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## INDEPENDENT INSIGHTS

### A tribute

The focus of the *Wisconsin Independent* is on Wisconsin's 20 private, or independent, nonprofit colleges and universities and their 60,000 students. Our mission is to work together to advance educational opportunity. WAICU staff work behind the scenes to support this cause. Many readers may not know the WAICU staff beyond seeing their names on the masthead.

Nonetheless, I think it is important for our friends and supporters to know what an outstanding staff WAICU has—people committed to the cause of educational opportunity; people proud of the highest standards of excellence in teaching and learning at Wisconsin's private colleges, and of these colleges' unequaled success with low-income, minority, and first-generation students who graduate by the thousands and who will

make Wisconsin a leader in the knowledge economy. At WAICU and at our members, we believe that in order to do good, we must do well, and that there is no substitute for the best in leadership and in staffing.

One of the best, WAICU executive vice president Dr. Mari McCarty, is retiring this summer to travel and to spend more time with her family. When she began at WAICU 16 years ago, the two of us were



Mari McCarty, WAICU executive vice president, is retiring this summer.

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## WAICU recognized as efficient, entrepreneurial nonprofit

At an April 7, 2011 gathering in New York City, WAICU was recognized by the Lodestar Foundation as one of eight finalists for the "2011 Collaboration Prize." There were 804 nominees from across the United States who were considered for this recognition by a panel of judges composed of representatives of the Atlantic Philanthropies, the Boston Foundation, the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, the Foundation for the Carolinas, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Lodestar Foundation, the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, the William Penn Foundation, the Skoll Foundation, and Venture Philanthropy Partners. The purpose of the prize is to encourage collaborative best practices and efficiencies in the nonprofit sector. WAICU was the only higher education organization to be selected as a finalist.

The WAICU Collaboration Project was



The WAICU Collaboration Project was a finalist for the 2011 Collaboration Prize, the only higher education organization to be so honored.

launched by the presidents of Wisconsin's 20 private nonprofit colleges and universities to help them control their costs, maintain their independence, and focus their resources on teaching and learning and expanding educational opportunity. The WAICU Collaboration Project serves as a model for colleges and universities nationwide as they work to keep higher education affordable for their students. Since 2002, WAICU has organized and administered more than 35 cost-saving programs and "back office" administrative services for its members, including such complex and high-cost areas as employee benefits and technology infrastructure.

WAICU president Dr. Rolf Wegenke stressed the mission-centric nature of WAICU's collaborative services, noting that WAICU's mission statement is, "Wisconsin's

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## Study: Stress in high school can affect success in college

Two research studies presented recently at the national convention of the American Educational Research Association show that stress during high school can negatively affect students' likelihood of success in college.

A study conducted by Brian P. An, an assistant professor of educational policy at the University of Iowa, and Kia N. Sorensen, a doctoral student in sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, found that many high school students whose parents get divorced end up with reduced college-going expectations. The scholars based their analysis on data from the National Education Longitudinal Study of 1988, which tracked the long-term progress of students who were in eighth grade that year.

As part of that federal study, parents were asked each year their children were in high school if there had been a change in the family structure, in terms of whether the student lived with married, biological parents, a widow/widower, or parents who were divorced, never married, remarried, or cohabiting.

By checking in with the families periodically—rather than asking them their marital status just once—the study created a database that enabled researchers such as Mr. An and Ms. Sorensen to examine the impact of family disruptions

on students' college expectations. Mr. An and Ms. Sorensen sought to statistically control for differences in parent-child interactions and found that parental divorce, in itself, appears to reduce a child's chances of going to college.

A second study found that students appear to suffer academically and have less chance of earning college degrees if they transferred between high schools.

Kristina L. Zeiser, a doctoral student in sociology and demography at Penn State, based her analysis on data from the 1988 study as well. Using methodology that sought to statistically control for the impact of student traits, she found that transferring, in itself, appeared to hurt students' academic performance and leave them at greater risk of dropping out of high school or never earning a bachelor's degree.

