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## INDEPENDENT INSIGHTS

### Take my word for it

I love words and word play. Words are important. Napoleon Hill (1883-1970) said, “think twice before you speak, because your words and influence will plant the seed of either success or failure in the mind of another.”

All of us – young and old alike – can think of times when words had consequences. Sometimes, if we are honest, our own words had unintended consequences. I do not advocate censorship, but I do urge that we all “take care.” Words can inspire action which is harmful; shouting fire in a crowded theater, for example.

As St. John Paul II said, “freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.”

For Wisconsin to be competitive in the Knowledge Economy, we need to increase the

educational attainment of our population. Over 60 percent of the jobs of the future will require postsecondary education, while only 41 percent of adults in Wisconsin currently hold an associates degree or higher. Census data show that Wisconsin has a negative net migration rate of college educated people under the age of 40, indicating it is losing graduates to other states. Many of the top jobs on the market today did not exist five years ago. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, adults will hold between 10 and 14 jobs in their working career; for millennials, this number may be even higher. According to the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance, demographic trends show that “Wisconsin’s biggest long-term economic challenge is a shortage of workers.” These are facts, and we – in both the public and private sectors

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## Cross-sector collaboration is a continued priority in Wisconsin

Wisconsin’s private, nonprofit colleges and universities—WAICU’s members—have a long history of working together in common cause in partnership with Wisconsin’s public colleges and universities. WAICU presidents and the UW System chancellors share priorities and challenges in serving Wisconsin’s higher educational needs.

In the latest demonstration of this partnership, UW System President Ray Cross addressed the fall meeting of the WAICU presidents during the fall WAICU board of directors meeting, held on October 27, 2016 at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

President Cross described four broad purposes of a college education: development of “self” knowledge;



WAICU President Dr. Rolf Wegenke is pictured with UW System President Dr. Ray Cross at the fall WAICU Board Meeting.

advancement of a common good; developing an educated populace in a democracy; and enhancing one’s ability to participate in the economy. A good “return on investment” in a college education is one that incorporates both the economic value of the college education—a good job—with developing the values that make a good life.

Cross emphasized that these two purposes are not mutually exclusive – quoting Wendell Berry, higher education ought to produce “not just trained workers or knowledgeable citizens but responsible heirs and members of human culture.”

This shared understanding of the purpose of higher education is the basis for the public-private partnership.

**College Goal Wisconsin**

In January 2017, College Goal Wisconsin will offer 18 no cost events around the state for students and their parents to get professional, on-site assistance with filling out their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Locations include Marian University in Fond du Lac and Edgewood College in Madison, among many others. The FAFSA is the form that students need to complete each year in order to be considered for grants and loans to help pay for college. WAICU, in collaboration with the University of Wisconsin System, the Wisconsin Technical College System, and others; is once again partnering with College Goal Wisconsin to support these events.

Participants who plan to enroll in college in Fall 2017 will have the opportunity to complete a scholarship drawing card for a chance to win a one-time college scholarship. A complete list of eligibility requirements can be found on College Goal WI's website (see below).

For more information on event dates & locations, the scholarship drawing, and what materials to bring along, please visit the organization's website, CollegeGoalWI.org.

**Save the Date: WAICU School Counselor Workshops in IL & MN**

The Meridian Banquet Center,  
Schaumburg, IL  
Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Studio 185 at International Market Square,  
Minneapolis, MN  
Friday, March 17, 2017

In response to growing demand, WAICU has expanded its offerings of school counselor workshops. A workshop will be held once again in Northern Illinois, this time at a new location. For the first time, WAICU will hold a workshop in Minnesota to serve high school counselors in the Twin Cities area.

