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INDEPENDENT INSIGHTS

What does a student aid recipient look like?

The short answer is that they look like you and your neighbors and your children and your grandchildren:

A Lawrence University student from Hortonville doing research on efficient ways to “ventilate preemies.” A first-generation citizen of Madison studying criminal justice and volunteering at local Boys and Girls Clubs at Viterbo University. A Carthage College student from Trevor with a double major in environmental science and Asian studies and a double minor in biology and Chinese. A working father of three majoring in forensic science with a chemistry and psychology minor at Marian University of Fond du Lac. A student at Northland College, whose family farm was devastated by tornadoes but yet was able to pursue a degree. A Stevens Point student recovering

from high school sports injuries and majoring in sports medicine at St. Norbert College. A chemistry major from Appleton studying at Ripon College who was selected for a two-year National Science Foundation summer research program in the field of molecular biophysics. A military veteran and father from Cottage Grove studying nursing at Edgewood College. A student from Menominee Falls who is a tutor and study group leader for Chinese language courses at Alverno College. A Milwaukee student who attends Marquette University full-time, works part-time, and is the sole caregiver for four younger siblings, while volunteering for an organization helping adolescent girls achieve in school and avoid teen pregnancy. . . . and there are thousands – yes, thousands – more true stories.

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State’s technology leaders advocate for Brainworkers

The Wisconsin Technology Council, composed of high technology entrepreneurs, venture capitalists, researchers, and higher education, has been charged by the Governor and the Legislature to recommend a strategy to advance Wisconsin’s technology future. Every year, the Council publishes a series of “white papers” advocating policy initiatives which will make Wisconsin competitive in the Knowledge Economy. The 2015 papers are grouped into four categories: (1) improving access to investment capital; (2) enhancing the startup and business climate; (3) improving technology development, delivery, and transfer; and (4) expanding the supply of human capital. Two human capital recommendations of special interest to readers of the *Independent* include:



Tom Still, president, WTC

talent shortfall across all fields. Wisconsin has an array of excellent public and private postsecondary institutions that are growing enrollments and graduates. However, Wisconsin young – and not so young – people face challenges in accessing educational opportunities for which they qualify. The Wisconsin Technology Council joins the presidents of the University of Wisconsin System, the Wisconsin Technical College System, and the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in calling for student aid for Wisconsin students who have been left behind. Aid to students is an investment in human capital and in Wisconsin’s competitiveness.

Seamless transitions between secondary and post-secondary institutions cuts the time needed to earn a degree and enhances student learning. The state of Wisconsin has enacted two programs – Youth Options and Course Options – which enable students to earn college credits while still

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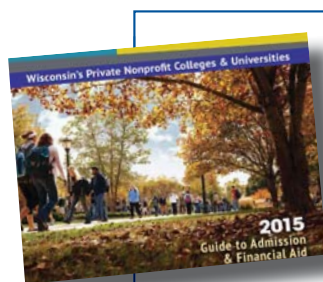
Make student financial aid more broadly available.

Demographic trends show that Wisconsin faces a growing

College Goal Wisconsin helps students complete FAFSA

As enrollment deadlines near, students and families have financial aid on their minds. Students are encouraged to take advantage of all means for obtaining aid. Some find the process daunting. Many state, federal, and even some private scholarships require completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. College Goal Wisconsin (CGW) is set up to help.

On February 7, 14, 21, 25, and 28, College Goal Wisconsin—a collaborative effort among WAICU, the University of Wisconsin System, the Wisconsin Technical College System, and others—will have events in thirty-four locations—including at Alverno, Edgewood, Marian and Mount Mary. A complete list of CGW locations and required materials can be found on the organization's website, CollegeGoalWI.org. CGW volunteers are prepared to work with all students in applying for aid. Students are encouraged to attend with a parent or guardian, if possible. However, students may attend alone if they have the appropriate materials with them. Independent students are also welcome and should bring their own income and asset information.



