

What's New

at Wisconsin's Independent Colleges and Universities

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We Offer Continuous Improvement to Facilitate Connections

WAICU's collaborative programs help connect private, nonprofit colleges and universities with solutions that reduce costs, increase revenue, save time, and access superior services.

Our team leverages economies of scale that individual institutions can't achieve alone. We understand that our efforts must continuously evolve to meet changing demands facing our colleges and universities as they deliver on their educational missions.

Over the years, we have designed specialized training programs, webinars, and exclusive content that address the unique challenges and opportunities in higher education. Dedicated staff also evaluate the program portfolio based on feedback, negotiate ways to add value to contracts, and monitor vendor performance to ensure quality and reliability.

And Now, An Exciting New Offering!

We're Nationally Recognized for Innovative Programming to Control College Costs

President & CEO Eric W. Fulcomer's Independent Insights

At a time when higher education continues to face significant financial pressures and rapidly changing operational demands, the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU) remains steadfast in its commitment to strengthening Wisconsin's private colleges through collaboration, innovation, and shared purpose.



For more than two decades, WAICU's collaborative services have helped our members save more than \$286 million, resources that have been redirected to advancing student success, academic quality, and institutional sustainability.

Collaboration Equals Cost Savings

Check Out These College Highlights!

Be Like Bryant: A Legacy of Compassion in Nursing

Being a great nurse requires more than just clinical training, it requires heart. While mastering technical skills is vital, soft skills like empathy, a positive attitude, and the ability to communicate with patients and colleagues set a good nurse apart from a great nurse. Bryant Hodkiewicz embodied this balance perfectly.





From the Classroom to the Community: Exploring the Armenian Genocide

Hands-on, student-faculty collaborative research projects define the Beloit College experience, according to George Dalbo, assistant professor of Education & Youth Studies. This summer, he collaborated with Kipper Bromia, a junior majoring in Sociology. Bromia and Dalbo analyzed how the Armenian Genocide is portrayed in high school curricula and on social media.



Carthage College Opens School of Health to Meet Regional Demand for Care

Carthage College is stepping forward to meet the rising demand for health care by opening a **School of Health**, which will serve as a highly adaptive talent incubator with real-time input from regional employers and practitioners.

CUW to Join College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin in 2027

Concordia University Wisconsin (CUW) has accepted an invitation to join the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW), one of the premier NCAA Division III conferences in the nation. CUW will officially begin competing as a CCIW member in the 2027–2028 academic year.



Edgewood University: New Name, Same Mission, Expanded Vision

Edgewood College is now Edgewood University, a change that took effect July 1, 2025, as the institution looks ahead to its centennial in 2027. The name reflects decades of growth, particularly in graduate and professional education, while underscoring a mission rooted in the Dominican tradition of truth, compassion, justice, partnership, and community.



MSOE Launches \$125 Million Comprehensive Campaign

Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) is taking its next step to become a leader in applied artificial intelligence education with the Next Bold Step: The Campaign to Accelerate Innovation. The \$125 million comprehensive campaign launched in March 2025 and supports initiatives across campus.

Ripon College's Master's Program Celebrates Success of Inaugural Graduation



Ripon College celebrated an historic moment when its first class of graduates walked the stage in mid-May, following the inaugural launch of the master's degree program in exercise science in summer 2024.



Donald & Patricia Schneider Family Hall Opens Doors for Fall Semester of 2025

A striking new edition to the St. Norbert College campus opened its doors to students this fall. The Donald & Patricia Schneider Family Hall, a 45,000 square feet, state-of-the art building, opened its doors for the fall semester for the Donald J. Schneider School of Business and Economics.

Spotlight on Sponsorships



Gratitude to Our Sponsor: Sage Scholars

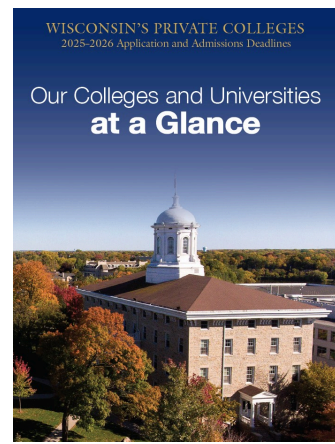
We extend our heartfelt thanks to Sage Scholars for their generous sponsorship of our recent Student Success Summit. Their support played a vital role in making the event a meaningful and impactful experience for all who attended.

Sage Scholars

Counselor News & Notes

New Outreach Materials Sent
to Counselors This Fall

We've created a new publication that compiles important information about our twenty private, nonprofit colleges and universities called **Our Colleges and Universities at a Glance**. This new publication allows readers to access information about admissions, housing, financial aid, and more at each of our colleges and universities.



Twenty Colleges At a Glance

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