There is no charge to attend a WAICU School Counselor Workshop, and there is a lot to learn:

- Guidance on selecting the best fit in a college or university
- The latest information on applying to and preparing for college
- The latest updates from colleges on the most popular majors and what's new on campus
- The chance to speak 1-to-1 with admissions representatives and get the answers to your questions
- New resources and materials for you and your students
- Networking with colleagues

Free continental breakfast and lunch will be served, and professional development certificates will be awarded.

For more information and to register, please visit our webpage just for counselors at [WisconsinsPrivateColleges.org/Counselors](http://WisconsinsPrivateColleges.org/Counselors).

**WAICU at the WSCA Conference**

WAICU is pleased to once again support the annual Wisconsin School Counselors Association (WSCA) Conference. The 2017 conference, themed "Answering the Call," will take place February 21 – 23 at Monona Terrace in Madison. The event will provide information, resources, and professional development opportunities for over 1,200 school counselors.

WAICU's booth will feature resources and information from Wisconsin's private, nonprofit colleges and universities. Participants are encouraged to visit the booth to stock up on valuable resources for their students and speak with a representative who can answer questions about the 24 WAICU-member colleges and universities.

By sponsoring the conference, WAICU aids counselors across the state in learning about postsecondary options for their students. WAICU's mission is "Wisconsin's private, nonprofit colleges and universities working together for educational opportunity," and one way of accomplishing this mission is by partnering with school counselors – who play a pivotal role in students' college search processes – informing their students about the variety of opportunities to further their education in Wisconsin. Visit [www.WSCAweb.org](http://www.WSCAweb.org) for more information.

**Alverno College**

December 16 for graduate programs and December 17 for undergraduate programs. Both ceremonies will be held in the Pitman Theater at Alverno College. Megan Blankschien, a business major from Milwaukee, will serve as the student speaker. KaDijha (KaDi) Jones, a communication major from Milwaukee, will coordinate the ceremony. Pamela Moore, a communication major from Milwaukee, will provide the invocation.

**Bellin College**

October 14 at Bellin College. Bellin College President and CEO, Dr. Connie Boerst, presided over the ceremony. The commencement address was given by Karen Brukart, Bellin College alumna and current Board of Trustees member. The graduating class speaker was Mellissa Hammett. The alumni speaker was LaRae Bruno, BSN.

**Columbia College of Nursing**

December 16 at the Italian Community Center. The commencement address will be given by Dr. Tammy Kasprovich, PhD, RN, CEN, Clinical Professor.

**Concordia University Wisconsin**

December 17 in the R. John Buuck Field House at CUW. Mark Baden, Chief Meteorologist at WISN-TV Channel 12 in Milwaukee, will be the commencement speaker.

**Edgewood College**

December 18 at Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center.

**Marian University**

December 16 at Marian University Sadoff Gymnasium. The commencement address will be delivered by Sr. Judith Schmidt of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes.

**Milwaukee School of Engineering**

November 19 in the Kern Center at MSOE. MSOE Regent Daniel J. Mocerì received an Honorary Doctor of Engineering degree and gave the keynote address.

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## Carroll University opens state-of-the-art science laboratories building

### CARROLL UNIVERSITY

Carroll University's brand new academic building, the Michael and Mary Jaharis Science Laboratories, was officially opened on Friday, September 30 in front of hundreds of guests.

President Doug Hastad was joined by Governor Scott Walker and Dr. Steven and Elaine Jaharis to help commemorate the day. Many others were in attendance including County Executive Paul Farrow, Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly, members of the Board of Trustees, business leaders, faculty, staff, students, and community members.

Opened for the start of the 2016-17 academic year, the 44,000 square-foot building is the first new academic building to be built on Carroll's campus in the past 50 years and is also the school's only all gift and grant funded structure. The State of Wisconsin awarded Carroll \$3 million toward the project in 2015.

"The Michael and Mary Jaharis Science Laboratories will provide our students

with a world class learning environment as they prepare for successful futures," said Carroll University President Doug Hastad.

