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INDEPENDENT INSIGHTS

Education's moment

I am frequently asked about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on WAICU-member colleges and universities. Generally, those asking are focused on the fiscal and economic impact.

This edition of the *Independent* includes a special insert outlining some of the serious, even threatening, fiscal challenges we face. In addition, it has to be acknowledged that, on the positive side of the ledger, a lot has been discovered; a lot has been learned. We learned about the virus, how it developed, how it is transmitted, the symptoms it produces, the treatments in progress, and the cures anticipated.

More than that, we have learned in a profound and deeply human way lessons about loss and recovery. Education is about more than facts. It also is about the societal, psychological, philosophical, and spiritual

constructs we apply to these facts. It takes education to learn of the origins, spread, and treatment and/or prevention of the disease. It also takes education to make judgments about decisions between life and death, the allocation of scarce resources, and about balancing the competing claims of public health and the economy.

Truly, this is "education's moment."

Sincerely,

Rolf Wegenke, Ph.D.
President



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Milwaukee School of Engineering
Mount Mary University
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Northland College
Ripon College
St. Norbert College
Viterbo University
Wisconsin Lutheran College

WAICU members contribute to communities during pandemic

Reflecting their strong commitment to their communities, WAICU-member colleges and universities have stepped up and to support their communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. In the midst of making rapid changes to academic and campus life, colleges have also launched many initiatives to address needs beyond the boundaries of campuses.

For example, Mount Mary University's fashion design faculty developed and distributed a pattern and instructions for masks that were sewn for a local hospital. An adjunct professor of costume design at Beloit College has sewn around 70 masks. Herzing University made a donation to support a large order of face shields for health care workers produced by a local manufacturer, and Ripon College used 3D printers in its Department of Physics to make face shields. Lawrence University loaned one of its residence halls to the City of Appleton for use by city personnel who are working on the front lines. Alverno College, Bellin College, Carroll University, Edgewood College, Marquette University, the Milwaukee School of Engineering, St. Norbert College, Viterbo University, and Wisconsin Lutheran College were among the WAICU members who donated



De Pere Fire and Rescue was one recipient of an equipment delivery by Dr. David Hunnicutt, associate professor of biology at St. Norbert College.

personal protective equipment (PPE) from their science and health care programs for the greater good of their communities.

As you turn the pages of this newsletter, you will learn about a small sliver of the positive outreach that is happening around us — from the repurposing of facilities to educational outreach to cutting-edge medical advancements. WAICU members are private colleges, yet they are proud to serve public purposes. ■



The 24th annual joint open house of WAICU members — Wisconsin Private College Week (PCW) — will this year be held in the form of online events July 27–August 1, 2020. Students, their families, and school counselors are invited to take advantage of virtual open house events to learn more about the unique educational opportunities and campus life each college or university has to offer.

A wide variety of events will be offered, from general information sessions to major-specific webinars. As students and families would experience during an in-person tour, virtual visits can include campus tours, Q&As with admissions and financial aid representatives, and hearing from current students. Students will receive an entry form to win a pair of Beats headphones for each campus they visit; the PCW online evaluation form they complete at the end of their visit serves as the entry form.

To view event listings and register, go to: www.WisconsinsPrivateColleges.org/visit.

Wisconsin's Private Colleges webinar opportunities

Content that has traditionally been shared at WAICU School Counselor Workshops is now being presented via webinars, which are also open to students and families. Viewers can learn about the benefits and affordability of Wisconsin's private, nonprofit colleges and hear brief updates from each undergraduate institution on program offerings, scholarships, and virtual tour opportunities.

For future webinar opportunities, visit the Counselor Resources page on www.WisconsinsPrivateColleges.org.

