

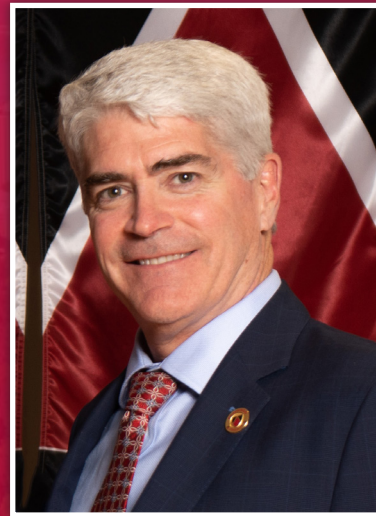


# IMPACT REPORT 2024



It's fitting that as you read this Impact Report, Edgewood College enters the 2024-2025 academic year celebrating the Year of Partnership.

We believe partnerships are *honest, open, and respectful commitments to a shared purpose*. Further, we are called to promote partnerships as *essential to our existence as a community and to realizing our mission*. After your review of this report, I'm confident that you'll agree our current partnerships – and those on the near horizon – not only expand the reach of our mission but will help secure our ability to deliver on it for the generations we will continue to serve over our next century.



As we prepare for that vibrant and dynamic second century at Edgewood College, your work and engagement with this place you love so much shines as the best example of partnership. Your support of scholarships, Eagle Athletics, student wellness programs, academic programs, and more make you perfect examples of our partnerships in action.

I speak on behalf of our entire community when I say “thank you” for being our partner in mission. These can be challenging times, but during our first 100 years Edgewood College has had plenty of challenges—challenges that, with the help of our partners, we have always faced and been strengthened by. Thanks to your commitment, the work of creating a future that ensures our mission for the next 100 years is well underway.

It is my honor to serve as President of Edgewood College.

Cor Ad Cor Loquitur.

*Andrew P. Manion*  
 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. **These gifts help 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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## THE POWER OF EDUCATION



“I’ve always admired the power education gives us and what it can do for the world. That is why I wanted to go into education, because knowledge is power. I want to have a bigger voice so I can be an advocate for children and change outdated practices and curriculum. I believe we should uplift and center students so that we can begin to close gaps that impact them negatively. Education can do many things: it creates opportunity, it empowers us, and it can teach us how to love and empathize with one another.”

~**Fernanda**,  
 Second-year Elementary Education Major

## TRUSTEE SPOTLIGHT



**Congratulations to Joe Gothard '99, MA '04, ED.D. '15**, who began his role as superintendent of Madison Metropolitan School District in May 2024. An outstanding year for Dr. Gothard, he was recognized as both the 2024 National Superintendent of the Year and 2024 Minnesota Superintendent of the Year. Dr. Gothard is a Trustee and in 2021 was awarded an Edgewood College Distinguished Alumni Award.