The building combines state-of-the-art teaching laboratories, research spaces, and instrument rooms that will transform the educational experience of students in the health and science fields. The new facility has an animal research area and cadaver lab in addition to advanced equipment such as a machine that performs nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy. The improvements not only benefit students, but will provide faculty with more opportunities to pursue research grants.

Nearly two-thirds of Carroll students major in the sciences. The university has experienced unprecedented demand for programs in the fields of nursing, physician



The Michael and Mary Jaharis Science Laboratories opened this fall at Carroll University.

assistant studies, physical therapy, public health, psychology, and exercise science/physiology.

Michael and Mary Jaharis Science Laboratories are the first phase of a three-phase project that also includes the construction of another new academic building which is currently in progress and renovations to an existing building. ■

## Dr. John Y. Walz is MSOE's Fifth President

### MILWAUKEE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

With their eyes on the future and a nod toward MSOE's history, the MSOE Presidential Search Committee sought an industry-experienced professional who also is an academic leader. They found that in Dr. John Y. Walz, who was appointed fifth president of MSOE in its 103-year history.

Dr. Rolf Wegenke, WAICU president, hailed the selection of Walz. "Dr. Walz has had a distinguished career in business, education, academic leadership and in chemical engineering. MSOE is known as an entrepreneurial and innovative university with a profound impact, not only on students, but on the economy and on the broader community. It looks to me like a perfect match."

A Tulane University and Carnegie Mellon University-educated chemical engineer, Walz has served in industry, at big public univer-



The MSOE community has embraced Dr. John Y. Walz as the new president.

sities and also at small private institutions. He began his career as an engineer at Shell Oil Co. He moved into research and then

teaching, holding faculty and leadership positions at Carnegie Mellon University, Tulane University, Yale University, and the University of Kentucky.

"In education, your success is measured by your students' success. That's why we're here," said Walz. "I'm very proud of what the graduate and undergraduate students I've had the pleasure of working with have accomplished. And I'm proud of the positive impact I've had on them."

Regarding the future of engineering, business, and nursing, Walz said, "The boundaries between disciplines are getting thinner and starting to break down. It's all about multi-disciplinary approaches to work and problem solving. MSOE is in a great position to break these barriers because we're small and private and we can be nimble in starting new and interdisciplinary programs."

"I'm happy and excited to be at MSOE. I think we're doing great things; we're a very strong university with a lot of opportunity." ■

## MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

# Coming Soon: A Building for Innovation, Collaboration, and Community

### CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN

Concordia University Wisconsin (CUW) announced this fall plans to construct a new academic building on its Mequon campus.

The four-story, 85,311-square-foot structure will extend off the south end of a current facility. This continues CUW's tradition – much appreciated in the winter – of having all of its campus buildings connected by hallways or tunnels.

The new building will house Concordia's recently renamed business school, the Batterman School of Business, as well as its health professions, education, and hospitality and event management programs. It will be designed as a space that invites collaboration among all disciplines for the purpose of infusing Christian business ethics and free-enterprise principles in order to better prepare graduates for service to the Church and the world.

Features include an incubator and collaboration space, innovative learning classrooms, educational technology, specialized labs, simulation rooms, a mock courtroom, and a crime scene lab.

Part of the first floor will be dedicated to the "Center for Inter-professional Healthcare Innovation," which will house an inter-professional rehabilitation clinic. With business expertise provided by Batterman School of Business faculty and

students, the clinic will be a functioning model of a health care business, with faculty and students providing occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech/language pathology services to the community.

The inter-professional rehabilitation clinic will provide care to all people, regardless of their ability to pay. Services will be billed on a sliding scale, and CUW faculty and students will work in cooperation with area clinics and hospitals to be a resource for patients who would benefit from continued care, but whose insurance will no longer pay for services at another facility.

Additionally, the new building will include a large, multi-purpose event space with a spectacular view of Lake Michigan. The venue will accommodate large functions such as speaker series, conferences, and business plan mentoring or pitch events. ■



More than 700 students, faculty, and staff gathered to stake out the footprint of a new academic building project.

