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INDEPENDENT INSIGHTS

Why does the nonprofit sector matter?

WAICU and all 20 member colleges and universities are private, nonprofit organizations. Most people rightly understand this to mean that we do not receive direct operating support from the taxpayers. Of course, private does not mean exclusive or elitist. Wisconsin's private, nonprofit colleges and universities enroll and graduate larger percentages of low-income, first-generation, and minority students than do our public university counterparts.

WAICU's mission is "Wisconsin's private colleges and universities working together to advance educational opportunity." Wisconsin's future in the "knowledge economy" is directly tied to the educational attainment of its citizens. WAICU and WAICU members are doing our part and, in this sense, although we are private institutions, we are serving an important public purpose. So, what is the difference?

The nonprofit sector is rooted firmly in the American tradition of volunteerism and neighborliness. From the tribal confederations of native peoples to the first Thanksgiving to old-fashioned barn raisings to the freedom of assembly guaranteed in the U.S. Constitution to today's "social media" communities, observers from Alexis de Tocqueville on have noted that the American people are always forming associations with a purpose. And all of this nonprofit activity matters.

The nonprofit sector matters because it results in more freedom. Anyone can enlist in a cause, can organize, and can get things done. We live in a majoritarian democracy; the majority prevails, but the minority is still free to organize to achieve its own purposes—whether those purposes involve chamber music, curing disease, or advancing educational opportunity.

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WAICU internship program benefits students and nonprofits

This summer, sixteen private college students from across Wisconsin experienced the nonprofit world first-hand through the WAICU College-to-Work nonprofit internship program.

With internships covering a range of experiences from graphic design to conservation education, the students were immersed in organizations that exemplify the rich tapestry of Wisconsin nonprofit organizations.

Grants from two Wisconsin-based foundations make this unique partnership between students and nonprofit organizations possible.

Each student intern agreed to work 400 hours over 10 summer weeks. At the end of the summer, students received a stipend and scholarship in combination totalling \$5,000.

The nonprofit organizations received a "free" intern for the summer, which allowed the groups to pursue many core-mission initiatives that may not otherwise be possible given the nonprofits' limited



Bridget Hirthe, a philosophy major at Alverno, worked on her leadership skills as a summer intern at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music.

budgets.

"Thanks to this great collaboration with the private colleges, we were finally able to redesign and update our website to better serve our clients, which we have wanted to do for years," said Dan Wilcox, Alzheimer's Support Center of Rock County.

The students and their internship mentors first met earlier this spring at the Milwaukee County Zoo for the WAICU Nonprofit Institute. The training day gave interns and mentors a chance to meet and network with other nonprofit leaders, served as an introduction to the nonprofit sector, and included team building and goal setting exercises for the interns and their mentors.

Mentors shared their diverse and distinctive leadership experiences in the nonprofit world on topics including organizational governance, volunteer engagement, and academic preparation

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Admissions tribute to Wisconsin school counselors: “Thank you!”

By Carlos Garces, Marquette University
Senior Assistant Dean, Admissions

Give or take a visit or two, I have visited high school counseling offices more than 2000 times in my 27 years in the admission profession. I have gotten to know many Wisconsin school counselors, not only during high school visits, but also on various committees, at college fairs, conferences, and on professional boards. In our busy, often hectic, work lives we rarely find the time to say thank you to school counselors.

I want to say, “Thank you!”

School counselors make a tremendous difference in the lives of so many students. The advice that you provide to students as they transition beyond high school is extremely valuable. In many cases students rely on you as their primary source for college information.

Counselors are expected to know about public schools, private schools, four-year schools, two-year schools, in- and out-of-state schools, military options, and apprenticeships, among others. I sometimes have a difficult time remembering all the details of my programs at Marquette. It is a difficult task, made even more so in a constantly evolving environment. Yet, I have seen so many remarkable counselors do their work with grace and good will. I only had to go as far as our tour guides to find a typical story. Jennifer Solorio, Marquette class of 2012, attended Mater Dei High School in southern California. Jennifer remembers that as a

first generation college bound student, she relied a great deal on the assistance and advice of Myra Castro, the College and Career Counselor at Mater Dei.

