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## INDEPENDENT INSIGHTS

### WAICU in history



WAICU is celebrating its 60th anniversary. A great deal has been accomplished: WAICU convenes and coordinates over 40 affinity groups – for example CFOs, Chief Academic Officers, and environmental health and safety directors. We were one of the first private college associations in the country to provide student access programming (school counselor workshops, the *Guide to Admissions and Financial Aid*), and the programming is growing every year. For example, Wisconsin Private College Week is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. WAICU has become a leader in cost

collaborative services, saving our members millions of dollars and keeping a college education within reach. In the 60 years WAICU has advocated aid for Wisconsin students – 478,066 grants were awarded, totaling \$844,179,815. WAICU has also secured funds for students. These are all good things and raises the prospect of doing even more as the years advance. WAICU at 60 – measure the results, understand the meaning.

Of course there have not been 60 years of uninterrupted bliss. WAICU is not an island. WAICU students, faculty, and leaders are living in a time of developments of historic proportions. The worldwide pandemic, the economic

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## Private, nonprofit colleges and universities: economic engines

Wisconsin's private, nonprofit colleges and universities are vital to the state's workforce pipeline and are economic drivers in their communities. The 23 WAICU-member colleges and universities educate over 54,000 students each year, graduate 24 percent of the state's bachelor's degrees, and produce 35 percent of the state's graduate and professional degrees, with no direct operating support from taxpayers.

A recent report underscores the economic impact of private, nonprofit colleges in the U.S. This spring the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU) released *Private, Nonprofit Higher*

*Education: Shaping Lives and Anchoring Communities*. According to the report, nationwide, private, nonprofit colleges generated \$591.5 billion in economic impact in 2018-19 and supported 3.4 million jobs. Over the course of their 40-year careers, the 584,000 bachelor's degree recipients at private, nonprofit colleges and universities will earn \$3.1 trillion and support a cumulative total of 17.4 million jobs.

Wisconsin Grants demonstrate the economic impact of student financial aid. The return on investment helps individuals and communities and is a targeted means

to address critical workforce needs. At the state level, the Wisconsin Grants student aid program supports Wisconsin's low-income students who attend either public or private colleges and universities in the state. WAICU members also do their part for low-income students. Two-thirds of the total grant aid distributed to students enrolled in Wisconsin's private colleges are private funds raised by the institutions. For every \$1 received in state financial aid, the institution matches that amount by \$20, an impressive return investment for the students and people of Wisconsin. ■

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF PRIVATE, NONPROFIT HIGHER EDUCATION ON U.S. ECONOMY (2018-2019)				
	OPERATIONS	STUDENT SPENDING	VISITOR SPENDING	TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT
DIRECT	\$208.1 BILLION	\$29.7 BILLION	\$5.2 BILLION	\$243.0 BILLION
INDIRECT	\$98.2 BILLION	\$13.1 BILLION	\$3.5 BILLION	\$114.9 BILLION
INDUCED	\$207.7 BILLION	\$21.3 BILLION	\$4.7 BILLION	\$233.6 BILLION
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$514.0 BILLION</b>	<b>\$64.1 BILLION</b>	<b>\$13.4 BILLION</b>	<b>\$591.5 BILLION</b>

Data Source: IPEDS, F12018 for institutional finance data, and 07/2018-19 for enrollment and degree data, with analysis by Parker Philips, Inc.

## COUNSELOR NEWS & NOTES



The 25th annual joint open house of WAICU members — Wisconsin Private College Week (PCW) — will this year be held July 12 – 17, 2021. Students, their families, and school counselors are invited to take advantage of virtual programs and small, safe in-person events to learn more about the unique educational opportunities and campus life each college or university has to offer.

A wide variety of events will be offered, from admissions and financial aid information sessions to major-specific and athletic programs. There will also be opportunities to hear from faculty and current students. For each campus visited and evaluation form completed, students will receive an entry form to win a pair of Beats headphones.

To view event listings and register, go to: [WisconsinsPrivateColleges.org/visit](https://WisconsinsPrivateColleges.org/visit).



