

Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters: Barriers to college success include financial and mental health costs

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Wisconsin Academy panel to discuss changes to educational climate

MADISON — On Wednesday, May 29, at Madison's Overture Center for the Arts, the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters will bring together a panel of experts from around the state to explore how Wisconsin can shift our educational climate to one that fosters both accessible success and healthy learning.

"The prevalence of mental health issues among college students, specifically depression and anxiety, is on the rise and the impact is felt across all segments of our campuses."

—Dr. John Achter, featured panelist

The discussion, titled *The Cost of Success: Challenges in Seeking a Higher Education*, will focus on the challenges today's aspiring students face in accessing college, and the financial and mental health costs many students face once they are on campus. The panel will feature:

Dr. John Achter, Associate Dean of Students at UW–Stout

Dr. Catherine Kodat, Provost and Dean of Faculty at Lawrence University

Keegan Kyle, investigative journalist for the Appleton Post-Crescent

Sarah Weiss, Academic Coordinator of Upward Bound at Beloit College

Nikita Werner, UW–Milwaukee graduate student

Advance registration is required: \$10 for the general public, and free for Wisconsin Academy members and students with a valid photo ID. This discussion will take place from 7:00–8:30 pm in the Wisconsin Studio (3rd floor) in Overture Center. A 6:00 pm reception in the Academy's James Watrous Gallery, across the hall from the Wisconsin Studio, precedes the event.

The Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters works create a better world by connecting Wisconsin people and ideas. This event will bring together a panel of experts to discuss the unique challenges modern students face, offering a critical look at what we can do to reduce these barriers to encourage opportunity and success for all.