Jennifer attended the required meeting with her counselor at the end of her junior year and soon became close to her counselor as she navigated the minefield of deadlines and the ever complicated options of early action/early decision that need to be carefully explained to students and parents.

With Ms. Castro’s help, Jennifer identified a number of schools including two in the Midwest. Jennifer’s campus visit confirmed that Marquette was the right choice for her. Her counselor opened Jennifer’s mind to schools that would never have been on her radar and that ultimately led her to Milwaukee.



Carlos Garces

Counselors change lives. I have seen so many examples of counselors who have helped students move in directions that they had never imagined, opening up opportunities for them to reach their potential and helping students find the right match for them after high school.

So again, thank you for all you do. ■

(Editors note—in future editions of *The Wisconsin Independent*, admissions professionals from WAICU members will author columns focused on the needs of school counselors. If you would like to suggest a topic, send your idea to studentaccess@waicu.org.)

2011-2012 WAICU School Counselor Workshops

Monday, October 17, 2011

Lawrence University, Appleton

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

Beloit College, Beloit

Thursday, October 20, 2011

Cardinal Stritch University,
Milwaukee

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

Holiday Inn, Rolling Meadows, IL

Workshops run from 8:15am to 1:30pm, include breakout sessions with representatives from WAICU-member colleges and universities, a presentation by the WAICU Student Access Center staff, and a tour of the host campus. Continental breakfast and lunch are included. Register now for the free workshop of your choice at waicu.org/counselors.

Program concludes

The *Independent Insights* on page 1 highlights some of the distinctive attributes of the nonprofit sector. We are different, but we are not immune from the travails of the current economy.

In July, we announced the sad news about the end of the program long known as College Readiness 21. Hundreds of low-income, minority, and first-generation Wisconsin students have been tutored and mentored to get ready for higher education and, equally important, encouraged to aspire to the best and to expand their horizons. This spring, 100 percent of the students who graduated from four years of the CR-21 experience also graduated from high school—a significant accomplishment for the program and for these wonderful young people.

It is important we be clear on the following: Other WAICU and WAICU-member programs targeted to low-income, minority, and first-generation students will not be affected by the end of CR-21. We will continue to fundraise in support of scholarships for those who are 2010-2011 CR-21 graduates.

The end is more of a sign of the times than a reflection of anything done or left undone. A number of donors reached the reluctant and painful conclusion that they could no longer provide support. Other donors have given priority to other educational initiatives—all of which are important. We owe them a debt of gratitude for what they have done and will continue to do.

We want everyone to understand that the end of CR-21 does not mean that CR-21 was not successful. The CR-21 staff, the students, the parents and supporters, mentors, coaches, and instructors are all “winners.” Nothing can change that. ■

Persistence pays off with a new sustainable campus orchard

LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

An idea Lawrence University student Oren Jakobson nurtured for two years is bringing new life to the Appleton campus, with the potential to nourish thousands of future students.

The Madison native was instrumental in developing a new campus orchard as an extension of the student-operated Sustainable Lawrence University Garden (SLUG), where he has volunteered hundreds of hours planning, campaigning, planting, cultivating, and harvesting.

When the SLUG was created in 2005 by 20 environmental studies majors and minors, fruit trees were part of the original plan, but financial constraints prevented them from taking root. Until now.

“Trees are one of the best things we could do to further our mission and also one of the most difficult,” said Jakobson, a math-

ematics major who graduated in June. “Fruit trees that have the potential to live 100 years are central to sustainable agriculture, but growing apple trees is very difficult to do



A two year long student effort to pollinate fruit trees on the Lawrence campus is creating a local buzz.

organically.”

Last fall, armed with a \$4,000 grant, Jakobson and his fellow students planted a unique variety of 16 “patriotic” apple trees—Enterprise, Freedom, Haralred, and

Liberty varieties—in an open space behind Sage Hall.

