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## INDEPENDENT INSIGHTS

### You don't know what you don't know

"You don't know what you don't know." We use this aphorism a lot around the WAICU office. I could not find an attribution, but, regardless of the source, the phrase reminds us to avoid glib assumptions and arrogance. When making decisions, we should keep in mind that our decisions will be better if we become educated, seeking the broadest and best information. We also are reminded to be humble and not assume that we "know it all." Sometimes I find myself rephrasing this aphorism to "I didn't know what I thought I knew."

Here are some examples of assertions that do not pan out if you look at the facts:

Assertion: Private colleges are not affordable for regular people.

Fact: The average net undergraduate tuition (price minus student aid) at Wisconsin's private, nonprofit colleges and universities is currently \$5,239. Net tuition at WAICU members has been under \$5,500 for the last seven years. More than 96 percent of all full-time undergraduate students receive financial aid, and over 75 percent of that aid is in grants, not loans. WAICU-member colleges and universities enroll and graduate a larger percentage of minority, low-income, and first-generation students than does the University of Wisconsin System.

Assertion: Private colleges and universities drain funds away from public colleges and from Wisconsin students.

Fact: In Wisconsin, private, nonprofit colleges and universities receive no general operating support from the

taxpayers. Wisconsin students attending public or private colleges in Wisconsin are eligible for state student aid programs. This is aid for Wisconsin students attending a Wisconsin college or university. Out-of-state and international students enrolled in private colleges and universities do not receive direct or indirect support from Wisconsin taxpayers.

Combining general operational support and student grant support to students, the state taxpayer cost of a degree at the UW system is over \$130,000. The WAICU per-degree cost (for student aid) to taxpayers is about \$10,000 – a bargain for state taxpayers.

Assertion: There simply are not jobs for college graduates – particularly for liberal arts grads.

Fact: Studies have shown that liberal arts grads actually earn more in their peak earning years than graduates in other fields. A recent study showed that the much-maligned "Art History" major will earn \$340,000 more in a lifetime than a high school graduate. It is estimated that 62 percent of the jobs in Wisconsin will require a postsecondary education. Already today there are shortages in engineering, medicine and healthcare, and education. WAICU members produce 24 percent of four-year bachelor's degree graduates every year and 37 percent of all graduates with advanced degrees. In critical occupations, we produce 100 percent of dentists, 58 percent of medical doctors, 52 percent of physician assistants, 30 percent of pharmacy majors, 53 percent of four-year BSN nurses, and 30 percent of engineers. At the graduate school level, we produce 46 percent of business graduates, and 61 percent of teacher education graduates.

Assertion: Students in private colleges are drowning in debt, and graduates will be unable to buy their first home.

Fact: The average indebtedness of students in public and private universities in Wisconsin is under \$29,000, less than the average price of a new car, now over \$33,000. Nationwide, the student loan default rate is 11.8 percent, across all sectors. In Wisconsin, the default rate is 9.2 percent, while at WAICU-member colleges and universities the default rate is down to 4.4 percent. It has also been documented that college graduates are, in fact able to secure that first mortgage for a

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Private College Week  
July 11-16, 2016



WI Private College Week (July 11-16) is the ideal time to visit several colleges and discover what's important when making a college selection. Students and their families can preview the private, nonprofit colleges and universities in Wisconsin, each with its own unique opportunities.

During this joint "open house" week, visitors can talk to admission and financial aid representatives, sample food, meet students, tour the campus, and learn about majors, sports, clubs, and more. Student visitors will be entered into a drawing for an iPad.

The place to start is:

[www.WisconsinsPrivateColleges.org/visit](http://www.WisconsinsPrivateColleges.org/visit)

WAICU SCHOOL COUNSELOR WORKSHOPS

Register now: WAICU Counselor Workshops

WAICU offers school counselor workshops: each workshop will feature a presentation on the access and affordability of Wisconsin's private nonprofit sector, tips on the application and financial aid process, diverse academic and extracurricular programming, updates from each college's admission representative, and breakout sessions with the chance to meet with representatives from Wisconsin's private, nonprofit colleges and universities. Free continental breakfast and lunch will be provided, and professional development certificates will be awarded. You can register now for one of the following dates:

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- Tuesday, October 4, 2016: Edgewood College
  - Tuesday, October 11, 2016: Alverno College
  - Tuesday, October 18, 2016: Marian University
  - Monday, October 24, 2016: Milwaukee School of Engineering
    - Wednesday, November 9, 2016: Holiday Inn & Suites, Wausau-Rothschild
  - Wednesday, March 8, 2017: The Meridian Banquet Center, Schaumburg, IL
  - Friday, March 17, 2017: Studio 185 at International Market Square, Minneapolis, MN
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For more information on these free workshops, and to register, visit our webpage just for counselors: [WisconsinsPrivateColleges.org/counselors](http://WisconsinsPrivateColleges.org/counselors).