## Andrew P. Manion inaugurated as Marian's 16th president

### MARIAN UNIVERSITY

The 2016-17 academic year at Marian University holds additional inspiration this year for Marian University and for the Fond du Lac community. The university welcomed Andrew P. Manion, Ph.D., as Marian's 16th president. Dr. Manion was officially inaugurated as president of the University on September 24, 2016.

A lifelong educator, Dr. Manion's background in higher education includes having served at Aurora University in Illinois for 17 years in a variety of roles. Manion has a Master of Arts in Psychology and a Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology, both from Adelphi University in Garden City, New York. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Saint Norbert College in DePere, Wisconsin. His personal and professional experiences have led Manion to embrace the Catholic heritage and traditions of Marian University.

"The challenges facing higher education in general are certainly challenges that

Marian is facing – value, recruitment, financial, etc. There's a level of skepticism about higher education out there that we need to work to overcome. Today, people are less confident in higher education than they once were, and are more cautious about investing their money and time in earning a degree," said Manion. "We need to overcome this by communicating how a college degree – specifically a Marian education – is a quality investment of both time and money."

"I am encouraged when I look at both our current students and the success stories of our alumni/ae. It's inspiring to see the possibilities that come from earning a degree here," added Manion. "The value of a private, liberal arts education is the opportunity for students to develop as

critical thinkers and learning to become adaptable, especially with a broad knowledge base in the arts."



The inauguration of Andrew P. Manion, Ph.D., was held on September 24, 2016.

As Marian celebrates its 80th anniversary of educational excellence during this academic year, Manion is continuing to build upon the university's strong academic and student-based programming. ■

## Lawrence recognized with national “Healthy Campus” award

### LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY

Lawrence University’s commitment to mental and physical wellness was recognized with a 2016 Healthy Campus Award. Lawrence was one of only six institutions nationally honored by Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit organization, Active Minds.

The award honors U.S. colleges and universities that demonstrate excellence in prioritizing and promoting the overall well-being of their students. According to Active Minds, students enrolled at institutions focused on campus health often find that the programs and services offered there are life changing.

“Lawrence has been working hard to investigate and understand wellness behaviors on campus for the last several years,” said President Mark Burstein. “Creating a safe campus culture, where students look out for each other and are empowered to make healthy choices,

ensures that our students can be fully present in their educational pursuits.”



Yoga classes are one of the many ways Lawrence is helping students maintain a healthy physical and mental balance.

Launched in 2015, the Healthy Campus Award involves an extensive application process, multiple endorsements, and interviews with a panel of prominent researchers and health and higher education experts assessing applicants across eight criteria.

“Lawrence University stands out because it invests in students’ physical and mental health on a comprehensive scale and for the long term,” said Alison Malmon, executive director and founder of Active Minds. “Lawrence is a model of what’s possible when a college prioritizes a campus culture of health, safety, and well-being.”

Erin Buenzli, Lawrence’s wellness and recreation director, called the national award “an exciting honor.”

“It’s very gratifying to be recognized nationally for our efforts to improve the overall well-being of our campus community,” said Buenzli. “This recognition affirms the dedication of many people at Lawrence who have worked diligently in making Lawrence a community

that puts a high value on the importance of a holistic approach to wellness.”

The award’s review panel cited “best practices”: campus-wide collaboration, integrated and centralized services, healthy balance statements, and bystander training. ■

## New service group offers life-changing experiences for Bellin College students

### BELLIN COLLEGE

The Student Trips and Transformations (STAT) program is a new service-oriented group that started in Spring 2016 at Bellin College. STAT is an alternative break program giving students the opportunity to engage in off-campus experiences in communities. These experiences involve working with vulnerable people, while, at the same time, helping students become active citizens and, in the future, professional leaders. The program offers students a chance to travel to local, regional, and national locations where they are challenged to both provide service and reflect on those experiences in order to grow personally and professionally.