The students added five pear trees to the orchard this summer. It will take at least two years before the new trees begin bearing fruit.

To help pollinate the orchard’s fruit trees and other crops in the SLUG, Jakobson wanted to establish a bee colony on campus, an activity that is illegal in many places, including Appleton.

Navigating the complicated waters of local politics with a persuasive education campaign, Jakobson saw a new city ordinance enacted and received the blessing of the local Board of Health to start his colony.

The original 15,000 bees that were shipped this spring from California have grown ten-fold into a thriving colony. Eventually the bees will cover a radius of two miles.

“The main goal is to educate the campus about bees,” said Jakobson, “but we’re getting the benefits of their pollination, too.” ■

Accounting student shows doing it “by the numbers” takes heart

EDGEWOOD COLLEGE

Recent Edgewood College graduate Chelsea Blum already has an impressive resume—she is a Wisconsin Tuition Grant recipient, and, as she puts it, has been “doing something interesting in the last two years.”

“Interesting” for the Oshkosh native means leading a group of fellow Edgewood College students who work with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue to offer free tax preparation assistance.

Chelsea and the other volunteers went through six training sessions and had to pass exams in order to earn their certification to assist taxpayers. The all-volunteer sessions run three days a week.

“It’s different from other internships because you’re actually sitting there with the taxpayers, preparing returns, learning the software and everything you need to know about tax preparation, and about the clients. It’s much better than sitting in some cubicle where you might be with a stack of papers by yourself.”



Edgewood College graduate Chelsea Blum will start graduate school with a sense of loyalty to the clients who need her most.

But when there are real people involved, real life has a way of creeping in. Those encounters, she says, kept her on her toes.

“You get really interesting experiences working one-on-one with our clients,” says the smiling, future accountant, “and they

have a lot of character.”

Chelsea says this is her way of contributing to her community, of taking what she learns in the classroom and connecting with others.

“By helping our clients with their taxes, we’re giving back to our community,” says Chelsea. “There are a lot of low-income, elderly, and single-parent families. It’s nice spending my time doing something useful.”

This spring, Edgewood College recognized Chelsea’s outstanding volunteer service with a Dominican Leadership Award.

That, along with being named to the “Who’s Who Among College Students in American Universities and Colleges” helped highlight her senior year and her work at the Department of Revenue.

As a graduate student, Chelsea is part of a special accountancy program at Edgewood that allows student to earn both a bachelor’s and master’s degree in five years.

Chelsea’s career goal is to work in public accounting, but always “with a heart.” ■

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

“Front door” opens anew to mark 150 years of dedication to students and education

LAKELAND COLLEGE

Construction of Lakeland College’s new front entrance, the centerpiece of a three-year, \$6.5 million campaign that is part of the college’s sesquicentennial anniversary, will be finished soon.

The entrance is just one part of more than \$3.3 million in improvements to the campus, including enhancement of the stream that defines the eastern boundary of campus, improvements to campus roadways, and other landscaping.

Lakeland’s new “front door” will showcase Old Main, the college’s iconic building that has spoken to tradition and higher education since its dedication in 1888.

These improvements to the college are in preparation for the school’s anniversary celebration and are being funded through gifts to the sesquicentennial campaign.

The sesquicentennial formally kicks off during commencement next May, and will run through the 2012-13 academic year. A highlight is the All-College Reunion, set for



Dedication of a new entrance and plaza at Lakeland College is scheduled for October’s homecoming weekend as part of the school’s upcoming sesquicentennial celebration.

June 14-21, 2012.

The new entrance will combine and replace the two existing entrances to campus. A bridge will bring traffic across the restored stream leading to a plaza in front of Old Main. The plaza will feature named bricks

and pavers from alumni, parents, employees, and friends of the college.

Alumni and friends of the college donated more than \$5 million towards the \$6.5 million goal.

Campaign co-chairs Ralph and Diane Mueller, both Lakeland graduates, said that this good start is a tribute to how people feel about Lakeland College and the objectives of the sesquicentennial campaign.

