

Emerald

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026

— HONORING THE —

Class of 1976

& ALUMNI WHO GRADUATED 50 YEARS AGO OR MORE

Mission

Edgewood University, rooted in the Dominican tradition, engages students within a community of learners committed to building a just and compassionate world.

The University educates students for meaningful personal and professional lives of ethical leadership, service, and a lifelong search for truth.

Vision

Edgewood University will be an inclusive model of learning, teaching, and scholarship.

Our students, alumni, faculty, and staff will be recognized for their pursuit of purposeful lives, vibrant and sustainable communities, and a just world.

Motto

Cor ad Cor Loquitur
“Heart Speaks to Heart”

Today’s Program

10:00AM Continental Breakfast & Social Time

11:00AM Group Photo

11:15AM Prayer Service

12:00PM Luncheon & Program

1:15PM Optional Social Time & Campus Tours
The Laurel Tavern is nearby for continued time together

What’s Inside

Welcome Class of 1976: Emerald Club Inductees

From the Archives

In Remembrance

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Welcome Class of 1976

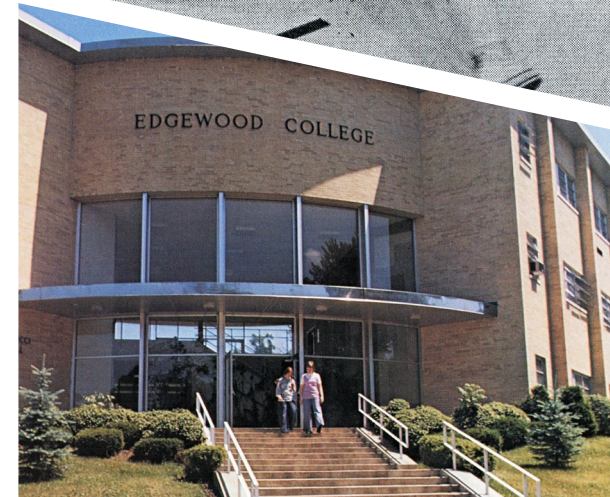
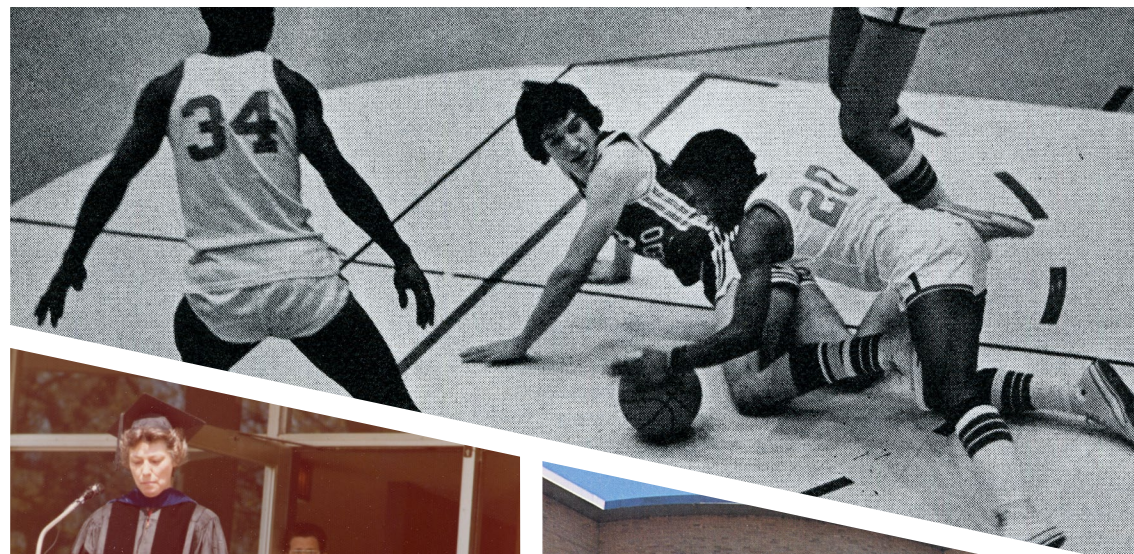
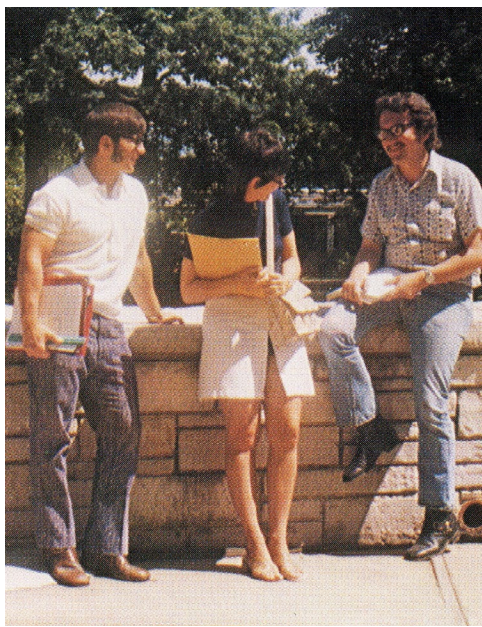
Doralee Accardi
Theresa (Mosher) Albers
Diane (Meier) Anderson
Thomas Arellano
Sheila Austin Smith
Laura (Hash) Babe
Philip Barden
Michael Bink
Margie (Mahnke) Bosio
Julie (Koopman) Brandt
Anne (Dwyer) Breitenbach
Elizabeth (Mathieu) Bremer
Kathleen (Mackesey) Bretl
Michael Brost
Cynthia Butitta
Darlene (Rohen) Calabrese
Kathy Callahan
Linda Candlin
Mark Chapin
Kimball Coffrin
Betsy (Knight) Damon
Maureen Davis
Karen De Fibo
Doug Dillman
Helen (Fleckenstein) Dominis
Robert Doro
Kathleen (Storto) Downing
Glenda (Wagner) Drimmer
Ruth (Daly) Elderbrook
Mary (Spring) Ellett
Gwen (Digby) Flowers
Mary Flynn
Theresa (Cupich) Folkers
LuAnn (Lawry) Frautschy

