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Future Teacher Charts Her Course at Mount Mary University

Nevaeh George is an Early Childhood Elementary Education major in her junior year at Mount Mary University (MMU). She previously graduated from Milwaukee Lutheran High School in 2024. She is a recipient of both the MMU Grace Scholarship (which covers 85-95 percent of tuition over four years) and the Wisconsin Grant—opportunities that she says have helped her succeed as a college student.

The education programs at Mount Mary prepare students, like Nevaeh, for meaningful careers as future teachers. The Early Childhood Elementary Education program gives students the skills and practical experience to work with children up to the third grade and teach in all subject areas. A degree in education gives students the foundation to make a lasting impact on their future students and communities.

Nevaeh George

Nevaeh is grateful for her experiences at Mount Mary and for the scholarship and grant opportunities such as the Wisconsin Grant that have made her academic journey possible.

Nevaeh said that she chose to major in education because she has always wanted to be a leader and to positively influence the next generation of learners. As the oldest child in her family, she wants to serve as a positive role model for younger siblings and cousins. She hopes that her journey will encourage younger family members to follow her path and attend college as she has.

Outside of school, Nevaeh participates in programs that support and empower Milwaukee youth. Through Pearls for Teen Girls, she helps create opportunities for girls to develop core skills and prepare for college and their future careers. She is also involved in Future Urban Leaders, a program focused on supporting leadership development in local youth by providing programs and activities that explore topics such as STEM, self-identity, and community advocacy.

Both of these programs strengthen the Milwaukee community by expanding access to essential resources and investing in the development of future leaders. Through her work with these programs, Nevaeh has already created an

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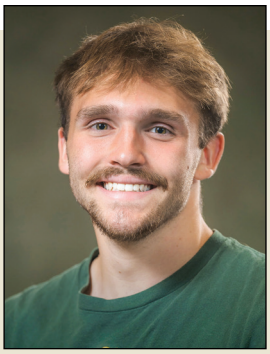
St. Norbert College Provides Inspiration for Future Educator

Carter Roeder, a sophomore from Peshtigo, Wisconsin, and a double major in secondary education and mathematics, is an active member of the St. Norbert College (SNC) campus community. He is a linebacker on the football team, serves on the enrollment management team as a tour guide, and works as a teaching assistant for the Teacher Education department.

He is also a recipient of the Wisconsin Grant and expresses gratitude for the opportunities it has allowed him to pursue. "The Wisconsin Grant has actually really impacted me and my family," Carter says. "One of the largest concerns I had attending college was the price tag attached to it. However, with the Wisconsin Grant, I am able to study something I am truly passionate about and create memories that will last a lifetime," he concluded by stating, "and make mom proud."

Carter is extremely grateful for the aid he receives, including the grant, which helps him continue his education and participate in athletics at St. Norbert College. When asked why St. Norbert stood out to him, he revealed: "It encompassed everything I wanted in a college." He added, "The school's beautiful location, top-ranked food and sports facilities, history of excellence, and most importantly, the people, made SNC the standout college I wanted to attend."



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Carter says he really feels the Norbertine value of *communio*, a sense of community that inspires us to meet the needs of our local and global communities through open dialogue and collaboration. Thanks to the welcoming campus community, he has found a home at SNC. He expressed how professors, faculty, staff and students are all treated with kindness and respect amongst one another, further highlighting the mission and values of the college.

With a student-faculty ratio of 15:1, Carter also

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Nevaeh George

impact on the local youth she works with. This hands-on experience, in addition to her early childhood elementary education degree at Mount Mary, is setting Nevaeh up for success as a future educator and community leader.

After graduation, Nevaeh wants to teach in underserved areas of Milwaukee. She plans to eventually return to pursue an advanced degree in school administration so that she can help shape learning institutions at a systemic level. She also hopes to one day start a nonprofit that connects students and their families with educational support resources that will help them cross the academic finish line.

Nevaeh says that she is grateful for her experiences at Mount Mary and for the scholarship and grant opportunities that have made her academic journey possible. This ambitious and talented student will undoubtedly continue to succeed in the classroom—and beyond!

Carter Roeder

highlighted his favorite thing about St. Norbert College — that no one is just a number. St. Norbert College professors, faculty and staff are dedicated to ensuring students feel supported throughout their academic careers through consistent communication, support, and centers such as the Academic Advising & Career Development Center.

Inspired by the college community, Carter hopes to start teaching and coaching after graduation. By carrying the St. Norbert College mission beyond campus, he wants to start strong and make an immediate impact on his students, faculty and community. More specifically, he states, "After school I plan to achieve an administration license and work my way to be an athletic director or principal."

"There is no place I'd rather call home than SNC," he concludes. "Go Green Knights!"

FACT OF THE MONTH

WAICU members produce nearly a quarter of the undergraduate degrees in education and over thirty percent of the advanced degrees in education.

Source: 2025 IPEDS Completions Survey.