Alumni and friends can monitor the daily progress of the project by going online at www.lakeland.edu/construction.

A highlight of the celebration will be the awarding of \$3 million as part of the Sesquicentennial Scholars Program. ■

Leadership program helps students find their path

CARDINAL STRITCH UNIVERSITY

Each spring, for the past four years, a program offered by Cardinal Stritch University’s student development office and its Center for Student Leadership and Involvement has helped students engage in campus activities and explore ways to improve their personal leadership skills.

The program, called LeaderSHIP, allows students interact with a student-leader mentor and consists of three half-day, on-campus retreats that help students learn about opportunities on campus and create an action plan to achieve leadership goals.

Each session examines a different area of leadership and helps students identify their strengths and weaknesses, enhance their leadership character awareness through personal and group activities, and connect with other students, university departments, and administrators.

With a focus on first- and second-year students, the program runs concurrently

with the selection process for campus leadership positions such as resident and community assistants, orientation leaders, summer staff members, residence hall desk staff, and more from a variety of other areas from student government to athletics.

“We want students to build the capacity to lead in areas that meet their interests,” says Jenni Herrick, director of Student Leadership and Involvement. “If we can empower them to help effect positive change, then they have succeeded.”

For the past two years, there have been 20-30 students in the program. One is senior graphic design major Rachel Babiak, from Menomonee Falls, who said the leadership



Senior Rachel Babiak says the Stritch program helped her come out of her shell and find her voice as a campus leader.

program helped her become more aware of available opportunities and how her skills could be used effectively.

“I enjoyed the program because it helped me break out of my shell,” she said. “I joined the Student Government Association as a senator and then became secretary the next year. I always recommend the program because it really helps students.” ■

Generac Hall naming marks a partnership dedicated to community and ideals

WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE

An official name for Wisconsin Lutheran College's science/academic building was unveiled on campus this spring. The name, Generac Hall, is the result of a collective \$5.1 million gift from several former and current leaders at Generac Power Systems in Waukesha. This represents the second-



Wisconsin Lutheran College president, Daniel Johnson, leads the celebration marking the naming of Generac Hall.

largest one-time gift in Wisconsin Lutheran College history.

William Treffert, former president and CEO of Generac, is a major supporter of Wisconsin Lutheran College. His idea was to ask other leaders involved with the successful growth of his own company to join him in a significant gift to Wisconsin Lutheran College. That gift led to the naming of Generac Hall.

"I saw this as a way to help an institution I admire and support, but also as a way to ensure that the name Generac, a great company that I care about and one that was very good to me and many others, will be displayed on this campus and in the community for generations," explained Treffert. "Both Generac and Wisconsin Lutheran College believe in high standards and strong leadership, so I

see this as a natural partnership."

A celebration event was held in early May to thank the eight donors who participated in the \$5.1 million gift to Wisconsin Lutheran College.

"The WLC family is beyond grateful for this transformational gift," said Dr. Daniel Johnson, president of Wisconsin Lutheran College. "We praise God for friends and champions like Bill Treffert and our other Generac Hall partners. This amazing initiative is an inspiration to us all and allows us to pursue our mission more passionately than ever before as we produce effective, well-educated Christian leaders for our community and beyond."

Treffert and Dawn Tabat, a donor and Chief Operating Officer at Generac, spoke at the event. "I like the strong partnership between business and higher education that this project represents," Tabat said. "This kind of joint effort is good for communities, business, and educational institutions to follow." ■

Generous gifts mark major changes transforming students and campus life

ST. NORBERT COLLEGE

Two major facilities on the St. Norbert College campus will see innovative improvements thanks to generous gifts from long-time friends of the college.

The college announced that the Michels family, which owns the engineering and construction firm Michels Corporation, is giving the college \$7.7 million to convert and renew Sensenbrenner Memorial Union into Michels Commons, a state-of-the-art dining facility and reception center.

The news came just days after the announcement that St. Norbert College had also received gifts of just over \$1 million to create the Ariens Family Welcome Center for prospective students and their families.

