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Bellin College Sophomore Passionate about Radiology

A career in healthcare is not just a job, it's dedicating yourself to a lifelong mission of service, healing, and

making a difference. For Mya Cherney, a sophomore from Brillion in Bellin College's Radiologic Sciences program, this mission was something that resonated with her right off the bat.



Mya Cherney

"This Wisconsin Grant has allowed me to focus on my education and improve my skills needed to become a successful radiographer. This grant has given me the opportunity to become a more confident and skilled radiology student."

"I knew I wanted to go into radiology after job shadowing as a senior in high school," says Mya. "I was able to learn about the radiology department at a hospital and I fell in love within a few hours."

Like many avenues of healthcare, the demand for radiologists in the United States continues

to grow. A radiologist is one of the many essential members of a healthcare team, specializing in diagnosing and treating ailments using medical imaging techniques such as X-rays, CT scans, MRIs, and more.

Mya's passion for this career is contagious. "The images and technology themselves are interesting, and I love the role we have in radiology. I will be able to spend time with each patient. I will interact with lots of people every day. I will take images of patients from newborns to seniors. This position plays a huge role in patient care and outcomes because images allow diagnosis. To know I can give someone that closure and comfort makes me want to be my very best."

Bellin College strives to support students through their educational journey. Small classes sizes, hands-on

MSOE Student Excels in Actuarial Science, Internships

With a sibling who graduated from Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE), Samantha Doughty, a sophomore from Cedarburg, knew the reputation and benefits of an MSOE education when pursuing campuses offering actuarial science degrees.

"Something that I have always loved about MSOE is their small class sizes and the one-on-one attention I would receive in class," Samantha says. "Along with this, MSOE's actuarial science program is highly ranked."

She is grateful for all she has experienced so far as an MSOE student—engaging with her peers and the MSOE community, internship experiences, and working in the Student Accounts Office on campus—none of which would be possible without the Wisconsin Grant Program.

"The Wisconsin Grant has helped me attend MSOE with little worry about finances. Without this grant, I may not have been able to attend this school, which was a dream of mine since high school!"

As a student at MSOE, Samantha can engage with her peers through more than 100 student organizations and clubs. She is a member of MSOE's Student Government Association and the Math and Actuarial Science Club and enjoys leadership positions in both organizations. Samantha currently serves as the treasurer of Student Government and chairperson of their food advisory

committee, where she helps students who have dietary concerns communicate them with campus dining services.



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The Wisconsin Grant Program

The twenty-two private, nonprofit colleges and universities of Wisconsin operate without direct taxpayer support, but provide an invaluable public service to the state, educating more than 52,000 students a year. Many of Wisconsin's best and brightest need financial help to attend the college of their choice.

The Wisconsin Grant was enacted in 1965 to help qualified Wisconsin citizens to succeed. Each month, Wisconsin Achievers brings you success stories of Wisconsinites at WAICU-member campuses for whom the Wisconsin Grant Program has made a significant difference.

Mya Cherney

learning, and supportive faculty are all elements that helped Mya pick Bellin College. Mya also credits the Wisconsin Grant Program as a factor in her ability to follow this path.

"This grant has allowed me to focus on my education and improve my skills needed to become a successful radiographer," she says. "Classes are intense, as the technology and positioning is crucial to taking quality images. I must put in my best effort. Because of the grant, I have more time to stay at school after hours for study groups, lab practice, and homework. This grant has given me the opportunity to become a more confident and skilled radiology student."

Mya is set to graduate with her Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Sciences in the spring of 2026. Following graduation, Mya hopes to stay in the Green Bay area and work in a hospital as a radiologist.

"I believe it is our duty to help others in any way we can, which is why I chose healthcare," Mya added. "After graduation, I know I will be prepared and excited to start my role in the healthcare field."

Samantha Doughty

She is the vice president of mentorship and social events for the Math and Actuarial Science Club. The club focuses on professional development, social engagement, community outreach, and exam support.

"This year I was able to begin a mentorship program for incoming students, connecting them to experienced junior and senior students to help them through their journey with MSOE," she explains.

Samantha works closely with a tight-knit group of fellow actuarial majors through the club and her classes. She pursued internships to grow her experiences. Last summer she worked as a pension and retirement intern at Christian Brothers Services, a nonprofit insurance agency that provides services to religious institutions.

"It was an amazing opportunity. I learned so much from the company. This year, I have accepted an internship with West Bend Insurance as a pension and retirement claims intern. I am super excited for this opportunity and everything to come."

Samantha also is excited to seek employment as an actuary in property and casualty insurance when she finishes her degree in 2027.

FACT OF THE MONTH

Students over the age of 25 make up 31 percent of all students in WAICU, compared to 18 percent at Wisconsin's public four-year campuses.

Source: IPEDS, Fall Enrollment Survey, 2023-2024.