Do you need additional copies of the WAICU 2015 Guide to Admission and Financial Aid? Call WAICU at 1-800-433-4733 to order more.

Register Now Illinois WAICU School Counselor Workshop

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
No charge to attend
Wednesday, March 12, 2015
Holiday Inn Rolling Meadows
Schaumburg, IL

Learn about selecting a college, applying for college, securing financial aid, and how WAICU can help you and your students. At this free workshop, designed by and for counselors, you can talk one-to-one with college admission officers from Wisconsin's private, nonprofit colleges and universities. The latest admission and financial aid updates are provided. Free continental breakfast and lunch will be served and professional development certificates will be awarded.

The registration deadline is March 5. For more information and to register for this workshop, visit our webpage just for counselors at waicu.org/counselors.

WAICU AT WSCA

WAICU is a proud sponsor of the 2015 Wisconsin School Counselors Association (WSCA) Annual Conference and will be hosting a booth with resources and information from Wisconsin's private, nonprofit colleges and universities. The conference, scheduled for February 17-19 at the Monona Terrace in Madison, marks WSCA's fiftieth anniversary of providing information, resources, and professional development opportunities for over 1,200 members across the state.

By providing funds for the conference, WAICU aids counselors across the state in learning about post-secondary options for their students. WAICU's mission is "Wisconsin's private, nonprofit colleges and universities working together for educational opportunity," and one way this mission can be accomplished is to inform counselors—who have tremendous influence in students' college searches—about the variety of opportunities for Wisconsin students.

Alverno College

December 20. The commencement speakers were graduating students Ashley Palmer, Yesica Camacho, and Samantha Robinson.

Bellin College

October 9. The commencement address was given by Dr. Christine L. Vandehouten, Assistant Professor of Nursing at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Columbia College of Nursing

December 12. Faculty Speaker was Dr. Julie Ellis.

Concordia University

December 13. The speaker was the Reverend Dr. Ken Klaus, who also received the Distinguished Alumni/ae award.

Edgewood College

December 14. The speaker was Michael Johnson, CEO of Boys and Girls Club of Dane County.

Milwaukee School of Engineering

November 22. Dwight Diercks, MSOE Regent Emeritus, received an honorary Doctor of Engineering degree and delivered the keynote address.

February 28. Rolf Wegenke, WAICU president, will receive an honorary Doctor of Business and Economics degree and will deliver the keynote address.

Mount Mary University

December 13. The Speaker was Andrea Hilkovitz, Ph.D., assistant professor of English and recipient of the 2014 "Excellence in Teaching" Award.

Silver Lake College

December 13. The commencement speaker was Bishop Robert F. Morneau, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Green Bay. The student speaker was Elizabeth Spencer.

Viterbo University

December 13. Kent Handel, Chair of the Board of Trustees, provided congratulatory remarks.

Wisconsin Lutheran College

December 11. The speaker was Dr. Robert Balza Jr., associate professor of biology at Wisconsin Lutheran College.

Cardinal Stritch University eases first generation students into university life

CARDINAL STRITCH UNIVERSITY

“Growing up, I had no intention of going to college at all, because I didn’t know anybody who went,” said Cardinal Stritch University student Tony Zemlicka. More than 50 percent of students at Stritch are just like Tony – the first in their families to attend college. The University focuses special attention on creating programs and providing a nurturing community to help these students achieve success in college. “There’s a sense of place about Stritch that I think eases the transition and any concerns,” said Stritch president Dr. James P. Loftus.

In keeping with that commitment, Stritch unveiled last fall its new Leadership Development, Reflection, and Service (LDRS) initiative. LDRS is a living-learning community designed to provide students

with the opportunity to build community, develop relationships, and become engaged in programs that enhance their experience



LDRS participants enjoying time together on campus.

at Stritch. The students enroll in two classes together each term and some live together in a section of the residence hall. The group

also benefits from retreats, speakers and additional access to faculty and staff. The program, made possible with funding from the Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation, admitted 28 students in its first year with 80 percent from low-income households. Of that initial group, 86 percent are students of color and 54 percent are first-generation students. Program participation more than doubled this year, with 63 students enrolled.