Participants are equipped with leadership skills, exposed to new perspectives, and ultimately gain a broader understanding of the concepts of social justice and community partnership.



Students set up a cardboard shack outside of a grocery store to raise awareness about homelessness and collect donations.

In January 2016, a group of 10 Bellin College students and faculty member Ms. Deb Lidbury traveled to the south side

of Chicago to do a week of service. The group worked with the Port Ministries, United Human Service Center (food pantry), the Chicago Food Depository, and SuCasa (a shelter for women and children). The students participated in a broad variety of activities – the numbers tell the story. The students collectively accumulated 307 hours of service. They prepared 160 sandwiches; made dinner for 50 people at a women’s shelter; sorted 62 bags of clothing to be handed out; packed and sorted 24,777 pounds of food at the Chicago food depository; served 133 meals at a soup kitchen; passed out 120 bags of food at a food pantry; served 500 meals on a bread truck; sorted 100 bags of food; and assisted in offering free healthcare at Port Ministries Free Clinic.

STAT is currently working with the Brown County Homeless & Housing Coalition to do community outreach in the Green Bay area. ■

## MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

### Study promotes wellness among underserved women with breast cancer

**MOUNT MARY UNIVERSITY**

Dr. Julie Hunley, assistant professor of occupational therapy at Mount Mary University, pursued her chosen field as second career because she sought to have a more direct and positive impact on people's lives. And her recent research has deepened her commitment to that fundamental purpose.

Hunley began a journey that led her to the study of occupational therapy and ultimately a faculty position at Mount Mary, where she has found herself leading efforts to apply the positive attributes of yoga to women recovering from breast cancer.

"Breast cancer can be devastating to mind, body, and spirit. I wanted to be able to decrease health risk and increase self-efficacy," she said. "Yoga seemed to be a reasonable vehicle to be able to do that."

Hunley noted that breast cancer mortality

is 39 percent higher for African Americans, and health disparities are compounded by poverty in Milwaukee, where 38 percent of African Americans live below the federal poverty level. Physical activity has been identified by the American Cancer Society



Julie Hunley pursued occupational therapy after a successful career as a manager at First Wisconsin Corporation (now U.S. Bancorp).

as a way to reduce disease risk for African American breast cancer survivors, yet access in Milwaukee to neighborhood health and wellness services is limited.

To further explore a link between yoga

and survivorship, Hunley located an existing wellness group called Sisters 4 Cure and worked with them to recruit about 20 African American women, who came to Mount Mary for six weeks in the summer of 2015 for the yoga wellness study.

As the six weeks came to an end, the women reported less pain and greater ability to enjoy the important activities of life. Hunley's work is generating national attention. She presented at the American Occupational Therapy Association Conference in Chicago and at the Medical College of

Wisconsin last April.

"It's the relationship building with the women themselves, and seeing their capacity for everyday life increase," she said. ■

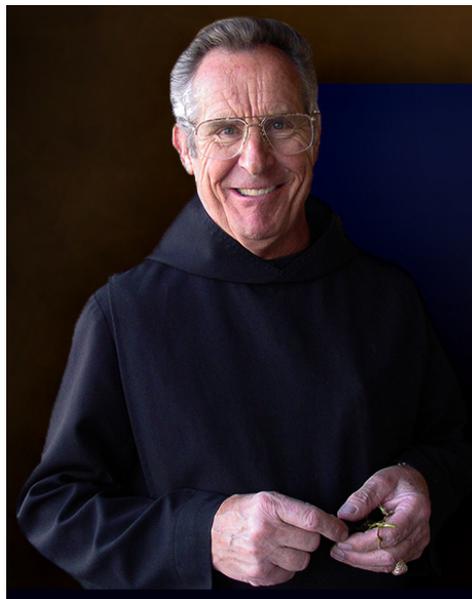
### Nashotah House receives gift for endowed professorship

**NASHOTAH HOUSE**

Nashotah House Theological Seminary has received a \$3.5 million commitment from the Order of St. Benedict Servants of Christ as a gift to carry on the Order's legacy. The endowed fund will be used to support the St. Benedict Servants of Christ Professorship in Ascetical Theology and Monastic Studies and an annual international conference, also named for the order, on religious life and Anglicanism.

