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## About WTG

*The 21 private, or independent, colleges and universities of Wisconsin operate without taxpayer support, but provide an invaluable public service to Wisconsin, educating over 50,000 students a year. Many of Wisconsin's best and brightest need help to attend the college of their choice.*

*The State of Wisconsin created the Wisconsin Tuition Grant (WTG) in 1965. Its goal is to help financially needy Wisconsin citizens to succeed. There are only enough funds allocated to WTG to cover about half of the needy students who apply every year. Each month WTG Achievers brings you success stories of two Wisconsinites for whom WTG has made a difference.*

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## Wisconsin Lutheran Junior Gains Experience



*Lucas Faust of Fond du Lac, a junior at Wisconsin Lutheran College*

Attitude and experience are two elements that are key to both success and failure. Here is a story of success.

Lucas Faust knew Wisconsin Lutheran was the right place to be during his very first visit to the residential Milwaukee-area college.

"I met a lot of students and was impressed with the general attitude," said Lucas, a junior from Fond du Lac. "People I didn't even know stopped to ask me about myself."

Much of that first impression came from Jeff Weber, the college's director of admissions. Lucas felt the approach of the admissions staff was different. "He told me to explore all of my options, to see the outcome of

my decision from many angles," Lucas explained. "I could tell he cared about me and which school would be the best fit for me."

Three years after that introduction, Lucas works as a telecounselor in the office of admissions. He helps to answer questions posed by today's high school students interested in Wisconsin Lutheran. He also supervises a staff of 20 students.

Lucas works hard at his job at the college, not only because he believes in supporting his education, but because he feels he receives an education on

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## Student's Dreams Become Reality at Beloit College



*Beth Ziegler of Evansville, a senior at Beloit College*

Beth Ziegler found her vocation early. As a student at Evansville High School, she took a social studies course

taught by Mike Loftus. Mr. Loftus — a graduate of Beloit College's Class of 1968 — introduced Beth to the discipline of anthropology and to his alma mater.

While still a high school senior, Beth took two anthropology courses at Beloit, and found herself "falling further in love with the discipline and Beloit College. Everything was lining up perfectly, and I just knew that Beloit was the place for me."

Now a senior at Beloit, Beth has packed in a resume's worth of pre-professional

leadership experiences. "My goal is to teach anthropology and archaeology to college students in a school like Beloit College," she says. She has found the college's liberal arts focus ideally suited to her.

"At Beloit I can choose courses in other divisions that apply to anthropology, in order to give me a broader perspective of my own major," she says. "Within the department I can choose classes that interest me most, participate in an international field school, be a teacher's assistant in an introductory course, and present my original research at a

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the job. "The admissions staff here serves more as a guidance counselor instead of just a plain recruiter," said Lucas, who is interested in pursuing a career as an admissions counselor. "There is a lot of personal attention here. Now I'm helping students make the right decisions as to where they want to go with their life."

Maybe that is one reason why Lucas' younger sister Jessica followed him to Wisconsin Lutheran.

As for his own life, Lucas has taken part in several of the college's activities. He has been a member of the Wisconsin Lutheran College Choir and Chamber Choir — a baritone — since his arrival. Lucas also sits on the school's Judicial Board, addressing any necessary disciplinary action. While that task can be difficult, Lucas does it out of concern for students, to help and encourage them. Aside from his admissions duties, Lucas also serves as a member of the Ambassador's Club,

giving campus tours and assisting at various functions for visitors.

A Wisconsin Tuition Grant made college possible for Lucas, opening many doors. "I have been able to obtain personal, practical experience, both on and off campus," he said.

Lucas, who switched his major from music to communications, is also involved with the college's musical group Revelation. During the summer of 2000, Lucas and four other members of Revelation spent 10 weeks touring Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming, presenting concerts and doing volunteer work with Navajo children.

"The grant has allowed me to do many service-oriented activities, which helped me to build character," said Lucas, a WTG recipient for three years. "The grant gives me the opportunity to add another aspect to my life and will help me make more of a difference."

**FACT OF THE MONTH**

**It is a myth that only rich students attend private colleges and universities. In 1996-97, the average family income of students at private institutions in Wisconsin was \$44,401, somewhat less than the average \$46,812 family income of University of Wisconsin System students.**

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professional conference. I know of no other college where students have as much power to make their education what they want. This is how I think education ought to be!"

Beth's education is partially funded by a Wisconsin Tuition Grant. "Tuition assistance from the state helped provide the financial means for my experiences at Beloit College," she says. "I have been able to set a firm path for my future."

Beth has participated in two field terms which took her to Chile. "I worked with a graduate student from UW-Madison mapping a series of ruins along the

Pacific coast of the Atacama Desert," she recalls. "Doing so, I realized that there is more to field work than getting dirt under my nails. An important part of archaeology is publishing newly discovered information and ideas and preserving the artifacts. I contribute by cleaning, cataloging, and storing artifacts from Beloit's field school, and improving the storage conditions of other collections at the Astoreca Museum in Iquique."

She also values her co-curricular experiences. "A special thing about Beloit is the friendships that I have made," she says. "To know so many great people with different backgrounds and

interpretations of the world, and to have a select few know me better than I know myself is the greatest feeling."

"Two of my friends at Beloit also benefit from the support of Wisconsin Tuition Grants," she relates. "Both studied abroad, which has made a world of difference in their futures."

"If I had not attended Beloit, I wouldn't have had the same opportunities to customize my education," she concludes. "Financial aid like the Wisconsin Tuition Grant is the reason so many hard-working students are able to make their dreams come true."

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