During the fall 2020 and spring 2021 virtual Wisconsin Education Fairs (WEFs), WAICU received over 600 inquiries from students interested in learning more about Wisconsin's private, nonprofit colleges and universities. Each student received information about which WAICU institutions offer the program of study they selected, as well as other online resources including the *WAICU Guide*, scholarship information, and test optional information. Students who responded seeking more information were connected with the WAICU members who offer their selected program of study.

Virtual resources for Wisconsin's private colleges are available at: [WisconsinsPrivateColleges.org](https://WisconsinsPrivateColleges.org).

## SPRING COMMENCEMENTS

- **Alverno College** held its commencement ceremony on May 17 at American Family Field (formerly Miller Park) in Milwaukee. Mrs. Billye Aaron, an educator, broadcaster, fundraiser, philanthropist, and wife of the late Hank Aaron, gave the commencement address and received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree.
- **Bellin College's** commencement ceremony was held on May 8 at Field of Scenes Drive-In in Freedom, Wisconsin. Michael Landrum, M.D., Bellin Health Infectious Disease Specialist, gave the Leona Waraksa Memorial Commencement Address.
- **Beloit College** held its commencement ceremonies on May 28-30. Angela Russell, a 1999 Beloit graduate and CUNA Mutual Group's vice president of diversity, equity, and inclusion, gave the commencement address.
- **Cardinal Stritch University** held commencement ceremonies for the Classes of 2020 and 2021 on May 16 at UW-Milwaukee Panther Stadium. Sherrie Tussler, executive director of the Hunger Task Force, and Anne Reed, president and CEO of the Wisconsin Humane Society, received honorary doctorate degrees.
- The **Carroll University** commencement ceremonies took place on May 7 for graduate students and May 8 for undergraduate students. Dr. Pardeep Singh Kaleka, executive director of Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee, received an honorary degree and gave the undergraduate commencement address.
- **Carthage College** held the Class of 2021's commencement celebration from April 22-25. The college later honored graduates of the Class of 2020 with an in-person ceremony on May 22.
- **Concordia University Wisconsin (CUW)** held commencement ceremonies on May 6-8. Retiring CUW president, Rev. Patrick T. Ferry, Ph.D., served as the commencement speaker.
- **Edgewood College** honored candidates for both undergraduate and graduate degrees during commencement ceremonies on May 15. Jan Eddy received the honorary Doctor of Science degree in honor of her service as an Edgewood trustee, and for her career of leadership and service in STEM fields. Dr. Donna Carroll received the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree in honor of her retirement after nearly thirty years of leadership and service as President of Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois.
- **Herzing University's** commencement ceremony took place on the Brookfield campus on May 23. The Kenosha commencement will be held on June 6, and the Madison ceremony will take place on June 11.
- **Lakeland University** held its commencement on May 1. Commencement speakers Sister Lorna Zemke, OSF, Professor Emeritus, Holy Family College; David R. Pierce, Assistant Professor of Health and Sport Sciences, Missouri Baptist University, and Louis P. Gentine II, Chief Executive Officer, Sargento Foods Inc. each received a Doctor of Humane Letters degree.
- **Lawrence University** will hold its commencement ceremony on June 13.
- **Marian University** hosted its commencement ceremony on May 8 at Herr-Baker Field Baseball Stadium on the university campus.
- **Marquette University** hosted a mixture of in-person and virtual events celebrating the class of 2021. Academy Award winner and Milwaukee native John Ridley served as the 2021 Commencement speaker and delivered his remarks via video in a special recorded Virtual Commencement event on May 22. In-person recognition ceremonies took place at American Family Field (formerly Miller Park) on May 23.
- **Medical College of Wisconsin's** Milwaukee campus commencement was held May 21. Renee Chapman Navarro, Pharm. D., M.D., Vice Chancellor, Chief Diversity and Outreach Officer, and Professor of Anesthesiology and Perioperative Care at the University of California, San Francisco, delivered the keynote address and received a Doctor of Medical Science honorary degree. Also receiving honorary degrees were Victor and Dawn Barnett; James C. Rahn,

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## Beloit College deepens commitment to career preparedness

### BELOIT COLLEGE

Beloit College recently announced an updated Beloit Action Plan, designed to strengthen the connections between college and career and prepare students for immediate contributions to the world.