“I remember one day when I just wasn’t doing so well, and I didn’t go to class,” student Michael Wright said. “I told my teacher that I was not going to be there, and then later on they came up and asked, ‘Are you okay? Do you want to sit and talk?’ In high school, I had some teachers like that but the professors here care and are so invested; it’s a lot different than I expected.” ■

Lakeland College—another successful work-classroom partnership

LAKELAND COLLEGE

Lakeland College, Sheboygan-based insurance provider ACUITY, and Sheboygan South High School have created an academic partnership that encourages local high school students to attend college and, ultimately, find a job at one of the area’s outstanding companies.

The partnership allows high school students to take classes that earn both high school and college credit while getting valuable work-based learning opportunities. Under the partnership, South High students have access to Lakeland computer science courses as sophomores and juniors. As upperclassmen, South students will have the opportunity to serve internships at ACUITY, a nationally recognized company specializing in property and casualty insurance.

The partnership offers a valuable learning opportunity that is also very affordable. Students have the opportunity to earn up to 30 college credits with little cost to parents. ACUITY will fund the acquisition of Android tablets and Arduino open-source program-

mable micro controllers, giving South students access to cutting-edge programming tools.

Lakeland’s computer science program is led by Assistant Professor Cindy Lindstrom, who came to Lakeland after more than two decades of creating and analyzing technology systems in the corporate world. Enrollment in Lakeland’s computer science major has tripled because of her work to align Lakeland’s program with the needs of regional employers and having students working on real-world industry issues.

Lakeland President Dan Eck said the

partnership directly addresses concerns he hears from local employers like ACUITY. “Local companies are concerned about the

skills gap, and with the Baby Boomer generation reaching retirement age, there are widespread concerns whether there will be enough skilled workers to replace them,” Eck said. “This partnership will introduce our local students to attractive careers with local employers while they’re still in high school. We are all working together to make sure we keep our best talent here to live and work and support this community.” ■



Lakeland College traces its origins back to 1862.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Scott Flanagan installed as seventh president of Edgewood College

EDGEWOOD COLLEGE

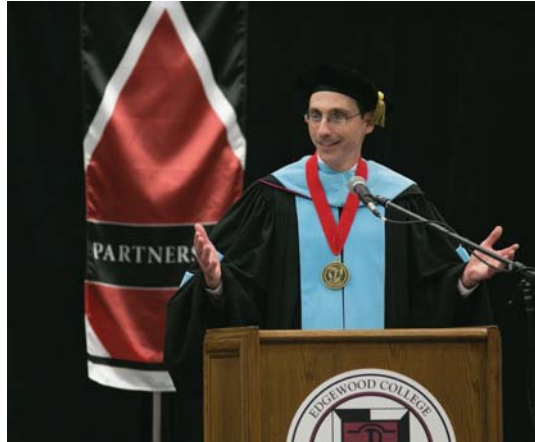
When President Emeritus Dr. Dan Carey passed the Presidential Medallion, Dr. Scott Flanagan officially became the seventh president of Edgewood College at the Inauguration Ceremony held Friday, October 24, 2014.

Flanagan has been with the College for sixteen years. When he was introduced as the new President, Trustee Jim Barr said “Dr. Flanagan enjoys the full support of the entire Board of Trustees, and is ready to carry a great tradition forward. Our students and the families we serve, and will serve in the future, will benefit from his extraordinary vision and leadership.”

More than forty delegates from colleges and universities across Wisconsin and the Midwest marched in an academic procession to begin the ceremony, as hundreds of students, faculty, staff, community members and friends of the College looked on. WAICU President Dr. Rolf Wegenke was among the speakers

at the ceremony. “Remember the word ‘college’ and the word ‘colleague’ have the same root,” Wegenke said. “I call on you to unite with your sister colleges and universities in the great cause of expanding educational opportunity to those who hunger and thirst for the wisdom, understanding, and rightly ordered lives.”