SPRING COMMENCEMENTS

- **Alverno College** has postponed its May commencement ceremony until August.
- **Beloit College** held a virtual commencement on May 17 and has scheduled its on-campus ceremony for September 5.
- **Bellin College** held its commencement ceremony on May 16 at Field of Scenes Drive-In in Freedom, Wisconsin. Class speakers included Maximilian Soda, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN); Victoria Lemke, Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences (BSRS); McKenzie Scheld, Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (BSDMS); Erin Carter, Master of Science in Nursing (MSN); and Katherine Reinke, BSN, Leona Waraksa Memorial Commencement speaker.
- Members of the **Cardinal Stritch University** Class of 2020 will be invited to participate in the University's 2021 commencement ceremonies, where they will be specially recognized.
- **Carroll University** livestreamed its virtual commencement ceremony on May 9 from the Main Lawn on campus. Barbara Horner-Ibler, M.D., gave the commencement address and received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.
- **Carthage College** celebrated the Class of 2020 with a virtual commencement ceremony on May 23. President John Swallow, Faculty Speaker Greg Barron, and Distinguished Senior Kamren Smith delivered remarks. Carthage will determine a date for an in-person ceremony once it is safe to hold large events on campus again.
- **Concordia University Wisconsin** held a live, virtual degree conferral on May 16. Commencement, including the bestowing of special awards, will take place in December.
- **Edgewood College** did not hold its traditional commencement ceremony, which was scheduled for May 17. The College will mark the enormous accomplishment of earning a college degree in a way that honors its graduates. For Edgewood, this will not include a virtual event.
- **Herzing University** in Kenosha will hold commencement as a virtual ceremony on June 28.
- **Lakeland University** has postponed its commencement ceremony, which is to be held in person at a date yet to be determined.
- **Lawrence University** will hold its commencement ceremony virtually on June 14, 2020. Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Natasha Trethewey will serve as the commencement speaker and receive an honorary degree.
- **Marian University** will, in response to student feedback favoring an in-person commencement ceremony, hold in-person, split ceremonies on December 12 to recognize May, August, and December 2020 graduates.
- **Marquette University's** commencement ceremony has been rescheduled for August 30 at Fiserv Forum.
- The **Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW)** held all of its commencement ceremonies virtually. The Milwaukee commencement was held May 22. Renee Chapman Navarro, Pharm D, MD, Vice Chancellor, Chief Diversity and Outreach Officer, and Professor of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Care at the University of California, San Francisco, delivered the keynote address and received a Doctor of Medical Science honorary degree. Also receiving honorary degrees were Victor and Dawn Barnett; James C. Rahn, Solomon H. Snyder, MD; and Tracey Sparrow, Ed.D. The Green Bay commencement was held May 28, and the Central Wisconsin commencement was held May 29.

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Mount Mary achieves federal recognition as Hispanic-Serving Institution

MOUNT MARY UNIVERSITY

With one in four undergraduate students at Mount Mary identifying themselves as Hispanic, Mount Mary University has become one of only two colleges in Wisconsin to be designated by the federal government as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI).

Between 2014 and 2018, Mount Mary's Hispanic population steadily increased from 15 to 25 percent. Additionally, in fall 2019, approximately 50 percent of new incoming students identified as Hispanic.

This designation continues to put Mount Mary and Milwaukee on the map in terms of opportunities for upward mobility.

Milwaukee's growing Latinx population has increased 213 percent between 1990 and 2014, according to a study commissioned by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation in 2016. Alverno College, Wisconsin's first HSI, received HSI designation in 2017.

"Supporting our growing Latinx population is a regional imperative," said Mount Mary President Christine Pharr, Ph.D. "Through the learning community that we are building at Mount Mary, we are putting into place our vision for the greater community of Milwaukee."

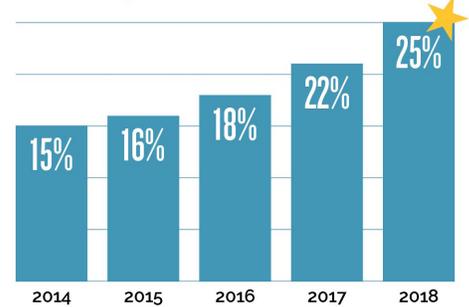
Mount Mary provides extensive institutional support to first-generation and low-income students in particular, and is currently utilizing \$8.4 million in funding from federal agencies and national organizations to support student persistence and retention.

In addition, Mount Mary's Latinx Task Force has been in place for four years to identify and facilitate changes to make the campus more welcoming, from translating web pages and admissions materials into Spanish, to customizing tours and visit experiences for Spanish-speaking families.