Ms. Zeiser says her study's results do not tell her why students who transfer from one school to another have worse educational outcomes. She hypothesizes that it may be because they are less likely to get involved in extracurricular activities or to forge relationships with people at their school who can advise them or write letters of recommendation on their behalf, or that they suffer academically as result of poor communication between their old and new schools. ■

### PLAN AHEAD!

## 2011-2012 WAICU School Counselor Workshops

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
No charge to attend

**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

Agenda includes continental breakfast, breakout sessions with representatives from WAICU-member colleges and universities, a presentation by the WAICU Student Access Center, lunch, and, at the Wisconsin workshops, a tour of the host campus. Register now for the workshop of your choice at [waicu.org/counselors](http://waicu.org/counselors).

## Out-of-pocket tuition costs drop yet again for students at WAICU members

In spite of challenging economic times, the average net tuition at a Wisconsin private nonprofit college has dropped again, for the fourth year in a row.

New figures reported to the U.S. Department of Education, and analyzed by WAICU, show that in 2009-2010, the average out-of-pocket tuition cost paid by students and their families was \$4,613—a drop of \$124 from the year before.

In 2009-2010, the average tuition and fees among the 20 WAICU-member schools was \$24,273, but the average freshman financial aid package was \$19,660, leaving \$4,613 as the net tuition.

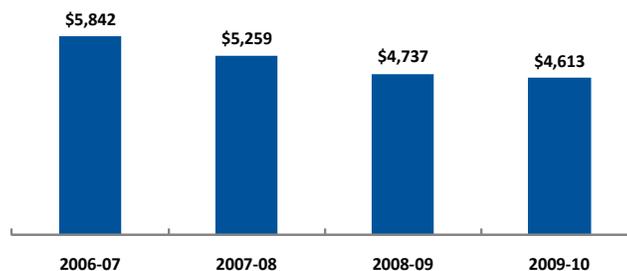
For comparison, the average charge that year for tuition and fees at the UW 4-year campuses was \$6,920.

It is also important to note that the average private nonprofit college financial aid package is made up of 71 percent grants—monies that do not have to be paid back—and only 29 percent government loans.

On top of tuition, students must pay for books and room and board, but these costs are quite similar in the public and private sectors.

“This generous financial aid is the result of hard work by our colleges and

**Net Tuition at Wisconsin's Private Nonprofit Colleges and Universities**



universities,” said WAICU president Rolf Wegenke. “It shows we live by the WAICU motto of working together to advance educational opportunity.”

## Student named National Student Employee of the Year

### MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

Marquette University student Travis Huhn, a senior from Sheboygan in the College of Engineering, has been named the 2011 National Student Employee of the Year by the National Student Employment Association (NSEA) for his leadership and initiative with Marquette's Student Safety Programs.

"Travis is such an exemplary employee," said Huhn's supervisor, Sgt. Daniel J. Kolosovsky, manager of Marquette's Student Safety Programs. "His maturity is beyond his years and his transparency of character and respect for his position duties and others is above reproach."

"I love my job, not just because of what I do but because of the people I do it with," Huhn said. "It's a program with phenomenal people who all are exceptional workers, employees, and friends."

Marquette's Student Safety Programs provide walking escorts and rides for students, faculty, and staff on campus and the surrounding area. Working with the



National Student Employee of the Year Travis Huhn is shown with Marquette president Fr. Robert Wild., S.J.

Department of Public Safety, the programs provide significant crime-prevention services for the campus community.

This is the second time in six years that a Marquette student has received the

national honor, selected by the NSEA from among state and regional student employee winners from thousands of institutions. In 2005, Daniel Hamrin, now an admissions counselor at Marquette, won the award for his work in the university's Alumni Memorial Union.

Hired as a shuttle driver his freshman year, Huhn qualified for all Student Safety Program positions by his junior year. He was promoted to nighttime supervisor in 2009, and in 2010 to the positions of student employment coordinator and the department's computer development assistant.