“We’re not going as far as I take us,” Flanagan said during his inaugural address. “We’re going as far as we take us, and we’re going a long way. It can be easy to be scared about the changes in the



President Scott Flanagan of Edgewood College.

world around us. But actually I’m excited. Because I think Edgewood College can help meet the needs of the world around

us. Our world needs engaged, informed citizens. It needs scholars determined to ask and explore answers to the complex questions we face. It needs servant leaders who will contribute to their communities in a variety of different ways. And it needs creative thinkers, artists and entrepreneurs who inspire us to look at the world differently. In short, our world needs – more than it ever has – those who’ve benefitted from an Edgewood College education.” ■

Columbia College of Nursing expands nursing education

COLUMBIA COLLEGE OF NURSING

Columbia College of Nursing has announced the inception of a new Master of Science in Nursing program. This program prepares nurses at the graduate level to assume management of complex care for patients at the point of care, across the continuum of care.

The Clinical Nurse Leader is not a manager or administrator. Rather, the Clinical Nurse Leader is accountable for patient-care outcomes through the assimilation and application of empirical evidence, to design, implement, and evaluate patient-care processes and delivery care models. Ultimately, the Clinical Nurse Leader has the potential to improve healthcare delivery models, improve patient outcomes, reduce hospital readmissions, and decrease healthcare expenditures.

Put another way, the Clinical Nurse Leader focuses on the patient and makes sure, not only that the “right-hand-knows-what-the-left-hand-is-doing,” but that all the

hands are working together for the patient.

Just a few years ago, doctoral programs in nursing expanded beyond the research-



based model to include doctorates in nursing practice. This new master’s program creates another career track for those nurses

not focused on administration.

Dr. Jill Berg, president of Columbia College of Nursing, sees this new program as reflection of the college’s commitment to preparing graduates to serve in the world of medicine and patient care, as it is today. “Change in the science and in public expectations is constant,” she explained, “and Columbia is meeting the challenge of change.”

The program is designed for full time study, with completion in less than 17 months. Theory courses are offered in 8-week blocks, and students complete more than 400 hours of clinical preparation. This clinical preparation occurs outside of the classroom, under the direction of a faculty member and a clinician. Graduates are then qualified to sit for a certification exam. The Clinical Nurse Leader is the latest specialty area recognized by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing. ■

MIAD celebrates 40 years of art & design excellence

MILWAUKEE INSTITUTE OF ART & DESIGN

Forget the cake, on August 27 the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design celebrated the start of its 40th year with something bigger to cut into – more than 80 ribbons cascading down Two50Two, MIAD's state-of-the-art (and design) residence hall.

MIAD President Neil Hoffman said, "In gathering for the ribbon cutting, we celebrate the vision of the college's founders, the generosity of its supporters and partners, the accomplishments of its alumni/ae, the hard work of its students, faculty and staff, and the trust and support of its parents."

In 1974, each pooling \$100 of their own money and taking no salaries, seven faculty members established a college known for a tradition of educational

excellence and lifelong dedication to students and alumni/ae.

Since MIAD's founding, its students and graduates have been a creative catalyst for the thriving Historic Third



MIAD alumna Jaclyn Tyler Poeschol's (2012 Photography) picture of ribbons cascading down Two50Two, MIAD's state-of-the-art residence hall.

Ward in Milwaukee, playing a key role in the neighborhood being named one of America's Top Twelve Art Places in 2013.

Most recently, the college was one of two in the country named in an upcoming book by the international Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development. According to OECD, "The value of MIAD is inextricably linked to Milwaukee's past and present economy, and more important, to its plans for the future."