In January 2019, Mount Mary University helped form the Hispanic Serving Institution Network of Wisconsin (HSI-NOW), a coalition focused on

Latinx Undergraduate STUDENT POPULATION

Full-Time Undergraduate Students who Identify as Latinx



Source: IPEDS Fall 2018 Enrollment Report

expanding opportunities for diverse students. The group currently includes Mount Mary University, Alverno College, Carroll University, Marquette University, the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, Gateway Technical College, Milwaukee Area Technical College, UW-Milwaukee, and UW-Parkside. ■

St. Norbert College creates free online e-tutoring program for K-12 students

ST. NORBERT COLLEGE

Hundreds of K-12 students from 18 states and Canada are taking advantage of e-tutoring services offered by education students through a collaboration of private and public universities in Wisconsin.

Led by St. Norbert College, some 330 college students at eight institutions, including seven from Wisconsin, began providing free grade-appropriate online instruction in March to more than 500 K-12 students. Now there is a waiting list.

The initiative, started by associate professor of education at St. Norbert College, Dr. Bola Delano-Oriaran, includes St. Norbert, Lawrence University, Ripon College, UW-Green Bay, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Stevens Point, and the University of North Georgia.

"This e-tutoring program connects college students and faculty with their communities and empowers all involved to intentionally engage while applying academic coursework to address community issues," Delano-Oriaran says.



Dr. Bola Delano-Oriaran launched the tutoring initiative, which helps K-12 students whose education has been disrupted by COVID-19, while providing experience to future teachers.

"In tutoring, our teacher candidates are deepening their knowledge as they apply concepts learned from their teacher-education college courses, while K-12 students also are continuing with their learning in the midst of COVID-19."

St. Norbert College junior education major Chloe Steffel says her experiences so far have been wonderful: "I am able to get to know my students, their ability levels in the requested content areas, prepare lessons that help further that knowledge – not only using what I have learned in classes in working with them, but also using what I learn about them and their interests to tailor their learning to ways that make sense for them."

As Delano-Oriaran watches the e-tutoring program grow day by day, she is thankful to have the opportunity to make an impact.

"Doing this work in the midst of a pandemic has allowed me to stay grounded and at peace while 'called' to serve my students, my college, my community, and our nation one day at a time," she says. ■

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Viterbo University opens residence hall to area health care and emergency personnel as part of pandemic response

VITERBO UNIVERSITY

When Viterbo University officials were approached by City of La Crosse and local hospital administrators about the possibility of using a campus residence hall, the answer was a resounding “yes.”

Viterbo’s Bonaventure Hall opened to local health care and other emergency personnel in mid-April. Local hospital employees, police, fire department, and EMS workers who have not been diagnosed with COVID-19 are able to utilize the building. There are no students living in the facility.

“We at Viterbo University are honored to support our community partners as we continue to confront the many challenges posed by the Coronavirus pandemic,” said Rick Trietley, Viterbo vice president for student affairs. “The founders of our university, the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, have set an inspirational example of meeting the



Viterbo University’s Bonaventure Hall has been converted from a student residence hall and opened up to local hospital and emergency workers.

needs of society for more than 130 years, and we will do our part in keeping with this spirit and proud tradition.”

The transition from college residence hall to what is now affectionally nicknamed “Hotel Bona” was a smooth one, said Kirsten Gabriel, director of

student life. The students who were living in the building and were asked to move were extremely cooperative. The prevailing attitude was and remains that everyone needs to do their part during this public health emergency.

Precautions have been implemented to ensure the safety of both community member guests and campus staff. These include the installation of a plexiglass screen for front desk workers, ample use of personal protective equipment, water soluble linen bags, and limiting contact whenever possible.

“Our community partners have been fantastic,” Gabriel said. “There is a great deal of mutual gratitude for the different ways we’re all supporting one another in the fight against COVID-19.” ■

Convalescent plasma donations collected by Versiti Blood Centers to treat COVID-19 patients *Versiti physicians and scientists working to advance coronavirus treatments*

MEDICAL COLLEGE OF WISCONSIN



The Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW), Froedert Hospital, and Versiti are partnering to treat COVID-19 patients with convalescent plasma therapy.

As coronavirus cases continue to rise across the country and the world, Versiti, Inc., a national leader in blood health innovation, has begun collecting plasma from recovered COVID-19 patients to help treat others severely affected with the virus. This blood related treatment

could offer hope to hundreds of patients who continue to be diagnosed.

Versiti blood centers is among the first in the U.S. to begin the collection of convalescent plasma. They are working with their partner hospitals to identify patients who have successfully recovered from COVID-19.

