We build a more just and compassionate world by operating for the benefit of all of our students, by ensuring that Edgewood College will thrive, and by remaining a great place to learn. The progress we’ve made, and continue to make, is what you’ll experience in these pages. And as always, we have you to thank. Your gifts to scholarships, for programs like our Cutting Edge and Emerging Leaders, to academic programs that support exceptional students and graduates, are fuel to the flame that we inherited from our Dominican founders. Your engagement with Edgewood College contributes to first-generation students, internships, athletics, and all the important work we do, work that began nearly 100 years ago.

Like you, we have learned important lessons over the past few challenging years. One of those lessons is the imperative to focus on that which is essential, that which we bring through the ‘portal’ of the past and carry with us in our personal and professional lives. For Edgewood College, it is the mission that is essential, and that which we carry through generations. Our investments in new partnerships, in new programs that expand the reach of our mission to new students here in Madison and around the world – and our investment in the undergraduate student experience that many of you hold dear – all of these support and enrich students in ever-evolving ways, preparing them to meet the needs of a changing world. And at the heart of all this is Edgewood College. Be well! Cor Ad Cor Loquitur.

Andrew P. Manion, Ph.D.
President

Each year, in addition to sharing their time and talent, Trustees commit to making an annual gift to the College. Gifts from Trustees advance our mission and strategic operating goals while supporting the critical needs of our students today and for generations to come. Thank you to our past and current Trustees who achieved our goal of 100% financial participation.

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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.

WHERE YOUR HEART Leads

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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about PLANNED GIVING and the WASHBURN SOCIETY, please contact:

Jen Stewart
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99% of students share that they have at least one professor who excited them about learning.

95% of incoming students receive GRANTS IN SCHOLARSHIPS

- 83% Scholarships
- 9% Program & Capital Support
- 4% Athletics & Student Organizations
- 4% Unrestricted

AREAS OF IMPACT

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51% Alumni
- 24% Friends
- 8% Parents
- 7% Board & Employees
- 7% Business & Organizations
- 3% Foundations

OUR BENEFACORS

Those who include Edgewood College as a beneficiary of their planned gift 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.

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- Scott Von Rueden Jr.
- Margaret (Bruns) Wood

Scott Von Rueden ‘06 played all four years on the baseball team while earning his bachelor’s degree in Business with a minor in Spanish.

“My parents weren’t too sure about me playing collegiate sports, because I was a pretty disorganized person in high school,” he recalls. Things worked out pretty well, though, as Scott now has lifelong friends from the team, and has used the skills he gained as a student-athlete to enhance his professional career. Scott currently serves as Senior Experience Owner – AmFam.com at American Family Insurance.

His parents remained connected to Coach Al Brisack, Head Coach of the baseball team. Coach Brisack even sent Scott’s mom, Joyce, inspirational videos and pep talks while she was battling cancer. Sadly, Joyce passed away in 2021.

His mother’s death prompted Scott to get his own affairs in order. “I don’t take part in too many risky activities, but something could happen at any time,” he shared. With the support of his financial advisor, Scott established the VON RUEDEN FAMILY BASEBALL FUND through his living trust, giving future generations of players the opportunity to enjoy the game of baseball and the student-athlete experience as much as he did.

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SUANN SALTZBERRY NAMED FIRST FEMALE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

In November 2022, Suann (Adler) Saltzberry ’05, MBA ’09, was appointed Director of Athletics. Saltzberry brings 16 years of collegiate athletics experience to her new role. She was a prolific three-sport athlete and a 12-time varsity letter winner in her career at Edgewood College from 2000-04, playing volleyball, basketball, and softball.

Suann returned to her alma mater in 2006 when she joined the staff as the athletic business manager and most recently served as the associate director of athletics. With her new appointment, Saltzberry becomes the first female director of athletics overseeing all intercollegiate athletics in the Madison area. “I am eager to further engage and enhance the student-athlete experience, as athletics serves as an important complement to the educational mission of our college,” said Saltzberry. She receives the torch from long-time director Al Brisack, who has led the department since 2006. Brisack will continue to serve our students as head baseball coach, leading the development of the Fitchburg property, and as Associate Vice President for Athletics Development.

“We are very excited that Suann Saltzberry is the new Director of Athletics for Edgewood College. In addition to her strong background in athletics administration, she also brings her own experience as an Edgewood College Eagle to this role, making her the ideal person to lead our athletics programs,” President Manion said.

EAGLE GOLF OUTING
Thank you for your support of the 2023 Eagle Golf Outing! We broke a few records this year with 113 golfers (including 50 alumni), 20 generous sponsors, and raised over $30,000 to support the student-athlete experience!

EDGEEWOOD COLLEGE SECURES PROPERTY FOR ATHLETICS AND WELLNESS

In September 2022, Edgewood College purchased a 45-acre property in the city of Fitchburg (a 10-minute drive from our main campus) to support our vision for an Athletics and Wellness Campus. The proposed plan will benefit all students and our community with athletic training and competition venues, fitness and intramural spaces, sports medicine, student classrooms, walking trails, community-engagement opportunities, environmental sustainability projects, wetland restoration, and more.