The value extends statewide, with 80 percent of MIAD alumni remaining in Wisconsin and contributing their creative talents towards economic innovation. In just one example of that innovation, alumnus Ben McGinley '10 (Industrial Design), works as a lead designer at Harley-Davidson Motor Company and designed Project LiveWire, Harley's first electric motorcycle.

MIAD continues the celebration of creativity and innovation through the academic year with its Creativity Series, featuring award-winning designer Mark Dziarski in November and on February 25 with New York Times best-selling children's book creator Robert Sabuda. ■

St. Norbert College earns award for campuswide innovation

ST. NORBERT COLLEGE

At St. Norbert College, the word, "innovation" describes an entire campus approach. In 2013, St. Norbert president Tom Kunkel charged a leadership team to think strategically about building a culture of innovation. The "Big Ideas Group" solicited forward-thinking ideas across the entire college community, including from students and faculty, alumni/ae, trustees and Norbertine priests. In just 90 days, 250 ideas flooded in, many from a day-long competition in which students presented their proposals to a panel of local entrepreneurs and college leadership. The most promising proposals from the competition were organized into five clusters of innovation, from which the strategic plan for the college will emerge. Over the next five years, students will be among those deeply engaged in moving the clusters forward.

The college's innovative approach towards innovation was itself recognized as one of five winners in a recent

"Insight Innovation Awards" competition conducted at the third annual THINC! Event held in May in Menasha. Contest judges created a special "Integrating Innovation" award to recognize the organization-wide commitment St. Norbert College has made to folding big ideas into everything it does.

All of this is happening against a backdrop of major changes and enhancements at the college. Over the last six years, more than \$100 million in construction has taken place at St. Norbert, including the new Gehl-Mulva



St. Norbert College's call for "Big Ideas" a big hit.

Science Center and the Michels Commons dining facilities. New baseball and softball fields are in progress not far from Schneider Stadium, itself a recent addition to the college's athletic facilities. Next year, the Medical College of Wisconsin will open its new campus at St. Norbert, and this spring, the Donald J. Schneider School of Business and

Economics and a new MBA program were announced, scheduled to begin in the summer of 2015. ■

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

Carthage College expands learning opportunities into Chicago

CARTHAGE COLLEGE

Sometimes, stepping away from the campus can yield the most powerful learning experiences in a student's education. Carthage College has launched a program that allows students to work, study, and live in Chicago for an entire semester. Carthage in Chicago lets students take part in an internship or a major academic project, as well as a variety of classes — all while living in one of the most dynamic cities in the world.

"Seeking and engaging in an internship is one of the most powerful academic activities a student can undertake," Carthage President Gregory Woodward said. "The semester format gives our students an advantage in the marketplace to find internships and, eventually, to secure positions after college." The new program attracted immediate interest; a dozen applicants were selected for

the first cohort in fall 2014. "I had no idea how much of a positive impact this would make in these students' lives," said



Some of the first student participants in Carthage in Chicago

Thomas Kline, associate vice president for strategic initiatives at Carthage. "They're going to come back completely transformed." Students selected for the first cohort represent a range of academic interests, encompassing majors from computer science to studio art. Equally varied are the employers who are sponsoring the internships. For example,

Michelle Balcerzak, a junior majoring in marketing, has an internship at the Pritzker Military Museum. The Carthage in Chicago program maintains the residential supports that benefit student development, with students housed in the HI-Chicago, an award-winning hostel and are connected to the Kenosha campus through a Carthage resident assistant. The initial group has grown close, and the shift from college students to young professionals is evident. "We're growing into those people we're going to become in the next five to 10 years," Michelle said.

