



MARQUETTE
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BE THE DIFFERENCE.



Championing Student Excellence

Funding opportunities to heighten excellence across all student populations through access, wrap-around support and high impact learning.



Access is at the heart of Marquette's mission.

St. Ignatius, founder of the Jesuits, believed in creating access to education for all students, and Marquette's own founding in 1881 centered on educating the children of immigrants. In 1909, we were the world's first Catholic university to admit women. Sixty years later, during the civil unrest of the 1960s, we established one of the nation's first Educational Opportunity Programs, empowering minority, first-generation and low-income students to enter and succeed in higher education.

Our mission calls us to continually champion access and a culture of inclusion by attracting, retaining and graduating a diverse community of students.

Join us in our commitment to provide educational access, on-campus support systems, and high-impact experiences for all.





ACCESS

Urban Scholars Program

Thanks to generous ongoing support, Marquette University’s Urban Scholars Program has developed the next generation of diverse leaders for more than a dozen years. The program offers full-tuition scholarships and support services that make the Marquette experience a reality for deserving young men and women who might not otherwise afford this life-changing opportunity.

This year, as part of Marquette’s response to racial justice issues and to renew the university’s emphasis on modeling a more diverse community, **Marquette President Michael Lovell expanded the Urban Scholars Program to offer 40 full tuition, four-year scholarships annually to high-achieving, low-income scholars from high schools in the Milwaukee area.**



The expansion of our Urban Scholars Program reaffirms Marquette’s commitment to serving low-income scholars from our city. It is an exciting opportunity to improve access to the transformative educational experience that Marquette University has offered for nearly 140 years.”

– MICHAEL R. LOVELL
Marquette President

Introducing the Marquette University Equity in MKE Fund for room-and-board

While Urban Scholars provides full tuition scholarships, it has not historically covered student room-and-board — a crucial element in allowing students to fully immerse in the Marquette experience. The university’s new “Equity in MKE” fund was created to close that gap.

In parallel with President Lovell’s call for 40 Urban Scholars scholarships, the Equity in MKE fund now allows donors to support Urban Scholars and other scholarship recipients through room-and-board funding.

Thank you for being the difference for these students.

Anticipated Room & Board Rates

- 2022-2023 = \$14,636
- 2023-2024 = \$15,148





SUPPORT

Honoring Marquette’s mission toward students means not only opening our doors through scholarship but also walking with them through graduation with comprehensive wrap-around support systems.

The COVID-19 pandemic has impressed upon us — in new ways — the importance of this multi-faceted support so that students can fully embrace their time at Marquette and excel without burdens that may otherwise impact their college experience. With your help, we can give students the confidence to succeed.



RISE, our award-winning pre-orientation program

RISE, or Ready to Inspire Success and Excellence, is an award-winning pre-orientation program for Marquette students of color.** Led by Dr. Xavier Cole in the Division of Student Affairs, RISE provides multicultural students with resources, connections and a stronger sense of belonging. *In its inaugural year, 50 first-year and transfer students participated.*

The Backpack Program

In a recent study, one-in-five Marquette students identified as having experienced food insecurity during the school year. It’s hard to concentrate on learning when you’re focused on finding your next meal. Thankfully, Marquette has created two separate programs to minimize food insecurity on and off campus: The Backpack Program and Marquette University Neighborhood Kitchen (MUNK), which provide groceries or meals on a confidential basis. *In 2020, we served 50 students a week through The Backpack Program.* We anticipate reaching even more students in the 2020-2021 school year.

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP)

Marquette’s nationally acclaimed* Educational Opportunity Program offers resources and inspiration for low-income and first-generation students whose parents do not have a baccalaureate degree to enter and succeed in higher education. Founded in 1969, the program came in the wake of crucial events that include the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Milwaukee’s open housing marches and student protests. *Over the past 50 years, EOP has supported more than 2,000 young women and men through their collegiate experiences,* and the impact of this effort is wholly evident in their successes post-graduation.

