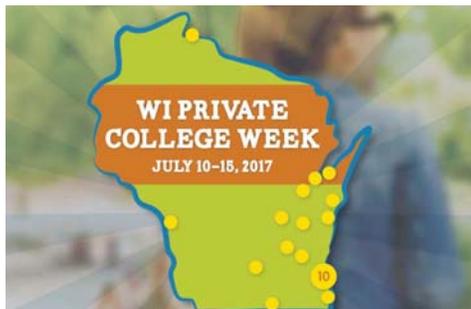


Siobhan Heiss

It is common for the internship experience dramatically to change students' professional paths. Former intern Katelyn Burton pursued

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Private College Week July 10-15, 2017



Students and their families (and counselors!) are invited to visit WAICU colleges and universities during Wisconsin's Private College Week (July 10-15). This statewide "open house" event will feature campus tours, discussions with admission and financial aid representatives, food, meeting current students, and the opportunity to learn more about majors, sports, and clubs offered at that institution. Student visitors will be entered into a drawing for an iPad for each evaluation completed. Two iPads will be given away!

Register now and choose what colleges you will visit:
WisconsinsPrivateColleges.org/visit

WAICU SCHOOL COUNSELOR WORKSHOPS

Register now: WAICU Fall Counselor Workshops

WAICU will offer 5 school counselor workshops located throughout Wisconsin this fall. Each workshop will feature a presentation on the access to and affordability of Wisconsin's private nonprofit sector represented by WAICU, as well as tips on the application and financial aid processes. Each private, nonprofit undergraduate college and university in Wisconsin will give a short presentation and highlight their diverse academic and extracurricular programming. There will be breakout sessions to give attendees the chance to speak directly with the admissions representatives. Free continental breakfast and lunch will be provided, and professional development certificates will be awarded. Register to join us for one of our fall counselor workshops:

- **Tuesday, September 12, 2017: Lawrence University, Appleton**
- **Thursday, September 21, 2017: Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee**
 - **Tuesday, October 17, 2017: Beloit College, Beloit**
 - **Thursday, October 26, 2017: Marquette University, Milwaukee**
- **Thursday, November 9, 2017: Holiday Inn & Suites, Wausau-Rothschild**

For more information on these free workshops, and to register, visit our webpage just for counselors: WisconsinsPrivateColleges.org/counselors.

The Minnesota and Illinois workshops are in the Spring.

**The WAICU 2017-18 Guide to Admissions & Financial Aid
will be available soon!
Call WAICU at 1.800.433.4733 or
email studentaccess@waicu.org to place your orders!**

SPRING COMMENCEMENTS

Alverno College: May 19 and 20. The undergraduate commencement introduction was given by Ms. Catarina Erba, BA in English; the undergraduate invocation was given by Ms. Ruth Lopez de Arenas, BA in Community Leadership and Development; and the student address was given by Ms. Edna Gonzalez, BA in mathematics education. The graduate commencement invocation was given by Ms. Jolie Fritz, MA in Community Psychology.

Bellin College: May 13. The commencement address was given by the honorable Reid J. Ribble, former U.S. Representative, Wisconsin, 8th District. The student speakers were Ms. Hannah Hargis, BSN; Ms. Kiera Ullman, BSRS; and Ms. Tamara Marie

Marshall, MSN. The alumni speaker was Donna Zelazoski, Class of 1969.

Beloit College: May 14. Ms. Roberta J. Cordano, class of 1986 and the president of Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., delivered the commencement address and received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. Ms. Emmy Newman was the student speaker.

Cardinal Stritch University: May 21. The undergraduate commencement address was given by President James P. Loftus. The graduate ceremony address was given by Mr. Cory L. Nettles, founder and managing director of Generation Growth Capital, Inc. Mr. Nettles and Mr. Félix Mantilla, retired Major League Baseball player (1957 World

Series Champion, Milwaukee Braves) received honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees.

