

# The Madison College Foundation Bulletin

*Quarterly Newsletter: Fall 2022*



Hello Friends,

As the weather outside cools down, Madison College heats up. The fall semester is in full swing which means many activities are in progress throughout our campuses. Sixty six percent of classes have an in-person component, so campus is starting to look more like the years before the pandemic. Classrooms are buzzing with learning and students are studying in cozy nooks. But campus is alive with other activities as well. Our athletes are conditioning in the newly renovated workout facilities, the bakery is open for business sending delicious aromas across campus, and the student senate is meeting in person. Madison College offers a real full experience to students, and we hope you feel proud of the life change happening here.

We have finished awarding the majority of fall scholarships, so if you are a fund owner you should have received your profiles through your preferred delivery method: PDF, online portal, or postal mail. If you haven't or need help troubleshooting, please contact us at [foundation@madisoncollege.edu](mailto:foundation@madisoncollege.edu).

Have a wonderful autumn season and thank you for your partnership!

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### **Half a Million Dollars to Fulfill the Promise**

We are thrilled to share that The River Birch Fund has donated \$500,000 to the Scholars of Promise Program! The gift was designated by an anonymous alumnus whose own experience at Madison College was life changing. This donor sees the importance of education and the impact of attending a school where faculty and staff are motivated by student success.

The donor is happy to be paying it forward and investing in future lives. This gift will create incredible opportunities for many students who would otherwise not be able to attend college. We are so grateful for this generosity!

Read more [here](#).

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## **A Vision for Equity, Inclusion and Community**

Damira's vision is to transition support services throughout the college, shifting from the current model where the support services are under their own umbrella. For example, since about half of all Madison College students are first generation, she notes that all staff and faculty should be trained to provide support. And while everyone at Madison College already holds student success at the core of their work, this mentality and change in focus, will take the work we are already doing to another level. The goal is to increase support and belonging for students, with particular attention to those who come to Madison College without having family who have experience navigating higher education.

Read more [here](#).



## **Former Madison College Faculty Supports Associate Degree Nursing Students in a Big Way**

Gloria Gudmundson and her husband, Gene Musser, both worked in healthcare and know how critical nurses are and how dire the need is for nurses. When the pandemic hit, they decided to establish a nursing scholarship through the Madison College Foundation because healthcare is important to both of them. Gloria taught for years in the nursing program at the college. The Gloria Gudmundson Associate Degree Nursing Scholarship now

provides financial assistance to be utilized for tuition and/or related educational equipment for qualifying ADN students.

Read more [here](#).

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### **“Ellen’s Art Lounge” Named in Memory of Madison College Alumnus, Ellen Dudley**

Terry Straavaldsen hosted a cupcake birthday bash in honor of the love of his life and Madison College Alumnus, Ellen Dudley. Free cupcakes, made by [Madison College’s bakery students](#), were enjoyed by students, faculty and staff. In the spring, we will be naming “Ellen’s Art Lounge” on the second floor of Truax.

“Equality, social justice, and love for all had always been the utmost important thing in Ellen’s life. She had a heart of gold and was a natural beauty inside and out. Her elegance and coordination in clothing would never go unnoticed. Ellen’s extreme love of art, any form of expression and creativity, was a driving factor in establishing a scholarship through the Madison College Foundation, helping students pursue their degrees in Graphic Art, Design and Fashion,” said Terry Straavaldsen the love of her life. Terry continued this scholarship to honor his beautiful angel artist. They shared and lived a dream together for 31 years.



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## Scholars of Promise Welcomes New Cohort



The Scholar of Promise Staff recently hosted a new student and family welcome event for the incoming cohort. Because many Scholars of Promise students are first generation, families were welcomed to this event with their incoming students to help learn about what to expect when attending college. The event, held at the Goodman South Campus, included a resource presentation, games, and prizes. Scholars of Promise is a program for students who did not think that they could go to college, and events like this help ensure they start off on the right track.

Find out more about the Scholars of Promise program [here](#).

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## Visit Diane's Delicious Diner

Diane's Delicious Diner is a simulated restaurant environment where students develop and apply their culinary skills. Students serve, cook, and take care of all aspects of the restaurant. And the result is a 4 course, gourmet lunch!

Reservations for Fall are sold out!  
Reserve your spot for Spring [now](#)!

Dining begins at 12:00 noon and lasts approximately 1 – 1 ½ hours. The cost of dining is \$25 per person plus tax.

Visit the Facebook page [here](#).





## MADISON COLLEGE FOUNDATION

### Did You Know?

The Madison College Foundation was created in 1973 with assets of \$40,000. This modest amount accrued when faculty and staff established the first student assistance fund in memory of A.R. Graham, District Director.

Today, the Foundation provides nearly \$2 million dollars in support annually.

Emil J. Frautschi, Jerry Frautschi's grandfather, created the first endowed fund at the Madison College Foundation. Our legacy society is called the Emil J. Frautschi Legacy Society to honor the Frautschi family.

Find out more [here](#).

### Be a Part of Giving Tuesday!

We are participating in #GivingTuesday, on November 29 this year. This national day of giving inspires personal philanthropy

GIVINGTUESDAY



through the holiday season. With your help we can ensure that no student is denied an education due to financial barriers.

[Join us today!](#)

### In the News...



[Tina Ahedo will be part of panel discussion "Creating an Equitable Leadership Pipeline in Education"](#)



[Epic Systems aims to help create programs for nursing retention and community-based apprenticeships](#)



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[Madison's fire chief Chris Carbon says the college's programs are helping to recruit future firefighters](#)



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