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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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Mount Mary Senior Seeks a Better Life



Samantha Jackson of Milwaukee, a senior at Mount Mary College

Samantha Jackson is focused on her future. A senior at Mount Mary College in Milwaukee, she is on track to graduate in December 2002,

with a major in business administration and a minor in computer studies.

Samantha came to Mount Mary because she was looking for a small school in a location that is safe but not too far from things to do in the city. "I was also impressed by the quick response of the enrollment office when I inquired about the school," she said. "They were genuinely interested in me and what I wanted to achieve."

Samantha's goals are to earn a bachelor's degree, work for a few years, and then go on for further study. Since choosing

her present major, she has developed an interest in art and design. "I might decide to seek a degree in graphic design; I'm not sure. I've always had lots of dreams and plans. One of them is to hold a management position in a mid-size graphics business. My interest in graphics has been encouraged at Mount Mary. This is a great place to try new things, to explore the possibilities."

She is in college to make a better life for herself, to learn, and to realize her dreams. "The more I can learn, the better," she said.

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New Carroll College Graduate Not Afraid of Hard Work



Aaron Schroeder of Watertown, a new graduate of Carroll College

For two summers during college, Aaron Schroeder was a maintenance worker at Luther Preparatory School in

his hometown of Watertown. His full-time duties included mowing grass and laying sod, along with painting and putting up drywall. The other two college summers, he caddied at the prestigious Whistling Straits golf course in Sheboygan.

An avid golfer and member of the Carroll College men's golf team, Aaron had waited three years for a chance to caddy at Whistling Straits. His patience and persistence were rewarded. Once there, he was able to network with the influential people for whom he caddied.

Although Aaron willingly got his hands dirty at his jobs, his eye was always on the future. The money he earned at his summer jobs helped him pay for his Carroll education. "My family and I did, and still do, have financial concerns. However, the generous grants and scholarships I received, such as the Wisconsin Tuition Grant, made attending Carroll possible."

Now that he has graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis on finance and minors in economics and

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Samantha’s smile and willingness to help when needed are well known at Mount Mary. Her volunteer work includes:

- Serving for a local meal program;
- Performing secretarial duties for “Women on the Move,” the organization for women of color on campus;
- Serving as president of Mount Mary’s Environmental Awareness Committee;
- Serving on the college judiciary committee, which hears student grievances;
- Taking photographs for *Arches*, the student newspaper at Mount Mary; and
- Serving as secretary for the Milwaukee chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, international service sorority.

In addition to her studies and her volunteer activities, Samantha works part-time in the associate academic dean’s office and, during

the summer and over Christmas break, in the enrollment office.

Samantha is also doing well academically. She has been on the dean’s list, and her grade point average last semester was 3.8.

If it weren’t for the Wisconsin Tuition Grant and other financial aid, she probably wouldn’t have been able to stay in college, she said – or else she would be “buried under so many loans, I would probably have to quit school and go to work full-time.”

“If I could talk with a Wisconsin legislator,” Samantha continued, “I would say that financial aid gives people a chance to better themselves. Knowing that it’s there may also give people the courage to try for college when they otherwise might give up without even starting.”

FACT OF THE MONTH

Shares of companies that spend the most on employee education and training outperform those that spend the least. In the knowledge economy, a company’s success depends on the collective educational level of its human capital.

—New York Times, 2002

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politics, Aaron is setting his sights on the rest of his life. “My goal is to work as a financial analyst in a nationally respected firm. This might include becoming a certified financial analyst. Because of the great reputation of Carroll College, I have been able to meet many influential people and get my name out in the business world to begin making a name for myself.”

Aaron has received the Wisconsin Tuition Grant every year of his college career. “Without the grant, I would not have been able to afford a Carroll education. The only way I would have been able to come

up with the extra money would have been to take out more loans, putting me further into debt. Receiving the Wisconsin Tuition Grant has helped my family and me by allowing me to attend a respected institution that I would otherwise not have been able to attend. The grant has given me the opportunity to gain the knowledge that will be with me for the rest of my life.”

During his high school college campus visits, Aaron was very impressed by the warm reception he received from students and professors when he visited Carroll.

With his focus now fixed on his future career, Aaron reflects fondly on his four years at Carroll. “I really have enjoyed Carroll College. I have met so many friends that will be with me for the rest of my life. I will definitely miss the strong ties with friends and also will miss my professors, with whom I have grown close.”

Aaron will take those memories with him out into the world, along with his newly minted degree. Thanks to financial aid anchored by a Wisconsin Tuition Grant, Aaron can use his knowledge to make a difference.

Wisconsin’s Private Colleges and Universities

Alverno College *Milwaukee*
 Beloit College *Beloit*
 Cardinal Stritch University *Milwaukee*
 Carroll College *Waukesha*
 Carthage College *Kenosha*
 Concordia University *Mequon*
 Edgewood College *Madison*

Lakeland College *Sheboygan*
 Lawrence University *Appleton*
 Marian College *Fond du Lac*
 Marquette University *Milwaukee*
 Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design *Milwaukee*
 Milwaukee School of Engineering *Milwaukee*

Mount Mary College *Milwaukee*
 Northland College *Ashland*
 Ripon College *Ripon*
 St. Norbert College *De Pere*
 Silver Lake College *Manitowoc*
 Viterbo University *La Crosse*
 Wisconsin Lutheran College *Milwaukee*



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