

# 2024 | Annual Report

## MARIAN UNIVERSITY



*In 2024*, we bid farewell to one president and welcomed a new president.



## **President Michelle Majewski Retires After four years at the helm of Marian University**

Dr. Michelle Majewski announced her planned retirement in the Spring of 2024. At the May 2024 Commencement, Sister Sharon Pollnow, General Superior of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes, thanked President Majewski for her years of service to the university, and she was presented a huge bouquet of roses, a gift, and received a standing ovation from the faculty. President Majewski's husband, Dr. Larry Reynolds, a professor emeritus of Marian, was also on hand for the presentation.

Dr. Majewski, who has a Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology, served at Marian for over 37 years as a full-time faculty member, chairperson, dean, and professor emerita. She had retired in 2018, but was recruited to return as acting president in April of 2020, then appointed Marian's 17<sup>th</sup> president by Marian's Board of Trustees in November of 2020.



## **Aaron Sadoff Becomes Marian's 18<sup>th</sup> President**

Aaron Sadoff was appointed the 18<sup>th</sup> president of Marian University by the Marian University Board of Trustees and Marian University's sponsor, the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes in April, 2024. Sadoff, a Fond du Lac native, is no stranger to Marian — he has served on the Marian Board of Trustees for four years and is a two-time alumnus of Marian, earning his Master's in Educational Leadership in 2001 and his Superintendent Licensure Certificate through Marian's Educational Doctoral program in 2011.

He had been executive director of the Fond du Lac Area Foundation since 2022 and prior to that, superintendent of the North Fond du Lac School District for 13 years and a principal and educator in Wisconsin for 12 years.

# President's Message

Dear Marian University Community,

It's an honor to serve as your 18<sup>th</sup> president of Marian University. Just a few months into my journey, I stand in awe of how our Marian family unites to prepare students, not only for career success, but for lives of service and compassion.

The Marian difference is how we live our Core Values — Community, Learning, Service, Social Justice, and Spiritual Traditions. These Values, a gift from the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes, serve as our north star, guiding us daily, from classrooms and athletic fields to internships and mission trips and beyond.

In this Annual Report, we celebrate our Marian community from thoughtful gestures like our CSA Sisters' encouraging notes to freshmen (Page 7) to the faculty and staff so invested in the success of student Kali Moreno, they never gave up on her (Page 6). These, and other examples embody our Core Values in action.

Marian is a strong, resilient, caring, driven, loving community, embracing our rich history and focused on future opportunities. Together, we build on our Core Values — ensuring that students will not just succeed — *they will flourish.*

Thank you for supporting Marian's mission. Here's to those who built our foundation, serve today, and lead us forward.

It is a great day to be a Sabre,



Aaron A. Sadoff  
President



# LEARNING *Core Value*



## Nursing Renovation: It Began with a Bash.

A renovation in 2023 by C.D. Smith Construction transformed the first and second floors of the Stayer Center, with state-of-the-art simulation labs, observation rooms, skills labs for practicing more advanced nursing skills, health assessment training spaces, exam rooms, classrooms, study areas for students, and spaces for gathering and collaborating. This moved Marian's Nursing program from a building in downtown Fond du Lac, back to campus.



During demolition, faculty, staff and students — even the CSA Sisters — were able to put a big hammer through the wall. As the work progressed, it was also a learning opportunity. Kurt Schmidt, Superintendent at C.D. Smith, gave Marian's Construction Management students tours of the worksite throughout the construction.

Finally, in December, just before commencement, there was a ribbon cutting, a celebration, and an opportunity for alumni and members of the public to tour the new space. The nursing students were already using their new, collaborative study space for finals.



## New Rad Tech Space at SSM Health

Also in 2023, Marian's Radiologic Technology program moved to SSM Health St. Agnes Hospital in Fond du Lac, into a renovated simulation lab, dedicated classroom, and offices.





Campus Beautification Day



Design Lab



FDL Soccer Association



Build a Bed



Grant Writers

**A hallmark of a Marian education is a joy of serving others, instilled through projects in new student orientation and nurtured as students grow. Here are ways our Marian community made a difference:**

**Orientation Service:** Freshmen volunteered at St. Mary Springs Academy, St. Vincent de Paul, Edenbrook Nursing Home, Mahala's Hope, Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, and at Marian.

**A Successful Grant:** Brenna Abrahamson and Abby Edstrom, both Social Work majors and Women's Ice Hockey players at Marian, teamed up on a successful grant that helped to fund United Way of Fond du Lac County's "Ride United," which provides rides to job interviews, medical appointments, the grocery store, etc., to those in need.

**Learning is Fun — Pass it On:** Children in Design Lab, a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) program at the Fond du Lac Library, were engaged with, and loving the Marian Education and Social Work students and alumni who volunteered as teachers and pre-service teachers.

**Experts in Their Field:** Marian University coaches, students, and alumni shared their advanced skills and team spirit with aspiring soccer stars over the summer at the Fond du Lac Soccer Association.

**Hard Work, Beautiful Results:** Students, staff, and faculty, led by Todd Buss, Marian's Operations and Facilities Manager, planted flower bulbs across the Marian campus in October for the Campus Beautification Project at Marian. The beautiful results emerged in the spring.

