

# WTG *Achievers*

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## About WTG

*The twenty 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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## Viterbo Alumnus Takes Challenges in Stride



*Scott Krueger of Keshena, a 1995 graduate of Viterbo University*

When Scott Krueger graduated from Viterbo University with a degree in community medical dietetics in 1995, he didn't shrink from professional

challenges. He immediately accepted a director's position for a program aimed at pregnant women, children, and infants – all within a different cultural setting.

Scott, who has served as the nutrition services/WIC director for the Menominee Tribal Clinic in Keshena since July 1995, not only rose to the challenge; he thrived. The education that got him there was a key ingredient in his success, and he was greatly aided by support from the Wisconsin Tuition Grant while he was a student.

"Viterbo was one of two

choices for me as I looked at colleges and universities," says Scott. "My other option was a state school, but once I visited Viterbo, I saw that it was much more personal and more of a community."

He also looked closely at programming. Viterbo's dietetics program, which uniquely combines hospital internships into the curriculum, had a dynamic reputation. While the cost of a private education could have been prohibitive, it wasn't. "For me, dietetics was the only choice and, because I got a good financial aid package,

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## WTG Helps MSOE Senior Fulfill a Promise to Her Father



*Stephanie Awe of New Berlin, a senior at Milwaukee School of Engineering*

When Stephanie Awe was growing up, her parents owned and operated their own business. At the tender age of

13, Stephanie often found herself taking on most of the accounting duties. It wasn't long before she and her parents both realized young Stephanie had a knack for numbers.

Now, as a senior pursuing a bachelor's degree in business with a financial management concentration, Stephanie is using her financial skills for another purpose – to make her recently deceased father proud.

"Education was very important to him," says Stephanie. "Just because he

passed away doesn't change that. I think he is very proud of me right now."

Besides maintaining a high grade-point average, Stephanie is a peer mentor to freshman students, participates in Women's Connections and Alpha Omega Epsilon, and is involved in TRIO programs. In addition to these activities, Stephanie also is an avid bowler who averages a whopping 213.

Although she participates in many national competitions, bowling comes second to

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including the Wisconsin Tuition Grant, that made it easier," he said.

Today, Scott is using the tools he got from the dietetics program at Viterbo University in his daily work. He has worked with community agencies in the Shawano area to implement the Assessment Protocol for Excellence health plan; he consults with the tribe's Head Start and other federally funded food and nutrition programs; supervises, trains, and mentors nutrition and WIC staff; and develops and evaluates work plans for the nutrition department.

He recently received regional recognition for his work in diabetes prevention when he was asked to present, at a health care conference, the creative nutrition education programs he developed for Native Americans. Scott has also served as scholarship chair of the state

dietetic association and has worked with the state WIC council to revise the state's program. In February, Viterbo University honored Scott with its Outstanding Young Alumni Award for his many outstanding professional achievements.

But Scott has also made it his goal to make social responsibility part of his life. The event with which he's most associated is the American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure. For the past five years, he has served as the captain of the Menominee team, which has consistently raised the most money of any group in the state, including those in larger metropolitan areas.

Thanks to a strong character and a great education, Scott will continue making a difference in the world, serving as a role model for today's young people.

**FACT OF THE MONTH**

**The gap in the college-going rates of students from low-income families and students from high-income families is nearly as wide as it was three decades ago. The main obstacle for low-income families is "unmet need," indicating that financial aid is more important than ever.**

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education in her life. Sadly, when her dad suddenly passed away from a heart attack in March 2001, Stephanie was unsure she'd be able to keep attending the university of her choice – MSOE.

"If I hadn't received the WTG grant, there's no way I could be here right now," she says. "After my dad passed away, I applied for scholarships and grants, because I knew that's what he would have wanted."

Now, she leans on her mother for support. To Stephanie, her mother, who now operates a medical transcription service

out of their New Berlin home, is a true hero. "She is unbelievably strong," says Stephanie. "She's tough when she needs to be tough, but she always is there when I need her. She's my best friend."

One of the reasons Stephanie chose to attend MSOE – besides the small campus, 11:1 student-to-teacher ratio, and well-respected programs – was so she could commute from home.

"I wanted to stay at home with my family, and MSOE is close by and had everything I was looking for in a university," she says. "When I came here, I wanted to be

a biomedical engineer. When I found out I'd rather pursue business, I was able to cross over to that program easily. It's great to have that flexibility."

Less than a year away from graduation, Stephanie can look back at her time at MSOE with fond memories, and a newfound strength within herself.

"I've learned it's important to enjoy life while you can, because it can slip away too fast," she says. Stephanie's success at MSOE is a tribute not only to her father, but to everyone who has supported her in her educational endeavors.

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