Marie (Walsh) Freeman
Maria (Schmid) Garrity
Rebecca (Martin) Gasparino
Caryl (Kunz) Getchell, MA '98
Lynn Griskavich
Eileen Harrington
Louisa (Harren) Havlik
Tony Havlik
Pauline (Cuff) Heuscher
Jill (Tonkin) Hilbert
Greg Hitchins
Elizabeth Holum
Lynn (Fiedler) Hubert
Tom Hughes
Karen Humbert
Patrick Irlbeck
Michele Jacques
David Jahr
Maria Jaramillo
Dayton (Shanti) Johnson
Richard Jubala
Nancy (Lynch) Kerl
Tom King
Martha (Klocke) Kojis
Catharine (Walkowski) Laabs Wild
Chris Laughlin
Mary (Kramer) LeBaron
Laura (Huber) Lundberg
Carolyn Mahlum Jenkins
Gregory Marlett
Rosemarie Marraccini
Helen (Nicks) Mayville
William McBride
Jean (Virnig) McCarthy

Geraldine McDonnell
James McGarr
Alice (McCormick) McLean
Cathy (Sokolvske) Mead
Marie (Duren) Meissner
Judie Misunas Kinate
Richard Mooney
Jean (Fitzmaurice) Morrissgette
Mary (Draut) Mulligan
Pamela (Voight) Nash
Sandra Neidhardt
Nancy (Lynch) Nelson
Sue (Seibel) Neumann
Mary (Odegard) Nikolic
Deborah (Sheehy) Novac
Gerald Novac
Maritza (Him de) O'Brien
Nicolette (Kokonas) O'Connor
Valeta Orlando
Fr. Michael Pazdan
Marveen Phelps
Barbara Phillip
Rollins Pomeroy
Betty (Mentz) Powell
Kristin (Ravn) Preboske
Michael Raught
Richard Rego
Nancy (Schmit) Riley
Joan (Knoernschild) Robinson
Gary Rogers
Barbara (Voorhans) Roth
Dennis Ryan

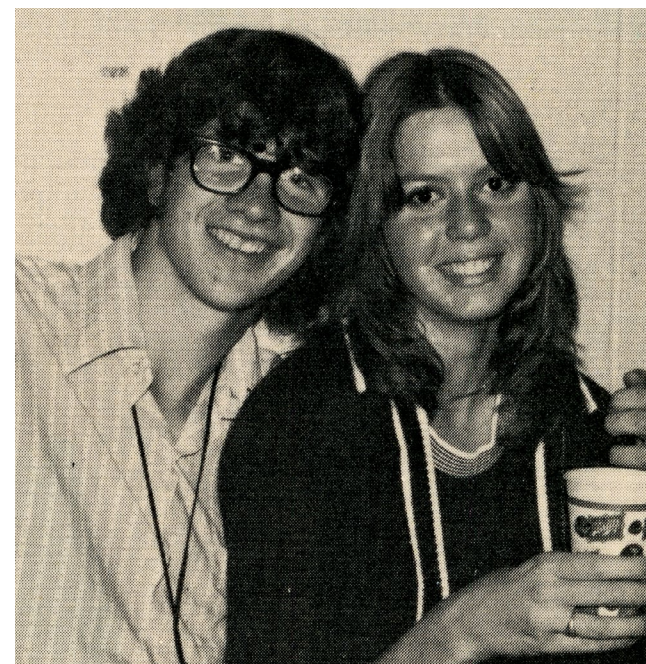
Therese Ryan
Brenna Ryan-Ellis
Sharon (Jones) Schaper
Ann Scherer
Sue (Sucharda) Schroeder
Debra (Zibolski) Schyvinck
Kathryn (Jorgenson) Seyberth
Lanae Silvestri
Michele (Giangrasso) Skinner
Maryann (Kaczmarski) Slater, MA '94
Terry Smith
Leslyn (Lloyd) Snow
Chuck Soper
Merita (Madden) Stahl
Ruth (Connaughty) Stangl
Donna (Regan) Stasko
James Stastny
Tamra Thieman
Joan (Brucks) Topor
Patricia (Costello) Vurdelja
Elizabeth (Shomler) Waller
Fr. Gary Wankerl
Blessing Wariboko
Jean Weeg
John Whitmore
Jill Wickham
Mickey Wilson-Skarr
Joan (Grahm) Winer
Rita (Browne) Zbella
Anne (Timmerman) Zielinski
LouAnn (Nee) Zimmerman

We take great care in compiling our list of alumni. If we have misrepresented your name, please let us know so we can correct our records and acknowledge you properly.