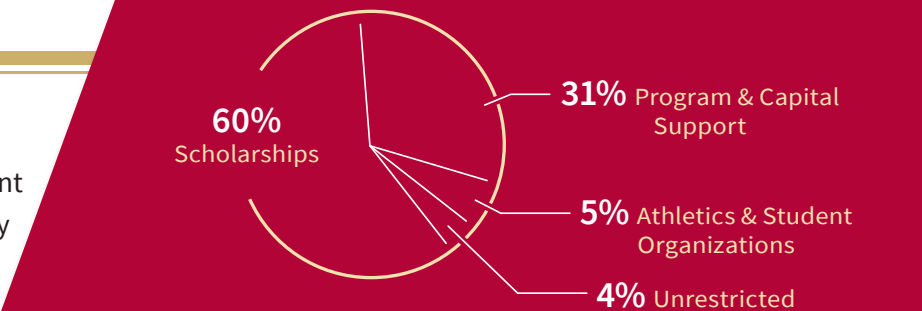


Read more about  
 Dr. Gothard's  
 career

# THE HEART OF OUR FUTURE

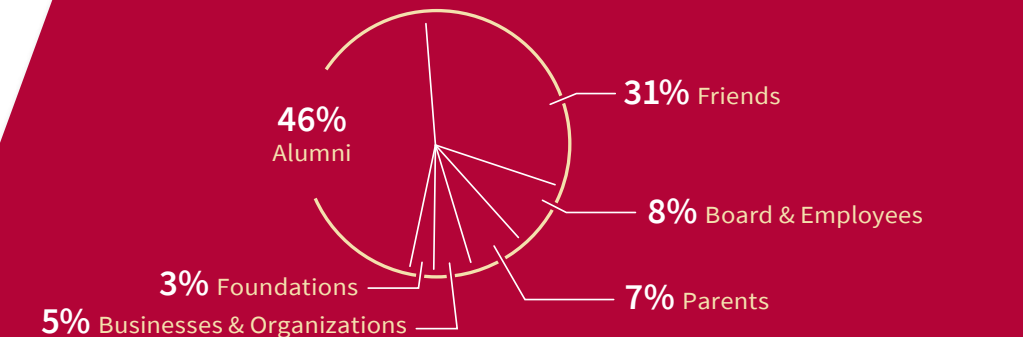
The Edgewood College experience nurtures the whole student through intellect, spirit, imagination, and heart.

Thanks to your support, we continue to provide access to high quality instruction in a variety of disciplines—all while developing engaged citizens who contribute to building a more just, compassionate, and sustainable world.



## AREAS OF IMPACT

## OUR BENEFACTORS







**1200+**  
UNDERGRADUATE  
STUDENTS

**1250+**  
GRADUATE STUDENTS

NEARLY **1/3** OF  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS  
ARE STUDENT-ATHLETES

**100%** OF INCOMING STUDENTS  
RECEIVE GRANTS OR SCHOLARSHIPS

## MISSION

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.

## VISION

Edgewood College 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.

## VALUES

Truth | Compassion | Justice  
Partnership | Community



# HENRY J. PREDOLIN FOUNDATION

Henry J. Predolin Foundation's 2023 grant to Edgewood College was a generous \$925,000, which provided scholarships for approximately 135 students. All Predolin Scholars, including incoming first-year, upper-level, and transfer students, are majoring in the fields of nursing, business, and science.

Since 2008, Edgewood College has received more than \$13.4 million in support from Predolin Foundation, with more than \$9 million of the total having directly benefited more than 600 students with Predolin Scholarships. In addition to scholarship support, prior years' Predolin Foundation grant funds have provided for new equipment and capital construction for the business, nursing, and science departments.

Henry Predolin served on the Board of Trustees of Edgewood College between 1988 and 1991. He recognized the importance of higher education and service to others and was moved to make a difference, particularly at Edgewood College. Bob Chritton, Predolin Foundation President, said, "Mr. Predolin would be proud of how his foundation has assisted so many Edgewood College students obtain their college degrees."



Henry J. Predolin Foundation Board visited Edgewood College and Predolin Scholars in May 2024. Left to right: Predolin Directors David Erickson, Tony Medyn, Bob Chritton (President), Brett Bryant, and Edgewood College President Andrew Manion. (Not pictured, Predolin Director Jack Robson)

## A TRIO OF SUPPORT AND A MULTI-YEAR GRANT

Edgewood College has been awarded a three-year \$45,000 grant from the Charles E. Kubly Foundation, with the support of former students Julie and Justin Randall '07 and The Jed Foundation, to join over 400 campuses nationwide to become a JED Campus. By joining the JED program, Edgewood College expands its promise to support the emotional well-being of its students.



Julie and Justin Randall '07, organizers of the inaugural Drewfest, aim to raise awareness and reduce the stigma around mental health. Proceeds from the event supported the grant received by Edgewood College.

JED's program is designed to help schools evaluate and strengthen their mental health, substance misuse, and suicide prevention programs, ensuring students have the best possible mental health safety nets. JED's subject matter experts will provide a comprehensive study illustrating strong points in the College's mental health programming while identifying ways the services can be enhanced. Edgewood College and JED will then work together over four years to implement recommended changes and better serve students.

Read more about Student Mental Health Partnership



## WASHBURN — SOCIETY —

The Washburn Society recognizes those who have included Edgewood College in their estate plans. This giving society is named to honor Governor Cadwallader Washburn who gifted his villa and lakeshore property to the Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa in 1881, thus planting the seed of what has grown into our beautiful campus.

Planned gifts create a personal legacy, regardless of the amount, by helping to ensure a future where every student can benefit from an Edgewood College education.

