

The Madison College Foundation Bulletin

Quarterly Newsletter: Winter 2023



Hello Friends,

This spring semester the Foundation received a record number of student applications asking for scholarship support. I'm happy to share that we awarded a historic number of scholarships, 1,036!

During my tenure at the Foundation, we have worked hard to fulfill our vision that no student be denied an education due to financial barriers, however, we still have to turn away qualified students each semester. While I am saddened to turn students away, I am thankful to see that more students are coming to us for help and we are increasing the number of scholarships we provide year over year. For so many, financial support is the only way they are able to attend college and we are working to make sure those who face significant barriers know that we are here and have funds to help.

This means we continue to partner across the community to share, connect, and to grow the awareness of the incredible and inspiring difference education makes.

In this newsletter you'll find a recording of an informative and uplifting panel event we held last month. I hope you'll take some time to watch it and appreciate the impact your partnership makes for local students. You'll be especially touched by Caty, a single mom who is striving to inspire her kids, and Hispanic students at the high school where she works. Like so many at Madison College, she is the first in her family to attend college and the amount of things she is juggling is daunting.

Have a wonderful season and thank you for your partnership!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tammy Thayer".

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"I am honored to be one of the recipients of the Smart Future Scholarship. Thanks to your generous support I am the first in my family to receive a Scholarship."

- Madison College Scholarship Recipient

Nearly 1,000 Students Need Help

Our spring scholarship application recently closed and nearly 1,000 students submitted an application. This is a **record number** of students who need help to continue studying at Madison College. While we awarded a record number of scholarships, we still turned over 100 students away.

One of our main goals at the Foundation is to ensure strong awareness of the financial support available to vulnerable local populations, so the volume of requests is thrilling. However, it means that we will likely have to turn away qualified, deserving students because of a lack of funds.

We invite you to help us say YES!

[Learn about establishing your own named scholarship fund.](#)

[Make a one time donation to Smart Future scholarships.](#)

A 55 Year Partnership

The Evjue Foundation has partnered with Madison College Foundation for 55 years, since 1968! The Evjue Scholarship is an important resource for many in our community. Evjue's latest gift funded 56 scholarships in the 2021-22 academic year, allowing students from diverse backgrounds to attend Madison College and fulfill their educational goals in various programs. Their investment made a demonstrable impact for them and the community.

"Supporting education was a passion of William T. Evjue's during his lifetime, and the Evjue Foundation has always made decisions based on that interest," said Paul Fanlund, Publisher of the Capital Times and a member of the Evjue Board of Directors. "Madison College has been a strong partner and its students have always been worthwhile recipients of our support."



"My journey would not be possible if not for philanthropic donors such as yourself. This scholarship will be put to great use. I can't thank you enough for giving me the help I so desperately need. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart."

-William T. Evjue Foundation Fund Scholarship Recipient



Enriching Lives and Strengthening Our Community

An interactive panel discussion was hosted on January 19th with more than 50 supporters in attendance. The discussion highlighted the importance of Madison College and the Foundation in our community and the impact of support on students' lives. A Madison College student, Caty, shared her journey and how scholarship support changed her life.

View photos and a recording from the event [here](#).

Spring 2023 Scholarship Recipient

"With the pandemic, and escalating inflation rates, I am finding it harder to get by with only one job. I was afraid that I would soon need to get another job in order to afford basic life needs such as housing, transportation, heat, electricity etc. If that had happened I would've been unable to continue my education next semester. This scholarship has lessened my financial stress significantly and I am able to continue to pursue my educational goals. I appreciate your acts of kindness more than I could possibly explain."

-Abigail, Electric Engineering Technology student



What Motivates Madison College Employees to Give?

This month we took the opportunity to interview three Madison College Foundation donors who work with students at the College. They are Shawna Carter, who is Madison College Vice President for Academic Affairs; Rhoda McKinney, Adult Recruiter; and Bill Bedker, teacher in the school of Human & Protective Services in the Legal Studies/Paralegal and Criminal Justice programs. All are long-time employees who work directly with our students -- Shawna for 20 years, Rhoda for over 24 years, and Bill for 25 years.

We asked Shawna, Rhoda, and Bill why each of them gives to the Foundation. Their replies were surprisingly similar and speak to the roots of the dedication our donors feel to the students who benefit.

Read full story [here](#).



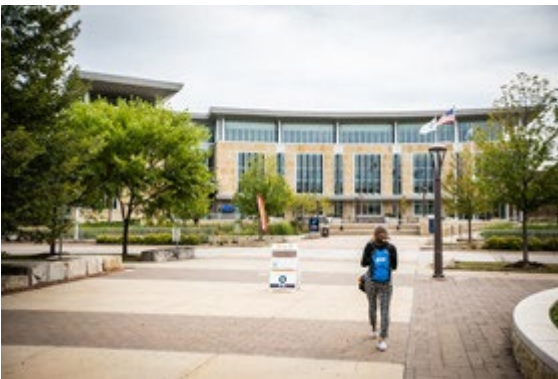
Quarterly Tours at Madison College

You're invited!

In 2023 we are hosting quarterly tours highlighting different areas and programs at Madison College.

To see the schedule and to RSVP, [please visit this site](#).

All are welcome!



Madison College President's Report 2022

This report includes enrollment and economic impact data from our last academic year. View the 2023 President's report [here](#).

Madison College Gallery Show Will Honor Alum

Ellen Marie Dudley:
A Solo Art Retrospective of Original
Hand-Drawn Fashion, Scientific, &
Graphic Art Illustrations

Opening Reception with refreshments:
Thursday, March 23, 2023 4 - 6:00 PM

Exhibit On Display:
March 23-April 13, 2023

Find more information [here](#).



Did You Know?

The Scholars of Promise Program was launched in 2016!

This program provides low-income recent high school graduates in the Madison College district area the opportunity to attend Madison College with tuition and fees covered for up to 6 semesters. Students who achieve certain academic standards are automatically accepted at UW-Madison, where tuition and fees are covered for

an additional 4 semesters. Find out more [here](#).

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