The site is formerly part of the O’Brien Family Farm. The family identified Edgewood College as their choice of next owner of the farmland, which is located on the corner of Lacy Road and Seminole Highway.

Margaret O’Brien, O.P. ’70, MA ’94, is a cousin who has visited the farm and her extended family over the course of generations. A long-time faculty member at Edgewood College who has since retired, Sr. Margaret offered this blessing for the occasion:

“Gracious God, never did I dream I would be back on this soil with my love for Edgewood College as a close companion. Today is truly a day to recall and instill the Dominican values of Truth, Justice, Compassion, Community, and Partnership. May this facility be a safe place, with understanding and acceptance of all races and religions. May this land which has given birth to many crops continue to give new ways of growth in the field of athletics, health and wellness, and education. May it be a place of discovery where the clay of souls created in the image of our God emerge for all that is yet to come to birth. May this land shelter and enrich many new lives. May students, athletes, faculty, staff, and many others come here to find a new facility filled with energy and the pursuit of lifetime dreams. May it be a continued place of rest and peace. Amen.”

CONTINUE READING

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- LILLIAN, SENIOR

CONTINUE READING

DoubleTree by Hilton Madison Downtown Sponsor, left to right: Justin Reed, Jordan Smith, Keith Pups, and Kevin Ramstead

Left to right: Sonja Lee, Liz Buerger ’83, Catherine Buerger, and Lucy Keane ’84
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Dan's relationship with Edgewood College first began with his involvement in the “Baroque Chorus” community choir. He later enrolled in the weekend degree program at age 54, graduating in 1998 with a bachelor of arts degree in Religious Studies. Along the way, Dan developed deep connections to those who had created a loving and welcoming community for him at Edgewood College — in particular, Sr. Marie Stephen Reges and Sr. Loreta Domisch '82. This educational experience created a new career path, which he found in Colorado as the Pastor in The United Methodist Church.

Today, Dan is retired and active. He holds a Doctor of Ministry, is a published author, enjoys adaptive sports, and remains a lifelong learner. His granddaughter, Abbey, is a student at Edgewood College, making her mark both in the classroom and on the volleyball court, carrying on the family legacy. When asked to share advice with our current students, Dan and his wife Mary responded with great faith, “Keep Changing the World.”

Dan and Mary created the Strizek Scholarships and the Strizek Funds for Mission, Values, and Inclusion to honor and advance Edgewood College’s Catholic mission, Dominican tradition, and commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

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The Theatre Arts department has benefitted from the associated endowment funds for everything from contracting guest directors, choreographers, and musicians, to purchasing performance rights, programs, and equipment.

In the 2022-2023 season, one of the four productions benefitting from the Pleasant T. Rowland Endowment Fund was the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. Open to all students for participation, they performed as actors, costume designers, and lighting and set technicians. Our students worked tirelessly to bring the script alive onstage, showing happiness and heartache through hilarious and touching stories.

WPS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
Last year, WPS Charitable Foundation provided a generous grant of $12,500 to support our Department of Military and Veteran Services. This grant helped our students who are in current military service, are military veterans, and/or are dependents of those individuals.

A portion of the grant went to student scholarships—those for adult student veterans and dependents who do not have 100% tuition coverage from the Federal GI Bill, the State of Wisconsin veteran benefits programs, or other financial aid common to traditional undergraduate students.

Support also went to student programming to benefit the more than 90 veterans and dependents enrolled last year. WPS Charitable Foundation focuses on enhancing their home communities through support of military and veterans, women and children, seniors, and underserved populations.

READ MORE ABOUT THEATRE & UPCOMING 2023-2024 SEASON

READ MORE ABOUT BORDER IMMERSION EXPERIENCE
2022 Alumni Award Recipients

Distinguished Alumni Award
Betty Banks ’74  Madison, WI  Co-Founder & Advisor, The Harmony Birth & Family Center

Christina (McKeen) Bell ’84, MS ’16, DNP ’17  Mount Horeb, WI  Senior lecturer, Edgewood College, Henry Predolin School of Nursing
Dr. Jeff Pothof ’01  DeForest, WI  Chief Quality Officer, UW Health

Dominican Mission Award
Corinda Rainey-Moore, Ed.D. ’21  Madison, WI  Community Engagement Manager, UnityPoint Health/Mealstar

Opal Ellyse Tomashevska, MS ’18  Verona, WI  Director of Multicultural Business Strategy, TruStage

Promise Award
Ami (Peterson) Myrland ’08  Beloit, WI  Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, Capitol Bank

The POWER OF SELF EXPRESSION

Recipient of the 2022 Dominic Mission Award, Opal Tomashevska, MS ’18 grew up holding Edgewood College in great esteem. Raised in one of Madison’s poorest neighborhoods, Opal never did think “a Wexford kid” would realize her dream of attending a school she admired for its excellence. Born into poverty and to a trailblazing single mother, she witnessed what a difference one person can make in their community. Opal didn’t just learn about social justice in her youth – she lived it. Her mother fought tirelessly to solve problems that society often ignored, and this passion would lead Opal to feel an anointing to continue her mother’s fight for social and economic justice.