While students and faculty have the option to meet in facilities at the hostel, the city makes a better classroom. Two professors, longtime Chicagoans Maria Carrig and Christopher Lynch, guide students on neighborhood tours and take them to plays for a course about the city's politics and theatre. Professor Anne Cassidy holds an art history course at venues like the Art Institute of Chicago and the Field Museum. For more information on the program, visit: carthage.edu/Chicago. ■

Bellin College earns national recognition for new organization

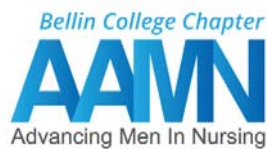
BELLIN COLLEGE

The Bellin College Chapter of the American Assembly for Men in Nursing (AAMN) was established just over a year ago and has been recognized already for its leadership with a 2014 "Newcomer of the Year" award from the AAMN national organization. The Bellin chapter was established in October 2013 with the goal of providing resources, knowledge and opportunities for individuals interested in gender equality for men in nursing.

Under the guidance of faculty advisor Dr. Jason Mott, Instructor of Nursing, the chapter has demonstrated remarkable progress in membership recruitment, outreach and programming.

In September, Dr. Mott was elected by his peers across the country to serve as a member on the national board of directors for AAMN. "AAMN is a remarkable organization, and I am honored to be elected as a member of its

board of directors," Dr. Mott commented. "As a director, I believe I will have the



Dr. Jason Mott, nursing instructor and faculty advisor for BAAMN.

opportunity to encourage more men to become nurses and improve the support systems for males in the field."

Dr. Mott will be one of 12 individuals serving on AAMN's national board of directors. His two year term began on Oct. 17, 2014. Dr. Mott and the members of BAAMN continue to act as advocates for gender inclusion in the nursing profession locally, but with his appointment, nurses and healthcare professionals in the region will have a voice on the national stage.

Dr. Connie Boerst, President of Bellin College, commented, "Dr. Mott demonstrates his commitment to the profession daily, and he has worked hard to provide resources and educational opportunities that promote gender equality in nursing here in our region. I am certain he will provide the AAMN board with a fresh insight on opportunities to engage male nurses and offer resources to those wishing to join the profession." ■

What does a student aid recipient look like?

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There is something else you should know about the student aid recipients: they have received both means-tested (need-based) student aid and merit aid. A recent news article asserted that merit aid is growing faster than need-based aid. There has arisen a – tragic and totally false – myth that students with need have no merit, and students with merit have no need. Financial aid professionals will tell you that, in almost every instance, financial aid is “stacked” or “packaged.” Intelligence is not distributed based on family income but access to a quality education is. The State of Wisconsin “gets it” and has provided means-tested student aid (Wisconsin Grants) to Wisconsin students, like those above, attending a Wisconsin college or university. According to the Wisconsin Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB), in 2013-14, 68,000 students (attending a UW campus, a technical college campus, or a WAICU member) received Wisconsin Grants. However, in that same year, over 40,000 qualified students were turned away because of inadequate funding.

Wisconsin ranks 27th in the United States in per capita student grant aid provided to our citizens and 26th in per capita income. The Wisconsin Technology Council (see page 1) has recommended that our elected leaders focus on student aid as a sure path to making Wisconsin a leader in talent development. Now that you know what a student aid recipient looks like, you may want to ask yourself what you can do to encourage them.