For more information about planned giving and the Washburn Society, please contact Jen Stewart, Director of Leadership Giving & Planned Gifts, at 608-663-6813 or [jstewart@edgewood.edu](mailto:jstewart@edgewood.edu)

## Pamela (Converse) Miller, MBA '91 & Thomas P. Miller



Early in her professional career, Pam Miller, MBA '91, stood on her faith that further education, specifically at Edgewood College, would benefit her. Earning her Master of Business Administration degree nights and weekends while working full time was challenging, but she felt supported. Professors Bill Duddleston, Phil Brereton, Elaine Beaubien, and Sr. Esther Heffernan motivated Pam to excel. She responded well to their encouragement and at graduation, she was honored as the "Outstanding MBA student of 1991."

For more than 30 years, Pam and her husband, Tom, an Edgewood High School alum, have generously supported students at Edgewood College. Their support even beyond their own lifetimes will continue to make others' educational journeys possible. A portion of their estate is committed to create the

**Pamela S. MBA '91 and Thomas P. Miller Endowed Scholarship.** Future students who may not have had the opportunity otherwise will have the Millers' support in following their dreams. A decision Pam knows from personal experience they will not regret.

## 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.

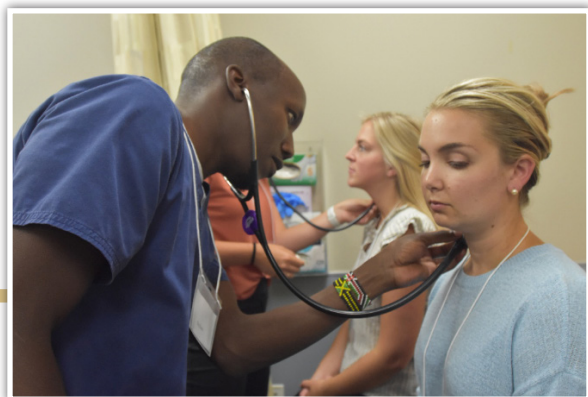
Anonymous (11)	Don & Jan Haasl, MA '95	Tess Mulrooney '85	Jacqueline & Darl Shimko
Sarah J. Barnes '06	David Hanson & Linda Bochert	Richard V. Munz	Guy '90 & Eileen Somers
Christine Beatty	Patrick '96, MBA '99 & Michele Hartley	Eileen B. Murphy '69	Anne Barrett Swanson & David K. Swanson
Jo Anne Berschet	Robert† & Carroll Heideman	Dr. O.C. Nickelberry, MBA '94	Erin Swift '04
Thomas & Shaila Bolger	Mary Kelly-Powell & William Powell	Mary Kay (Paisley) Nielsen '63	Bette Theisen
Barbara Snyder Boonchouy '65	Richard & Margaret LaBrie	Amy Ohlsen '99	Joanne K. Topham
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Dr. James G. Goll	Bryan Meddings '98	Patrick Riopelle, MA '99 & Jane Radue	Daniel & Noreen (McNamara) Welte '71
Kari (Schultz) Gribble, MBA '09 & Eric Gribble	Sharifa Merchant '92, MBA '97	Heidi L. Roth '84	Margaret (Brunns) Wood '69
Ann Grice Knoebel '67	Charlotte Meyer	Sandy Sandona '65	
Mary Anne (Everson) Guerrero '68 & Jorge Guerrero	Pamela (Converse) Miller, MBA '91 & Thomas P. Miller	Jeff Schmidt	
		Colleen Settles, O.P. '71	†Deceased



## NEW PARTNERSHIPS AND PROGRAMS | Reach new students, expand the reach of our mission, address workforce shortages, and serve the needs of our local community and beyond.

**NOVEMBER 2022** | A new agreement with **Madison Area Technical College** provides a unique, direct path for associate degree nursing students to complete an advanced degree in nursing. The new transfer agreement provides a seamless, local progression option for Madison Area Technical College students to pursue the Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Edgewood College and move directly into a Master of Science in Nursing degree.

**JANUARY 2023** | Our new program at **UW-Whitewater at Rock County** brings our bachelor's degree in nursing to residents of southeastern WI.



**MAY 2023** | New business partnership with **upGrad**, a global leader in online higher education, positions Edgewood College to make education accessible and serve our mission — both here on campus and around the globe.