The Order was founded in 1968 by The Very Reverend Dom Cornelis deRijk, OSB, a Priest and Benedictine Monk, with The Reverend Canon Lewis Long in Phoenix, Arizona. The Priory of the Servants of Christ is a Benedictine community guided by the balance of prayer, study, and work. Father deRijk, the head of the order and a graduate of Nashotah House, died on September 24 of this year.

As membership in the Order declined, it became clear to Father deRijk that the



A gift from the Order of St. Benedict Servants of Christ will fund a professorship and an annual conference.

Order needed to leave a legacy in a way that would appropriately recognize and carry on the Benedictine values that were at its core. "This generous gift-investment will honor the Order's legacy of service, keeping it alive in-perpetuity. It will insure that, for generations to come, House seminarians will benefit from their exposure to the great Church leaders and mentors who will occupy the Professorship and present at the annual conference," according to The Very Reverend Steven A. Peay, dean and president of Nashotah House.

"We are very humbled and proud that the Servants of Christ and their place in Church history will be permanently tied to Nashotah House and our mission." ■

## Take my word for it

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– must act now if we are to have any prospect of securing our future.

The challenge is that participation in postsecondary education is faced with troubling trends. Two years ago, a national survey showed that 17 percent of families were not even considering higher education for themselves or their children. Last year, the survey was repeated and the surveys found 28 percent not considering postsecondary education. I cannot help but believe that part of the blame rests with those who repeatedly say “you don’t really need college” or “too many people are going to college.”

The facts are that those who have any education beyond high school earn more and experience less unemployment.

I am not suggesting that those who say “too many are going to college” have bad intentions. Some are reacting to an equally over-reaching assertion that “everyone should go to college.” I would argue instead that everyone should have the opportunity to fulfill their true potential and to pursue a pathway that is right for them – rather than being pigeonholed or discouraged by others. We should not force people through the door, but the door should be open. Everyone may not need to go to college, but everyone who wants to go to college should have the opportunity and be encouraged to do so.

Take my word for it.

Sincerely,



Rolf Wegenke, Ph.D.  
President



### Did you know?

Over 60 percent of undergraduates at WAICU-member institutions are from Wisconsin, and about 1/3 of those receive support for their education from the Wisconsin Grant.