SPRING COMMENCEMENTS

**Alverno College:** May 20 and 21. The undergraduate commencement introduction was given by Ms. Kevina Vann, BA in marketing; the undergraduate invocation was given by Ms. Gerri Wilson-Clayton, BA in psychology; and the student address was given by Ms. Michelle Lingle, BS in nursing. The graduate commencement invocation was given by Ms. Kyra VandeBunte, MA in administrative and instructional leadership.

**Bellin College:** May 14. The commencement address was given by Dr. Greg Maass, president/CEO of Brown County United Way. The student speakers were Ms. Amanda Novitski-Juedes, BSN; Ms. Lucy Stedl, BSRS; and Ms. Virginia Riggs, MSN. The alumni speaker was Ms. LaRae Bruno, BSN, graduate

of Bellin School of Nursing's diploma program with the class of 1980.

**Beloit College:** May 15. Theologian and scholar, Dr. JoAnne Marie Terrell, delivered the commencement address. Mr. Max Yeshaye Brumberg-Kraus, one of the senior class officers, introduced Terrell.

**Cardinal Stritch University:** May 15. Ms. Eloise Anderson, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families, was the commencement speaker and an honorary degree recipient.

**Carroll University:** May 8. Mr. Ricardo Diaz, a 1974 Carroll University graduate and executive director of the United Community Center in Milwaukee, delivered the keynote

address. The student speaker was Mr. David Earleywine.

**Carthage College:** May 22. Mr. Paul Ryan, speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, delivered the commencement address.

**Columbia College of Nursing:** May 13. Dr. Karen Ivantic, DNP, RN, Clinical Professor, was the keynote speaker. An honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree was given to Mr. Bruce McDonald.

**Concordia University Wisconsin:** May 14. The commencement speaker was Mr. Rich Robertson, president and CEO of the Lutheran Church Extension Fund.

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## Lakeland transitions from “College” to “University”

### LAKELAND UNIVERSITY

Lakeland College is making big changes this summer, including renaming the college Lakeland University and changing its academic structure.

“This is more than just a name change. We are responding to student and employer needs and the wave of developments transforming higher education,” said Lakeland President Dan Eck.

The new academic structure merges the college’s existing seven academic divisions into three schools – a School of Business & Entrepreneurship; a School of Science, Technology & Education; and a School of Humanities and Fine Arts.

Several academic program enhancements stem from ongoing program assessment that includes feedback from employers and students:

- Creation of a five-year bachelor’s degree/MBA track for highly motivated students seeking both degrees in a shorter timeframe.

- Creation of a management information systems bachelor’s degree, which is pending approval by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The degree combines coursework from Lakeland’s business administration and computer science majors for students looking for leadership roles in technology fields.

- Expansion of the marketing major with the addition of four emphases: sales management, retail management, digital marketing, and graphic arts.

- Creation of two new concentrations in the MBA program: human resources management and supply chain management.

- Creation of a bachelor of fine arts degree in creative writing, which is pending



Beginning July 1, the new name will formally take effect.

approval by the HLC and is the only one of its kind in the state. It will prepare students for a variety of careers in the arts, specifically creative writing, editing, and publishing.

The changes are official July 1, but were preceded by careful planning and consultation. A number of factors drove the change from college to university, said Eck, including better positioning in the international student markets and a better reflection of the breadth and depth of Lakeland’s academic offerings. ■

## Edgewood’s new articulation agreements with Madison College put students first

### EDGEWOOD COLLEGE

Edgewood College is pleased to announce a growing partnership with Madison College, the second-largest institution in the Wisconsin Technical College System. New articulation agreements signed May 13, 2016 guarantee admission to Edgewood College for Madison College associate degree holders and allow honors students at Madison College admission to the honors program at Edgewood College after transferring.

