

# Carthage College: Will host second annual Aspire Conference

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**KENOSHA, Wis.** - In a season where college students nearing graduation are being asked about “what’s next?” in their lives, Carthage College will host the second annual [Aspire Conference](#) aimed at informing and empowering students to take manageable steps to succeed not only after graduation but throughout their lives.

The Aspire Conference: Navigating a Changing World will be held virtually October 13-16 and is free to students, alumni, faculty, staff, and community members. Carthage alumni and industry leaders from more than a dozen different professions will be on hand to share insights with students on how to ignite crucial career and life-building skills.

“When we can make career development fun and engaging, we create an environment that helps students to develop the habits of mind for long-term personal and professional success,” says Lisa Hinkley, Associate Vice President and Executive Director for Career and Professional Development.

“The immersive experience provided by the conference will show that career-building is about more than resumes, and it will demonstrate a small part of the network here to help students explore their curiosities and build meaningful lives.”

The virtual event will include more than 15 individual sessions, events networking opportunities. Speakers for The Aspire Conference include:

- Natalie Keller Pariano, Professional doodler and entrepreneur \*Keynote Speaker

- Dr. Dominique Pritchett '07, CEO and Clinical Director at Beloved Wellness Center
- Isaac Rothenbaum '11, Software Developer, Forbes 30 Under 30
- Matt Thome '17, Account Manager, Sacramento Kings
- Michaela Ross '08, Content Editor, Bloomberg Government
- Grant Harris, Former Presidential Advisor

Built around the four components of [The Aspire Program](#): career development, entrepreneurship, leadership, and creativity, the conference is zero cost to Carthage students, alumni, faculty, staff, and community members. The Aspire Program, designed to better prepare students for life after college was made possible by a \$15 million gift from longtime college supporter Jan Tarble. [Click here](#) for more information about The Aspire Conference.