**AUGUST 2023** | Edgewood College launches fully online **Doctor of Business Administration** degree.

**AUGUST 2023** | Creation of the **Accelerated Teacher Residency** program designed in collaboration with school districts to address the teacher shortage. We are currently partnering with 45+ public school districts to provide an online fully asynchronous pathway for those who have a bachelor's degree in a field other than Education to become a licensed teacher in as few as 12 months.



**MAY 2024** | Addressing a significant statewide and national nursing shortage, **Beloit College's School of Health Sciences** and the Henry Predolin School of Nursing, Business, Education, and Health Sciences are partnering on a dual-degree program housed on the Beloit College campus. The program begins on Beloit College's campus in May 2025.

**JULY 2023** | Partnership with **Evidence in Motion (EIM)** enables students in rural areas, which are largely underserved by both academic programs and the occupations themselves, to pursue degrees.

**COMING FALL 2025**

- Doctor of Occupational Therapy
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist

Stayed tuned for more programs and partnerships!

**24% OF OUR STUDENTS' FAMILIES HAVE AN ANNUAL INCOME LESS THAN \$50,000**

MORE THAN **2/3** OF OUR



STUDENTS VOLUNTEER

**21% ARE THE FIRST IN THEIR FAMILIES TO GO TO COLLEGE**

**22% IDENTIFY AS BLACK, INDIGENOUS, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR (BIPOC)**





# 2024 EAGLE GOLF OUTING

Thank you for your support of the 2024 Eagle Golf Outing! With the support of our sponsors, dollars raised will provide updates to equipment, technology, international and national travel experiences, medical services, and athlete-specific events held on campus to further build our community and support our student-athlete experience!



Left to right: Lexi Walter '22, Alyssa Lemirande '21, Allison Gordon '20, Mady Pahl '22



Left to right: Rick Lonigro '92, Keith Treinen '95, Matt Nelson '95, MA '03, Brian Beisenstein '92

## COACH GARY OFTEDAHL TO RETIRE AFTER REMARKABLE CAREER

Eagles Golf Coach for 23 years

Eight-straight runner-up finishes at the NACC Championships

13 NACC Championships

3 NACC Coach of the Year awards



“His dedication to teaching the sport and producing strong student-athletes put Edgewood College Golf on the map. Under his leadership, the golf programs have thrived.”  
 – Suann Saltzberry '05, MBA '09, Director of Athletics

Coached 40 All-NACC Players, 5 NACC medalists, 3 NACC Players of the Year, and 3 NACC Freshmen of the Year

“Character defines our players - I'm very proud of every team I've been a part of.”  
 – Gary Oftedahl

Read full article



## CHEER ON OUR EAGLES HOMECOMING WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

12:00 PM | TRIANGULAR, FIRST GAME  
 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL VS LORAS COLLEGE  
 EDGEDOME | MADISON, WI

4:00 PM |  
 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL VS UW-LACROSSE  
 EDGEDOME | MADISON, WI



STAY UP TO DATE WITH GAME TIMES AND EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

QUESTIONS?  
 CONTACT THE ALUMNI OFFICE AT ALUMNI@EDGEWOOD.EDU



37+ CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIPS

MOST RECENT: 2023 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

73 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

MOST RECENT: 2023 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

40 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES

MOST RECENT: 2023 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

182 STUDENT-ATHLETES EARN NACC SCHOLAR-ATHLETE





# ALUMNI AWARDS



Trustee & 2021 Alumni Award Recipient, Tyrone Cratic Williams '12, presents Colleen Settles, O.P. '71 with the 2023 Dominican Mission Award

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 emerging leaders and have achieved a high level of success through professional accomplishments and service to their alma mater or community.

