

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 59,000 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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WLC football star sets sights on global issues

When Nate Rosenberg is on the football field, "missionary" is not one of the words you would likely use to describe him. Despite his tough play, this junior linebacker from Hortonville is pursuing his dream of becoming a medical missionary in Africa.

Wisconsin Lutheran's football coach, Dennis Miller, calls Nate "Renaissance Man" as a way to capture the diversity of the



Nate Rosenberg, of Hortonville, loves football, but found his life's goal went well beyond the playing field.

college junior's multitude interests and talents. "Nate is a scholar. He's a dedicated ath-

lete," says his coach. "And he wants to help people, which shows you his real priorities in life."

Nate credits a movie he saw in junior high school called "Beyond the Gates" with influencing his decision to spend his life

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Passion for education leads single mom to Capitol

Beginning college later in life can be challenging. Just ask 45-year-old Alverno College sophomore Teresa Cameron, who both works and attends school full time.

Teresa, a resident of New Berlin, enrolled at Alverno last fall. She has a passion which will definitely take her where she wants to be—to continue her education after earning her undergraduate degree in psychology with a specialization in alcohol and other drug addictions. Fol-



Alverno sophomore Teresa Cameron describes education as a circle that leads to a better life.

lowing her divorce in 2007, Teresa decided to "pick myself up by my boot straps and realize my dream of earning a Ph.D. in psychology."

For almost six years, Teresa owned her own business in the social service field as a network provider for young people and adults in the court system in Milwaukee County.

Her services included developing a curriculum for employment and career development for her clients. After an incident

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working in the medical field helping disadvantaged people. “I don’t know what it was about that movie, but that’s when I realized what I was supposed to do with my life—serving people who have serious physical needs. Wisconsin Lutheran College has been a great place to be as I prepare for that career. The academics here are excellent, and the people—faculty, staff, and coaches—have been great.”

Nate has worked in the campus ministry office for two years and helps direct the college’s Character Builders program, providing volunteers to work with students at the Bruce Guadalupe Elementary and Middle Schools in Milwaukee. Even during his summers, he has been pursuing opportunities to work with children and families who face more than their fair share of challenges.

“I’m grateful for financial help from the Wis-

consin Tuition Grant program,” Nate said. “If I’m going to join the medical mission world, it’s important to spend as much time as I can now getting relevant experience. That means volunteering for non profits instead of working at my former landscaping job. All of this will make me a more effective nurse some day, which means the WTG program has really been instrumental in helping me fulfill my plan.”

Whether it is working with school kids, volunteering during the summer with special-needs teenagers, or participating in nursing clinicals, Nate Rosenberg is closer to his goal of working in the medical missionary field and bringing medical assistance to people in desperate need. That is where he’s going—beyond the gates of higher education—and the Wisconsin Tuition Grant is helping him achieve that dream.

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that jeopardized her safety while working, Teresa knew it was time to work in a more secure environment.

As a single mom with an 18-year-old daughter, Cydney, Teresa had to budget carefully, and her salary dropped quite a bit when she took a position at St. Coletta’s of Wisconsin, a facility offering residential and vocational programs to adults with developmental and other disabilities.

“Without the Wisconsin Tuition Grant, I would not have been able to attend college,” Teresa said. “I am very grateful that

I wasn’t discriminated against because of my age,” she continued. “I really feel that every person should have an opportunity to receive a higher education.”

Teresa’s strong belief in education convinced her to travel to the state Capitol with other Alverno students last spring to meet with elected representatives and share their personal stories about the value of providing Wisconsin Tuition Grants to students with financial need. “It’s a circle,” she said. “Better education leads to better-paying jobs, which leads to additional money being spent within the community,

which generates more revenue for the state.”

Her return to school has inspired her daughter to look at her own educational future. Teresa is proud that Cydney, who vacillated between not wanting to attend college and pondering a career in cosmetology, is now contemplating earning a degree in nursing. “My going back to school was a strong influence on Cydney, who witnessed my dedication and determination to go back to school and realized that she, too, can succeed at this,” Teresa said.



Wisconsin’s private colleges and universities have reached yet another milestone.

In 2008-09, the twenty colleges granted 12,196 degrees, setting an all-time record.

Source: National Center for Education Statistics

Wisconsin’s Private Colleges and Universities

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

- Lakeland College *Sheboygan*
- Lawrence University *Appleton*
- Marian University *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*

