

## About Wisconsin Grants

*The twenty-four private, or independent, nonprofit colleges and universities of Wisconsin operate without direct taxpayer support, but provide an invaluable public service to the state, educating nearly 55,000 students a year. Many of Wisconsin's best and brightest need financial help to attend the college of their choice.*

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## Volleyball and academic standout at home at Viterbo University

Viterbo student Maya Roberts says that volleyball is what introduced her to the university, but the school's values and the hospitality she felt when visiting are what made her decide to enroll.

"I knew I would receive support throughout my college experience," said Maya, a sophomore from Watertown who is majoring in health care and wellness management. "It was evident from my campus tour that people at Viterbo care and they want to invest their time and resources in programs and initiatives that will make the students better."

Maya is a superstar for the Viterbo V-Hawks volleyball team. As a freshman, Maya earned first team all-conference and NAIA All-America Honorable Mention honors. She is having a great sophomore season as well.



Maya Roberts

"Maya is a person who is thoroughly respected by her coaches and teammates," said Viterbo University Volleyball Coach Ryan DeLong. "She is a tremendous player who has the ability to take over games, but more importantly she is a rock as a teammate and a person. Maya is someone who lights up a room with her confidence and the way she carries herself. She is a huge part of our team and success, and a very special person who I have no doubt will continue to have positive impact

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## MIAD's Isaac Daniel discovers passion, career opportunities for furniture design

Thanks to the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (MIAD) and the Wisconsin Grant Program, Isaac Daniel is constructing a bright future for himself in the field of interior architecture and design.

It all started when the West Bend native went to support a friend at a university's senior thesis night. He found himself enthralled by all of the industrial design and interior architecture projects on display. "I wanted to be involved in the how, what, and why of a product like those students were," he said.

That night motivated Isaac to pursue studying Interior Architecture + Design. "I love the structure," he said "going through the whole process from floor plans to physically building something. It's so active."

Having decided on his new area of study, two things led Isaac to MIAD. The first was MIAD's Furniture Design program. Offered as an academic minor, students in the program experience all phases of the design-build process from conception to completion. The focus is equal parts on design (sketching, drawing, modeling, physical studies, and material exploration) and building (millwork, joinery, sanding, assembly, and finishing).



Isaac Daniel

Furniture Design students like Isaac have the opportunity to collaborate with company partners on real-world projects. In the past, classes have teamed up

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on everyone with whom she comes in contact.”

Off the court, Maya is a member of the Honors program. “I’m very happy with my choice to attend Viterbo,” Maya said. “I’m really enjoying the diversity and quality of my liberal arts classes. They have made me a stronger business student and have really opened my eyes to new things and ideas. I joined the Honors program because I knew about the academic rigor of the classes and that we would explore difficult and complex topics. I wanted to be a part of that.”

Financial aid, including a Wisconsin Grant, has made a big difference in her education. “I am able to focus more on my studies instead of stressing about money,” she said.

In addition to being a student-athlete, Maya is the vice president of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and member of the Viterbo ENACTUS business club. She also works as a campus tour guide. Her very limited free time is spent enjoying the outdoors through activities such as hiking, biking, and canoeing.

Maya is minoring in gerontology, which reflects her future career plans. She would like to work with seniors, ideally managing a nursing home, assisted care facility, or similar organization. “My grandmother had Alzheimer’s disease, and I know how important visitors and interaction were for her and others,” she said of her interest in the field.

**FACT OF THE MONTH**

**For every \$1 in state grants/aid, students in WAICU receive \$18 in private or institutional aid.**

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with KI Furniture to design a furniture line, and also drafted master plans for various redesigns of MIAD’s building in Milwaukee’s Historic Third Ward.

Through MIAD’s Open Lab/Maker Space and expanded 3D Lab, students access emerging technologies, enabling them to create innovative projects. Starting with various sketch programs on an iPad, for instance, Isaac can design a small-scale model and then print it on a 3D printer. He especially loves the computer numerical control (CNC) router, a computer-controlled cutting machine able to slice through wood, steel, plastic, foam, and more.

“Being able to explore through the CNC is such a key asset, especially when looking for jobs. You can show that you know how to engage with tech to express ideas,” he said.

Outside of the classroom, Isaac traveled to the 2018 International Woodworking Fair in Atlanta, Georgia, a trade show that draws more than 30,000 people and hosts the largest student competition for aspiring designers. He also has served as an intern for Milwaukee artist/designer Brent Budsberg. They worked together on “Chair5: Perspectives on Form, Function, and Innovation,” an interactive and experimental furniture gallery exhibition co-produced by MIAD and the Chipstone Foundation, featuring five distinctive exhibits of historic, reproduction, and contemporary seating furniture forms.

“It was rewarding to push the limits of a chair and create a surrounding environment,” said Isaac.

After graduation, the MIAD senior plans to pursue his dream of owning a technologically-advanced architecture firm. None of these experiences would have been possible without the financial aid Isaac received from the Wisconsin Grant Program. “The Wisconsin Grant is extremely beneficial. It feels great to be supported and pushed to work through my creative passions.”

*Wisconsin's Private, Nonprofit Colleges and Universities*

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Bellin College *Green Bay*  
Beloit College *Beloit*  
Cardinal Stritch University *Milwaukee*  
Carroll University *Waukesha*  
Carthage College *Kenosha*  
Concordia University Wisconsin *Mequon*  
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