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**DR. ROLF WEGENKE, PRESIDENT  
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(WAICU)**

*Dr. Wegenke's Statement on Governor's Increased Investment in Student Aid*

MADISON, Wis. – Dr. Rolf Wegenke, president of the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU), today thanked Governor Scott Walker for supporting students and providing an increase in the Wisconsin Grants program in his state budget proposal. Wisconsin Grants are the state's principal student financial aid program, assisting academically qualified Wisconsin students with financial need at both public and private colleges and universities in Wisconsin.

An investment in student financial aid is an investment in Wisconsin's future workforce. Wisconsin Grants empower individual students to have access to the kinds of higher education experiences that are the best fit for them, to take charge of their own futures, and to achieve their career aspirations.

Wisconsin's 24 private, nonprofit colleges in our association and their nearly 57,000 students give priority to increasing educational opportunity. Our mission is “working together for educational opportunity.” Increasing educational attainment is a moral issue and is key to Wisconsin's competitive economic position, and increasing student aid is the sure pathway to achieving these goals.

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About WAICU:

The Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU) is the official organization of Wisconsin's 24 private, nonprofit colleges and universities. WAICU is dedicated to expanding educational opportunity for students and is nationally recognized for its innovative programming to control college costs and for its partnerships with employers to provide skilled graduates.

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