

# IMPACT REPORT

2021



EDGEWOOD COLLEGE



Amy and I both feel that, while June marked my one-year anniversary as President, we really are just getting started. As tempting as it is to say the pandemic year “didn’t count,” your support made it count in a big way.

Students, faculty, and staff demonstrated resilience in the face of myriad challenges, and continue to rise to those challenges in community. An ongoing pandemic, the ongoing national reckoning of a legacy of racism, and continuing economic uncertainty test the best of us. And in this community, as you’ll see in these pages, we meet those tests with resolve.

Our students, faculty, and staff managed a pandemic and the necessary protocols to limit the spread of the virus through their commitment to one another. We embraced remote options for learning both in and out of the classroom. We successfully entered into NCAA-sanctioned athletics competitions, which included three new Division III sports. And we held Commencement, in-person and on the campus you know and love, renewing a tradition that had been set aside in recent memory.

Thank you for your commitment to this place you love so well. I’m counting on a Return to Better this fall, with the hum and energy of a college campus that we all recognize. There will be challenges ahead, too. But they will be met by the spirit, intellect, imagination, and heart that have marked Edgewood College for more than 90 years.

Be well! Cor Ad Cor Loquitur.



Andrew P. Manion, Ph.D.  
President



# THANK YOU *for supporting our*

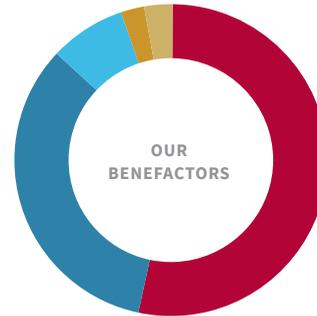
Every year we welcome new aspiring students to the Edgewood College Community. Together, we work to prepare them for success both inside and outside the classroom and start them on their journey for a lifelong search for truth.

Our faculty and staff are dedicated to sharing their knowledge, challenging students to think creatively, and encouraging meaningful new experiences. They provide the leadership and support our students need to achieve their academic goals.

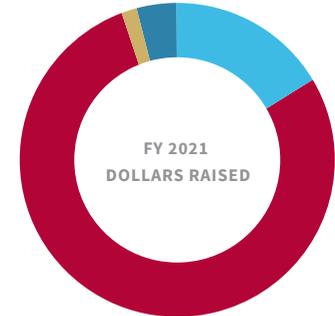
Because of your support and dedication to our mission, we are able to reunite our campus community this fall. Whether you give to scholarships, academic programs, internships, athletics, or everything in between, every gift – every year, contributes to the success of our students.

Thank you.

# RETURN TO BETTER



- Alumni
- Friends
- Parents
- Businesses & Organizations
- Foundations



- Scholarships
- Unrestricted
- Program & Capital Support
- Athletics & Student Orgs
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# COMMUNITY SCHOLARS

This Impact Report highlights the difference our donors made on our campus and in our community during the 2020-2021 academic year, believing in our students and supporting our college mission.

Since 2007, the Community Scholars Program has increased access to a higher education experience at Edgewood College – particularly for students of color and first-generation college students with high financial need. To date, more than 25 students have graduated from the Community Scholars Program. These students, from Dane County, are deeply invested in their communities and schools, demonstrating interest in and growth through leadership. Graduates of the program include educators, healthcare professionals, public service professionals, and more. Most graduates remain in Dane County to begin their professional lives.

In September 2020, CUNA Mutual Group Foundation awarded a gift of \$206,000 to support the Community Scholars Program. The CUNA gift was an investment in the life-changing opportunity of education for local students. This substantial gift afforded our



It had become a dream of mine to go to college and get a degree that would one day help me pull my family out of poverty. I chose Edgewood because they believed in me and what I could accomplish given the opportunity.

Gabe Velazquez



I have been able to play an active role in society and contribute to positive social change and help to break down social barriers with people from different social and cultural backgrounds through Community Scholars. Essentially, the growth and change that being a Community Scholar has given me, is my proudest accomplishment.

Zenab Nafid



Community Scholars a full college experience by providing for housing on campus as well as access to life-sustaining resources in the crisis conditions of the pandemic. Beyond grateful is how we feel about this support.

We are living in an extraordinary time that calls on us to act with greater resiliency and strength and deeper compassion and empathy. Our corporate and individual supporters have fueled our mission of building a just and compassionate world through their financial and moral support of the Community Scholars Program. When we invest in each other, incredible things happen. Incredible. In a word, that's the year we've had!