## 2023 AWARD RECIPIENTS

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

- **Anu Ebbe, ED.D. '11** | **Madison, WI**  
Associate Superintendent of Elementary Schools, Madison Metropolitan School District
- **Kim Schaefer '91** | **Fountain Hills, AZ**  
Chief Executive Officer, Museum of Illusions

### DOMINICAN MISSION AWARD

- **Myra McNair, MS '14** | **Madison, WI**  
Founder and Psychotherapist, Anesis Center for Marriage and Family Therapy
- **Colleen Settles, O.P. '71** | **Madison, WI**  
Dominican Sisters of Sinsinawa

### PROMISE AWARD

- **Eric Arnold '06, MA '14** | **Cottage Grove, WI**  
Math Teacher, East High School, Madison Metropolitan School District
- **Natasha Sichula '20** | **Lebanon, NH**  
Cytotechnologist, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center and Clinics;  
Founder, Her Empowerment Race Zone



Left to right:  
Kim Schaefer '91,  
Eric Arnold '06, MA '14,  
Natasha Sichula '20,  
Colleen Settles, O.P. '71,  
President Andrew Manion,  
Myra McNair, MS '14,  
Anu Ebbe, ED.D. '11

# A L U M N I S P O T L I G H T



**Anu Ebbe, ED.D. '11**  
2023 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient

## HER LIVED EXPERIENCES SHAPE GENERATIONS OF LEARNERS

As a young child growing up in India, Dr. Anu Ebbe, ED.D. '11 was beaten by a teacher for not understanding the language spoken in her classroom. Her father's job required frequent relocations, each with a new language and culture to learn. More than once her family's move meant a new school for Anu, where education was provided in a language she had not yet learned. Despite her parents' incredible support, young Anu found the pursuit of education exceptionally difficult. Amidst these struggles, Anu was fortunate to encounter some amazing educators who believed in her, inspired her, and helped create a profound sense of belonging at school. They built upon her strengths and celebrated her multilingual abilities – supporting her quest of learning and creating an environment where she could meet her own high expectations.

## EXPERIENCING RACISM & FINDING BELONGING

At 14 years old, Anu moved to the United States to live with her sister in St. Louis. Although she was familiar with changing schools, Anu found herself in a predominately white school undergoing a desegregation program. As one of very few kids of color, she encountered racism and discrimination in a way that would radically change the course of her life.

Her American Government teacher asked Anu to come to the front of the class and requested the students to vote on whether Anu was more black or white. She was mortified. As she stood humiliated in front of her peers, Anu was confident of one thing – she would devote her life to positively impacting children. Candidly sharing about her lived experiences, Anu said, "I know firsthand what a difference it makes when an educator believes in you, sees you, includes you, and always maintains the highest standards for your success."

## EXPERIENCING REJECTION & CULTIVATING BELONGING

Her educational journey involved navigating some unexpected curves. Initially planning to become a pediatrician, Anu found success, a love of science, and a passion for helping children. However, Anu did not feel pursuing medical school was the right choice. She completed her undergraduate degree in microbiology and immunology, and much to her parents' dismay, decided to take a break. During that time, she worked at Marshall Field's cosmetic counter and this is where she interacted candidly with a couple of her future education professors who encouraged her to think about a career path in education.

With their support, Anu decided to explore this new opportunity for her future.

As a beginning teacher, Anu admits she was not immediately successful. Students at her alternative school cursed, threw tables at her, and rejected her authority. Frustrated and humbled, she was forced to ask herself, "What am I doing wrong?" After reading "The Dreamkeepers: Successful Teachers of African American Children" by Dr. Gloria Ladson-Billings, Anu realized that she had completely deviated from what her own lived experiences had taught her. From that point forward, she reoriented her approach toward creating a student-centered culture and climate of belonging for all students in her classroom.

## FINDING PASSION & BUILDING COMMUNITY

Once she found the path to connect with students, everything shifted for Anu. The same students who once cursed at her became the students encouraging her to become a principal. Brilliant and bright, Anu understood many of these students had experienced a system that failed them. She knew that every student needed a dreamkeeper – someone who would see them, hold them to the highest standards while looking for ways to inspire achievement, and someone whose energy would fuel their self-belief. Anu also believed that every educator could rise up and bridge this gap. Much of her work as a principal and administrator has been advocating to match teachers with specific students. In 2022, she was named Wisconsin's Secondary Principal of the Year and was a 2022 Herb Kohl Foundation Award recipient. Anu's identity as an educator is forever bound to the dreamkeepers in her life – educators who held sacred space for her.

