

# Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities: Distributes \$72,000 in CIC/UPS scholarships to students

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Madison, Wis. – November 1, 2018 – The Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU) has distributed \$72,000 in CIC/UPS Scholarships to assist 24 students at private colleges and universities in Wisconsin. The scholarships were made possible by a grant from the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) in Washington, DC and the CIC/UPS Educational Endowment.

“Increasing our postsecondary education attainment rate is a top priority in Wisconsin, and we know that student aid is critically important to achieving this goal,” said Dr. Rolf Wegenke, WAICU president. “We are grateful to the CIC and UPS for their partnership in supporting our students’ success.”

Nationally, CIC provided more than \$1.6 million in student scholarships through state-based associations with the goal of making private colleges and universities more affordable and accessible to underserved students.

A student from each of the following institutions received CIC/UPS Scholarships this year from the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities: Alverno College, Bellin College, Beloit College, Cardinal Stritch University, Carroll University, Carthage College, Concordia University Wisconsin, Edgewood College, Lakeland University, Lawrence University, Marian University, Marquette University, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, Milwaukee School of Engineering, Mount Mary University, Nashotah House, Northland College, Ripon College, St. Norbert College, Silver Lake College, Viterbo University, and

Wisconsin Lutheran College.

“Independent colleges and universities in this country are remarkably effective at educating and graduating low-income and first-generation students in less time, with less student debt,” said Richard Ekman, president of CIC. “Helping these students afford a private college education is a truly critical need in our society, and it is rewarding to be a partner with the UPS Foundation and the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities as we help to support deserving students.”

The CIC/UPS Scholarship Program has made a private college education possible for more than 20,000 low-income and first-generation students and has had a transformative impact on individuals, families, and communities across the country.

“The UPS Foundation is honored to work with CIC to provide scholarships for students at independent colleges and universities,” said Eduardo Martinez, president of the UPS Foundation and chief diversity and inclusion officer at UPS. “Our goal is to fund powerful programs that make a lasting difference to the global community.”