Carroll University: May 14. Mr. Jim DeJong, class of 1973, delivered the keynote address. The student speaker was Ms. Regina Aiuppa.

Carthage College: May 21. Dr. Terrell L. Strayhorn, diversity scholar, delivered the commencement address.

Columbia College of Nursing: May 12. Dr. Tammy Kasrovich, PhD, RN, CEN, was the keynote speaker.

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Carroll expands nursing degree programs

CARROLL UNIVERSITY

Carroll University recognizes the continuing need for nursing educators prepared to teach in classroom and community settings. Carroll will be adding a Master of Science in Nursing – Clinical Nurse Educator (MSN-CNE) to its graduate program offerings beginning in fall 2018. The new program is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Nurse educators can serve in a variety of professional roles in both academic and clinical environments by teaching courses in the classroom or providing training at hospitals. These educators are expected to be able to develop, implement and evaluate nursing curricula in either scenario which will help learners of all ages to become stronger nurses as they continue to learn how to care for the whole person.

“The MSN-CNE program aims to meet the growing demand for quality nurse educators reflecting the increases in student enrollment in undergraduate

nursing programs,” said Jane Hopp, dean of the College of Health Sciences. “This program is an exciting initiative that will prepare students to educate future generations of nurses.”

In March 2016, the *State of Nursing in Wisconsin: Nursing and Nursing Faculty Workforce Update* concluded that the number of nursing students graduating in Wisconsin is not sufficient to meet projected demand based on forecast models, which anticipate up to a 38 percent RN supply/demand gap in the number of direct care nurses needed by 2035.

Students who complete the MSN-CNE will gain the necessary skills needed to educate patients, nursing students, clinical staff nurses and other direct-care providers



Nursing students benefit from state-of-the-art training facilities at Carroll.

by combining knowledge and hands-on experiences.

Carroll’s undergraduate nursing program currently ranks in the top 8 percent in the State of Wisconsin and in the top 10 percent of nursing programs across the country as certified by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing NCLEX Program Reports. ■

Columbia College of Nursing students learn beyond the classroom

COLUMBIA COLLEGE OF NURSING

The power of touch and the crucial importance of connecting with another human being are among lessons learned by Columbia College of Nursing (CCON) students in a community clinical rotation at St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care. Founded in 1983 in Milwaukee, St. Ann Center provides comprehensive day services to underserved populations, including children, the elderly, and adults with disabilities.

CCON students work with the center’s children, 6 weeks old to school age, and with adult clients of all ages—all under one roof. Students rotate from working with infants, toddlers and children with disabilities, to spending time in the senior wellness and Alzheimers/dementia units. They learn to view clients holistically, from a community health perspective, as they

work in physical therapy and with a nurse practitioner and community health nurses. They also provide Benevolent Touch, a type of nurturing massage, assuring clients they are safe and cared for.



Haley Clark, CCON nursing student, works with a client from St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care

Over the semester-long course, students meet weekly with an assigned client. They are expected to document the client’s health history, conduct a physical assessment, including a genogram, and promote evidence-based healthy behaviors that target

acute and chronic health issues. Through this experience, students develop a unique perspective on problems their clients may experience daily—ones able-bodied individuals may not understand. Haley

Clark from the class of December 2017 shared, “My experience at St. Ann Center was like no other clinical setting throughout nursing school.” Fellow student Mayra Escoto, said, “I interacted with a Hispanic client who won my heart. When we spoke to each other in our native tongue, it made all the difference in the world.” By developing these relationships, students move beyond statistics and facts and are better prepared

to advocate for vulnerable or marginalized populations as they begin their professional nursing careers. ■

Marian University announces \$13 million comprehensive campaign

MARIAN UNIVERSITY

Marian University has embarked on the public phase of its \$13 million comprehensive campaign, “The Marian Campaign: Inspired Students, Stronger Community.”