“The agreements continue the rich tradition of partnering with institutions that share our commitment to student success in the classroom,” Dr. Jack Daniels, president of Madison College said. “That commitment focuses on academic rigor, experiential learning, and the development of critical thinking, creative problem-solving, and interpersonal skills.”

Under the transfer agreement, students

who receive an associate of arts or sciences degree from Madison College will have fulfilled the Edgewood College general education requirements except the COR

be done,” Dr. Scott Flanagan, president of Edgewood College said. “At a time when higher education is changing quickly, at a time when our community is changing



Dr. Scott Flanagan (left), president of Edgewood College, and Dr. Jack Daniels, president of Madison College, sign the agreements while administrators and faculty from both institutions look on.

curriculum, world languages, and religious studies. The agreement covers students who apply within five years of degree completion from Madison College.

“These latest agreements serve as a reminder of the great work that remains to

quickly, we remain two institutions that have at their center providing outstanding educational experience for students and a commitment to meeting the needs of the greater Madison community. This is only the most recent partnership in our long-standing working relationship.”

The second agreement allows Madison College honors students, who meet certain criteria when transferring, guaranteed admission to the Edgewood College honors program. This agreement includes a renewable academic scholarship, priority registration, diploma recognition, and participation in special activities and excursions. ■

## MCW psychiatry residency programs in northeastern and central Wisconsin receive initial accreditation

### MEDICAL COLLEGE OF WISCONSIN

The Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) has received initial accreditation for two new psychiatry residency programs in northeastern and central Wisconsin, with a planned start date of July 1, 2017. The northeastern Wisconsin program will train four psychiatry residents per year and the central Wisconsin program will train three psychiatry residents per year, both over a four-year period. Recruitment will begin immediately.

Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals, Inc., the sponsoring institution, will employ the psychiatry residents and, along with MCW's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, will be responsible for ensuring the programs meet Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education requirements.

There is an acute need for psychiatrists in rural Wisconsin. MCW-Milwaukee



The new programs address a need for psychiatrists in rural Wisconsin.

offers one of two psychiatry residencies in the state and trains eight new psychiatrists per year in a four-year residency which means 32 residents are in training at any one time. The new residencies will enable MCW to increase psychiatrist production in Wisconsin by more than 40 percent.

Key training sites for the northeastern

Wisconsin psychiatry residency include the Milo C. Huempfner Green Bay VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic, Winnebago Mental Health Institute, Wisconsin Resource Center, Bellin Psychiatric Center, and Brown County Community Treatment Center. The Milo C. Huempfner VA Clinic, which is managed by the Milwaukee VA Medical Center, is providing space and infrastructure support for seven of the 16 psychiatry residents in northeastern Wisconsin.

Key training sites for Central Wisconsin Psychiatry Residency include Ministry St. Mary's Hospital in Rhinelander; Ministry St. Michael's Hospital in Stevens Point, Wausau, and Wisconsin Rapids; VA Community Based Outpatient Clinics; North Central Health Care; Forrest County Potawatomi Health Care; Wood County Human Services; Portage County Health and Human Services; Bridge Health Clinic in Wausau; and Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital. ■

## Conferences shine light on St. Norbert College

### ST. NORBERT COLLEGE

Two conferences hosted on campus are generating significant response in higher-education circles and putting St. Norbert College in the spotlight.

The May 23-25 Sport & Society event demanded extensive preparation. "We easily started planning in March 2015 for our 2016 event," says Keith Sherony (economics), conference director. "It's a good 15 months of planning that goes into something like this, but it's worth it."

This year, University of Wisconsin athletics director Barry Alvarez was the keynote speaker, and his address was open to the public.

St. Norbert partners with the Green Bay Packers on the conference, with some of the events held at Lambeau Field. This year's theme was "The Business of College Sports." This was the first Sport & Society Conference to be dubbed international.

The college's own Sport & Society

Conference convened for the fourth time, while the Association for Student Affairs at Catholic Colleges and Universities (ASACCU) conference will meet at St. Norbert for the first time.

The Rev. Jay Fostner, O.Praem., vice president for mission and students affairs at St. Norbert College and a member of the ASACCU board, says the college filed a proposal to host the organization's 2016 event and was excited to have been chosen.