From the Archives

- 1973-1978 -





From the Archives

- 1950s & 1960s -



In Remembrance

Class of 1976

Arnette Andrews

Dora (Schindler) Brand

Mary Catherine Cavanagh

Bonnie (Sonn) Frisch

Christine Gorman

Darryl Green

Robert Hyp

Eunice (Sabatini) Jennings

Richard Langlois

John Lobenstein

Ann (Eisele) Meyer

Debra (Hall) Mitola

Marleen (Goulet) Oradei

Larry Schmaltz

Jeanne (Usher) Schoch

Nancy (Cuccia) Smith

Bruce Sutherland

Members in the Last Year

Kathleen (Jordan) Boyea '70

Kathleen (Rieder) Burdulis '72

Patricia Butler '61

Connie (Halverson) Coe '65

Helen (Henneberry) Decoster '68

Elizabeth Dunn, O.P. '70

Dr. Mary Jean Etten '68

Alexis Herman '69

Alban Hermes, O.P. '60

Helen Hurley, O.P. '58

Delores (Hill) Jakubek '60

Joanne Kollasch, O.S.B. '60

Dorothea (Steppler) Konkol '47

Judith (Duchac) LaFave '60

Joan (Shaft) Luedtke '57

Joan McCann, O.P. '66

Therese (Jirik) McFarland '52

Sharon (Sullivan) McPhee '61

Mary Kay (Schuster) Monahan '61

Colleen Nolan, O.P. '73

Marjorie (Bamrick) Nowell '58

Richelle Schmitz, O.P. '59

Mary Helen Schmitz, O.P. '64

Jeaneane Szcuzurek '58

Linda (Langdon) Von Ruden '67



Patricia Butler '61

8/24/1939-11/26/2025

Pat followed in the footsteps of her aunt Marguerite Butler '33 and earned her degree in Elementary Education from Edgewood University (formerly Edgewood College) in 1961 where she met lifelong friends Rita (Hirscher) Esch '61 and Patricia Gill '61.

Pat loved her experience at Edgewood, even though it was harder for her than most. Her father died when she was in high school, and she gratefully attended on a tuition scholarship. As many other students did at the time, she lived with a local family and cared

for their children in exchange for room and board.

She was drawn to Edgewood because of the small class sizes, and she valued the liberal arts education – finding it very broadening. Mary Frances (Dempsey) Cotter '58 was her “Big Sister,” and she loved the faculty and all they taught her.

Pat joined the Sinsinawa community for a few years, leaving as a novitiate. She later joined the community in 2009 as an associate. Her career was devoted to teaching and being a librarian, and Pat retired after decades of remarkable dedication to knowledge, service, and learning. Her family shared that Pat attributed Edgewood with all the good in her life – a superb education and friends who lived our motto *Cor ad Cor Loquitur* (“Heart Speaks to Heart”) for more than 60 years.



Pat enjoyed time reconnecting with dear friends at the 2025 Emerald Club reunion. (l. to r.) Rita (Hirscher) Esch '61, Pat, and Sr. Margaret O'Brien, O.P. '70, MA '94

Endowed Scholarship

In the spirit of *Cor ad Cor Loquitur* (“Heart Speaks to Heart”), members of the Emerald Club established the [Emerald Club Endowed Scholarship](#) to provide lasting support for Edgewood University students with financial need. We are deeply grateful to all who contributed this year. Emerald Club members continue to financially support so many important areas of the University.

2025-2026 EMERALD CLUB ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

“After two years of being awarded the Emerald Club Endowed Scholarship, I’m still extremely grateful for the generosity being shown. Your scholarship has allowed me to focus on my studies and takes some of the stress off me and my family while doing so.

My family immigrated to the United States from Gambia before I was born, and I was raised in Sun Prairie. I’ve always had an interest in psychology while growing up, formed and solidified through my experiences. This made me excited to hear that Edgewood had one of the best psychology programs out there.

I enjoy Edgewood’s small size and interconnectivity. I’m also appreciative of all the resources Edgewood has available to students, like study help and mental health counseling.

Thank you for the support you provide for students. It has made a real difference in my life and will help guide me into helping others in the future!”

– Batch, Third-year
Psychology Major, Human Services Concentration

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Rooted in tradition, Always connected,
Forever part of our Alumni family



*Thank you
for a wonderful day of
celebrating together.*



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