

# WTG Achievers

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## About the WTG

*The twenty private, or independent, colleges and universities of Wisconsin operate without taxpayer support, but provide an invaluable public service to the state, educating more than 57,000 students a year. Many of Wisconsin's best and brightest need financial help to attend the college of their choice.*

*The State of Wisconsin created the Wisconsin Tuition Grant (WTG) in 1965 to help qualified Wisconsin citizens to succeed. Fully one-third of the low-income students who apply for the WTG are turned away every year for lack of funds. Each month WTG Achievers brings you success stories of Wisconsinites for whom the WTG has made a significant difference.*

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## Ripon College student has "gone the distance"



*Jim Hein of Ripon, a senior at Ripon College*

Jim Hein's higher-education journey didn't start at Ripon College, nor will it end there.

After graduating from high

school, the Ripon native changed gears midway through his freshman year at a public university and decided to transfer back home on a "temporary" basis. As it turns out, there was nothing temporary about it.

"As I started taking classes and getting involved, I fell in love with the people here and decided to stay," he said.

Once he graduates in May, Jim's legacy at Ripon College will be defined in no small part by his running career. He owns the second-highest finish in Ripon College history at the Midwest Conference

Cross-Country Championships, and in track holds the school record in the 800 meter, mile, and steeplechase. He also was a member of the conference record-breaking Distance Medley Relay and has been regularly named Red Hawk of the Week and the Midwest Conference Performer of the Week. In addition, he was named MVP of both the cross-country and track teams during the 2007-08 season.

"Jim's strengths are the type of person he is and the quality of his character," said Robert Duley, head track coach at Ripon. "He is a very special

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## WTG recipients at Carroll College grateful for "super" valuable internship experience



*Jenna Palkowski of Oak Creek and Stephen Monroe of Sun Prairie, seniors at Carroll College*

For seniors Jenna Palkowski of Oak Creek and Stephen Monroe of Sun Prairie, nothing could have brought their college experience to a better end than

interning at Super Bowl XLII. Jenna, a business management major, and Stephen, an accounting major, were among 80 students who applied for a

class team-taught by Carroll business faculty and alumnus Bob Sullivan '80, president of the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee. Only 14 were chosen for the competitive class; only nine of them won internship spots in Arizona. Carroll was the only college other than nearby Arizona State University that sent students to work with the Host Committee.

The classroom atmosphere was unique. Sullivan participated with Carroll faculty via video-conferencing. "Everyone was there on time and ready to participate because we all wanted to be there," said Jenna.

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human being whose talent pales in comparison to his moral strength ... he is the best!"

Few students exemplify the term "scholar-athlete" as well as Jim. Despite pursuing a double major in religion and classical languages, his cumulative GPA is a 4.00 — an achievement that helped earn his selection as a junior class marshal at last year's Ripon College commencement ceremony. Working side-by-side with history professor Diane Mockridge and classical studies professor Eddie Lowry, Jr., Jim spent the last two summers researching gnosticism and Just War concepts in the ancient world. He presented his Just War findings at last year's fall conference of the Wisconsin Association of Foreign Language Teachers.

No Ripon College resume would be complete without a raft of community service and other special projects. Jim went on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic his freshman year and

to New Orleans as part of the Hurricane Katrina relief effort during his sophomore year. He also lends his energies to many worthwhile activities on campus and in the Ripon community.

"I have been very appreciative of the Wisconsin Tuition Grant during my time as an undergraduate," Jim said. "Since my family has not been able to provide a significant amount of money toward my education, the WTG contribution has been especially helpful. Without it, I would have had to work an extra 20 hours a week while I was at school, which would've detracted from what I was able to do during my time at Ripon College. Instead, I was able to get involved and really immerse myself in what I was doing.

"It is always encouraging to know that people will recognize you for excellence and are willing to make an investment in your future and help you reach your potential," he said.

**FACT OF THE MONTH**

In 2006-2007, the 20 members of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities conferred degrees on 12,124 individuals.

*Source: Institutional data reported to the National Center for Education Statistics*

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The students prepared multimedia marketing campaigns and planned a weekend conference to generate publicity about Carroll, the Super Bowl, and themselves. Based on their performance, the top nine students were chosen to support the Host Committee's efforts for 10 days surrounding Super Bowl XLII.

The intense classroom preparation provided the framework for success in Arizona. Each day, the students were assigned to help with a wide variety of events. "The most memorable moment for me was being at Media Day," said Stephen. "It was an amazing event that I would never

have had the chance to attend without this opportunity." At Media Day, Jenna and Stephen mingled with NFL players, sports broadcasters, and television personalities. The two also helped with big events like the Sonora Bowl II, a youth football competition, and the NFL Experience, an interactive pro-football event for children. Additionally, they participated in an economic impact study to be used by the Host Committee for future Super Bowl bids.

Being involved with the Host Committee gave Jenna and Stephen unique experiences. Jenna, whose professional goals include event planning, learned how much detail

it takes to make "large-scale events run smoothly." Stephen, who said he wants to be the chief financial officer of a large corporation, learned the importance of hard work and effective people skills.

Both students are looking to the future, grateful for what they learned during their time at Carroll and the challenges their education has offered. "The WTG allowed me to attend Carroll," said Jenna. Without that financial aid, the Super Bowl internships would never have been possibility for her or Stephen. With the help of the Wisconsin Tuition Grant, they are on their way to success.

**Wisconsin's Private Colleges and Universities**

Alverno College *Milwaukee*  
 Beloit College *Beloit*  
 Cardinal Stritch University *Milwaukee*  
 Carroll College *Waukesha*  
 Carthage College *Kenosha*  
 Concordia University *Mequon*  
 Edgewood College *Madison*

Lakeland College *Sheboygan*  
 Lawrence University *Appleton*  
 Marian College *Fond du Lac*  
 Marquette University *Milwaukee*  
 Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design *Milwaukee*  
 Milwaukee School of Engineering *Milwaukee*

Mount Mary College *Milwaukee*  
 Northland College *Ashland*  
 Ripon College *Ripon*  
 St. Norbert College *De Pere*  
 Silver Lake College *Manitowoc*  
 Viterbo University *La Crosse*  
 Wisconsin Lutheran College *Milwaukee*