Huhn initiated several new programs enhancing supervisor involvement and improving job performance. In his role as computer development assistant, Huhn created databases and developed online document-sharing systems to reduce paperwork. Kolosovsky said Huhn is his "right-hand man" who shares his visions and goals and will leave the programs better than he found them. ■

## Students will gain from major expansion and investment in athletics

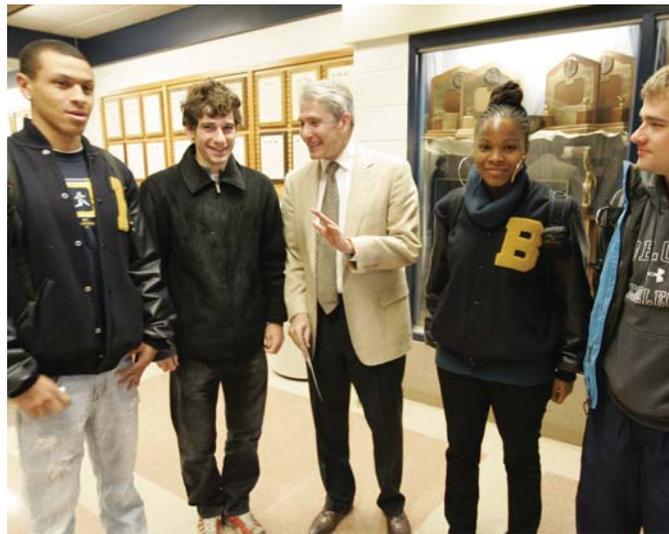
### BELOIT COLLEGE

Beloit College has announced plans to return its track and field program to national prominence (and home competition), add two NCAA Division III lacrosse teams to its varsity sports offerings, and replace its main stadium turf with an artificial surface.

Beloit College will field men's and women's lacrosse squads beginning in spring 2013, becoming the first in the Midwest Conference to host the sport at the varsity level and only the second program in the 14-member Associated Colleges of the Midwest, joining Colorado College.

The track and field redevelopment and the lacrosse program are being funded by \$3.7 million in gifts provided by a small group of alumni, friends, and parents of Beloit students.

In his letter to the campus community, Beloit College president Scott Bierman noted that Beloit's last home track meet was in 1997, and he signaled his inten-



Beloit College president Scott Bierman (center) told student-athletes that they will soon have access to even more opportunities to participate in sports.

tion to see the college revive the Beloit Relays—at one time, one of the nation's premier collegiate track and field events. Begun in 1937, the Relays were last run in 1979.

In an announcement to players and coaches in the lobby of Beloit's sports center, Bierman pointed to the trophies and placards surrounding the group, and reminded them of the exploits of more than a century's worth of world-class student athletes—among them, a sprinter who tied the world record in 1908.

"That's the tradition, and you are a part of that tradition," Bierman told students.

The college began excavating the existing track and field in late

April and expects to lay the new surfaces in August. Beloit plans to dedicate the new track and field on Sept. 17, the date of the opening game of the 2011 football season. ■

## MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

### School of Pharmacy building nears completion

#### CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WISCONSIN

The final touches are being put on the new School of Pharmacy building at Concordia University Wisconsin. Construction on the building began last year and is scheduled to be finished this summer in time for the start of the 2011 fall semester. An official grand opening for the new facility is scheduled for September 16, 2011.

Concordia has received several million-dollar contributions for the School of Pharmacy since plans for the project were first announced in 2007. This, plus other generous donations, puts Concordia's fundraising efforts for the building at nearly \$9 million. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$12 million to cover such amenities as clinical practice labs to develop patient care skills, state-of-the-art educational technologies, faculty research space, lecture halls, and faculty offices.

"The accomplishments of the faculty



Concordia University's new School of Pharmacy building is nearing completion. When fully operational, the school will graduate 100 new pharmacists each year.

and staff who teach, and the pharmacy students who learn because of this structure, will be of great service to humankind as we help address the shortage of pharmacists in Wisconsin," said Dr. Dean Arneson, academic dean of the new phar-

macy school.

The Genesis class of 71 pharmacy students began coursework last fall in a temporary location on Concordia's Mequon campus. Fall 2011's incoming class will consist of 80 pharmacy students. Once fully staffed, the school will eventually graduate 100 students a year from the program. The new School of Pharmacy will be only the second in the entire state of Wisconsin.

