

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 58,000 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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WTG strikes the right note for Silver Lake music student

As the second oldest of 10 children, Sydney McIntosh knew college was going to be a financial strain for her family.

However, thanks in part to the Wisconsin Tuition Grant, Sydney is able to pursue a lifelong love by studying music at Silver Lake College.

Sydney grew up in a home filled with music. Not only



Sydney McIntosh of New Holstein, a freshman at Silver Lake College

did her mother sing to the children, but she also incorporated music into

their daily lessons as part of their home-school curriculum. "My mother felt that music was a very important part of our education," said Sydney.

"She thought that by including music with our lessons we were able to retain more of the material, and she was right."

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NFL and WTG open doors for Concordia senior

Lydia Stuebs has seen a side of the NFL most of us will never know. Lydia, a Concordia University Wisconsin student, has already had a taste of life in professional sports even before she graduates.

The senior has also been a Wisconsin Tuition Grant recipient for the last four years while pursuing her dream. Lydia wants to become a professional athletic trainer, and spent part



Lydia Stuebs (right), a senior at Concordia, with friend Samantha Bloxdorf, is majoring in athletic training.

of last summer working as an intern for the National Football League's St. Louis Rams while they were at

Concordia for training camp. "My experience with the Rams is one of the great opportunities at Concordia that allowed me to work with professional athletes. I made great professional connections that I hope

will help me in the future," explained Lydia excitedly. The Rams even asked her to travel with them to Nash-

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This love of music inspired Sydney when she embarked upon her search for the right college. "I was looking for a college that had a flourishing music program, but was also small enough that I wouldn't get lost in the shuffle. Coming from New Holstein and being home schooled, I wanted an environment that was going to be very supportive and responsive to the student's needs both academically and personally."

That is exactly what she found at Silver Lake College. "My Silver Lake experience has been wonderful," said Sydney. "All of my professors have been extremely helpful and caring. There is no doubt that I made the perfect choice for me."

As a freshman, Sydney hasn't wasted any time

getting involved in a variety of activities on campus. She sings in both the Concert Choir and the Silver Lake Chorale, runs on the Cross Country Team, and serves as a Silver Lake College Admissions Tour Guide. "It's so much fun telling other potential students about the great opportunities that exist here on campus."

When Sydney isn't busy on campus, she gives piano lessons to her music students who range from 8 to 78 years old. "Teaching music is such a rewarding experience. I look forward to teaching full-time someday," said Sydney.

With a passion for music and a fine education enabled in part by the Wisconsin Tuition Grant, there is little doubt that Sydney McIntosh will be making music for years to come.

FACT OF THE MONTH

One of the fastest-growing professions is health care. WAICU members are doing their part to educate health care professionals by adding more than 1,000 graduates to the field annually.

In 2006-07, nearly 40% of the state's health care-related bachelor's degrees were earned at Wisconsin's private colleges and universities.

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ville and St. Louis for two preseason games.

The Athletic Training Education Program is a popular undergraduate major, one of 55 at Concordia. Lydia has excelled in the classroom and proven that her success is due to her diligent work ethic. "Lydia's classroom work is excellent and her clinical skills are at a very high level," noted Russ DeLap, head athletic trainer at Concordia. "She effectively takes the classroom information and uses it on the court and in the training room. I know Lydia has worked

very hard to implement everything she has learned as a student and will be a success," says DeLap.

In Concordia's athletic training program, each senior is required to have a senior sport, and Lydia is Concordia's women's basketball trainer. Stacey Brunner, women's head basketball coach, describes Lydia as "having knowledge in athletic training that is very impressive. She has a quiet demeanor, but is extremely smart and dedicated to our team. I am impressed by Lydia and grateful she is our trainer."

Lydia too, is grateful for the people and programs that have enabled her to obtain a college education. "The Wisconsin Tuition Grant has helped me attend Concordia," Lydia says. "It has truly been a blessing for me as a student hoping to build my experiences for the future."

Lydia's future is indeed on an upward trajectory. Her education and training may lead a young student from Two Rivers all the way to the bright lights and big dreams of the National Football League.

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*