“The potential donors must first be proven to have had a COVID-19 diagnosis through a positive lab test result, and must then have a negative test result 14 days after recovering from symptoms,” said Versiti Senior Medical Director Dan A. Waxman, M.D. “It’s a very collaborative effort with our hospital partners who will be working to identify and verify the donors.”

The donated plasma is provided directly to the patients of hospitals with whom Versiti is partnering. The first healthcare system in the Southeastern Wisconsin to use this therapy on a COVID-19 patient, Froedtert & MCW

infused its first patient with plasma donated from individuals who have recovered from the virus on Wednesday, April 8, 2020. While MCW is taking the lead on researching the effectiveness of this novel treatment and Froedtert Hospital is managing and administering the care of the patients, Versiti is actively recruiting donors of plasma.

The plasma treatment transfers the antibodies of a recovered patient, into critically ill patients who are currently receiving care.

The plasma donations, which take 30-40 minutes, are collected at Versiti donor centers in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

Though blood group AB is the universal plasma donor, any blood type donor who has recovered from the virus is eligible to donate as part of the program. ■

Bellin College to begin radiation therapy program

BELLIN COLLEGE

Beginning in fall 2020, Bellin College will begin offering a three-year Bachelor of Science in Radiation Therapy degree. The program, fully accredited through the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), aims to give graduates of the program the skills and confidence necessary to be leaders in the field.

“The radiation therapy program perfectly aligns with our current medical imaging programs,” said Dr. Mark Bake, Dean of Allied Health Sciences at Bellin College. “The unique three-year bachelor curriculum focuses on the importance of patient care and the continuous technological advancements in the profession. We are excited to be bringing this high-demand program to the Northeast Wisconsin area.”

Students enrolled in the program will be prepared through a combination of state-of-the-art classroom education,

clinical experience, and laboratory practice. Graduates will be eligible to take the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) certification exam. The final year of the program includes a full-time clinical internship which will provide the real-life, hands-on experience needed to be successful as a radiation therapist.

“The launch of the Bachelor of Science in Radiation Therapy aligns with the mission and vision of Bellin College,” said President and CEO Connie Boerst. “We are experts at educating healthcare professionals and this unique offering is in high demand in healthcare today. Students will walk away with an outstanding education and will be leaders in the profession. We continue to expand partnerships at the local and state level and are excited to engage in this new endeavor.



Bellin College will offer a Bachelor of Science in Radiation Therapy degree in Fall 2020. Program Director Amy Riemer, left, works on a patient.

The program is unlike any offered in Northeastern Wisconsin. That uniqueness will give students another option when looking for a career. Employment of radiation therapists is expected to grow nine percent from 2018-2028, faster than the average for all occupations, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. ■

Lawrence announces new creative writing major, statistics and data science minor

LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

Lawrence University is launching a new creative writing major and a new statistics and data science minor, both beginning in the fall.

They both mark significant additions to the university’s liberal arts curriculum.

Creative writing: Students in the English program now have two curricular tracks to choose from, one leading to a major in creative writing and the other to a major in literature.

“We’ve seen more prospective students articulating their desire to focus directly on creative writing,” said David McGlynn, professor of English and chair of the English department. “More current and prospective students are seeking graduate-school and career opportunities in writing. We believe the new track system will allow students more flexibility to pursue their goals.”

Lawrence has offered a minor in creative writing for nearly a decade.



Students attend English Professor David McGlynn’s creative writing course during winter term.

New courses are being added, including an introductory creative writing course designed for first-year students and a senior seminar in creative writing for graduating seniors.

Statistics and data science: The new statistics and data science minor will be housed in the mathematics department and will strengthen offerings in an area

that is increasingly in demand. The use of statistics and data analysis has grown in fields across the liberal arts spectrum, making it a sought-after minor in a lot of disciplines.

“Data scientists are working with bioinformatics, genetics; it’s huge in economics, and it’s become a huge thing in political science,” said Dr. Andrew Sage, an assistant professor of statistics who came on board a year ago and has helped bring the new minor to fruition.

Sage was hired in 2018 and Dr. Abhishek Chakraborty joined the faculty in 2019, giving Lawrence two professors deeply invested in statistics and data and allowing for the addition of numerous courses and the development of the minor. ■

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

PANDEMIC! A New Course at Northland College

NORTHLAND COLLEGE

The typical May term course at Northland College promotes field-based, experiential, and immersive learning as a way to focus on a particular topic, skill, or region.

