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Statement

UW System President Tommy Thompson statement on Gov. Evers' budget proposal

MADISON, Wis.—University of Wisconsin System President Tommy Thompson issued this statement today on Gov. Tony Evers' budget proposal:

"Governor Evers' budget for the UW System will allow us to tackle some of Wisconsin's most pressing challenges: expanding online education to meet market demands, tackling prison recidivism to save taxpayer money, leveraging our freshwater resources for economic and environmental gain, expanding opportunity for our neediest students. The budget shows that the Governor recognizes the value we can deliver to all Wisconsinites, as we have during the COVID-19 pandemic. Where there is a problem, the UW wants to help – and the Governor's budget will allow us to do just that on some of Wisconsin toughest problems. We look forward to working with the legislature to deliver a positive budget for UW."

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The University of Wisconsin System serves approximately 165,000 students. Awarding nearly 37,000 degrees annually, the UW System is Wisconsin's talent pipeline, putting graduates in position to increase their earning power, contribute to their communities, and make Wisconsin a better place to live. Nearly 90 percent of in-state UW System graduates stay in Wisconsin five years after earning a degree. The UW System provides a 23:1 return on state investment. UW System institutions also contribute to the richness of Wisconsin's culture and economy with groundbreaking research, new companies and patents, and boundless creative intellectual energy.

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