

## 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 60,000 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 helps Marian freshman learn while serving country

Passion for leadership and service brought Tim Reynolds to Marian University. A freshman psychology major, Tim came to Marian to pursue higher education while he fulfills his passion for service. In addition to being a full-time student, Tim is also an active member of the Army National Guard.



Tim Reynolds, of Markesan, focuses on achieving his goals of furthering his education while serving his country.

"In high school, it was hard for me to choose where to

go [to college], yet I knew I wanted to serve my country in addition to furthering my

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education. I wanted to study psychology and learn the 'why' answers. When I found Marian, I felt at home and knew that this was a great place to achieve both of my dreams."

## Wisconsin Lutheran junior is passionate about teaching

Magdalene (Maggie) Simon visited Wisconsin Lutheran College during the fall of her senior year at St. Joan Antida High School in Milwaukee, and felt right away it was the place for her.

Now a junior and a tutor in the college's Academic Success Center, Maggie has known she wanted to become a teacher since her freshman year. She will be certified to teach both mathematics and chemistry, and she understands that teaching is a special calling



Maggie Simon, of Milwaukee, is passionate about teaching mathematics and chemistry.

that goes beyond using one's intellect primarily for one's own gain.

"Just because you're a genius

love that feeling, and I enjoy getting people interested in the wonderful world of mathematics and science."

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doesn't mean you're a great teacher," Maggie said. "I'm passionate about teaching, especially that moment when your student masters the concept or process you're explaining.. I

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is spent in training, he is still actively involved in the psychology club and in the theology club. Tim also works on campus with the TRIO Student Support Services.

“Though I’ve just begun my Marian experience, I feel that the small class sizes and the networking with students and faculty have helped me to grow as a person. Because of Marian’s Catholic heritage, I have even felt that my spiritual traditions have been strengthened.”

Tim believes he couldn’t have achieved his goals without the assistance of financial aid, especially the Wisconsin Tuition Grant.

“Without the Wisconsin Tuition Grant, I would not have been able to further my education or do what I want to do. Plus, Marian’s staff has really assisted in making the transition from high

school to college an easy one.”

When asked about advice for students who are choosing colleges, he shared the same wisdom that helped him achieve his goals.

“Pursue a program you love, choose a career that you enjoy, and make sure you select a school where you can get one-to-one attention and make connections with others who share your passions.”



Join the fight to protect the Wisconsin Tuition Grant along with financial aid for all Wisconsin college students. Find out more at [ProtectFinancialAid.com](http://ProtectFinancialAid.com).

**FACT OF THE MONTH**

Over the last ten years the number of bachelor’s degrees granted by Wisconsin’s nonprofit private colleges and universities increased by 17%. During the same period, the number of bachelor’s degrees awarded to students of color grew by 60%.

Source: National Center for Education Statistics

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One fundamental factor is enabling Maggie to complete her college education at Wisconsin Lutheran and pursue her goal of teaching high school mathematics in southeastern Wisconsin: financial aid. In particular, her Wisconsin Tuition Grant has allowed her to combine a broad college experience with a full academic credit load and to graduate, even in the teacher education field, in four years.

Beyond her coursework and academic responsibilities, Maggie has continued to work part-time in the Milwaukee Public Library system throughout her college

years. On campus, she has served as president of the college’s Mathematics Club and as a featured member of Tower Ringers, WLC’s handbell choir. Maggie also traveled with a college team of students to Jacksonville, Florida last March to participate in a community volunteer project during spring break. And last summer she completed a ten-week internship as an analytical assistant in the laboratories of Arch Chemicals, an opportunity made available to her by one of her chemistry professors, Dr. Daniel Ebeling,

“I have worked closely with Maggie in her

role as a chemistry tutor and as a student in analytical chemistry classes, and am very excited about her becoming a teacher,” Dr. Ebeling said. “It is the extent of her desire to continue to learn that will set her apart as an educator. I see her as being especially inspirational to students who share even a fraction of her scientific curiosity—and I think that she will be able to instill that curiosity in many who would not otherwise have realized it.”

Maggie Simon is good news for some of Wisconsin’s future high school mathematics students!

**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*