Curt Gielow, executive dean of Concordia's School of Pharmacy, said, "We are grateful for all the generous gifts thus far to the school. It gives us momentum as we forge ahead to prepare the next generation of pharmacists." ■

### Microgravity team continues NASA research

#### CARTHAGE COLLEGE

For the fourth year in a row, a team of Carthage College students was selected to conduct research for NASA aboard a zero-gravity aircraft. The Carthage Microgravity Team traveled to the Johnson Space Center in Houston from March 30 to April 9, 2011, as part of NASA's Systems Engineering Educational Discovery program, or SEED.

SEED pairs NASA researchers with undergraduate student teams to design and build experiments essential to NASA goals. The teams then conduct their experiments aboard a modified Boeing 727. The plane flies a series of roller coaster-like dips and climbs to simulate zero gravity, lunar gravity, and Martian gravity, giving its passengers 20- to 30-second periods of weightlessness.

Carthage's was one of nine teams in the country selected for the 2011 program.

"SEED has been around for four years, and we've been fortunate to be selected each year for the program," said physics professor

Kevin Crosby, faculty mentor for the team.

In the past the team has studied lunar dust filtration systems, angles of repose under lunar gravity, and propellant slosh in the Orion Crew Exploration Vehicle. This year's team worked with NASA engineer Rudy Werlink to investigate a method of measuring propellant mass in zero gravity using non-invasive PZT sensors and actuators. "We use sound waves to determine how much fluid is in a tank," explained team leader Kim Schultz of Genoa City, Wis.

While in Houston, the team met NASA scientists and astronauts and toured NASA's Neutral Buoyancy Lab, Mission Control and



Students on Carthage College's Microgravity Team worked while floating in zero gravity aboard a NASA research plane.

the Space Vehicle Mockup Facility.

Joining Ms. Schultz on the Microgravity Team were Amber Bakkum of Winthrop Harbor, Ill.; Stephanie Finnvik of Brooklyn Park, Minn.; Cecilia Grove of Walcott, Iowa; Steven Mathe of Wauconda, Ill.; Erin Gross of Madison, Wis.; Danielle Weiland of Kenosha, Wis.; and KelliAnn Anderson of Cumberland, Wis. ■

## New engineering laboratories are revealing molecular mysteries

### MILWAUKEE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Milwaukee School of Engineering's brand-new BioMolecular Engineering Laboratories have put the university on the map as a leading institution in biomolecular engineering education, with facilities that rival those of industry leaders.



Students at MSOE benefit from four new laboratories and expanded opportunities through the university's biomolecular engineering program, the only one of its kind in the state.

MSOE is the only university in the state of Wisconsin to offer a bachelor's degree in biomolecular engineering, and the program has already attracted top students from around the country, several of whom are National Merit Scholar candidates.

Students who are pursuing a bachelor of science in biomolecular engineering take courses that emphasize biology, chemistry, and engineering at the molecular scale. This prepares them to be involved in product and process development from the molecular and nano-scales to large-scale processes. In concert, students are educated in the essential models of design of biomolecules, bioinformatics, and thermodynamics necessary to solving complex engineering problems.

There are four laboratories: a Wet Biotechnology Lab, a Dry Instrumentation

Lab, a Biosafety Level II Cell Culture Facility, and a Senior Design Lab, as well as a lounge study area where students can meet and study. The storeroom and laboratories are equipped with -20°C and -80°C freezers to store DNA, RNA, and other biomolecules; storage cabinets with negative pressure that safely remove vapors; macro and micro centrifuges; temperature-sensitive UV-Vis spectrophotometers; double-jacketed incubators for mammalian cell lines and stem cells; inverted microscopes; and a two-way autoclave that can steam- or dry-sterilize both liquids and glassware through high temperatures and/or high pressure.

"The new labs are a fantastic asset to the program and they allow for a better learning environment," said Cory Brody, biomolecular engineering sophomore. "I know I'll be more prepared for work in the industry because of what I'm learning and practicing in the labs."

The labs were made possible by a generous donation from Drs. Robert and Patricia Kern. ■

## Student learns by tutoring at community group home for youth

### NORTHLAND COLLEGE

Maria Mackey is a self-described education aficionado. Working as a tutor, research assistant, and manager of the Education Department's online presence, the Northland College junior has found that education has become something of a way of life for her.