"They're looking for a Catholic college that exemplifies the best in Catholic education, and it's great we were chosen," he says.

During the July 19-22 student life conference (themed "The Way I See It: Catholic Higher Education Through the Eyes of Our Students"), 100 to 150



St. Norbert College hosted Sport & Society: "The Business of College Sports."

people from 40 different Catholic schools will be on campus utilizing a variety of facilities from the abbey for Mass to Michels Commons, from the library to the residence halls where attendees will be staying. ■

## Carthage College theatre project takes a unique approach on veterans

### CARTHAGE COLLEGE

Rather than summoning dialogue from a muse, Carthage College student playwright Laurel McKenzie collected direct quotes from service members and their spouses. This unique approach yielded “Afghanistan/Wisconsin: A Verbatim Theatre Project.”

Directed by Carthage theatre professor Martin McClendon, the performance premiered on campus last fall. But the play did not stop at the campus boundaries. Performances were given at public venues around the state — including the Wisconsin Veterans Museum in Madison.

Judges selected the play for the Kennedy Center’s American College Theater Festival Region III celebration in Milwaukee earlier this year. There, the cast earned the Regional Certificate of Merit for Excellence in Performance —

Ensemble award.

The most emotional aspect typically came after the scripted dialogue finished.

“The talk-back is almost like a third act of the play,” Prof. McClendon said. “We’ve had parents of veterans explain that they didn’t understand why their son or daughter was distant and wanted to be alone when they returned from duty, and now they’re going to call immediately and apologize.”

The play took form during Ms. McKenzie’s Summer Undergraduate Research Experience, with Prof. McClendon as her faculty mentor. She compiled more than 40 hours of interviews. The actors completed 12 weeks of U.S. Army physical fitness training and worked with local veterans to get minute details down pat.

This play lives on in a variety of forms. The script will be made available royalty-free, and the recorded interviews will be archived at the Wisconsin Veterans Museum. The project also raised more than \$2,300 for three veterans’ organiza-



Carthage student Dylan Baxter portrayed “Raven,” a U.S. Air Force security specialist, in “Afghanistan/Wisconsin: A Verbatim Theatre Project.”  
Credit: Johanna Heidorn, Carthage College

tions.

“It was surreal seeing my recollections, normally always quiet and only in my own mind, being shared so vividly and clearly in a way that otherwise would not ever happen,” said Kai Loberg, a U.S. Navy veteran and Carthage senior. “The whole Theatre Department absolutely nailed it.” ■

## Cardinal Stritch serves community

### CARDINAL STRITCH UNIVERSITY

More than 500 Cardinal Stritch University students, faculty, staff, and alumni set out on Friday, April 29 to serve their community for the inaugural Stritch Service Day.

Classes were canceled for the day, and volunteers dispersed to nearly a dozen nonprofit sites in the greater Milwaukee area. Service activities ranged from pulling invasive plant species at the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center to caring for infants at St. Ann’s Intergenerational Care Center to packing boxes of nonperishable food for Feeding America.

Each year, Stritch emphasizes one of its four Franciscan values — creating a caring community, showing compassion, making peace, and reverencing all creation. The value woven through the 2015-16 academic year was reverencing all creation — a theme that was embraced during the planning and implementation of Stritch Service Day.

“We, at Stritch, have the privilege of living out the legacy of our founders — the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi,” said President James P. Loftus. “Service



Students, faculty, staff, and alumni volunteered throughout the Milwaukee area community.

Day was a wonderful opportunity for our students to embrace this legacy and learn and live the values that we strive to uphold.”

Stritch Service Day was organized by a collaborative planning team of students, faculty, and staff. The proposal began as a team project in a communications class and quickly evolved into a university-wide initiative.

Senior Sarah Rose Werner expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to roll up her sleeves and volunteer her time. “Stritch Service Day was dedicated to giving back to our community, and I am so happy we took the day to do this,” said Werner. “As a college student and student athlete, I have little time to volunteer. This day gave me a great opportunity to get back to doing what I love... serving others.”

The university plans to make Stritch Service Day an annual event. ■

## MIAD illustration students design for Colectivo

### MILWAUKEE INSTITUTE OF ART & DESIGN

Taking their talents outside of the classroom, illustration students at the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (MIAD) had the opportunity to work with Colectivo Coffee, creating unique cup designs for the company. The four winning students created vibrant illustrations that were featured on Colectivo cups throughout the month of March 2016.