“At this moment of economic uncertainty, bridging the gap between college and career has taken on a new sense of urgency,” said Beloit College President Scott Bierman. “While providing a rich and forward-thinking education with a focus on career preparedness has been integral to the college’s mission since our founding, this reimagined Action Plan deepens our commitment. As a result, students will feel more connected throughout the college experience, career search, and well after graduation.”

The new plan includes five key initiatives, including:

**Career Accelerator:** A program that launched in 2021, the Accelerator offers students two weeks of workshops, panels, and networking opportunities in between the fall

and spring semesters.

**Beloiters Helping Beloiters (BHB):** Seniors are matched with Beloit College graduates in their fields, who serve as mentors during a crucial year of personal and professional development.

**Career Channels:** In their first year, students can join a Career Channel — a professional community of peers, faculty, alumni, and outside experts. Each Channel transcends majors, helping students with varied interests to broaden their vision for their professional futures.

**Career Works:** Beloit’s career center takes a holistic approach to a college education. Coursework, internships, community-based learning, and careers are all part of the same experience, with each part amplifying the others.

**The Power Grid:** A group of alumni and friends of the college in professional industries that students are drawn to — green technology, entrepreneurship, digital media and marketing, law and social justice. Students access the Power Grid

through Career Works, Career Accelerator, Career Channels, and Beloiters Helping Beloiters.

This new, reimagined Beloit Action Plan follows the college’s successful Action Plan launched in April 2020.

The plan garnered national attention for its innovative approach to addressing societal and economic concerns facing students during the pandemic. It also earned Beloit College a number five ranking on *U.S. News & World Report’s* list of Most Innovative Liberal Arts Colleges. ■

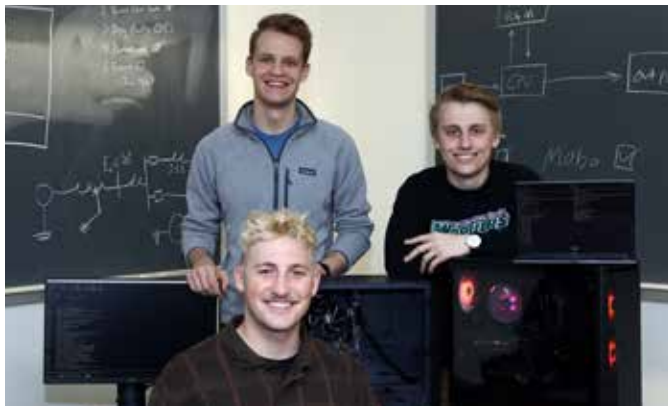


Beloit College adapted its innovative Beloit Action Plan to address the connection between college and career for students.

## Wisconsin Lutheran College: serving the Milwaukee community

### WISCONSIN LUTHERAN COLLEGE

The Serve2Lead Impact Challenge at Wisconsin Lutheran College (WLC) began in 2019 as a way to encourage students to make a difference in the local community. Many Milwaukee-area groups and nonprofits are facing difficult times right now, and they need support, encouragement, and resources to overcome those challenges.



The Project Bright Horizons team is one of several groups of students selected to receive funding to carry out Servant Leadership Impact plans.

For this year’s program, students in WLC’s Christian Leadership Certificate Program formed three- to eight-person teams and created Servant Leadership Impact Plans to influence their community in a positive way. Selected teams each gave a short presentation on March 6, 2021, pitching their plans in a “Shark Tank”-style format in front of a live audience on WLC’s campus. A panel of judges offered comments, questions, and critiques to each team.

Thanks to donors and corporate sponsors, three teams received grants at this year’s event; they will be implementing their plans throughout the summer.

- The Project Bright Horizons team received a \$5,000 grant to build new computers for Lighthouse Youth Center in Milwaukee, which will enhance digital learning

opportunities in the center’s after-school programs. Students at Lighthouse Youth Center will participate with WLC students in the hands-on construction process to spark interest in technology.