# FOREVER TOGETHER

Myrtis Stampley "DIVA" Nickelberry  
Passed away: April 3, 2015



On May 21, 1994, Mama flew to Madison from Memphis, Tennessee, to attend my graduation. I remember us feeling like it was her graduation too. It is a day I will never forget. Shortly before the Lord called her to eternity, I shared with her that her dedication to motherhood, the sacrifices she made for me (and my late older brother, Frank) as a single mother, and her faith in and advocacy of higher education, would live on in her name at Edgewood College. **THE MYRTIS NICKELBERRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** celebrates her unwavering faith, unshakeable confidence, and unquestionable style.



**DR. ODELL NICKELBERRY, MBA '94**  
*Edgewood College Board of Trustees  
Chief Human Resources Officer,  
Arkansas Blue Cross & Blue Shield*

And this year, in my estate plans, I created the **DR. ODELL NICKELBERRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** to support undergraduate students in financial need and to give back to a College and an education that has supported and enhanced my personal and professional life.

**FOREVER TOGETHER** – in the true spirit of Cor Ad Cor Loquitur (Heart Speaks to Heart) - my legacy and that of my mother's - will live on in each deserving student who benefits from our scholarships..... today, tomorrow, and for decades to come.

Education is the gift that lasts a lifetime, and the Myrtis Nickelberry Memorial Scholarship and the Dr. Odell Nickelberry Memorial Scholarship provide meaningful ways for the Nickelberry family to help students today and to carry their legacy forward to future generations of students.

# WASHBURN SOCIETY

Those who include Edgewood College as a beneficiary of their planned giving are welcomed to the Washburn Society, a giving society named to honor the legacy of Wisconsin Governor Cadwallader Washburn, who gifted his villa and 55 acres of land to the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa in 1881. The gift was to be used for educational purposes, and the land would be known as Edgewood.

## THANK YOU TO OUR WASHBURN SOCIETY MEMBERS

*We are grateful to the following who have included a provision for a future estate gift to Edgewood College*

Anonymous (5)  
Sarah J. Barnes '06  
Christine Beatty  
Jo Anne Berschet  
Thomas & Shaila Bolger  
Jack Brennan  
Joan Chickvary Cavanaugh '61  
Brent C. and Nancy L. Clausius  
Dr. Peter Fabian & Rev. Aurelia Hale  
Ann Grice Knoebel '67  
Mary Anne (Everson) Guerrero '68  
& Jorge Guerrero  
Don & Jan Haasl, MA '95  
David Hanson & Linda Bochert  
Patrick '96, MBA '99 & Michele Hartley

Robert<sup>†</sup> & Carroll Heideman  
Marianne Hose '84  
Mary Kelly-Powell & William Powell  
Margaret (Bessette) Knapp '72  
Richard & Margaret LaBrie  
Madeline (Pelletter) Laufenberg '57  
Edwina (Chiu) '75 & Fred Law  
Catherine E. Lenz '68  
Ellen (Ryan) McNally '65  
Ann M. McNeary '88, MBA '93  
Bryan Meddings '98  
Sharifa Merchant '92, MBA '97  
Tess Mulrooney '85  
Richard V. Munz  
Eileen B. Murphy '69

Dr. O.C. Nickelberry, MBA '94  
Mary Kay (Paisley) Nielsen '63  
Nancy (Galles) Olson '64  
Karen (Currier) Pfeil '85  
Heidi L. Roth '84  
Sandy Sandona '65  
Colleen Settles, O.P. '71  
Barbara Snyder Boonchouy '65  
Guy '90 & Eileen Somers  
Anne Barrett Swanson & David K. Swanson  
Erin Swift '04  
Joanne K. Topham  
Lisa Van Lieshout, MBA '08

**MORE INFORMATION** For more information about planned giving and the Washburn Society, please contact Mike Sweitzer-Beckman, Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement, at **(608) 663-7718** or **[MSweitzerBeckman@edgewood.edu](mailto:MSweitzerBeckman@edgewood.edu)**.

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Join us Thursday, October 14th for the Alumni Award Ceremony and Reception at Edgewood College. Contact Abby Bjerke, [abjerke@edgewood.edu](mailto:abjerke@edgewood.edu), for more details.

# ALUMNI AWARDS



**BEN WIEDERHOLT '01**  
**DOMINICAN MISSION AWARD RECIPIENT**

Mr. Wiederholt is President and CEO of STRIDE Community Health Center in Denver, CO, a Federally Qualified Health Center serving 53,000 people a year who are predominately economically poor. He is accountable for courageously providing leadership to move toward a healthcare delivery system that is equitably and comprehensively accessible for the entire community. He also volunteers, serving on the Parish Council of his parish, and on the Board of Directors of five organizations. With his wife, Jessica, they added to their birth family of three sons, four additional children, adopted from east African countries.



