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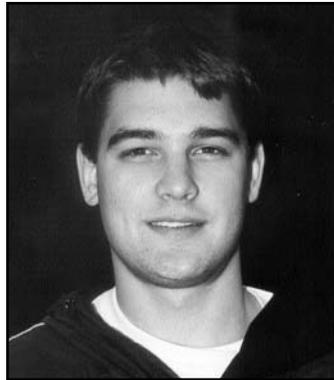
*The 21 private, or independent, colleges and universities of Wisconsin operate without taxpayer support, but provide an invaluable public service to Wisconsin, educating more than 52,000 students a year. Many of Wisconsin's best and brightest need help to attend the college of their choice.*

*The State of Wisconsin created the Wisconsin Tuition Grant (WTG) in 1965. Its goal is 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 WTG has made a difference.*

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## Dreams Realized at Wisconsin Lutheran



*Derek Deprey of Manitowoc, a senior at Wisconsin Lutheran College*

Derek Deprey wanted to continue his education after earning an associate's degree from a two-year college in his home town of Manitowoc.

Wisconsin Lutheran College became his clear-cut choice, and with the assistance of a Wisconsin Tuition Grant (WTG), Derek's academic and athletic pursuits have flourished in ways he hadn't expected.

This winter during his second year of basketball at Wisconsin Lutheran, the 6-foot-2 forward helped the Warriors to their sixth Lake Michigan Conference title in the past seven seasons. But the WTG has given Derek a chance to experience more than just on-court success in his favorite extracurricular activity.

Wisconsin Lutheran has provided Deprey with the best of both worlds by combining his passion for sports with his academic studies in business.

Last year, Deprey gained unparalleled management experience by working from March until October at Miller Park, the new home of the Milwaukee Brewers. As an employee of the Milwaukee Sportservice, Inc., he was responsible for scheduling more than 300 concession vendors, ranging in ages from 15 to 65, for home games. Deprey also took care of eight vending sites throughout

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## Carthage Sophomore Makes International Connections



*Sara Brickner of Appleton, a sophomore at Carthage College*

Carthage College sophomore Sara Brickner is well on her way to making international connections.

The oldest of six children, the Appleton native knew that she would have to find a way to pay the bulk of her tuition. "I work hard to fund my college education. I pick up hours wherever I can find them," she said.

The funds Sara earns from her hard work have been supplemented by financial aid arranged through Carthage College. In addition to federal and institutional aid, she also receives a Wisconsin Tuition Grant. "My education would not be possible without the Wisconsin Tuition Grant," she said. "It helps make my

Carthage education a reality."

In 2000, Sara visited the Carthage campus and liked what she saw. "During my overnight visit, I knew Carthage was right for me. I sat in on an upper-level economics class and was fascinated by the way the professor interacted with his students. I also had positive feelings about the German program after meeting Professor Greg Baer. His passion for the language helped convince me that Carthage was the right choice."

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Miller Park, checked inventory, and generated financial reports after each contest.

“I worked at least 10 hours at every game,” Derek said. “Being responsible for that many vendors helped me learn how to deal with a variety of personalities. I liked the responsibility.”

Derek also benefited during his Miller Park experience by reporting to three supervisors who are Wisconsin Lutheran alums. “Wisconsin Lutheran has helped me become a real leader,” he said. “I’ve tried to take positives from every manager I’ve had.”

While his stint at Miller Park was a paid position, the WTG has given Derek the flexibility to take non-paid internships, too. “The grant has done more than just give me the opportunity to continue academically at

Wisconsin Lutheran,” added Derek. “I’ve been able to make connections with people and work in areas that integrate every aspect of business.”

This past fall, Derek landed a spot with Milwaukee’s professional basketball team, the Bucks, as a video coordinator/scout intern, and he is making the most of it.

“I knew scouting would be a dream,” Derek said. “I’ve learned so much about the professional sports world and what goes on in the front office. It’s a lot more work than a fan might think.”

With a business degree from Wisconsin Lutheran College, thanks to help from a Wisconsin Tuition Grant, Derek is well prepared for his future. Whatever the game, he’s guaranteed to be a winner.

**FACT OF THE MONTH**

**The more highly educated a workforce, the more productive it is. A recent survey by the National Bureau of Economic Research finds that an abundance of college graduates in a state works to attract industries with high-level jobs – and to boost that state’s economy.**

**SARA BRICKNER** *CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1*

Sara, who is pursuing a double major in German and business, has held several jobs while attending Carthage. Since September 2000, the honors student has been an admissions ambassador, conducting tours and meeting prospective students.

“Sara is one of our greatest spokespersons,” says Rob Schiferl, director of admissions and financial aid for the college. “Carthage was the best fit for her academic needs and personal interests, and the WTG was instrumental in helping her afford tuition.” In addition to her role as an admissions

representative of the college, Sara performs clerical, receptionist, and telecommunications duties for the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid, as part of her work-study responsibilities.

Rather than taking time off during summer and winter breaks, Sara worked as a telemarketer for Alta Resources in Neenah, Wisconsin, telling people about products for Federal Express and SC Johnson. In addition, Brickner, who speaks fluent German, has been an English tutor to a Carthage Target Language Expert from Germany for more than a year.

Sara plans to make full use of her German skills. During the upcoming fall semester, she wants to do more than study abroad; she wants to pursue a business internship in Germany. In the future, she hopes to work for an international company, perhaps in communications, where she can utilize her bilingual skills.

Sara Brickner is able to pursue her dream thanks to financial aid. “If I had not received the Wisconsin Tuition Grant, I don’t know what I would have done,” she said. “It’s meant so much to me.” Now Sara is ready to help connect Wisconsin to the world.

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