The four winning students whose designs were featured in all Colectivo locations are: Kaley Hamilton '16, Gabriela Riveros '16, Nina Keizer '16, and Jasmon Grant '16.

MIAD trustee Scott Schwebel, VP of brand, marketing, and retail for Colectivo Coffee, helped to make the collaboration a reality, providing a real-world design experience to students. Through collaboration with Colectivo employees and MIAD faculty, students were given direction and critiques throughout the design process, helping to perfect the final product.

Hamilton drew inspiration from where Colectivo sources their coffee, creating a design that details the colorful homes found in many Brazilian cities. "I loved the interesting patterns that the buildings made and wanted to translate that into a cup design," added Hamilton.

Riveros had a similar approach. "I noticed Colectivo gets a lot of their coffee from far-away places, and because most of my illustrations have Latin themes, I thought it would be fun to be inspired by Guatemalan coffee workers and their culture," said Riveros.

Keizer's design is inspired by the Sumatran rainforest in Indonesia, folk art and Colectivo's overall style. "It was a lot of fun to play with color and see how it affected the design," said Keizer.



The project gave students practical experience with illustration in a business context.

Students learned a lot from the experience, gaining a better understanding of packaging design and what it's like working with a real-world client. "Getting a sense of that kind of work relationship was also interesting. It makes me feel better prepared for life after college," said Keizer. ■

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**Edgewood College:** May 15. Graduating senior Ms. Idah Karonga addressed the graduates. Ms. Karonga, a native of Zimbabwe, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a double major in Computer Information Systems and Business. She is also a graduate of the honors program of Edgewood College.

**Lakeland College:** May 1. The keynote speaker was Mr. Benjamin M. Salzmann, president and CEO of ACUITY Insurance.

**Lawrence University:** June 12. Ms. Lan Samantha Chang, program director of the Iowa Writer's Workshop, University of Iowa, will deliver the keynote speech and receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

**Marian University:** May 14. Author, Ms. Candice Millard, served as commencement speaker and received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree.

**Marquette University:** May 22. Dr. Judith Mayotte was the keynote speaker and received an honorary degree. Mayotte's career includes roles as a teacher, author, television producer, and humanitarian.

**Medical College of Wisconsin:** May 20. Gary H. Gibbons, MD, director of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) at the National Institutes of Health, received an honorary degree and delivered the commencement address. MCW also honored Ricardo Diaz; Timothy T. Flaherty, MD; Billie Ann and Michael Charles Kubly, MD; community health leaders, with honorary doctoral degrees.

**Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design:** May 14. Ms. Jill Sebastian, sculpture professor, gave the keynote address. The student speakers were Ms. Riley Niemack (Integrated Studio Arts) and Ms. Nina Keizer (Illustration).

**Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE):** May 28. Mr. Steven Myers, whose career has been instrumental in advancing the aviation industry, was the commencement speaker and received an honorary Doctor of Engineering degree.

**Mount Mary University:** May 14. Mr. Douglas P. Dietz, whose TED talk introduced the creative process he pioneered at GE Healthcare to a broader audience, delivered the commencement address and receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

**Nashotah House:** May 26. Rev. Dr. Ephraim Radner, professor of historical theology at Wycliffe College in Toronto, gave the commencement address.

**Northland College:** May 28. Ms. Kathleen Dean Moore was the commencement speaker and recipient of an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

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new home. It is those students who fail to graduate who are struggling to find jobs, pay off the loan, and to buy a home. Here again the comment in this essay on the superior four-year graduation rate at private, nonprofit colleges and universities is relevant.

Assertion: Private colleges and universities are “living in the past.”

Fact: A Wisconsin private university was the first, public or private institution of higher learning in the state to offer complete degree programs on-line. WAICU members were also the first to establish flexible degree programs, night and weekend programs for adult learners, credit for prior learning, etc., while preserving and enhancing what is proven to add value to a quality degree. For example, the average class size at a WAICU member is just 17 students, allowing for individualized instruction and personal attention.

Assertion: Private colleges are . . . well . . . private; that is to say unwelcoming, standoffish, and exclusive.