- The Hooked on Fishing team was granted \$4,000 to host fishing clinics for Milwaukee-area children. Clinic activities will include learning to tie knots, how to cast, how to clean a fish, and more, culminating in a chance to catch fish in a stocked pond. Participants will leave with their own set of fishing gear, and the clinic should spark a new passion for enjoying the outdoors and the sport of fishing.

- The Milwaukee Mentoring team received \$3,000 to host football and basketball camps for high school athletes. Following the camps, there will be an ongoing mentorship between camp attendees and WLC student-athletes, who will go through a mentor training program so they can help support the high school students as they transition to college. ■

## MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

### Ripon's endowment surpasses \$100 million

#### RIPON COLLEGE

Ripon College's endowment crossed the \$100 million mark in March for the first time. This milestone indicates Ripon's financial foundation and the commitment of its alumni and friends to its future.

The college has emphasized building the endowment over the decades to keep Ripon affordable to the best and brightest students, regardless of their financial situation. One hundred percent of Ripon College students receive some form of financial assistance. The Class of 2024 has 23 percent diversity, and 45 percent are first-generation students.

During the spring semester, alumni and former faculty established major funding sources to help bring a more diverse population to Ripon:

- The Richard V. and Frances S. Dietrich Trust Scholarship and Richard V. and Frances S. Dietrich Faculty Development Fund, with a combined value of more than \$2 million, focus on first-generation students with financial need and creating opportunities for faculty.

- The Conforti and Chemerow Scholarship will benefit graduates of Tremper High School in Kenosha, Wisconsin, who display financial need and improve Ripon's racial and ethnic diversity.

- The Franzen/Cristo Rey Endowed Scholarship will benefit graduates of Cristo Rey Jesuit, a high school in Milwaukee. The focus is first-generation students.

In addition, Ripon's Student Support Services program received a new five-year grant of \$1.4 million by the U.S. Department of Education, TRIO division, to assist first-generation students, students from families with lower incomes relative to family size, and students with physical or learning disabilities.

"The depth of the commitment of former

faculty and alumni to establish these scholarships is inspiring," said President Zach Messitte. "Their care for the future of education and the promotion of diversity and inclusion is vital in keeping liberal arts colleges like Ripon relevant. They will have a direct impact on the lives and careers of young people for years to come." ■



Ripon College's endowment and recent federal grant will support students with financial and academic needs.

### Carroll launches Sport Performance Institute

#### CARROLL UNIVERSITY

The Carroll University Sport Performance Institute (CUSPI) was launched this spring. The CUSPI is a partnership between the College of Health Sciences faculty and students and the university's athletic programs. The launch coincided with an online Coaching Clinic hosted by the institute on April 17.



The Carroll University Sport Performance Institute will offer students practical experiences working with student-athletes.

"The CUSPI provides an opportunity to Carroll students to work directly as assistant human performance coaches with Division III team sport athletes to help provide a more holistic picture of an athlete's performance throughout the training year," said Tim Suchomel, institute director and internationally known speaker. Suchomel is also an assistant professor of Exercise Science and the program director for the Master of Science in Sport Physiology and Performance Coaching. The CUSPI has three primary goals: first, monitor athletes, second, educate sport scientists and coaches, and third, perform sport science research.

"The launch of the CUSPI is an important step in connecting Carroll faculty expertise and technology with the broader community," said

Tom Pahnke, dean of the College of Health Sciences. He said the institute provides an opportunity for individuals interested in improving athletic performance to benefit from high-tech applications previously reserved for elite or professional athletes.

"This is a unique endeavor that has students take what they learn in the classroom and apply it in a practical setting," said Suchomel. "From a community standpoint, the CUSPI may supply testing and education services to athletes from local high schools, sport clubs, and private training facilities. These services will not only allow athletes to understand where they are from a performance standpoint, but it will also educate them on best practices to improve their training programs.

The Coaching Clinic, which drew more than 300 attendees from 41 states and 22 countries, will be held annually. The institute also plans to offer youth development camps, an athlete recovery clinic, and sport coach seminars. ■

## MIAD seniors design with empathy, connect with Wisconsin businesses

### MILWAUKEE INSTITUTE OF ART & DESIGN

“It’s so important to design with empathy. You can help people with a simple sketch on a napkin. I can use my skills to benefit others,” said Lydia Kolinski, a Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (MIAD) Product Design senior.