**JEANNE (MOE) SIEGENTHALER, MA '01, EdD '11**  
**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENT**

Dr. Siegenthaler is the first-ever female superintendent of the Richmond School District in Sussex, WI. She worked as an Elementary Principal in the Elmbrook School District for 11 years, where she was named an Outstanding Employee and the WI Elementary Principal of the Year. Active in her community, she has been an on-call advocate and serves on the Advocacy Council for the Women's Center in Waukesha County, and a Foster Care provider for children.

# ALUMNI *of* NOTE

TSETAN DOLQAR '12  
**PROMISE AWARD RECIPIENT**

Ms. Dolqar is a Tibetan American immigrant who was born in India and moved to Madison, WI, at the age of seven. After earning her undergraduate degree in Nursing, she worked at the Dane County Jail caring for inmates and then continued her commitment by working for Indian Health Services in Gallup, NM, in their trauma ER caring for Native Americans. She joined the United States Air Force as an ER nurse and was hand-picked to be on the Ground Surgical Team and deployed to Afghanistan where she treated the wounded for both coalition and American forces, including Taliban members. She currently serves as a reservist at Joint Base Andrews near Washington, DC, is a full time Research Nurse at The Geneva Foundation working for Operation Warp Speed to develop a COVID-19 vaccine in San Diego, CA, and a full time Master of Science in Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner student at Edgewood College.



CALLISTA ROBINSON, *OSF '75*  
**DOMINICAN MISSION AWARD RECIPIENT**

Sr. Callista is a lifelong educator serving as Teacher, Principal and Chief Executive Administrator at Harambee Community School in Milwaukee, WI, for more than 20 years. In 2001, she began her ministry with adults and currently is the Assistant Administrator at the Adult Learning Center, an organization dedicated to helping adults gain the academic skills necessary to earn a GED. She is also the Coordinator of the Brother Booker Ashe Lay Ministry Program for Black Catholics who want to become Lay Ministers in their parishes. In 2019, Sr. Callista celebrated 60 years (Diamond Jubilee) as a member of her religious congregation, the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, MN.



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JESSICA *(Heiple)*  
WIEDERHOLT '99

**DOMINICAN MISSION AWARD RECIPIENT**

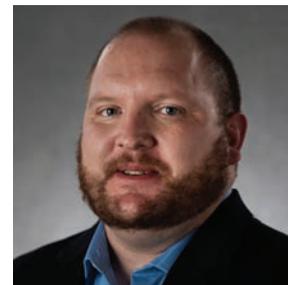
Mrs. Wiederholt is the Executive Director and Founder of Crazy Love Africa, whose mission is to serve, restore, empower, and strengthen women in western Uganda who are HIV positive, single mothers. She started the nonprofit after she and her husband, Ben, added to their birth family of three sons, four additional children, adopted from east African countries.



RYAN COLLINS '05

**DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENT**

Mr. Collins is a Senior Technology Executive with over 15 years of experience in IT Leadership, Infrastructure, Architecture, and Systems Design with proven expertise in Financial Institution Systems and Business Operations. As the Chief Information Officer and Chief Technology Officer at Open Lending in Austin, TX, he led the vision for all aspects of technology for the company. He is most passionate about serving Austin and beyond in education, technology, and youth outreach; he and his wife founded The Collins Technology Fund, which helps technology and education-based non-profits have an impact on underserved communities.



Here at Edgewood College, I enjoy connecting with wonderful people that are not only here to learn, but to also make an impact in the world.

Vivi Velasquez

# THANK YOU

The last year has provided time to reflect on who we are as an educational institution. Edgewood College is entrusted to support scholars who are committed to creating a more just and compassionate world on their lifelong search for truth.

While many colleges and universities are focusing on returning to normal, Edgewood College is focused on returning to better. We want to take the lessons we learned from the racial reckoning and pandemic and create an environment where all students can thrive. We remain committed to fostering an inclusive environment where our students, staff and faculty feel they belong. Thank you to our annual donors who have supported us in times of growth and transition. We are truly grateful to have you as members of the Edgewood College community.

Because of you, our students can see a clearer path to a successful future. Because of you, we can return to better.





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*Edgewood College, rooted in the Dominican Tradition, engages students within a community of learners committed to building a just and compassionate world. The college educates students for meaningful personal and professional lives of ethical leadership, service, and a lifelong search for truth.*

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I really enjoy the Bonner Leader program, where students volunteer for about 200 hours a school year, because we also set aside time to meet and reflect on the services we did. Even now, during this global pandemic, we keep in touch and do what we can to serve others through social distancing, and I think that's a powerful thing.

Amana Komba