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WAICU Nonprofit Internship Program celebrates success

MADISON, Wis. – On “National Intern Day,” July 26, 2018, the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU) celebrates another successful summer of its Nonprofit Internship Program. Through the generous support of two Wisconsin foundations, WAICU is able to offer paid summer internships for students of Wisconsin’s private nonprofit, colleges and universities at nonprofit organizations located throughout Wisconsin. The internships offer a wide range of hands-on opportunities for many different majors while providing valuable support to nonprofit employers.

“Internships are becoming a ‘must-have’ on college graduates’ resumes,” said WAICU President Rolf Wegenke. “The WAICU Nonprofit Internship Program is a robust, structured internship program that gives students the opportunity to earn money and scholarships while gaining practical experience in the nonprofit industry.” He added that nonprofit employers who host students also benefit from skilled summer employees, while the compensation for the interns is covered by the program.

This year, through the assistance of the career services offices at WAICU-member colleges and universities, the WAICU Nonprofit Internship Program matched 23 interns from nine colleges and universities with 17 nonprofit employers. Internship sites included the Boys & Girls Club of Janesville, Cornerstone of Hope, Feeding America: Eastern Wisconsin, the Hamilton Wood Type & Printing Museum, the Hedberg Public Library, Holiday House of Manitowoc County, In Courage Manitowoc County Domestic Violence Center, the Jefferson County Literacy Council, Lutheran Special School & Education Services, the Manitowoc County Historical Society, the Manitowoc Public Library, the Rock County Historical Society, the Southfield Townhouses Neighborhood Network Learning Center, the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, Woodland Dunes Nature Center & Preserve, and the Zoological Society of Milwaukee.

Interns received a \$2,000 stipend and a \$3,000 scholarship in exchange for 400 hours (10 weeks) of work. Interns submit reflective journal writings and attend a kickoff Institute to learn more about nonprofit work and to set goals for their internships.

Wisconsin’s private, nonprofit colleges and universities include: Alverno College, Bellin College, Beloit College, Cardinal Stritch University, Carroll University, Carthage College, Columbia College of Nursing, Concordia University Wisconsin, Edgewood College, Lakeland University, Lawrence University, Marian University, Marquette University, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, Milwaukee School of Engineering, Mount Mary University, Nashotah House, Northland College, Ripon College, St. Norbert College, Silver Lake College, Viterbo University, and Wisconsin Lutheran College.

About WAICU: The Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU) is the official organization of Wisconsin’s 24 private, nonprofit colleges and universities and their nearly 55,000 students. 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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