Fact: Nearly 60,000 students have made the choice to attend a WAICU-member college or university. About two-thirds of those are from Wisconsin. WAICU colleges and universities are far from exclusionary or elitist. They are welcoming, diverse, focused on educating for today's and tomorrow's opportunities, and are affordable. Moreover, Wisconsin's private colleges and universities are open to students of every color and creed. By definition, universities granted nonprofit status operate as a “public good and a public service.” We are just as much contributing and proud citizens of Wisconsin as are government-supported institutions.

Did you know?

Sincerely,



Rolf Wegenke, Ph.D.  
President



## WAICU BULLETIN BOARD

### NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Kelben Foundation of Mequon has awarded **Cardinal Stritch University** a gift of \$1 million to help sustain a comprehensive program of support for low-income students aimed at strengthening their academic performance and year-to-year retention. With additional funding from the Margaret A. Cargill Foundation (\$550,000) for advancement of the arts, Lilly Endowment, Inc. (\$409,302) for a theology institute, and Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation (\$366,000) for paid internships, the university has secured a total of over \$2.3 million in new philanthropic commitments.
- **Carthage College**, **Beloit College**, and **Marquette University** were named Top Producing Institutions for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program with 5, 2, and 2 grants awarded, respectively.
- The **Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE)**, **Ripon College**, and **Marquette University** were listed among SmartAsset's top 10 Best Value Colleges in Wisconsin, ranking 1, 9, and 10, respectively.
- The **Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE)** was ranked among the top 50 bachelor's degree in engineering programs in the United States, according to College Choice, an independent college search and rankings website.
- **Lakeland College** has received a \$50,000 grant from the West Foundation in Manitowoc to enhance its computer science program and to fund efforts to increase graduation rates.
- **Medical College of Wisconsin** received a \$6.8 million grant from the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command for studying neck, spine and brain injuries among the military population.

### EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

- WAICU presidents, technical college presidents, and UW chancellors participated in the Wisconsin Campus Compact's Civic Engagement Institute, held at the **Medical College of Wisconsin** on April 18, 2016. WAICU co-sponsored the event.

### NEW DEGREES AND PROGRAMS

- **Marquette University** Law School has established a program that will allow **St. Norbert College** students to enroll after only three years of undergraduate study. Students accepted into the “3-plus-3” program can graduate with a bachelor's degree from St. Norbert and a law degree from Marquette in six years.
- **Carroll University** is now offering a 12-month, post-baccalaureate Orthopaedic Technologist Certification preparation program.
- **Marquette University** and the **Medical College of Wisconsin** have agreed to form a joint department for biomedical engineering.
- **Marquette University** will offer a program for professionals with non-nursing degrees to earn an accelerated master's in nursing degree in as few as 18 months.

### APPOINTMENTS

- **Dr. John Walz** has been elected by the Board of Regents of the **Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE)** and will begin as the fifth MSOE president on July 1, 2016.

### RIP

- **Richard Hill**, twelfth president of **Lakeland College** from 1977-89, passed away on May 18, 2016.

“Educating the mind without educating the  
heart is no education at all.”

Aristotle

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**Ripon College:** May 15. The keynote address was given by U.S. women's soccer Olympic gold medalist and head coach of the Swedish national women's soccer team, Ms. Pia Sundhage. Ms. Elaine Coll, who founded the modern-day women's intercollegiate athletic program at Ripon College, received an honorary degree.

**St. Norbert College:** May 15. Mr. Dave Habiger, a 1991 graduate of St. Norbert College and an entertainment technology professional, gave the keynote address. The student speaker was Ms. Brenna Rathsack. Mr. Jay Williams (1973) and Mr. Vince Zehren (1948), graduates of St. Norbert College, were awarded honorary degrees.

**Silver Lake College:** May 7. Mr. Thomas Petri, former Wisconsin congressman, received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

**Viterbo University:** May 7. Speakers included Dr. Rick Artman, president; Ms. Kathy Duerwachter, alumni relations director; Mr. Kent Handel, chair of the board of trustees; and Mr. Jacob Hart, student.

**Wisconsin Lutheran College:** May 21. Mr. Bruce Eberle, president of Eberle Communications Group in McLean, Virginia, was the keynote speaker. WLC recognized the first graduates of its honors program and first recipients of its Christian Leadership Certificate.