However, nothing is typical about this year, and faculty pivoted—quickly. Northland announced a new course created specifically for these times—Pandemic! Northland Unites: A Collaborative Seminar on COVID-19 (IDS250).

Taught by 15 faculty, the course examined how various academic disciplines approach and understand the COVID-19 crisis. Fifty students registered the first day it opened.

“While most college and university campuses are teaching out the remainder of their terms with existing courses, May term provided an opportunity to creatively respond to current events,” said Dr. Dave Ullman, assistant professor of geoscience, who helped spearhead this course with a team of other faculty members.



Dr. Dave Ullman helped launch the course, which was open to Northland students and the greater community.

As an added twist, this four-week course has been made freely available to the community through a special website and virtual discussion groups.

“After speaking with friends and family, we realized that it’s not just students who yearn to learn more deeply about the context for our current crisis,” Ullman said. “In response, we have created a course platform that can allow

for the greater community to engage with us as well.”

Lessons included: history of pandemics, epidemiology of infectious disease, public health principles, biology of viruses, cost benefit analysis of social isolation, philosophy of hope and despair, public land use and changing recreation patters, and the poetry and music of pandemics.

“The recent coronavirus pandemic has led to large-scale societal disruption in a remarkably short period of time,” said Dr. Jessica Eckhardt, assistant professor of sociology. “Fully understanding the breadth of these impacts globally and locally requires a broad and enriched understanding of numerous disciplines.” ■