Source: State of Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB), 2014-15

## WAICU BULLETIN BOARD

### NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Thomas Kunkel**, president of **St. Norbert College**, was awarded the 2016 Ann M. Sperber Prize by Fordham University for his biographical book, [Man in Profile: Joseph Mitchell of The New Yorker](#).
- **Beloit College, Carroll University, Carthage College, Concordia University Wisconsin, Edgewood College, Lakeland University, Lawrence University, Marian University, Mount Mary University, Ripon College, St. Norbert College, and Wisconsin Lutheran College** were ranked on *Money's* list of Best Colleges.
- The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has awarded a \$1.93 million grant to the Behavior Clinic, a mental health program for children run through a partnership between **Marquette University** and Penfield Children's Center.
- **Edgewood College, Marquette University, and Northland College** have been named in the Princeton Review's Guide to 361 Green Colleges.
- **Northland College** was ranked #2 on *Backpacker Magazine's* Best Colleges for Hiking list.
- **Alverno College, Carroll University, Concordia University Wisconsin, Marian University, the Milwaukee School of Engineering, Mount Mary University, Viterbo University, and Wisconsin Lutheran College** were ranked among *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Regional Universities – Midwest.
- **Edgewood College and Marquette University** were ranked on *U.S. News & World Report's* list of Best National Universities.
- **Beloit College, Carthage College, Lawrence University, Northland College, Ripon College, and St. Norbert College** were named to *U.S. News & World Report's* list of Best National Liberal Arts Colleges.
- **Lakeland University** has been awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation to help fund teaching financial basics to at-risk Lakeland students.
- **St. Norbert College** has been recognized as a platinum-level Fit-Friendly Worksites by the American Heart Association.
- **Marquette University** was awarded a \$1 million grant by the National Science Foundation to certify nearly 200 Milwaukee Public School teachers in computer science teaching.
- **Edgewood College, Lawrence University, Marquette University, Mount Mary University, Ripon College, Silver Lake College, and Viterbo University** were listed on the 2015 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, and **St. Norbert College** was recognized in the distinction category.
- **Marquette University** has been given a \$3.5 million gift by alumni donors Don and Fran Herdrich. The gift is for scholarship aid to future first-generation engineering students.
- **Nashotah House** has been added to the Wisconsin State Register for Historic Places.
- **Northland College** has received a \$1 million grant from the Mary Livingston Griggs and Mary Griggs Burke Foundation to establish a graduate degree program.
- **Alverno College** has been awarded a \$2.7 million grant by the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation to raise awareness of the legacy and contributions of Catholic women and to expand upon National Catholic Sisters Week.
- **Carroll University, Edgewood College, Marian University, Marquette University, the Milwaukee School of Engineering, Northland College, Viterbo University, and Wisconsin Lutheran College** have been awarded the Military Friendly® designation by Victory Media.
- **Alverno College and Cardinal Stritch University** were awarded College Completion Grants from Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation in the amounts of \$199,600 and \$200,000, respectively.

### APPOINTMENTS

- **Professor Desiree Pointer-Mace** of **Alverno College** has been nominated by Dr. Rolf Wegenke, president of WAICU, and appointed to be a member of the newly established State Superintendent's Wisconsin Standards Review Council.

### NEW DEGREES AND PROGRAMS

- **Wisconsin Lutheran College** and the **Medical College of Wisconsin** Pharmacy School have announced a 3+3 dual-degree pharmacy program that allows students to earn a Bachelor of

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to think intensively and to think critically.  
Intelligence plus character - that is the goal  
of true education.”*

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.  
1929 - 1968

## WAICU: WISCONSIN'S PRIVATE, NONPROFIT COLLEGES WORKING TOGETHER FOR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

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#### Mount Mary University

December 17 at Mount Mary University. Tanya Keenan, a faculty member in Mount Mary's English Department, will deliver the keynote speech.

#### Silver Lake College

December 17 in the Endries Auditorium, Franciscan Center for Music Education and Performance at Silver Lake College. Eric B. Volcheff, Chairman of the Board, will be the commencement speaker.

#### Viterbo University

December 17 in the Fine Arts Center Main Theatre at Viterbo University. The student address will be given by Chris Pasquale. Kent Handel, Chair of the Board of Trustees, will deliver the congratulatory remarks, and Kathy Duerwachter, Director of Alumni Relations, will give the alumni welcome.

#### Wisconsin Lutheran College

December 15 in the Recreation Complex - Time of Grace Center at WLC. Dr. Matthew Krug, an alumnus of WLC ('97), will give the commencement speech.

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Science degree in biology, biochemistry, or chemistry from WLC and a PharmD degree from MCW in just six years.

- **Marquette University** began offering an undergraduate data science major this fall.
- **Alverno College** will launch a Doctorate of Nursing Practice program in January.

#### EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

- **Cardinal Stritch University** has signed an agreement with the Waukesha County Technical College that will allow WCTC associates degree graduates to apply their course credits toward a Cardinal Stritch business or hospitality management degree.