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## Carroll University Sophomore Building Relationships & Career

Attending Carroll University has been an “absolute blessing” for Morgan Kaczmarek of Appleton. He was drawn into the historic school for many reasons, including the friendly staff, the quality of the College of Health Sciences department, and the perfect size of the beautiful campus.



### Morgan Kaczmarek

*Morgan is thankful that the Wisconsin Grant and other financial aid options are available to students, otherwise some might never get to fulfill their collegiate and professional dreams.*

“I love that it’s considered a small campus, but everything is spread out, so it feels bigger,” Morgan says. “You can go to class and see familiar faces, but also lots of people you haven’t met before. Everyone is super easy to talk to.”

Morgan knew he wanted to study something about the human body. After learning about the programs at Carroll that would have a high probability of employment—in a shorter amount of time and with less debt—he was sold. The sophomore chose the exercise science major as his focus and is already filled with fantastic knowledge.

“I’ve been given so much information that I forget I’m only a sophomore. I am thankful for the intelligence and charisma of the professors,” says Morgan. “The smaller classes make it possible to connect with the professors. They don’t seem to believe they are above anyone else and are willing to learn something new.” As excited as he was to attend Carroll, Morgan admitted he was initially anxious about the cost, but receiving financial aid has been a huge blessing for

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## First-Gen Wisconsin Grant Recipient Has Big Dreams

As a first-generation college student from small-town Rosendale, Ripon College fifth-year senior Logan Meyer has big dreams. He plans to become a physician, preferably a surgeon, and is actively investigating diverse interests in cardiology, nephrology, obstetrics, emergency surgery, and trauma surgery.

“I have always had a love for learning, so going to college was a natural choice,” Logan says. “Also, I wanted to get a college education because of all the opportunities that open up when one has a degree. This also involves my dream of becoming a physician. I have always liked helping people since I was little, and the human body is really interesting.”

Ripon was Logan’s school of choice because it is close to his hometown, had great science programs and provided him and his family with significant scholarships and financial aid.



### Logan Meyer

*“Receiving the Wisconsin Grant is incredibly important to me,” Logan says.*

“I also enjoyed the low student-to-faculty ratio which really made me feel seen as a student and not just a face in the crowd,” he says.

To support his career ambitions, Logan is majoring in biology with minors in chemistry and psychology. He recently completed

a summer research project in Ripon’s Summer Opportunities for Advanced Research (SOAR) program. SOAR provides hands-on research and professional development activities to encourage exploration and enhance critical-thinking skills.

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The Wisconsin Grant was enacted in 1965 to help qualified Wisconsin citizens to succeed. Each month, Wisconsin Achievers brings you success stories of Wisconsinites at WAICU-member campuses for whom Wisconsin Grants have made a significant difference.

## Morgan Kaczmarek

him. On top of being rewarded for his high school academic success, Morgan says Carroll did a great job alerting him and other incoming students about the potential ways to lower costs, including the Wisconsin Grant. Morgan cut his "out of pocket" payments by more than 60 percent, allowing him to enjoy the college experience further.

"Financial aid makes everything much more affordable," Morgan adds. "It's important to embrace what life throws at you and make it your own. A piece of the puzzle is college, and so far, it has been very much worth it."

He is thankful that the Wisconsin Grant and other financial aid options are available to students, otherwise some might never get to fulfill their collegiate and professional dreams.

Morgan plans to become a physical therapist in a hospital where he can meet people with other careers and who come from different walks of life. He values building strong and meaningful relationships and does that in a variety of ways at Carroll.

"Carroll has been such an amazing experience for me to grow up and enjoy the life I have been given," adds Morgan.

## Logan Meyer

Logan worked one-to-one with Associate Professor of Biology Robin Forbes-Lorman.

Logan is taking full advantage of campus opportunities outside of his major, as well. He is a member of the Theta Chi fraternity and Student Senate, serves as a peer contact for Student Support Services, and is vice president of the Ripon College Paranormal Investigators.

"I never had a particular interest in politics, but in Student Senate I've enjoyed seeing how student government works and seeing the inner workings of all that goes on around campus," he says. "Being a part of upper leadership requires good teamwork skills and leadership skills that I enjoyed developing. It's about talking to people to solve problems with a more collaborative view."

His academic success is reflected in his placement on the Dean's List, the Laurel Honor Society, and Beta Beta Beta Honor Society in biology.

## FACT OF THE MONTH

**Seventy-seven percent of undergraduate financial aid packages at WAICU-member institutions are made up of grants and scholarships that do not need to be paid back.**

Source: IPEDS, WAICU Institutional Survey, 2021-2022.