



## 2023 News and Updates

Hello Friends of WCCF,

**The Washington County Campus Foundation** was founded in 1974 by forward thinking community leaders who understood the importance of a university education and who intended to support local students as they started their college career at our local West Bend campus. For almost 50 years, the Foundation has provided nearly \$ 4 million in scholarships to hundreds of worthy students who benefited from the generosity of the Foundation and its donors.

As you are probably aware, our beloved Washington County college campus will close in June, 2024 which will eliminate a high quality - low cost option for our local students to begin their college career. Recognizing that this will severely curtail the ability of many Washington County students to attend college, the Board of the Washington County Campus Foundation researched ways to be able to continue its long tradition of serving this student community.

Realizing that 80% of the foundation's scholarships were awarded to Washington County students, the Foundation Board made the unanimous decision to modify its corporate purpose to enable the Foundation to continue its tradition of supporting students achieve their goal of earning a college degree. Consistent with that, the board also changed the Foundation's name to Washington County Charitable Foundation. More information on the new scholarship process follows in the newsletter.

The Foundation will continue to host events and fundraisers as it has in the past and will maintain its relationship with UWM Washington County through the end of this school year. Some of this semester's highlights follow in this newsletter including our Fine Wine and Dine Event, and the Ukraine Lecture Series.

As we continue our tradition of serving the higher educational needs of our Washington County students, we hope that you will join us by making a year end gift when our annual appeal letter reaches your mailbox in the next few days <https://wccf-wi.org/donate-now/>.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and



Kindly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul De Chant".

Paul De Chant  
Board President

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## **New Corporate Purpose and Scholarship Process**

### ***Washington County Charitable Foundation***

#### **The Foundation's original corporate purpose created in 1974:**

The purposes shall be the fostering of cultural events and activities on the campus and in the community of Washington County, the educational betterment of the campus, including acting without profit as trustee for educational, cultural, and charitable trusts.

#### **The Foundation's revised corporate purpose created in 2023:**

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated for the business and purpose of the fostering of cultural events and activities in the community of Washington County, Wisconsin, and the educational betterment of the community including acting without profit as trustee for educational, cultural, and charitable trusts.

#### **To achieve the new corporate purpose, the Foundation's scholarships will be available to Washington County high school students as follows:**

Students who will be Freshmen for the 2024-25 school year will be able to use their scholarship for any UW Wisconsin school (not just UWWC or UWM Washington County as was in the past)

Students who will be Sophomores for the 2024-25 school year will be able to use their scholarship for any UW Wisconsin school (not just UWWC or UWM Washington County as was in the past)

Students who will be Juniors for the 2024-25 school year will be able to use their scholarship for any school (No change here)

**Any student who has graduated from a Washington County high school is eligible to apply. Any student who is currently enrolled at our campus is eligible to apply regardless of where they graduated from high school.**

***This action and new process were designed with the intention to continue to be a***

resource for Washington County and its students. The closing of the campus is a huge loss to the community. Ensuring that scholarship support is still available will help those students who may not otherwise have the resources to achieve their goal of earning a degree.

## 2023 Fine Wine and Dine Event



WCCF Board President Paul De Chant welcomes Fine Wine and Dine guests to the very lovely Maurin Center at Lac Lawrann in West Bend on November 5. Audra Gruenberg, Ashley Gregorio of Gruen Hexe and John Neuburg of AVA Wine + Spirits provided a wonderful menu and fabulous wines representing the Pacific Northwest.



Dinner guests expressed their appreciation with a round of applause to the student volunteers who poured wine and helped with the overall implementation of the event. The student volunteers are all scholarship winners from the Foundation. From left to right: Jadon Thornton, Eric Schmidt, Talor Schwarten, Hannah Lemke, Syndey Saranowksi and Taylor Riley.

SAVE THE DATE **FEBRUARY 24, 2024.** FINE WINE AND APPETIZERS - *An Evening Under an Apres Valentine Moon!*

**2023 Lecture Series - Understanding**

# Ukraine



This year's lecture series, **Understanding Ukraine**, was hugely popular and drew the largest audiences ever for the program. Dr. Don Muth, WCCF Board member and member of the Lecture Series Planning committee said that he felt this series was one of the best attended that he could remember! We thank all of the speakers, contributors, and attendees of this event.