"I feel I was born to teach," she said. "There's nothing else I could see myself doing."

Mackey was one of four Northland College students selected to participate in a new tutoring program at Prentice House, Inc., an Ashland-based organization that provides group housing for young men. Over the last year, Northland students have worked one-to-one and in small groups with the young men enrolled in the program, providing tutoring services and offering assistance in developing life skills.

Each week this year, Maria said, she has been visiting Prentice House for an



Maria Mackey, a junior from Holmen, Wis., is among several Northland College students who have been tutoring youth in Ashland.

hour or more to work with the young men on their homework, and she would often stay longer to talk with them in depth as conversations expanded beyond their schooling.

"It wasn't just about school," she said. "We learned about their lives and got to know them on a personal level. It was fun to take a break and just hang out, and they made sure we all knew their favorite candy so we could bring them treats on special occasions."

Maria said that the program has been an instrumental part of her Northland education, and has helped her refine her own teaching philosophy.

"As a teacher, I will always be adapting my teaching habits so that they meet the needs of my students. This was great practice for me, and has helped me learn to see the best in people," she said. "My experience at Prentice House has had an enormous impact on my studies, my professional development, and my personal life. I'm proud to know that for even just a little bit, for an hour out of the week, I was a part of improving a student's life. That makes me happy." ■

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private colleges working together to advance educational opportunity.” Every dollar saved—now totaling millions annually—goes to help students. Dr. Wegenke paid tribute to the vision and foresight of the presidents who had the boldness to launch the WAICU Collaboration Project, which has garnered national praise. The project was described by the Congressional Commission on College Costs in its report *The College Cost Crisis* in this way: “The WAICU Collaboration Project is a comprehensive initiative to perform all administrative support (back office) functions of Wisconsin’s 20 private colleges and universities on a collaborative basis. The objectives are to save money, to improve the quality of services to students, faculty, and staff, and to serve as a national model for controlling college costs. This project moves beyond incrementalism. Never before in history

have private colleges and universities considered as extensive a consolidation of functions short of an actual merger. It sends a message to the entire nation that something transformative has taken place.”

Also critical to the success of the project, said Wegenke, has been Rod Opsal, WAICU senior vice president for collaborative services, who has made the presidents’ vision a reality.

WAICU’s focus on collaborative services will never be “finished.” Existing programs must be administered and subjected to continuous quality improvement. New opportunities for collaborative services—better in price and in quality than any member could achieve on its own—will always come along. For this reason, WAICU sees the recognition as a spur and as an inspiration to do even more. ■

SPRING COMMENCEMENTS

- **Alverno College:** May 21. Samantha Hawley was the student speaker.
- **Beloit College:** May 15. The speaker was Justice Richard Goldstone, former South Africa Supreme Court Justice, who chaired the International Independent Inquiry Commission on Kosovo in 1999 and was the first chief prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunals for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia. Justice Goldstone also received an honorary degree, along with Ruth DeYoung Kohler, director of the John Michael Kohler Arts Center in Sheboygan, Wis., and Robert Virgil, the former dean of Washington University’s John M. Olin School of Business.
- **Cardinal Stritch University:** May 15. Joe Sweeney, managing director of Corporate Financial Advisors and *New York Times* best-selling author of “Networking is a Contact Sport,” was the speaker. Vincenzo Balistreri, president of the International English Honor Society, gave the student address.
- **Carroll University:** May 8. The speaker was Dr. Daniel Von Hoff, physician in chief at Translational Genomics Research Institute (TGen) in Phoenix, Ariz. and chief scientific officer for Scottsdale Healthcare’s Clinical Research Institute and for U.S. Oncology.
- **Carthage College:** May 22. Rev. John Arthur Nunes, president of Lutheran World Relief, received an honorary degree.
- **Concordia University Wisconsin:** May 13 and 14. The speaker for both ceremonies was the Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church in Bethlehem.
- **Edgewood College:** May 15. William Rock,