Kolinski used her skills to design her senior capstone project – an ergonomic seating system for tattoo artists. She designed the seating system to reduce the discomfort and pain tattoo artists experience during long client sessions.

She received input on her design from artists at Riverwest Tattoo Company in Milwaukee. Through the MIAD Innovation Center, she connected with Oconomowoc Manufacturing Company, whose wheel casters she used in her final design. Now that she has a prototype, she’s hoping to develop the chair design further and take it to market.

Kolinski’s project is just one of nearly 160 student projects featured in the 2021

MIAD Senior Exhibition. The annual exhibition showcases the culminating work of graduating seniors in MIAD’s Bachelor of Fine Arts programs, including Communication Design, Illustration, Interior Architecture and Design, New Studio Practice: Fine Arts, and Product Design. Many students use empathy to guide their designs and artwork.

Additional projects created by MIAD seniors include an animated short film celebrating the interconnectedness of humanity, a gender-neutral clothing brand, a kit of age-appropriate educational materials and comfort items for children newly diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, and a website with animated videos to help BIPOC teens learn



Among the projects showcased in the MIAD Senior Exhibition is an ergonomic seating system for tattoo artists created by a senior majoring in Product Design.

about design careers and professionals who look like them.

The MIAD 2021 Senior Exhibition, which is generously sponsored by BMO Harris Bank, is on view virtually at [seniorexhibition.miad.edu](http://seniorexhibition.miad.edu) ■

## Bellin College enhances Radiation Therapy program with 3D technology

### BELLIN COLLEGE

Bellin College is the first and only college in Wisconsin to offer radiation therapy with an enhanced type of technology: the VERT Simulator.

A mixture between virtual reality and 3D technology, this type of hands-on learning allows students to see how radiation is being distributed to cancer patients through all layers of the body without the exposure to radiation rays, creating a safe environment for students.

“The goal of any program is for students to understand the why behind what they’re doing,” said Amy Riemer, registered radiation therapist and Bellin College Radiation Therapy Program Director.

“Often times students can be focused on what they’re doing, and not why. By using this technology and getting them comfortable in the classroom, it helps them become better caregivers.”

By incorporating the VERT Simulator into radiation therapy classes, it not only expands

students’ knowledge of concepts, but Riemer says it’s also a great way for students to learn. “From my research, students typically prefer this type of hands-on learning,” Riemer says. “It’s engaging, they’re not just reading from a book.”

Bellin College prides itself on preparing its students for a successful health care career while providing the best patient care. “When it comes to excellence, we are meeting the students where they’re at and giving them the tools they need to be successful,” Riemer says.

The Bellin College Radiation Therapy Program is a three-year bachelor’s degree, which enables students to begin their careers sooner than traditional bachelor’s degree programs. Students are directly admitted



The VERT Simulator provides hands-on learning opportunities in Bellin classrooms.

into the program when they are accepted into the college. Riemer says freshmen start taking radiation therapy courses right away along with their general education courses, which is unique to this type of program. ■

## MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

# MCW vaccine clinic highlights expanded role of pharmacist during critical moment in history

### MEDICAL COLLEGE OF WISCONSIN

As COVID-19 vaccinations began providing a ray of hope in late 2020, the Office of Research at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) hosted a vaccine clinic on site and School of Pharmacy faculty, staff, and students were the first to respond to the call to administer about 20,000 vaccines to healthcare personnel and other eligible populations early in the vaccine rollout.

MCW's School of Pharmacy prepares students to fulfill the expanded role of the pharmacist, which includes administering vaccinations. And because students participate in an accelerated three-year pharmacy degree (PharmD) program with early exposure to clinical settings, second- and third-year students can administer vaccinations, while first-year students can facili-

tate clinical work including compounding medications.

"Not only do students study immunizations and how they work, they learn the skills necessary to administer them appropriately," explains Karen J. MacKinnon, BPharm, RPh, assistant professor, School of Pharmacy. "The vaccine clinic allowed them to practice these skills at a very important time in our history."

