



IMPACT REPORT



EDGEWOOD COLLEGE

2020



The last few months have certainly seen a great deal of change for everyone, myself included. That said, I could not be more honored to serve as the 9th President of Edgewood College and lead us toward our best days ahead.

Thank you for your commitment to this place that you love so well. Your annual support tells our students how much you believe in them and care about their educational dreams.

Our students and graduates work toward a more just and compassionate world every day. Your partnership makes that a reality for today's students, and for those who will follow.

Thank you for your past, present, and future support of our mission and our students - students who are navigating an uncertain world. Their way forward - connecting learning, beliefs and action - is at the center of Edgewood College.

Be well!

Cor Ad Cor Loquitur.

Andrew P. Manion, Ph.D.
President

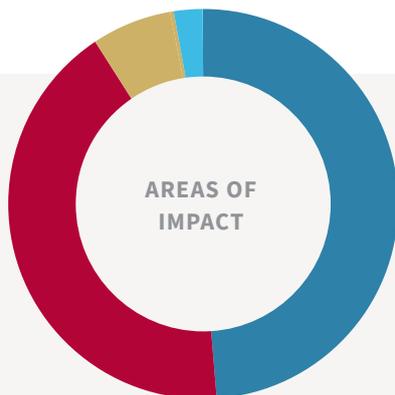


THANK YOU *for keeping the* EDGEWOOD COLLEGE COMMUNITY

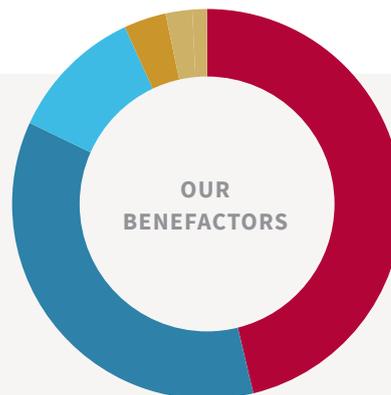
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Every year we welcome a new class of aspiring students to our community.

We introduce them to our core values and the Dominican Tradition in the hope that by the time they leave here, they have the necessary tools to create a more just and compassionate world. When a global pandemic disrupted all of our lives, we came together as a community to ensure that our students had the resources they needed to complete their spring semester. *We could not have done this without you. Thank you.*



- Program Support
- Scholarships
- Athletics & Student Orgs
- Unrestricted



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

COR AD COR LOQUITUR

“Heart Speaks to Heart”

Throughout the history of Edgewood College, our students have seen civil unrest and social unrest and everything in between. Through those years of adversity our faith in the collective community never wavered. *Cor Ad Cor Loquitur* remains at the center of who we are; those words still hold true today. With fall semester underway, we now turn our attention toward making the Edgewood College experience affordable for all of our students.

SCHOLARSHIPS PLAY A MOST CRUCIAL ROLE

in helping students meet their expenses. In addition, scholarships made available through our generous benefactors provide great encouragement to our students. Simply knowing someone cares enough to financially support them can renew their sense of purpose and commitment to their education.

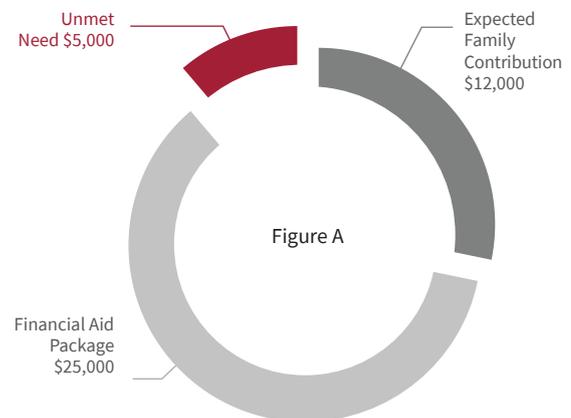
DISTINCTION

Edgewood College provides high quality instruction in a variety of disciplines—all while developing engaged citizens who contribute to building a more just, compassionate, and sustainable world. Through consistent scholarship support, we aspire for our students:

ACCESS: Edgewood College is an affordable option for more students—regardless of socio-economic status—when pursuing their dreams of higher education.

EXPERIENCE: Broad participation in internships, study abroad, research, student leadership, & community service—hallmarks of an Edgewood College experience.

GRADUATE: Those who choose Edgewood College succeed in earning their degree and enter the community as stewards of our mission.



My heart was set on Edgewood College. With the financial aid I received, I was able to attend my number one school of choice.”

~ AAVANTE CLAY '18

IMPACT

With your support, we offer our students and their families personalized and comprehensive financial aid packages that include grants, scholarships, student employment opportunities, and student loans. Edgewood College has momentum around building a financial base from which students can thrive.