“We are proud to be continuing the pioneering spirit of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes with this ambitious fundraising campaign,” said Dr. Andrew P. Manion, president of Marian University. “The lion’s share of the funds raised during the Marian Campaign will be dedicated to the renovation and significant expansion of the science center.”

The Marian Campaign will result in a transformative upgrade for the science facilities, directly affecting every student. The renovated science center will greatly expand teaching and research capabilities to prepare students for post-graduate employment, graduate or professional schools, and internships. The science center will feature state-of-the-art



Exterior rendering of the renovated Science Center.



Interior rendering of the classroom and learning facilities in the renovated Science Center

laboratory and classroom space, as well as ample student study spaces.

“The science center will also be rededicated in honor of Dr. Richard and Leslie Ridenour,” added Manion. “The

Ridenours served extraordinarily as president and first lady of Marian from 1997 to 2006, and the naming of the science center is Marian’s way of honoring their work and continuing their success.”

So far, the Marian Campaign has raised more than \$10 million since the silent phase began in September 2015. The Marian Campaign aims to raise the total \$13 million goal by the end of June 2018.

“A comprehensive campaign strengthens universities,” said Tracy Milkowski, vice president for Advancement. “The Marian Campaign provides momentum, moving Marian University forward and allowing both the institution and our students to achieve success.” Marian University is the only private faith-based applied liberal arts university in Fond du Lac, making Marian a critical resource for economic growth in central Wisconsin.

Stay up-to-date on campaign news and building renovations by visiting www.marianuniversity.edu/themariancampaign. ■

Bovay’s opens—a hit with Ripon College students and the city of Ripon

RIPON COLLEGE

An initiative by Ripon College in Ripon’s historic downtown is revitalizing an underutilized building.

In January, the building at 329 Watson Street — formerly known as Gallagher’s Pub and adjacent to Ripon’s popular J’s BBQ restaurant — became home to the college’s newest venture, Bovay’s Study Bar & Mercantile.

The hip multi-purpose downtown location is just steps away from the college’s Carnegie administration building. It includes a 30-seat high-tech classroom, faculty office, ample study spaces, flexible campus and community event space, a retail store, and a performance stage and sound system. In response to student needs, Bovay’s is open late into the evening and features barista coffee service by Mugs Coffeehouse during peak study hours.

Student interns working in the space will benefit from hands-on experiential training in marketing, merchandising and small business management.

Bovay’s, in part, replaces the campus bookstore, which closed in early February. Moving forward, students will order textbooks online using one of their own devices or an online kiosk in Bovay’s. An online apparel and gifts store will supplement the brick and mortar mercantile.

Bovay’s takes its name from Alvan Bovay, a founder of a part of the city known as “Bovay’s addition.” The addition constituted what is now the south end of Watson Street and paved the way for the founding of Ripon College. Bovay’s life exemplifies active citizenship



Zander Michigan performs live music at Bovay’s Study Bar & Mercantile in downtown Ripon Saturday, April 29.

and public service. He played a central role in Ripon’s development and was a founder of Brockway College (later Ripon College) and of the new Republican Party, founded in Ripon in 1854.

College and Main Street officials hope the new venture will help with the continued growth and revitalization of downtown while also serving to bolster college-community ties and meet the needs of the student body. ■

Silver Lake College prepares students for future

SILVER LAKE COLLEGE

Résumés in hand, Silver Lake College students recently flocked to the college's first on-campus job fair.

The fair was part of SLC Works, Silver Lake College's recently adopted Work College model, which offers an enhanced educational experience integrating work, learning and service throughout a student's college career. Students have the advantage of earning a degree while gaining professional skills, avoiding debilitating student debt and building their career portfolios.

"Incorporating work experiences into students' class schedules will help them in every dimension of their college career and provide opportunities that lead to their ultimate goal: getting a job in the career of their choice," said Matt Goff, newly appointed dean of SLC Works. "Silver Lake College students will come out of

college with significantly more experience than those candidates they are competing against."