UNIQUE STORYTELLING DEFINES OPAL’S OWN STORY

Though the statistics were against her, Opal is the first in her family to break the chains of poverty. She is the first generation in her family to graduate from college, the first to move out on her own, and the first to work in the corporate world. While pursuing her master’s degree in organizational development, Opal discovered the key to unlocking her success. She shares, “Edgewood College is the place I learned one of the most valuable lessons of all, in that I did not have to separate my art from my academic or professional life. Inherently, I have always known that I am most brilliant when I am creating. However, I had been taught that others wouldn’t value that part of me the same way they did academic intelligence or corporate problem solving. All of that changed during my first two classes in graduate studies at Edgewood College.”

Opal knew she had a gift of spoken word, but she didn’t believe it could be infused into the academic and professional facets of her life. That is, until Dr. Judy Adrian tasked her class to complete a group presentation. It was the final project of the semester and Professor Adrian challenged the class to create presentations that “dazzle.” The entire group found this mission to be perplexing. During a round table discussion, Opal recalled feeling ridiculous and yet, she bravely suggested her abilities to do and rap spoken word. Her presentation transformed into a “dazzling” three-act play narrated in spoken word. A defining moment in her life, Opal’s passion for spoken word led her to become the first generation in her family to be a spoken word artist, emcee, and author. Similar to the strong mother who raised Opal, she uses her powerful words to help open hearts and minds by embracing the creative and brilliant ways her mind connects complex emotions and simple concepts, or abstract ideas to tangible truths.

CREATIVITY IN CORPORATE AMERICA

Director of Multicultural Business Strategy at TruStage (formerly CUNA Mutual Group), Opal is dedicated to leading and advancing the efforts of the Multicultural Business Strategy Team (MCBS). MCBS exists to help TruStage understand multicultural consumers, identify business opportunities, develop action plans, and execute those plans to better serve underserved consumers and generate substantial business growth. She continues to infuse spoken word poetry into the corporate world and shares, “It allows me to combine creativity and innovation to engage audiences and create movement in business.” Her gift of spoken word has changed the trajectory of her career opening the door to diverse opportunities.

2022 ALUMNI AWARDS INFORMATION

Each fall, Edgewood College recognizes extraordinary alumni with three awards:

Distinguished Alumni Award — acknowledges the accomplishments of alumni who have achieved excellence in their professional career and have demonstrated a commitment of ethical leadership, service, and search for truth.

Dominican Mission Award — recognizes alumni who have shown a commitment to social justice or a history of extraordinary volunteer service in the community, country, or the world.

Promise Award — recognizes alumni, 40 years of age or younger, who are making bold and have achieved high levels of success through professional accomplishments and service to their alma mater or community.

2022 Alumni Award Recipients

Left to right: Opal Ellyse Tomashevska, MS ’18  Dr. Joseph Adamsson  Ami (Peterson) Myrland ’08  Dr. Jeff Pothof ’01  Corinda Rainey-Moore, Ed.D. ’21  Christina (McKeen) Bell ’84, MS ’16, DNP ’17  Betty Banks ’74
EMERALD CLUB ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Emerald Club honors Edgewood College alumni who graduated 50 years ago or more. In the true spirit of Cor ad Cor Loquitur (Heart Speaks to Heart), members of the Emerald Club created a special endowed scholarship fund in 2021, the Emerald Club Endowed Scholarship, to support Edgewood College students in financial need—forever. We are grateful to the 140 Emerald Club members and friends, who have raised the endowment fund to over $43,000. We are honored to award annual scholarships—in the name of the Emerald Club—in perpetuity.

ATHLETICS | Golf, Tennis, Volleyball, Cross Country, Soccer, Esports, Basketball
GALLERY | John Hitchcock: Blanket Songs, August 23-October 8
Opening Reception, September 28
MUSIC: FACULTY RECITAL | September 10
THEATRE | True West by Sam Shepard, September 13-17
ALUMNI AWARDS | September 21
MUSIC: CONCERT BAND | October 20
HOMECOMING | October 21-22
MUSIC: CHORUS/GUITAR | October 22
MUSIC: CHAMBER ORCHESTRA | October 29
THEATRE | The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Simon Stephens, November 10, 11, 16-18
CHRISTMAS CONCERT | December 2
DECEMBER COMMENCEMENT | December 16

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ANSWERING THE CALL

“Last Fall and Spring, you may have heard from me when I called to thank you for a gift, update you on the College, invite you to an event, and ask for your continued financial support of students like me. Thank you for taking the time to talk with me and share your stories—Thank you for supporting me, and so many other students, as we pursue our dreams. I am so proud to call myself an Eagle!”

“I am excited to start my junior year and will be reaching out soon to share more updates on this place I love so much.”

Olivia
Junior, Chemistry major (Pre-Med track)
Engagement Ambassador, Advancement & Alumni Office

For game details, visit EdgewoodCollegeEagles.com