SPRING COMMENCEMENTS *continued from page 2*

- The **Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design (MIAD)** has rescheduled commencement for its Spring 2020 graduates to October 3 at the Pabst Theater.
- The **Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE)** commencement ceremony has been postponed and will be held September 19. Peggy Troy, president and CEO of Children’s Hospital and Health System, will deliver the keynote address and receive an Honorary Doctor of Nursing.
- **Mount Mary University’s** spring commencement has been rescheduled for August 15 on campus.
- **Nashotah House** will hold its commencement ceremony on campus on September 24, preceded on September 23 by Alumni Day. This will coincide with the matriculation ceremony.
- **Northland College** held a virtual celebration on May 23 and will schedule a commencement ceremony for a future date.
- **Ripon College** will postpone its commencement ceremony, to be held on campus, to October 4. Composer and performer John Harmon will receive an honorary degree.
- **St. Norbert College’s** commencement has been tentatively rescheduled for August 29.
- **Viterbo University** held a “Marking the Milestone” virtual event on May 8. A traditional commencement ceremony will be held in the future.
- **Wisconsin Lutheran College** plans to hold its commencement ceremony on August 29 in the college’s Recreation Complex.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Carthage College junior Yana Astter '21** is among 396 undergraduate students from around the country awarded the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship. The federally endowed award was designed to foster and encourage outstanding students to pursue research careers in the fields of the natural sciences, engineering, and mathematics.
- **St. Norbert College** has been named to the 30 Best Small Colleges for Students on the Autism Spectrum 2020 list by the Applied Behavior Analysis Programs Guide.
- **Shawnee Daniels-Sykes, Ph.D., professor at Mount Mary University** and a noted expert on ethics, morality and Black Catholic studies, was recognized by The Milwaukee Times 35th Annual Black Excellence Awards in February. As a Catholic theological ethicist and writer, her research interests lie in beginning, middle, and end of life issues, especially as these relate to institutionalized race, class and gender oppression.
- **Lakeland University** has received a \$35.4 million fixed-rate low interest loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development division that will finance the largest investment in its Sheboygan County-based main campus in the institution's 158-year history. Lakeland will use \$26 million to construct two new residence halls to serve first- and second-year students, a water tower, and related infrastructure. The remaining \$9.4 million will be used to refinance the university's existing long-term debt.
- **Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) Navy ROTC student and Midshipman First Class Steven Peterson** was ranked first in Order of Merit among future Surface Warfare Officers. The national designation is based on Peterson's grade point average, demonstrated leadership, and physical performance in the Navy ROTC. Peterson, along with approximately 279 Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps Midshipmen from around the country selected their first ships, and by virtue of being the number one NROTC student in the United States, he was the first to make his selection. Peterson chose the USS SAMPSON (DDG 102), which is based in Everett, Washington.
- The **Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (MIAD)** is among the initial partners of Greater Equity 2030, an initiative spearheaded by nonprofit Greater Together to diversify Milwaukee's creative workforce and challenge Milwaukee's creative industry to hire at least 1,600 minority employees by 2030.
- Five **Carthage College** undergraduates won the prestigious \$10,000 Lemelson-MIT Student Prize for their work on Modal Propellant Gauging (MPG), a real-time technology that measures fuel in space. This year, physics majors **Celestine Ananda '20, Nicholas Bartel '20, Bennett Bartel '21, Taylor Peterson '21, and Cassandra Bossong '21** won the "Move It" undergraduate category that recognizes technology-based inventions that involve transportation or mobility.
- The **Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) School of Nursing** celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2020. The university unveiled plans to expand its Ruehlow Nursing Complex. It will include a new simulation space that will be adaptable to a variety of settings including board rooms, clinic, home care and community. There also will be dedicated areas for students to practice their skills and complete performance tests.
- Serve Wisconsin has awarded AmeriCorps funding to **Marian University** for a new program that will aim to help first-year students. The program will support 12 students as AmeriCorps members, who will then plan and implement Community Engaged Learning and Meaningful Social Engagement modules for first-year students.
- **Mount Mary University** has pledged to advance diversity and inclusion on campus in partnership with CEO Action for Diversity & Inclusion™, a coalition of more than 850 CEOs of global companies and organizations who have all agreed to take action to foster an environment where diverse experiences and perspectives are welcomed.
- **St. Norbert College sophomore Dahyana Flores** has been named a 2020 Newman Civic Fellow by Campus Contact, a national coalition of more than 1,000 colleges and universities dedicated to campus-based civic engagement. Flores is majoring in political science and international studies, with an emphasis on Latin America.
- The Christ King Chapel in the lower level of Notre Dame Hall at **Mount Mary University** has been converted into an interfaith space, the Place of Peace. It is open to students of all backgrounds and faith traditions. Faith leaders from the Milwaukee community gathered to bless this space in late spring.
- **Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE)** students took first place in the Construction Management and Development category and second place in the Electrical Systems Design category at the Architectural Engineering Institute (AEI) of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) 2020 International Student Design Competition.
- **Marian University senior Shana Risby** has been named one of 20 recipients of the 2020 ProPublica Diversity Scholarship.
- The NASA Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium and related space sciences projects made twenty awards to **Carthage College** students and faculty this year, totaling \$95,000. The Consortium funds a wide variety of STEM programs across the state, including undergraduate and graduate education, as well as faculty and postdoctoral work.
- The Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee (HPGM) and **Alverno College** have partnered to launch a matching scholarship awards program that will support the education and retention of Hispanic students. Alverno will provide up to \$30,000 in total matching funds for undergraduate students per academic year. Undergraduate students are eligible when they attain junior-year standing. Two Alverno graduate students are eligible for a total of \$5,000 each per academic year. Two newly enrolling students at Alverno are eligible for a total of \$5,000 each per academic year.

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APPOINTMENTS

- **Dr. Andrew Manion** began his term as the ninth president of **Edgewood College** on June 1, 2020.

NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS

- **St. Norbert College** and the **Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW)** Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences have partnered to offer a dual-degree Master of Public Health 4 +1 program. Annually, up to 10 St. Norbert College undergraduates who meet certain criteria will be granted direct admission into the program. It is open to any major, not just those in the sciences; students must fulfill certain prerequisite courses.
- The **Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE)** School of Nursing has partnered with Rogers Behavioral Health to launch a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program (PMHNP). The university is also adding a Direct Entry Master of Science in Nursing and a Post Master's Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Certificate. Classes will begin in Fall 2020 for these programs, while a new Gerontology Certificate launches this spring.
- This fall, **Carthage College** will launch a new Sports Management track within the current Master of Science in Business program. The master's program can be completed in 10 months, and anyone with a bachelor's degree and a GPA of 2.75 may apply for admission.
- **Alverno College** is launching Alverno Accelerate, an accelerated, affordable and flexible pathway to earning a bachelor's degree in three or fewer years. Designed for working adults who may be juggling a family and a career, the program is open to women and men and is offered completely online. All previously earned college credits will transfer, regardless of subject matter.
- Beginning in fall, **Mount Mary University** is offering dual-credit offerings in food science and fashion for students in the Elmbrook School District. Students will earn college credits upon successful completion of each course. This program is open to young men and women.