Having discovered her passion for educational leadership and the immense joy it brought to her daily work, Anu decided to ignite that passion by

pursuing her doctorate in educational leadership. This led her to the doctorate program at Edgewood College. The community she experienced among professors and classmates is precisely the reason she chose the program that many of her colleagues encouraged her to trust with her professional goals. Now an Associate Superintendent of Elementary Schools for the Madison Metropolitan School District, Anu's leadership work intersects with more than 27,000 students and educators in a research-based, systems approach. On a statewide level, Anu provides input on professional development and advocacy for educational reform through her appointment to the Board of the Association of Wisconsin School Administrators' District Leadership Commission.

Recipient of the Edgewood College Distinguished Alumni Award in 2023, Anu attributes her success to the compassionate community that embraced her as an adult student. Her journey from a struggling student to a transformative leader exemplifies the profound impact of supportive and inclusive education.



Provost Bill Mangan, Ph.D. presents the 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award to Dr. Ebbe.



Watch Dr. Ebbe's Alumni Awards video



# EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

Our premier student leadership program created to support students from historically underrepresented populations.

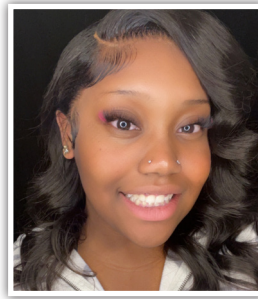
With your support we continue to achieve our goals of **increasing the number of students we serve, expanding our infrastructure, and broadening our geographical reach.**

Last academic year we served 17 students, and this fall we anticipate welcoming an additional 10 students, as we approach **our commitment to reaching a goal of 40 total students.** To meet the needs of this larger cohort, we **hired Emerging Leaders alumnus, Alex OKelue '22,** as our Academic Equity Success Coordinator in spring 2024. And we've extended our reach beyond Dane County, providing **access to students from all areas of Wisconsin.**



*“The vision for the future is not possible or achievable without your support – it is through your partnership, compassion, and commitment that progress has been and will be realized.”*

– **Richard Sims**, Interim Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer



**RACHEL** | FOURTH YEAR

“Receiving this scholarship provided me with the chance to be the first in my family, experiencing and attending a four-year college. I am sincerely grateful for the opportunity to attend college. The financial support alleviated any concerns about tuition, allowing me to fully immerse myself in college life, make meaningful connections, and contribute to building community.”

**SALAH** | THIRD YEAR

“This scholarship is not just a financial support system; it symbolizes the belief and investment that others have placed in my potential. It has instilled a sense of responsibility in me to utilize this opportunity to its fullest, not only for personal growth but also to contribute meaningfully to society.”



**BRAD** | THIRD YEAR

“Being able to go back to school at the age of 21 and with this scholarship, I knew I was truly blessed. I can pursue my dreams of being an artist and an entrepreneur rather than working jobs I wouldn't truly enjoy. I will forever be thankful for the Emerging Leaders donors, not only for their donations but more importantly for believing in our futures. The donors are a true inspiration for me to give back to my community now and in the future.”



## THANK YOU SUPPORTERS

Andrew & Amy Manion

Ann C. McCullough, O.P.  
in memory of M. Eileen McCullough

Anonymous

Ascendium Education Group

BMO

Cynthia Butitta '76

Dan & Terri Carey

Emilee (Guderyon) Schultz '13  
& Rob Schultz

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Guy '90 & Eileen Somers

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Ildy (Thallmayer) '69 & Skip Poliner  
J.H. Findorff & Son Inc.

Jim & Jessica Doyle

Jodi McDermott, ED.D. '11

Julie (Sawyer) '64 & Charles Krier

Lynn McDonald & Michael Edwards

Maggie Hopkins, O.P.

Mary T. Grace, MBA '00

Max Nguyen, MBA '18

Mike & Erica Sweitzer-Beckman

Molly '68 & Richard Connor

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Sarah Naughton, O.P.

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the charitable arm of The  
Capital Times

Thelma Duggin '71

Timeka Rumph

TruStage Foundation

U.S. Bank Foundation

\*\*Gifts since July 1, 2021

## CUTTING EDGE PROGRAM

The Cutting Edge® Program at Edgewood College delivers a fully inclusive college experience for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The program offers an equitable opportunity for learners with diverse abilities to develop and acquire the skills needed for independent and self-determined lives. Within an inclusive and supportive environment, both the students in the program and the Edgewood College community thrive, resulting in a positive impact for all our members.