Carol Eling, nurse practitioner, was the first person to receive a vaccine at the MCW clinic. "I was so excited, and for me, the decision was easy. I didn't want to be scared anymore about getting COVID-19. I wanted to see and hug my children, grandchildren, siblings and friends, as well as attend church. The MCW clinic gave me that opportunity."



MCW School of Pharmacy faculty and students assisted in providing more than 17,000 vaccines to healthcare personnel and other eligible populations.

The clinic was staffed by more than 500 internal and external volunteers offering more than 8,000 hours of service. There were 56 pharmacy students who volunteered, all of whom were supervised by a licensed pharmacist preceptor. ■

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recession, civic insurrection, tyranny, and terrorism. The fact that we even use the phrase "historic dimensions" shows the way that people think about history. History is often about measuring—the oldest, the richest, the largest, the scariest. Measuring is important, but history also provides an opportunity for evaluating and thinking. Turning to history for meaning—what did the Treaty of Versailles mean for the opportunities for peace?

I have no question that history has lessons to teach. However, there continue to be questions about whether we are learning those lessons or learning the correct ones. Spanish philosopher George Santayana said that those who do not learn from history are destined to repeat it. There also is little doubt that history can shape the future: "What's past is prologue" wrote William Shakespeare. With the complicated family-tree of historic events and historical predictions, we have to ask ourselves if it is all just too much and if history is interesting, but purposeless. I for one, find it almost impossible to live as if history did not matter.

This is why history is still part of the curriculum of colleges and universities—not only in separate courses and majors, but in the very nature of teaching and learning. For 60 years WAICU has lived its mission as "Wisconsin's private, nonprofit colleges and universities working together for educational opportunity." There have been measurable and immeasurable and meaningful results.

Sincerely,

Rolf Wegenke, Ph.D.  
President



### SPRING COMMENCEMENTS *continued from page 2*

*MCW continued:*

Solomon H. Snyder, MD; and Tracey Sparrow, Ed.D. The Central Wisconsin commencement was held May 28, and the Green Bay commencement was held on June 3.

- **Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design** held its commencement on May 8 at the Pabst Theater.
- **Milwaukee School of Engineering's (MSOE)** commencement ceremonies took place May 21-22.
- **Mount Mary University** held its commencement on May 22.
- **Nashotah House** held its commencement ceremony on May 20.
- **Northland College's** commencement ceremonies took place on May 29. Commencement speakers included Northland College Board of Trustees Chair, Chad Dayton, President Karl I. Solibakke, Dean of the Faculty Wendy Gorman, and student speaker Ella Shively '21.
- **Ripon College** held a commencement ceremony for the class of 2021 on May 16. Mr. John Harmon, a composer, jazz pianist, music educator, and Lawrence graduate, received an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.
- **St. Norbert College** held its commencement ceremony on May 16. Former De Pere Mayor Mike Walsh received an honorary degree from the college.
- **Viterbo University** hosted commencement ceremonies at Copeland Park on May 16. Viterbo graduates from 2020 were also invited to participate. Guest speakers included Viterbo President Glenna Temple, alumna Connie White Delaney, and students Julia Grygleski and Miranda Myszka.
- **Wisconsin Lutheran College** held its commencement ceremony on May 22.

**NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS**

- **Marquette University's** College of Nursing received a \$31 million gift from alumni Darren and Terry Jackson to increase nursing workforce diversity and scholarship offerings, drive innovative health care advances, and support strategic initiatives.
- **Alverno College** and **St. Norbert College** have each had a student named a 2021-22 Newman Civic Fellow by Campus Compact, a national coalition of colleges and universities dedicated to campus-based civic engagement.
- **Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE)** and **Marquette University** were named on the 50 Best Colleges for Nursing in America by Nursingeducation.org.
- A new home for **Marquette University** business and innovation leadership programs is being built. The \$60 million, 100,000 square-foot facility will be the largest fully donor-funded construction project in university history.
- **Carthage College** has launched a new teletherapy program called Uwill, enabling all students to access on-demand counseling with licensed professionals through chat, video, phone, or text message.
- The National Science Foundation has awarded **St. Norbert College** a one-year \$118,000 capacity-building grant to work in partnership with Northeast Wisconsin Technical College and the Green Bay Area Public School District to increase the number of highly qualified, diverse STEM-committed students choosing and completing STEM education programs at St. Norbert.
- **Alverno College** has received a \$1 million endowment from the estate of the late Janet D. Martin, a longtime member of Alverno's Board of Trustees.
- **Carthage College** received a \$150,000 grant from the William & Sheila Konar Foundation to grow its Urban Teacher Prep Program.
- **Lawrence University** announced the close of its seven-year fund-raising campaign, which totaled \$232.6 million, exceeding the campaign's \$220 million goal. This was the largest campaign in the school's 174-year history.
- *U.S. News & World Report* released their 2022 Best Graduate School Rankings. **Marquette University** ranked for Best Law School, Best Engineering School, Best Master's Nursing School, and Best Education School. **Cardinal Stritch University** ranked for Best Master's Nursing School and Best Education School. **Concordia University** and **Alverno College** ranked for Best Master's Nursing Schools, and **Edgewood College** ranked for Best Education School.
- HARIBO of America Inc. has made a \$250,000 gift to **Carthage College** earmarked for annual scholarships for students who need financial assistance.
- **Edgewood College** received a \$200,000 gift that will support scholarships in Business and Technology through the creation of the Ryan and Rachel Collins Endowment.
- **Alverno College** is partnering with the A.O. Smith Foundation to construct a greenhouse on campus, offering students an opportunity to engage in hands-on learning and explore new career paths. The 1,400-square-foot facility is expected to be completed this summer.
- **Beloit College** and **Lawrence University** ranked as one of the Best Value Colleges in the U.S. by *The Princeton Review*.
- **Alverno College** will receive the 2021 Trudy W. Banta Lifetime Achievement in Assessment Award, given to national leaders in assessment work. The award has previously only been given to individuals, making Alverno the first institutional recipient.
- **Alverno College, Cardinal Stritch University, Carroll University, Carthage College, Marquette University, and St. Norbert College** were each designated a Voter Friendly Campus by Fair Elections Center's Campus Vote Project and NASPA – Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education.
- **St. Norbert College** has joined NASPA's Culture of Respect Collective program. The Collective is a two-year program that relies on an expert-developed public health framework, cross-campus collaboration, and peer-led learning to make meaningful programmatic and policy changes.

**NEW CALLINGS**

- After twenty years at **Viterbo University**, and serving as president since 2017, Dr. Glenna Temple will be leaving the university on June 25, 2021. Rick Trietley, executive vice president for student success at Viterbo, will serve as interim president.
- **Lawrence University** has announced that Laurie Carter, J.D. has been named 17th president of the university and will begin on July 1. She succeeds Mr. Mark Burstein.



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the ability to learn is a skill;  
the willingness to learn is a choice.”*

Brian Herbert

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#### APPOINTMENTS

• Jennifer Bonds-Raacke, Ph.D., vice president for academic affairs at **St. Norbert College**, has been named to the advisory board of the Great Lakes Regional Student Success Conference.

#### EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

• **Ripon College** and **Marian University** created a joint working group to examine the possibility of a more collaborative arrangement. Administrators, faculty, staff, trustees and students from both institutions will explore potential benefits of establishing a closer partnership around administrative, academic, and co-curricular activities.

• **Viterbo University** and Saint Mary's University of Minnesota announced a new partnership that provides flexibility and increased academic offerings for students at both universities.

#### NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS

• **Alverno College** is launching a new public health degree program in the fall. The public health program includes three majors: health education, health science, and policy and advocacy.

• **Marquette University** is launching a new Master of Science in Data Science degree program beginning in fall 2021.

• **Viterbo University** has launched five new academic programs—a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, a Master of Science in School Counseling, a Direct Entry Master of Science in Nursing, a Post-BSN to Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care, and a Master of Science in Community Medical Dietetics.

#### R.I.P.

Fr. Scott Pilarz, SJ, former president of **Marquette University**, died on March 10, 2021.