- M.D., medical director of HospiceCare, Inc., spoke and received an honorary degree.
- **Lakeland College:** May 8. Louis Gentine, chair and CEO of Sargento Foods, Inc., spoke and received an honorary degree.
- **Lawrence University:** June 5. Former U.S. Senator Russ Feingold, currently a visiting professor at Marquette University Law School, gave the commencement address and received an honorary degree.
- **Marian University:** May 14. The Special Agent in Charge of the FBI New York Office, Mary E. Galligan, spoke and received an honorary degree.
- **Marquette University:** May 22. David McCullough, Pulitzer Prize-winning author and historian, was the speaker. Receiving honorary degrees were McCullough; Will Allen, co-founder and CEO of Growing Power; Bill Drayton, founder of Ashoka: Innovators for the Public, a global association of the world’s leading social entrepreneurs; and Catherine Rick, chief officer in the Office of Nursing Services for the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.
- **Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design:** May 14. Speakers were MIAD president Neil Hoffman, writing professor Judith Harway, and graduating students Maxwell Morein and Jordan Brethauer.
- **Milwaukee School of Engineering:** May 28. MSOE regent Timothy W. Sullivan, president, CEO, and director of Bucyrus International Inc., delivered the keynote address and received an honorary degree.
- **Mount Mary College:** May 21. The speaker was Valerie Daniels-Carter, president and

- CEO of V & J Holding Companies, Inc.
- **Northland College:** May 28. Travis J. Moore gave the senior address; other speakers were Marguerite Waters, librarian (retired) of Negaunee Public Schools, and Katherine Jenkins, Hulings Teaching Fellow at Northland College. John N. Allen, Managing Partner of Industrial Equities LLP, received an honorary degree.
- **Ripon College:** May 15. Speakers were Kenneth R. Feinberg, administrator of the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Disaster Relief Fund and the 9/11 Victims Compensation Fund; Harold T. Shapiro, leading bioethicist and former president of both Princeton University and the University of Michigan; and Douglas Debroux, math teacher at Oregon High School in Oregon, Wis. Feinberg and Shapiro received honorary degrees.
- **St. Norbert College:** May 15. Pulitzer Prize-winning author David Maraniss spoke and received an honorary degree. Other honorary degree recipients were Michael Thomas Marsden, former academic vice president of St. Norbert College, and Patrick Kelly, CEO of Resource One programming services.
- **Silver Lake College:** May 1. The speaker was Ralph Hollmon, president and CEO of the Milwaukee Urban League.
- **Viterbo University:** May 14. Shamaco Green, a biopsychology major from the Bahamas, gave the student address.
- **Wisconsin Lutheran College:** May 14. The speaker was retiring biology professor Dr. Paul R. Boehlke. William Treffert, retired CEO of Generac Power Systems, was awarded an honorary degree.

the entire professional staff. In the intervening years, WAICU, at the initiative of our members, has grown in personnel and in programs, in achievement and in accountability. Dr. McCarty has played a significant role in all of this. Her commitment and plain old-fashioned hard work are unequalled. A private college graduate and the daughter of a private college president, Dr. McCarty views WAICU, its members, and their students as a cause, not a career.

She would have preferred to forgo this tribute and to focus on our cause. However, as I thought about it, it seemed to me that a tribute—especially a well-earned one such as this—is essentially a “teaching moment.” To recognize dedication and accomplishment is to encourage and inspire others to go and do likewise. Dr. McCarty has set the bar high for all of us. Isn’t this as it should be?

She has earned our thanks and inspired many.