Mental and spiritual health support services

Counselors continue to meet with students in-person (following COVID-19 protocol) and also make appointments with students through secure videoconferences. Furthermore, after discussions with the Black Student Council, we have committed to hiring a BIPOC counselor so our minority students may choose to meet with a counselor who truly understands their background.

And, of course, we continue to support our students in their spiritual journey. We are proud to be a Catholic, Jesuit university with students from every faith in attendance. Our students are sustained not only through the depth of our Catholic faith but also because of our dedication to provide spiritually for students of all faith backgrounds.



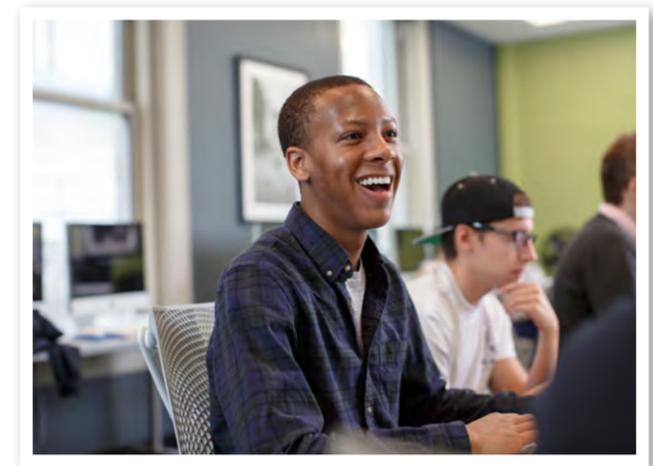
Student Success Center

While Marquette has robust existing student services and success centers based within specific colleges, the university envisions a centralized Student Success Center that will become a physical, one-stop location for existing student services, tools and resources across campus, from test proctoring and mentoring to career services and academic advising. Currently, services are scattered across multiple locations on campus, making it harder for students to navigate. Such a center would position Marquette to adapt to the ways in which today's students need and want support.

The Student Success Center would champion a holistic view of success — one that lives out *Cura Personalis* — through wrap-around services for the full spectrum of students, across all majors, academic abilities and backgrounds.

- Imagine, for example, the impact of students being paired with a success coach or navigator from the moment they step on campus until their graduation.
- The center would allow us to more consistently and personally support students toward graduation and their most successful, satisfying experience on campus.
- It also would facilitate development of future services like a centralized professional advising center that would set Marquette apart from most universities, which rely on faculty advisors.

The vibrant atmosphere and engagement of such a Student Success Center would remind students they are not alone on their Marquette journeys and that caring peers, faculty and staff are deeply invested in their individual success.





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 Several studies show that high-impact experiences are a crucial component to retaining and engaging diverse students, even more importantly, these experiences provide students a new vantage point and worldly perspective.”
 – DR. WILLIAM WELBURN
 Vice president for inclusive excellence

HIGH IMPACT Student Experiences

Marquette is growing opportunities for first-generation minority students to take advantage of high-impact experiences. Financial barriers often prevent students from accessing paid internships, experiential learning trips and unique study abroad opportunities.



Service trips abroad.



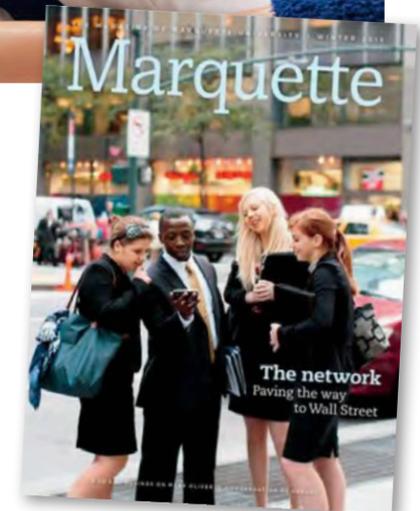
Diederich LA Experience for Communications students



Hands-on career learning



Research and lab experiences



Applied Investment Management excursions to Wall Street.

Thank you for considering how to support Marquette’s culture of inclusion and create student opportunities.



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