That facility, named for donors Michael and Mimi Ariens and their family, is a 12,000 square foot welcome center that also includes a reception rotunda, gallery, and conference space.

The welcome center also is home to the

Ed and Sally Thompson Office of Communications and the Roland and Helen Murphy Office of Admission.

President Thomas Kunkel says the con-



The new Michels Commons will be a state-of-the-art facility on the St. Norbert campus.

tinuing generosity of these donors makes possible exciting advances for the college.

Michels Commons will have broad impact: "The family wanted to make sure its gift would dramatically improve the student experience at St. Norbert College. It will be transformational."

The Ariens Family Welcome Center will dramatically enhance the initial impression for visitors to our campus, especially prospective students and their families. Kunkel says, "We know from experience that the initial impression is crucial in a student's ultimate college decision. So this project is an important strategic addition to the campus."

Kunkel adds that, through the generosity of the Thompsons, the Ariens Family Welcome Center project will bring under one roof the college's enrollment and communications teams.

This project will double the size of the current admissions center and house about 25 professional staff and more than 30 student employees.

The Ariens Family Welcome Center was dedicated in mid-September. The Michels Commons project is scheduled to be completed by next May. ■

Summer intern program benefits students and nonprofits

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for a nonprofit career.

As summer ended and the students returned to college, they did so with new perspectives on work, career, and their futures. The sixteen students were enriched by the unique perspectives gained during their internships and carried forward an affirmed sense of mission-driven service and the benefits of volunteerism.

Nicole Shavlik, from Lakeland College, worked at the Holiday House in Manitowoc helping individuals with disabilities. “I never thought it would have such a huge impact on me,” said the senior, “and, to be honest, this internship may have changed the whole direction of my life.”

Plans are underway to continue the program next summer. ■



Katie Schmidt, an Alverno College senior nursing major, interned at HealthNet in Janesville.

Protect Financial Aid campaign benefits thousands of Wisconsin students

In late June, Wisconsin’s biennial budget for 2011-2013 became law.

In the face of a state deficit totaling more than \$3 billion, the final budget contained no cuts in funding for the Wisconsin Tuition Grant or in the means-tested student aids programs for Wisconsin students at the UW or technical colleges. The budget had good news for all students receiving need-based financial aid. It was also good news for the state.

Wisconsin lags the country in the percentage of its population with a college degree. To be competitive in the “Knowledge Economy” and to turn our economy around, Wisconsin needs to invest in “home-grown” talent. The good news is that this budget signals that our state is doing just that.

Thousands of students, parents, and community leaders joined in the campaign called Protect Financial Aid (PFA). PFA was a partnership led by the 20 presidents on the WAICU Board, the United Council of UW Students (140,000 members), and the Wisconsin Technical College District Boards Association (144 members).

PFA utilized a website, online petition, and a social media campaign and also garnered traditional media coverage of the effort.

In addition to PFA effort, WAICU also sponsored its traditional WAICU Students’ Day at the Capitol. Registrations this spring totaled over 400 students.

During this year’s Students’ Day event,

students heard from WAICU president Dr. Rolf Wegenke and state legislative leaders, and had a crash course presented by WAICU staff on how to convey effectively students’ messages on financial aid to policy makers. Students then proceeded to the Capitol for face-to-face meetings with their hometown legislators. The meetings were organized by WAICU staff.

WAICU-member colleges and universities found even more creative ways to encourage the entire campus community to get involved. A number of WAICU members organized rallies of students, faculty, and staff on their own campuses, inviting local legislators, opinion leaders, and the news media.

Other WAICU members energized their boards of trustees to contact legislators, and engaged their alumni/ae in the overall Protect Financial Aid campaign. One college even saw faculty and staff join their students in the Capitol for WAICU Students’ Day. Student newspapers and campus organizations identified a multitude of ways to support and grow involvement in the Protect Financial Aid campaign.