The fair drew students like freshman Victoria Bond of Manitowoc, a math



Matt Goff, right, helps Silver Lake College student Alexis Almond fill out an application for a fall position during a recent on-campus job fair.

major and chemistry minor, who has been working as a library assistant. She was applying for positions in her areas of interest, one as an assistant to a math

professor, and another as an assistant to a science professor.

In the fall of 2016, starting with its freshman class, Silver Lake College became the first institution of higher education in Wisconsin to adopt the Work College model.

The program will encompass the upper classes in the next academic year, more than doubling the number of participants. The program model aims for 100 percent employment of the college's full-time residential students, who are required to work as a condition of enrollment.

Freshmen and sophomores focus on liberal arts skills, such as communication and critical thinking, and apply those skills in on-campus positions. Juniors and seniors move up the ranks to supervisory positions on and off campus, where they will acquire management and leadership skills. ■

Making a difference: the Viterbo University Service Saturday Program

VITERBO UNIVERSITY

The Viterbo University Service Saturday program is making a positive difference, both in the greater La Crosse community and in the education of the Viterbo students who participate.

Started in the spring of 2016 and held once a month during the school year, Viterbo Service Saturdays feature an average of 60 students, employees, and friends of the university performing service work in the greater La Crosse area. Viterbo partners with up to 19 community organizations, including Habitat for Humanity, the Salvation Army, Place of Grace Catholic Worker House, and the Boys and Girls Club.

Service Saturdays are in keeping with Viterbo's Catholic and Franciscan heritage and are designed to demonstrate the importance of community service to students. Many students find the activity to be very rewarding, and they in turn will go on to volunteer and give of their time and talents long after graduation.

326 Viterbo community members participated in projects during a special Service Saturday held to celebrate the inauguration of Viterbo President Glenna Temple on April 8.



Linda Schams, Viterbo biology faculty member, and nursing student Hillary Covington paint the garage of a local Habitat for Humanity home during Service Saturday April 8.

"Service Saturdays provide an opportunity for Viterbo students to connect with their neighbors and understand the needs and assets in our local community,"

said Kirsten Gabriel, who heads the Viterbo Service Saturday program. "Students also grow in their awareness of themselves and others. They come away with a deeper understanding and appreciation of why service is a mutually beneficial experience."

"The experiences I have had through Service Saturdays have allowed me to better connect with the Franciscan values of the university," said recent Viterbo graduate R. L. Olson, a management information systems major. "Each event gave students wonderful opportunities to get out into the community together to serve various non-profits. I will certainly return to some of these organizations to volunteer again in the future." ■

Wisconsin Lutheran College expands opportunity for students through partnerships

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Innovative agreements with area partners in higher education are giving Wisconsin Lutheran College (WLC) students access to expanded academic offerings and the opportunity to pursue advanced degrees in less time.

3+3 Dual-Degree Pharmacy Program: WLC and the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) Pharmacy School are partnering to offer an accelerated route for WLC students to gain direct admission into the Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program at MCW. The program allows students to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, Biochemistry, or Chemistry from WLC and a PharmD degree from MCW in just six years.

“As an alumnus of both WLC ('98) and MCW ('05), I've witnessed first-hand the many ways our institutions have collaborated over the years and the positive results that our relationship has had on our students and community,” said Dr. Rob Balza, associate professor of biology at WLC. “This agreement is an extension of our

partnership and our shared commitment to educating the next generation of health care professionals.”

Accelerated 3+3 Law School Program: WLC and Marquette University Law School announced an accelerated program that allows students to obtain a bachelor's degree from WLC and a Juris Doctor degree from Marquette in only six years.

3+4 Dual-Degree Optometry Program: An early assurance direct admission agreement between WLC and Illinois College of Optometry provides students an opportunity to obtain both a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from WLC and a Doctor of Optometry degree from Illinois College of Optometry in just seven years.