**ZOIE** | CLASS OF 2024

Cutting Edge Individually Planned Certificate: Art & Communication

**FAVORITE CLASS** | Drawing 3

**FAVORITE PROFESSOR** | Jane Fasse

**FAVORITE MEMORY** | Making friends and coming out of my shell

**INVOLVEMENT** | On campus internships at Admissions and the Multicultural Student Lounge

Off campus internships at Twigs and Community Living Alliance

**FUTURE PLANS** | Zoie plans to move back home and work in an office setting at Northwest Community Hospital

“My advice for college students is to never give up. Keep on striving. Taking time for yourself is also really helpful.”



**KODY** | CLASS OF 2024

Bachelor of Science in Sociology: Human Services Concentration

**FAVORITE CLASSES** | Independent Studies on Sociology & Native American Art

**FAVORITE PROFESSORS** | Patricia Egan and Sue Pastor

**FAVORITE MEMORY** | My mother presenting to a sociology class at Edgewood College about how the Ho-Chunk Tribe views disability

**INVOLVEMENT** | Speaker at the Self-Determination Conference; Internship at Feist VCP

**FUTURE PLANS** | Kody will be living in Madison and working as a receptionist and peer support assistant at Feist VCP

“My advice for college students is don't be afraid to ask for help. Everyone at this college is willing to help you.”



Learn more about our Cutting Edge Program



# JOIN US FOR UPCOMING FALL EVENTS

**ATHLETICS** | Cross Country, Golf, Soccer, Women's Tennis, and Women's Volleyball



For game details, visit  
[EdgewoodCollegeEagles.com](http://EdgewoodCollegeEagles.com)

**ALUMNI AWARDS** | September 19

**THEATRE** | These Shining Lives by  
Melanie Marnich, September 25-29

**HOMECOMING** | September 27-29

**MUSIC** | Concert Band, October 18

Edgewood College Choirs & Guitar  
Ensemble, October 20

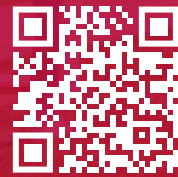
Edgewood College Chamber Orchestra,  
October 27

**THEATRE** | Young Frankenstein by Mel Brooks,  
November 15-23

**MUSIC** | Christmas Concert, December 7

**COMMENCEMENT** | December 21

**ANNUAL CALENDER OF EVENTS** |  
[edgewood.edu/events](http://edgewood.edu/events)





# IN MEMORIAM

## PRESIDENT EMERITA DR. MARY ELLEN GEVELINGER, O.P.



We will always remember and hold close to our hearts President Emerita Dr. Mary Ellen Gevelinger, O.P., who died Wednesday, March 13, 2024, in the loving presence of her closest Dominican Sisters.

Dr. Gevelinger, O.P. took on the role of President on September 1, 2019, and served for a year marked by profound challenges, including a global pandemic.

“Sr. Mary Ellen Gevelinger served Edgewood College in many ways over her lifetime, most recently as President during a critical year of budget challenges and the onset of the pandemic,” President Andrew Manion, said. “This college is forever in her debt, and deeply saddened by the news of her passing.”

“I had the privilege of serving as Chair of the Board of Trustees during President Gevelinger’s leadership,” Lucy Keane ’84, said. “Sr. Mary Ellen was a progressive visionary who loved to lead, and she accepted both the opportunities and challenges that went with those responsibilities with grace and dignity. She was a woman of deep faith, wisdom, and determination. Hers was a life of service and she lived it with a remarkable sense of gratitude for her Sisters, her community, her family, her students and her friends. She lived and loved fiercely. If you were lucky enough to have Sr. Mary Ellen call you her friend, you were lucky enough.”

Dr. Gevelinger, O.P. served more than five years as a tenured faculty member at Edgewood College and as the Director of Doctoral Research in the School of

Education. A statement to the College community when she took on her new role illustrates her devotion to the mission of Edgewood College:

“*And while not knowing exactly what the future looks like can be troubling at times, I’d like to assure you, Edgewood College has weathered turbulent years - and decades, for those of us who remember the 1970’s - before. The decade may be different, and the challenges may be complex and appear daunting, but please know this: Our students are the reason for coming to work each day. Teaching and serving them is the work we have devoted our lives to accomplishing. That has not changed, and that will not change.*”

- President Emerita Dr. Mary Ellen Gevelinger, O.P.,  
September 2019



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