This extraordinary outpouring of effort was necessary to face down one of the biggest challenges in the history of the Wisconsin Tuition Grant. The outcome represents an enormous achievement when you consider that the budget proposal contained billions

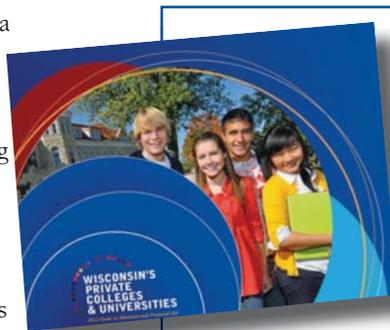
of dollars in cuts to other state programs. Holding funding level may not sound like much of an accomplishment, but student aid in other states has been singled out for cuts as high as seventy-five percent.

Wisconsin’s commitment to need-based financial aid represents a partnership with WAICU and its members’ commitment to need-based financial aid, as we work together to make higher education affordable and accessible to all Wisconsin students.

WAICU, on behalf of our 60,000 students, is grateful to the Governor and the Legislature.

Now, we begin again. There are new students—with greater need—every year. There are also newly elected legislators.

“PFA is all about education,” said WAICU president Dr. Rolf Wegenke, “and education is what we do best.” ■



Do you need additional copies of the *WAICU 2012 Guide to Admission and Financial Aid*? Call WAICU at 1-800-4-DEGREE to order more.

Nonprofits matter

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We don't have to wait for the government to do it or for "George to do it." We are free to do it ourselves. There are no guarantees of success or failure in government, in for-profit businesses, or in the nonprofit world. (See page 2-Program Concludes)

But we are free to make the attempt—and, I have to say, all you have to do is to look at WAICU-member colleges and universities and their 60,000 students to know that success can be achieved.

The nonprofit sector matters because it is flexible. Of necessity, large organizations—whether it is General Motors or the U.S. government—have to have rules that work in vast numbers of situations. But in the yeasty world of the nonprofit organization, this special case and that unique need and these great opportunities can be embraced and blossom.

The nonprofit sector, like the business world, also provides the opportunity for entrepreneurs. In the nonprofit sector, they are often called "social entrepreneurs" but the principle and the opportunity are the same. Creativity adds value to our entire society.

The nonprofit sector also promotes a kind of pluralism. There are many ways to achieve excellence in education. One size does not fit all. When a society and a culture provide "space" for people to voluntarily organize and pursue their own approach, progress will follow.

The nonprofit sector matters and that means you matter. The front-page article on the WAICU Nonprofit Internship Program shows how the two Wisconsin-based foundations—two outstanding nonprofits—are making it possible for college students to further their education and to explore the world of nonprofits as a career and as a volunteer, and to themselves make a difference. So, when can I sign you up?