Physics-Engineering Dual-Degree Program: WLC announced a partnership



Students in a variety of academic programs, including Biochemistry, can benefit from new academic agreements at Wisconsin Lutheran College.

with UW-Milwaukee that enables WLC students who successfully complete the prerequisites to gain direct admission to the UWM undergraduate engineering program. Students in the program earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from WLC and a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from UWM. ■

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Concordia University Wisconsin: May 12 and 13. The Rev. Dr. Dean Wenthe, president of The Concordia University System, St. Louis, Missouri gave the keynote address.

Edgewood College: May 21. Graduating senior Ms. Yesenia Villalpando-Torres, BS in Sociology and Human Services, addressed the graduates. The graduate student speaker was Ms. Christine Bell, DNP.

Lakeland University: May 6. Speakers included the Rev. John McFadden, Lakeland University Trustee Emeritus; Alumni Association Representative Mr. Brian Kaufman; and Ms. Jessica Luecke, student. Rev. John McFadden, Dr. Susan McFadden, and Mr. Michael Lanser were awarded honorary degrees.

Lawrence University: June 11. Dr. Gil Loescher, expert on international refugee policy, will give the keynote address and

will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Marian University: May 13. The commencement address was given by graduating senior Mr. Scott Milnthorp, BS in Marketing and Sport & Recreation Management.

Marquette University: May 21. Sister Maria Marciano, O.P. was the commencement speaker and received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Medical College of Wisconsin: May 19. Dr. Elizabeth G. Nabel gave the keynote address and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Medical Science degree. Mr. Will Allen, Ms. Donna M Hietpas, and Mr. Ralph E. Hollmon were awarded honorary Doctor of Humanities degrees.

Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design: May 13. Mr. James Barany, professor and

chair of foundations, was the keynote speaker. The student speakers were Mr. Cody Powers (Design) and Ms. Sarah Sutterfield (Fine Arts).

Milwaukee School of Engineering: May 27. Mr. Agustin “Gus” Ramirez, executive chairman/CEO of HUSCO International and MSOE regent, will deliver the keynote address and receive an honorary Doctor of Engineering degree.

Mount Mary University: May 13. Ms. Serena Majeski, BS in Business Administration, was the student speaker.

Nashotah House: June 1. The commencement speaker will be the Reverend Prebendary Dr. Paul Avis, visiting professor in the Department of Theology & Religion at the University of Exeter (UK).

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played in their college career. Over 65 legislative offices were visited – several offices received more than one student visit at a time.

One student participant noted their representative was “genuine and answered questions directly. He promised a vote for Wisconsin Grants!” Another participant stated that their senator was “very responsive” and glad to “put a face to a cause.” These students are living demonstrations of Wisconsin’s commitment to a bright future. Their stories made a difference because they are true.

I am proud of all the students and their supporters who participated in Students' Day to advocate for an increase in the Wisconsin Grants. These are Wisconsin students working hard at jobs and on their education. When they graduate they will make a difference for their families and for Wisconsin’s future. More information about the Wisconsin Grants campaign can be found on our website: www.wisconsin-grants.org.

The students stood up to be counted in support of Wisconsin Grants! I know readers of the *Independent* are also reaching out to elected officials in support of the Wisconsin Grants. You are welcome to use the “Contact your Legislator” tool on the website <https://wisconsin-grants.org/legislatorcontact/>. Take the lead to ensure that all qualified students, regardless of their financial situation, can pursue their college and career goals. ■



Rolf Wegenke, Ph.D.
President



WAICU Internship Program

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a permanent position at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum after graduation in 2010 from Lakeland University and now serves as a mentor for the museum in the WAICU Internship Program.

