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**Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities Distributes \$72,000  
in CIC/UPS Scholarships to Students**

Madison, Wis. – November 1, 2018 – The Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (WAICU) has distributed \$72,000 in CIC/UPS Scholarships to assist 24 students at private colleges and universities in Wisconsin. The scholarships were made possible by a grant from the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) in Washington, DC and the CIC/UPS Educational Endowment.

“Increasing our postsecondary education attainment rate is a top priority in Wisconsin, and we know that student aid is critically important to achieving this goal,” said Dr. Rolf Wegenke, WAICU president. “We are grateful to the CIC and UPS for their partnership in supporting our students’ success.”

Nationally, CIC provided more than \$1.6 million in student scholarships through state-based associations with the goal of making private colleges and universities more affordable and accessible to underserved students.

A student from each of the following institutions received CIC/UPS Scholarships this year from the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities: Alverno College, Bellin College, Beloit College, Cardinal Stritch University, Carroll University, Carthage College, Concordia University Wisconsin, Edgewood College, Lakeland University, Lawrence University, Marian University, Marquette University, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Institute of Art and 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.

“Independent colleges and universities in this country are remarkably effective at educating and graduating low-income and first-generation students in less time, with less student debt,” said Richard Ekman, president of CIC. “Helping these students afford a private college education is a truly critical need in our society, and it is rewarding to be a partner with the UPS Foundation and the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities as we help to support deserving students.”

The CIC/UPS Scholarship Program has made a private college education possible for more than 20,000 low-income and first-generation students and has had a transformative impact on individuals, families, and communities across the country.

“The UPS Foundation is honored to work with CIC to provide scholarships for students at independent colleges and universities,” said Eduardo Martinez, president of the UPS Foundation and chief diversity and inclusion officer at UPS. “Our goal is to fund powerful programs that make a lasting difference to the global community.”

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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.

### **About the Council of Independent Colleges**

The **Council of Independent Colleges (CIC)** is an association of nonprofit independent colleges and universities, state-based councils of independent colleges, and other higher education affiliates, that works to support college and university leadership, advance institutional excellence, and enhance public understanding of independent higher education's contributions to society. CIC is the major national organization that focuses on services to leaders of independent colleges and universities and state-based councils. CIC offers conferences, seminars, publications, and other programs and services that help institutions improve educational quality, administrative and financial performance, student outcomes, and institutional visibility. It conducts the largest annual conferences of college and university presidents and of chief academic officers. Founded in 1956, CIC is headquartered at One Dupont Circle in Washington, DC. [www.cic.edu](http://www.cic.edu)

### **About The UPS Foundation**

Established in 1951 and based in Atlanta, Georgia, the UPS Foundation identifies specific areas where its backing clearly impacts social issues. In support of this strategic approach, the UPS Foundation has identified the following focus areas for giving: volunteerism, diversity, community safety, and the environment. In 2017, UPS and its employees, active and retired, invested more than \$118 million in charitable giving around the world. The UPS Foundation can be found on the web at [UPS.com/foundation](http://UPS.com/foundation).