Sincerely,



Rolf Wegenke, Ph.D.
WAICU President



WAICU BULLETIN BOARD

KUDOS

- Congratulations to **Carthage College** president, **Dr. Greg Campbell**, on his announced retirement. Dr. Campbell plans on staying for another year during the search for his replacement.
- After the fall semester, **Ripon College** president **Dr. David Joyce** will return to his native North Carolina as the new president of Brevard College.
- Welcome aboard to the new president of **Marquette University**, **Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J.** Father Pilarz was inaugurated as the twenty-third president of Marquette on September 23.
- Welcome also to **Dr. James Loftus**, who will be inaugurated as the new president of **Cardinal Stritch University** on January 13, 2012.
- **Dr. Michael Miller**, who began his service as president of **Northland College** last year, will be formally inaugurated on October 29.
- The Sierra Club has given high marks to two Wisconsin private, nonprofit colleges as part of their "cool schools," on its annual "green" college rankings. Both **Lawrence University** and **Northland College** were in the top 50 among the 118 institutions that were ranked in the survey.
- The National Council on Teacher Quality has finished a national survey on 134 colleges and universities. **Cardinal Stritch University**, the only Wisconsin private nonprofit institution that was ranked, was given the group's highest ranking as a "model" institution.
- **Lawrence University** graduate **Garth Neustadter** ('10) won an Emmy Award in September for music composition. A second alum, **Eric Simonson** ('82), was also nominated in the historic documentary division.
- **Marquette University** has established the Stephen Sondheim Research Collection after acquiring a vast collection of materials related to the works of the Broadway composer and lyricist.
- **Donna Sturdevant** was named Middle School Teacher of the Year by the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation. Sturdevant, a seventh-grade math teacher in the Burlington Area School District, is a graduate of **Marquette University**.
- **Ripon College** recently celebrated the opening of a new two-mile long single track mountain bike trail. Volunteers logged more than 400 hours in building the trail. The project was financed, in part, by a Pepsi Refresh Everything grant.
- **St. Norbert College** writer-in-residence **Laurie MacDiarmid** was selected from over 300 entrants to win first place in the 2011 Georgetown Review Poetry Manuscript Contest.
- One year after being chosen as Wisconsin's Teacher of the Year, **Leah Lechleiter-Luke** from Mauston High School has been chosen as Teaching Ambassador Fellow by the U.S. Department of Education. Lechleiter-Luke earned her master's in secondary education from **Viterbo University**.
- The Look Ahead Lakers of **Silver Lake College of the Holy Family**, a mentoring and college preparatory program for at-risk students in Manitowoc County, held a teacher school supply drive in July and August. The Lakers collected hundreds of needed supplies for local schools.
- **The Center for Environmental Stewardship** (CCES) at **Concordia University** has been awarded a LEED Platinum rating. That is the highest rating a building can achieve from the internationally recognized green building certification program.
- A **Cardinal Stritch University** graduate, **Kieran Antill** (2003), was named top art director in the world at the Cannes Lions International Festival of Creativity.
- **Viterbo University** marked the start of the fall semester by opening its new \$15 million nursing facility.

PROGRAMS AND DEGREES

- **Mount Mary College** and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Wisconsin (HCCW) launched "Empowering Latino Parents," a new program funded by AmeriCorps VISTA. The three year program, which started in September, will provide one-on-one English as a Second Language (ESL) tutoring for parents and community members in the Milwaukee area.

EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

- **Marian University** and St. Mary Springs Academy have signed a partnership agreement that will increase education opportunities for professionals, families, and students grade PK-16 in the greater Fond du Lac area. The partnership is the first PK-16 agreement of its kind in the Milwaukee Archdiocese.

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Wausau/UW-Marathon - September 21, 6:30pm-8:30pm

September 22, 9:00am-11:00am

Wisconsin Rapids/Mid-State Technical College - September 22, 6:30pm-8:30pm

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Marinette/UW-Marinette - September 26, 9:00am-11:00am

Fond du Lac/Marian University - September 26, 6:30pm-8:30pm

September 27, 9:00am-11:00am

Menasha/UW-Fox Valley - September 27, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Oshkosh/UW-Oshkosh - September 28, 9:00am-11:00am

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September 29, 9:00am-11:00am

Cleveland/Lakeshore Technical College - September 30, 9:00am-11:00am

La Crosse/Expo Center - October 3, 9:00am-1:00pm

Eau Claire/UW-Eau Claire - October 3, 6:30pm-8:30pm

October 4, 9:00am-11:00am

Rice Lake/UW-Barron County - October 5, 9:00am-11:00am

Platteville/UW-Platteville - October 6, 9:00am-11:00am

Richland Center/UW-Richland - October 7, 9:00am-11:00am

Kenosha/UW-Parkside - October 10, 9:00am-11:00am

New Berlin/New Berlin West High School - October 10, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Delavan/Delavan-Darien High School - October 11, 9:00am-11:00am

Hartland/Arrowhead High School - October 11, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Franklin/Franklin High School - October 12, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Milwaukee/Mount Mary College - October 13, 9:00am-11:00am

Verona/Verona High School - Thursday, October 13, 6:30pm-8:30pm

Friday, October 14, 9:00am-11:00am

WAICU: WISCONSIN'S PRIVATE COLLEGES WORKING TOGETHER TO ADVANCE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

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