WAICU: *How did your internship help prepare you to begin your career after college?*

Katelyn: *This internship showed me what it was like to work 40 hours a week in an office setting. Working with a small team to complete tasks gave me a good look into the local nonprofit culture, and a general idea of what working at a nonprofit was like.*

WAICU: *How has the experience of being a WAICU intern helped in your role now as a mentor?*

Katelyn: *I always strive to make sure that we are giving the intern jobs that not only help with our capacity issue, but also jobs that they find fun and interesting. I feel they will enjoy their work and work harder if they feel accepted and appreciated.*

This program would not be possible without generous private philanthropy. ■

WAICU BULLETIN BOARD

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Beloit College** will be transitioning a decommissioned power plant located along the Rock River into a sustainable, fully integrated student union and recreation center scheduled to open in June 2017.
- **Marquette University Law School** will establish the new Lubar Center for Public Policy and Civic Education to support public policy research and civic education.
- For the second year, **Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design** students are taking part in the MIAD/Colectivo Cup Collaboration Project during which four students' designs were displayed on the Colectivo cups in Milwaukee.
- The Mulva Family Fitness and Sports Center is the new name of a facility at **St. Norbert College**, which is receiving a \$26 million expansion and renovation, including a new fitness center and swimming pool.
- The Educator Preparation Program at **Northland College** received a national Model of Excellence in Partnerships award from the Association of Independent Liberal Arts College for Teacher Education.
- **Nashotah House** is hosting an international conference in June called “Living Sacrifices” in partnership with the Living Church Foundation.
- **Dr. Kim Udilis**, MSN Program Director/Associate Professor of Nursing at **Bellin College**, will be inducted into the Fellows of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.
- **Timothy Schorr**, dean of the College of Arts and Letters and professor of music at **Viterbo University**, has been selected by the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) to participate in the 2017–2018 Senior Leadership Academy.
- **Dr. Jill Berg**, President of the **Columbia College of Nursing**, and **Amanda Polcyn**, a Clinical Nurse Leader, were recently featured on Milwaukee-area station TMJ4 to highlight their Clinical Nurse Leader program.
- **Wisconsin Lutheran College** presented former President George W. Bush the Divine Servant Award for exemplifying the qualities of Christian servant leadership and exhibiting Christian values.

APPOINTMENTS

Robert A. Fale was named interim president of **Silver Lake College** by the board of trustees and began on May 22, 2017.

EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

· **Carroll University and the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) School of Pharmacy** have created a dual degree program where students complete 3 years of undergraduate curriculum at Carroll University followed by 3 years of study in the PharmD curriculum at MCW.

NEW DEGREES AND PROGRAMS

- **Alverno College** is starting a new post-master's Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree. The program has both a leadership and a direct care track and can be completed in 18 months.
- Beginning in fall of 2017, **Lakeland University** will offer co-operative education programs partnering students with local employers to receive payment and academic credit for their work. The program will start with hospitality management and then expand to other majors.

RIP

· Bernard Schroder Adams, the ninth president of **Ripon College**, died on February 26, 2017.



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for life’s journey.”*

Aristotle

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Northland College: May 27. The commencement speaker will be Ms. Mamie A. Parker, assistant director of fisheries and habitat conservation for the Fish and Wildlife Service. Ms. Parker will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree.

Ripon College: May 14. Mr. Craig Culver gave the commencement address and received an honorary degree, along with Mr. Stefano Viglietti.

St. Norbert College: May 14. President Thomas Kunkel was the commencement speaker. Honorary degrees were awarded to President Kunkel; Ms. Deb Kunkel; Chairman and CEO of ConocoPhillips Mr. James Mulva, and Ms. Miriam Mulva.

Silver Lake College: May 6. Dr. Chris E. Domes, president of the college, was the commencement speaker.

Viterbo University: May 13. Speakers included Ms. Mary Ann Gschwind, member of the board of trustees; Ms. Kathy Duerwachter, alumni relations director; and Mr. Jedidiah Barton, student.

Wisconsin Lutheran College: May 20. Rev. David Rutschow gave the commencement address and received the Pro Gloria Dei Award, which recognizes an individual for a life of distinguished service to God and His people.