Still, one-third of our families come from households with an annual income of \$50,000 or less, and more than 70% of students take out student loans to cover tuition, housing, food,

or books. When comparing the average family investment and financial aid packages of our 1,200 full-time undergraduate students to their cost of attendance, there remains an average \$5,000 gap per student per year.

Working together to close this gap (see *Figure A*) will allow more students to choose Edgewood College, enjoy enriched learning experiences such as internships and study abroad, and graduate to lives rich in leadership and service.

TOP 25%

of the most affordable private colleges in Wisconsin (2019-2020 tuition was \$31,600)

100%

of incoming students will receive Institutional Scholarships.

\$ 4,400

average scholarship

300

The number of students receiving benefactor-supported scholarships has increased 32% to nearly 300 over the last 5 years.

WAYS TO GIVE

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

An endowed scholarship is a meaningful way to make a consistent and lasting impact on our students. Scholarship endowments start at \$20,000 and can be paid in full or contributed to over multiple years. You may also contribute to other existing endowments, thereby increasing the size of awards available for students.

LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

Many supporters choose to leave a legacy in their own name or family name, or in honor of a significant person in their life. Your legacy scholarship, included in your estate plan, will ensure that future generations have the opportunity to experience an Edgewood College education.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

Providing for an annual scholarship is a special way to give back and support the immediate needs of deserving students. The dollars contributed to your annual scholarship are awarded each year and continue to be awarded as funding is renewed. A minimum of \$1,000 is required to establish a named annual scholarship. Your multi-year commitment guarantees a consistent level of support to students over a set number of years.



(left to right) Dr. Darian Senn-Carter, Ed.D. '17, Martha Rohde, O.P. '69, Elizabeth Dunn, O.P. '70, Eileen (Dhooghe) McIltrout '78, Diane Ballweg '75, MA '07.

2019 ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS

These five extraordinary individuals were honored at the 2019 Alumni Awards Ceremony in October.

Diane Ballweg '75, MA '07
Distinguished Alumni Award

Eileen (Dhooghe) McIltrout '78
Distinguished Alumni Award

Martha Rohde, O.P. '69
Dominican Mission Award

Elizabeth Dunn, O.P. '70
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Darian Senn-Carter, Ed.D. '17
Promise Award

THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD acknowledges the accomplishments of an alumnus who has achieved excellence in his or her professional career and has demonstrated a commitment to ethical leadership, service, and search for truth.

THE DOMINICAN MISSION AWARD recognizes an alumnus who has shown a commitment to social justice or a history of extraordinary volunteer service in the community, country, or the world.

THE PROMISE AWARD recognizes an alumnus, 40 years of age or younger, who is an emerging leader and has achieved a high level of success through professional accomplishments and service to his or her alma mater or community.

ALUMNI *of note*

Diane Ballweg '75, MA '07 of Madison, WI

Ms. Ballweg has served all corners of Greater Madison through engagement on more than 30 nonprofit boards—organizations ranging from those advancing support for women, to serving local arts and culture programs, to educational initiatives. At Edgewood College, she has made her mark most notably on the Board of Trustees and its Executive Committee. She has served our communities and Edgewood College for decades through her generous heart, impacting the lives of students through scholarship support and providing spaces on campus for students to learn, grow, and inspire each other. She was previously honored at Edgewood College when benefactors and friends named the “Diane Ballweg Theatre” in her honor for her leadership and generosity to so many cultural and arts organizations across Madison.



Eileen (Dhooghe) McIltrout '78 of Fort Myers, FL

Ms. McIltrout’s professional life has been marked by her devotion to compassionate care and social justice. She helped introduce early ideas of hospice care to nursing home settings in Wisconsin and in Minnesota. Her ministry led her throughout the eastern half of the United States, and ultimately to Florida where her work with immigrant populations brought Catholic Charities to the community, a new multi-dimensional social services center, and established innovative programs for advocacy, education, community collaboration, and direct services. She is in private practice as a licensed psychotherapist, serves on numerous nonprofit boards, works with families in high conflict divorce cases, and is a health care proxy for the Lee Health System in Fort Myers, Florida. Her work in leadership, administration, ministry, direct service, education, and outreach has been recognized through numerous local and national awards.



Darian Senn-Carter, Ed.D. '17, of Bowie, MD

Dr. Senn-Carter is a Professor of Homeland Security and Criminal Justice at Anne Arundel Community College, and serves as a Councilmember of the City of Bowie, Maryland. He is a nationally recognized leader with more than 15 years of comprehensive experience including K-12 education, higher education, and public and private sector work. He serves as an advisor, volunteer, and mentor, and is the founder of three scholarship awards. More recently, he is the recipient of the League of Innovations Excellence Award for academic leadership and innovation, given by the League for Innovation in the Community College, an international nonprofit organization with a mission to cultivate innovation in the community college environment.