Sincerely,



Rolf Wegenke, Ph.D.,
President



WAICU BULLETIN BOARD

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- The Center for AIDS Intervention Research (CAIR) at the **Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW)** received a five-year, \$8.7 million grant renewal from the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Mental Health. CAIR is one of six federally-supported HIV prevention research centers in the United States and the only center located between the country's East and West Coasts.
- Dr. Lynn Turner**, professor of communication studies at **Marquette University**, and her co-author Richard West were honored with the National Communication Association's Bernard J. Brommel Award for Outstanding Scholarship or Distinguished Service in Family Communication.
- Carthage College** was named the lead institution for the Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium (WSGC) and is the only private liberal arts college in the country assigned a leadership role.
- MSOE's** Bachelor of Science in BioMolecular Engineering (BioE) program has received its initial ABET accreditation from the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET (<http://www.abet.org>). MSOE's BioE program remains the first and only pure biomolecular engineering undergraduate program in the U.S.
- Cardinal Stritch University, St. Norbert College, and Mount Mary University** were among a select number of institutions recognized with a 2014-15 Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation College Success Continuation grant for their efforts in helping students build campus connections and work towards college completion.
- Alverno College** surpassed its \$30 million capital campaign goal, enabling the campus to expand classroom facilities, install a state-of-the-art nursing simulation center, and enhance the student learning experience.
- Northland College's** Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute received a \$30,000 grant from the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program (WCMP) to purchase equipment that will aid the Institute's efforts in understanding and addressing the erosion issues that have been affecting Chequamegon Bay.
- Marian University's** nursing programs have received reaffirmation of their accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) following an extensive self-study and site visit.
- Dr. John Dellinger**, a professor at **Concordia University**, recently became the American co-chair of a joint U.S.-Canada task force, the Health Professionals Advisory Board of the International Joint Committee, which is charged with looking at human health concerns associated with water quality treaties.
- Mount Mary University** received a \$1.4 million gift to the August and Adella Hetzel endowed scholarship fund from the estate of alumna Joan Hetzel Iraneta, '56 in support of students with financial need.
- MSOE's** student chapter of the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) International took first place at the SAE Student Night, sponsored by the SAE Milwaukee professional section.
- Edgewood College** was awarded a \$500,000 gift from Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation to create the Daniel Carey Community Scholars Fund in honor of president emeritus Daniel Carey. The Community Scholars Program scholarship is for academically motivated Dane County residents who demonstrate financial need.
- Dr. David William Scott**, assistant professor of religion and Pieper Chair of Servant Leadership at **Ripon College**, will participate in a consultation of the World Council of Churches, the largest ecumenical body for Protestants and Orthodox Christians in the world. He will be one of only 29 scholars and church leaders from around the world invited to attend the consultation in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.
- David Rockwell '15** of Rockford, Illinois, won the People's Choice Award and a \$1,000 grant in the Good Money Challenge, sponsored by **Marquette University** and the Brady Corp. in Milwaukee. The Good Money Challenge is a funding competition for ideas that have a social or environmental impact.
- Lara Renee India Rosewicz**, a medical student at the **Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW)**, has been named the recipient of the 2014 Walter Zeit Fellowship Leadership Award.
- MSOE's** student chapter of the Institute for Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) participated in the IEEEExtreme global challenge, a 24-hour competition to solve a set of programming problems. Seven MSOE teams competed and the highest placing team took third in IEEE Region 4 and 328th out of 1,720 worldwide.

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in high school. Unfortunately, the programs were structured in a way that created a financial disincentive for school districts to participate, and the promise of these programs is not being realized. The Wisconsin Technology Council urges that the state fund Youth Options and Course Options in a way that achieves the legislative intent in school districts across the state.

WAICU president, Dr. Rolf Wegenke is a member of the Council, but he emphasizes that support for these recommendations came from all sectors represented on the Council, declaring, “talent development is the next global challenge. The way Wisconsin responds will determine whether or not Wisconsin will be competitive for generations to come.” ■

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- **Lakeland College** has expanded access to its BlendEd online programs in the Milwaukee area with a new technology-equipped facility in the Honey Creek Corporate Center, Milwaukee.
- **Austin Damaschke**, quarterback for **Concordia University** and biomedical science major, is one of the 2014 winners of the National Football Founders National Scholar-Athlete Award presented by Fidelity Investments. He is the first from Concordia to win this award and is one of two NCAA Division III student-athletes on the list this year.
- **Edgewood College**, **Lawrence University**, and **Northland College** earned a Wisconsin commendation in the US Department of Education Green Ribbon Award, which recognizes comprehensive approaches to sustainability among post-secondary institutions.

NEW DEGREES AND PROGRAMS

Mount Mary University launched a post-professional Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) program for practicing occupational therapists who have already earned a master's degree in occupational therapy. The 31-credit online program will equip candidates with advanced practice and leadership competencies that can meet the demand for changing delivery models for OT services.