

WCC Focus

A publication of the Washington County Campus Foundation



A Letter from President Dennis Degenhardt

Welcome to the first issue of the Washington County Campus Foundation's newsletter *WCC Focus*! Our goal is to share highlights with you about UW-Washington County and the Washington County Campus Foundation. We hope you will enjoy these short updates and welcome your comments about *WCC Focus*.

You can reach us at 262-335-5204.

Focus on a current UW-WC student - WCCF Scholarship Recipient

West Bend Mutual Insurance Co. Scholarship and Linda Lindquist New Beginnings Scholarship

"I appreciate the Foundation and its efforts to make scholarships available to students like me to make it easier to pursue my degree that is needed for a career in marketing management."

Hannah Young, Sophomore



New User-Friendly Scholarship Application and Foundation Website Launch

The Foundation has created and launched a new user-friendly **Scholarship Application** software that . . .

- Provides students with easy access to a mobile, user-friendly, online scholarship application function that allows students to complete their application a-little-at-a-time as well as easily upload their biography and letter of recommendation.
- Allows students to easily access our list of more than 75 scholarships and each scholarship's criteria.
- Has increased the number of scholarship applicants by 15% over last year
- Provides scholarship selection committee with significant additional analytical tools to help them streamline and manage the scholarship award process which starts in April.



The Foundation has created and launched a new, **independent website** that:

- Enables us to more directly and visibly communicate with students, donors, scholarship applicants and recipients, and the general public.
- Allows us to accept online donations through the “Network for Good”, which among other things, makes it possible for donors to adjust their gift to cover processing costs, thus increasing the actual value of each donation.
- Provides students and donors with better information on the Foundation's scholarships, their individual histories, and a wealth of recipient success stories.
- **Will allow the Foundation to solidify its identity as an independent 501(c)(3) with the mission to help UW-WC students reach their educational goals.**

Please visit our new website made possible by a grant from the Nonprofit Management Fund:

www.wccf-wi.org

Meet the Foundation's Newest Board Members



Elsie Charry-Gonzalez brings an international and statewide perspective to the board. Elsie is a native of Puerto Rico who moved to West Bend in 2010 when she was offered a job with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). After spending four years with the USDA, Elsie had the opportunity to assist dairy producers with the UW-Extension as the Dairy Agent in Dodge County. During that time, she developed and delivered various educational programs to Hispanic dairy workers, producers, and ag consultants.

In 2015, started her own a consulting business, Motiva Training & Consulting LLC. MT&C helps dairy producers meet their milk quality and production goals through process optimizing, employee training, and multi-cultural team building. Motiva also provides English and Spanish language services to the ag industry. Elsie is also an instructor for the Farm and Industry Short Course at UW-Madison.

Elsie earned both a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science degree in Animal Science from the University of Puerto Rico. Elsie lives with her husband and their son in West Bend. She enjoys gardening, hiking, traveling and serving on the WCCF Board.



Maria Graciano has strong ties to UW-WC and the West Bend community, having grown up in the West Bend area.

After earning an Associates in Supervisory Management from Moraine Park Technical College, she earned an Associate of Arts and Sciences degree at our UW-WC campus. Maria went on to study at UW-Oshkosh where she completed her Bachelor of Liberal Studies in Organization Administration. Maria then returned to UW-WC in the financial aid area of Student Affairs, later becoming the Admissions Specialist and then the Student Services Coordinator-Student Affairs Advisor.

For the past few years, Maria has been playing an important role in our student scholarship program. Maria has also been UW-WC's assistant girls basketball coach. Maria also serves on the West Bend Public School Foundation and the Casa Guadalupe Education Center boards. Welcome to the Board!

Support Student Scholarships by Attending the Festival of Arts on April 8th



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The UW-Washington County Campus Festival of Arts is a day-long celebration of visual and performing arts at UW-Washington County (UWWC) in West Bend.

The centerpiece of the event is a juried art show with the best work from 25 middle and high school students from Washington, Ozaukee, Dodge, Milwaukee and Fond du Lac counties. The halls of UW-Washington County campus buildings are adorned with 375 pieces of the best student artwork from the region.

In addition, the UWWC gym is turned into an Artist Marketplace featuring 60 artists from Wisconsin and Northern Illinois who sell their unique works of art. Items for purchase include acrylics, water colors, photography, metal work, hand crafted jewelry, stained glass and wood.

Visual and performing arts workshops will be presented by the Schauer Arts Center staff and Kohl's Color Wheels - a Milwaukee Art Museum outreach activity that engages people of all ages in the creation of visual art. Musical performances from local musicians and school groups will provide entertainment and complement the Farmer's Market featuring locally produced food and goods.

Mission

The Washington County Campus Foundation strives to make college possible for anyone who is qualified to attend the UW-Washington County. The Foundation encourages academic excellence by providing grants to faculty to conduct research and share their findings with their academic peers. The Foundation supports its work through contributions from individuals and events to provide scholarships for students who may not otherwise have an opportunity to attend college.

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