Sincerely,



Rolf Wegenke, Ph.D.  
WAICU President



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### KUDOS

- **Andrew Rebstock**, an alumnus of **Marquette University's** Graduate School of Management, has been honored by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants with its Elijah Watt Sells Award, given annually to the top performers on the CPA exam. This is the second consecutive year a Marquette graduate has earned the prestigious award.
- Two Wisconsin educators chosen to receive Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching have ties to WAICU members. **Patricia Agee-Aguayo**, who teaches first grade at Danz Elementary School in the Green Bay Area School District, received her teaching certificate from **St. Norbert College**. **John Hushek** of Hales Corners, a teacher at Orchard Lane Elementary School in New Berlin, earned his bachelor's degree in education from **Lakeland College**.
- **Milwaukee School of Engineering** received a number of awards at the National Association for Campus Activities' 2011 Northern Plains Regional Programming Conference. **Nick Seidler**, assistant director of student activities, won the Outstanding Advisor Award for the second year in a row. Other awards won by MSOE included the Outstanding Delegation Award, Celebrating the Human Spirit of Programming Award, Website Design Award, Publicity Campaign Award, and Themed Publicity Award.
- **Jacob Stensberg**, a senior choral music education major at **Carroll University**, was selected as one of two winners of the undergraduate Student Conducting Competition by the Wisconsin Choral Directors Association.
- **Lawrence University** assistant professor of Biology **Ron Peck** has been awarded a \$289,390 Academic Research Enhancement Award grant from the National Institutes of Health.
- **Christopher Okunseri**, associate professor of dental public health in the **Marquette University** School of Dentistry, has been awarded more than \$300,000 from the National Institutes of Health to study treatments provided to patients with non-traumatic dental conditions within hospital emergency departments in the United States.
- **Leona Knobloch-Nelson**, chair of **Mount Mary College's** Interior Design Department and tenured associate professor, was named a “Forty Under 40” award recipient from *The Business Journal* serving greater Milwaukee.
- Students in **Carroll University's** Social Justice League recently won one of eight nationwide grants from World Vision and have now been designated as an official Human Wrong Innovation Team.
- **St. Norbert College** faculty member **Matthew Stollak**, assistant professor of business administration, has received the 2010 Career Achievement Award from the Green Bay Area Chapter Society for Human Resource Management.
- Five students from **Marquette University's** Graduate School of Management won the Wisconsin Association for Corporate Growth Cup for the second year in a row.
- **Katlyn Ross**, a senior at the **Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design**, was one of only six winners in the 2011 International Housewares Association Student Design Competition. Her submission titled “Quick-Fix” featured injury-specific treatment kits with explanatory graphics.
- **Taylor Putz**, a sophomore at **Marian University**, has received the Newman Civic Fellow Award from Campus Compact in recognition of his leadership in social justice issues on campus and in the community.
- **Viterbo University** instructor and Holocaust educator **Darryle Clott** has been named a recipient of the prestigious Ellis Island Medal by the National Ethnic Coalition in recognition of service to the community, the nation, and the world.
- **Marty Preizler**, dean of the School of Business at **Edgewood College**, has been elected to the board of directors of the Wisconsin Center for Performance Excellence.

### EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

- **Cardinal Stritch University** has been selected by the College Access Challenge Grant to mount a program for Milwaukee middle school students and their families to prepare the students for successful entry into college.
- The Wisconsin Geriatric Education Center, housed in the **Marquette University** College of

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Nursing, has been awarded a five-year, \$2 million grant from the United States Health Resources and Services Administration to help ensure that older adults throughout Wisconsin have access to quality healthcare.

•The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has bestowed its Community Engagement classification on **St. Norbert College**, acknowledging St. Norbert's mission-driven focus of service to the wider community.

### PROGRAMS AND DEGREES

•The nursing program at **Carroll University** has been granted continuing accreditation through 2020 from the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

• **Mount Mary College** will offer the nation's first doctorate in the field of art therapy. The new degree program, starting this summer, is open to those with experience in the profession.

### APPOINTMENTS

•Several alumni of WAICU members have been appointed to important positions in state government. **Stephanie Klett**, a graduate of **Beloit College**, is Secretary of the Department of Tourism; **Lawrence University** alumnus **Richard Chandler** is Secretary of the Department of Revenue; **Jeff Plale**, a graduate of **Marquette University**, is Administrator of the Division of State Facilities; **Dan Schwartzner**, an alumnus of **Cardinal Stritch University**, is Deputy Commissioner of Insurance; **David Mancl**, a graduate of **St. Norbert College**, is Director of the Office of Financial Literacy; and **Marquette University** Law School graduate **Scott C. Baumbach** is Interim Secretary of the Department of Workforce Development.

•**Antonio Riley** of Milwaukee, a 1987 **Carroll University** graduate, is the new Midwest Regional Administrator of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



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

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