Martha Rohde, O.P. '69 and **Elizabeth Dunn, O.P.** '70 of Indiantown, FL

Sr. Rohde and Sr. Dunn have committed their vocation and lives to the education of children of migrant and service industry labor in Florida. Together, in partnership, they put their strengths to tremendous benefit at Hope Rural School in Indiantown, Florida; Sr. Rohde serves as Director of the school, Sr. Elizabeth as Principal. As lifelong educators, they have also started an endowment fund for their graduates to afford to attend a local community college. The fund generates enough each year to support students seeking help with tuition, books, and room and board. They have each said it is a treasured gift to learn from families from all over the world, and while they are not preaching from the pulpit, they hope they are effectively preaching by their way of life.



Friends, campus life, college courses – the life of a college student requires balancing classes, studying, group projects and, for some, sports and work. **When the coronavirus pandemic hit it changed all that.**

Sydney was a fourth-year student this last spring. She was part of the women's tennis team and was getting involved in the Human Services Program while living in downtown Madison. She has been a caller for the campus phonathon for many years. And she is one of the many grateful Edgewood College beneficiaries of student emergency funding.

My favorite part about Edgewood College is the relationships you build with people on a smaller campus. The Professors will help you network & provide letters of recommendation. My tennis teammates are my second family who always help me get through anything & will always celebrate little victories. They always have my back. Other students in my major are a smaller group who share internship experiences & are a true support group.”

Just before Spring Break 2020, our world changed. *“We thought we would be coming back to campus. Sports teams had a meeting with the Director of Athletics, Al Brisack, and everything was still going. We were optimistic, and then the next day everything was cancelled. We were in shock. We were sad. But the team came together and supported each other. The next week we were told that tennis was done. As a senior this was upsetting. No spring season. We were supposed to have another successful year. I wasn't going to get to play tennis with my sister in the spring.”*

There were other stressors. *“My classes went online and each one was done differently. My internship hired me, and I was able to work full time. Someone close to me committed suicide.*

I didn't go home because my roommate left our apartment and I had to pay full rent.”

Sydney was left to figure out how she was going to pay her bills.

Facing high levels of stress, along with financial uncertainty and limited options available, Sydney knew she had to reach out for help. She first reached out to a professor with whom she had a few classes. *“I knew this professor cares about her students. I would go to her office hours. The professor had offered to help students. I had just paid for my and my sister's spring break trips and was out \$750. I had used all my grocery money for the trips because I wasn't going to need groceries when I was on spring break. I didn't ask my parents as they were facing their own financial struggles. I didn't want them to worry because they were dealing with not being able to go to work. It wasn't easy to ask a professor. I was embarrassed even though she had already offered. The professor just asked me how much I needed and gave me her personal money - \$50 for groceries.”*





It reaffirms that **Edgewood College cares about its students**. It shows in times of need that Edgewood College is going to be there. I've got friends who had no avenues from their schools to help them out. I'm proud of my school for making a difference for students when they really needed it. **To the Student Emergency Fund donors, I'd like to say thank you.** I can show through my story that it truly has impacted me. Every little bit helps. **Your support of the Edgewood College community shows how strong the sense of community is.**

Sydney
VERBAUWHEDE



That's when *the Student Emergency Fund* came into play.

Sydney learned about the Student Emergency Fund from Timeka Rumph, Director of Annual Fund & Stewardship. She quickly applied online. She qualified and received money for rent and utilities. Matt Sullivan, Associate Vice President for Student Development, called and asked about her situation and how urgently she needed help. Through the Dean of Students Office, she received a \$300 Pick N Save gift card from Eddy's Emergency Fund. Sydney also qualified to receive money from the Presidential Relief Fund. "Money is a big stressor. I didn't qualify for a stimulus check. It was nice to be able to receive money through Edgewood College and not have to worry."

The emergency funding provided the help Sydney needed to make it through the rough patch. Sydney said the money she received is making a long-term difference in her life today. She is coming back to Edgewood College for another year. She is adding on another concentration to her degree and will have one more year of eligibility to play tennis for the Eagles - with her sister. And she's preparing for her Social Work national exams.

Verbauwhede, Sydney. Interview. Conducted by Jamie Wojcik, 30 July 2020.



THANK YOU



WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL *to have YOU as a member of the* **EDGEWOOD COLLEGE**

community. Each academic year comes with challenges and opportunities, and this year was no exception. The global pandemic and social unrest had a more profound impact than anyone could have anticipated. And yet, members of our community rose above their circumstance to ensure that we remained strong and resilient.

Every gift is vital to our mission at Edgewood College, and this year, your contributions helped meet the critical needs of our students. Annual gifts to the Edgewood College Fund, Annual Scholarship Fund, and the Student Emergency Fund were available for immediate use by our students. Your dedication to the success of our students is unparalleled. Thank you. Because our community is strong, together we will build a more just and compassionate world.