**No More Sleeping on the Floor:** A team of volunteers from Marian took part in C.D. Smith Construction's Build a Bed event for Sleep in Heavenly Peace, an organization that builds bunk beds for children and families in need.

**Feeding the Homeless:** Faculty, staff and students, led by Jessica Little, Associate Professor of Marketing, packed 300 bagged lunches for the homeless in Milwaukee.

**The Joy of Giving:** Campus Ministry, with the help of Marian Baseball team members and Resident Assistants, collected, wrapped, and distributed 374 gifts to needy children through the Family Resource Center in Fond du Lac.

**Sharing Experiences:** Mary Hammarlund, an Education major from Waldo, WI, gave a presentation on autism for Autism Awareness Month while student teaching at Random Lake Middle School. Hammarlund, who has autism, shared her struggles and her path to teaching.

# SOCIAL JUSTICE *Core Value*



## Breaking the Cycle of Poverty

SSM Health St. Agnes Hospital gave \$40,000 to Marian University's Working Families Grant Program, a program designed to help break the cycle of poverty for economically disadvantaged single parents. Tami Schattschneider, SSM Health St. Agnes Hospital Patient Care Services vice president/chief nursing officer, presented the check to Aaron Sadoff, president of Marian University and Kerry Strupp, Marian University's director of the Working Families Grant Program.

## Dr. Koonce Receives Black Excellence Award

Dr. George E. Koonce, Jr., senior vice president for University Relations, was honored with a Black Excellence Award in Milwaukee, from the Louvenia Johnson Scholarship Foundation, for his tireless efforts on the Dr. George E. Koonce Scholars Program, a scholarship program designed to eliminate barriers to higher education for students from underserved communities.



## The Come-back Kid

Thalia "Kali" Moreno, BS in Radiologic Technology, '24, gave a stirring commencement address, about how she dropped out of Marian after struggling to keep up with school and a college sport.

"But one of the things that I love most about Marian is how invested every single person is in your success. Not one person gave up on me," said Moreno. "I received many phone calls and emails from staff here at Marian. The answer was obvious that I needed to come back."

## A New Kind of Police Department

Aaron Goldstein, chief of police for the Fond du Lac Police Department, talked at Marian to the Criminal Justice majors, Forensic Science majors, Social Work majors and other helping professions majors, about a new kind of police department that is more inclusive and more involved in the community. Guest speakers, like Goldstein, engage students in the community, and enhance their learning experience at Marian.



# Core Value SPIRITUAL TRADITIONS

In 1936, in the throes of The Great Depression, the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes took the bold step of founding Marian College, to create an elite group of educators to unlock a world of learning for all. At Marian University, we continue our intimate connection with the CSA Sisters.



## Sisters Supporting Students

At this critical time of their lives, when some students can feel a little lost or homesick, the Sisters let the students know they are thinking of them and praying for them. Here are just a few examples:

- The Sisters write each new freshman a note of welcome and encouragement.
- The Sisters host a tent of treats and refreshments for students and their families during Orientation.
- Sister Donna Innes also gives a presentation on the Mission of the CSA Sisters during Orientation.
- At Late-Night Breakfast, when students are up late studying for finals, Sister Donna and other sisters distribute candy and let students know they are praying for their success.



## Tea with the Sisters

Everyone looks forward to Tea with the Sisters, an annual celebration of "Founders Day." Faculty and staff spend some time with, and thank our favorite founding Sisters, while enjoying traditional tea sandwiches, delicious appetizers, and desserts.



## Hearing the Call

Sister Peg Spindler, Sister Joanita Stelter, Sister Vicki Wuolle, and Sister Donna Innes shared their vocation stories with Professor James T. Gray's business students, discussing the theme "Moving From Job to Career to Calling and Ministry." Their stories provided students with thought-provoking perspectives on integrating faith into their professional lives.



## New Campus Ministry Director

Marian University welcomed a new director of Campus Ministry in 2023, Dianne Vadney, who has a Master's of Theological Studies, Marriage and Family from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute and a B.S. in Biology from Catholic University of America. Campus Ministry had a busy year and won The President's Cup, for a student organization exemplifying excellence regarding Marian's Core Values.

## Commencement Speakers

At Marian's May 2024 Commencement, attorney, leader and entrepreneur **John Daniels, Jr.** was presented with the 2024 Magnificat Award, in recognition of his outstanding leadership in the legal and civic spheres and tireless advocacy for high-quality education for underserved communities.

In his address, Daniels talked about his deep connection to Fond du Lac, beginning with his college roommate from the area — a friendship that has spanned over five decades. Despite his accomplishments, the Harvard Law School grad's self-deprecating humor had the graduates laughing. "I wanted to be a doctor, but Organic Chemistry told me to go to law school," he said.

Daniels had three takeaways:

- The things that you have gained here at Marian in enriching your life, are things that you won't recognize the importance of for a long time.
- Marian is a spectacular institution and you can't measure that by any calculus, hours, or texts. It is a place that has purpose and truth, far beyond its physical boundaries. And you can't imagine today, the full importance of that.
- Recognize your life has been enriched in a very special way. And recognize that you now enter a world that is exceptionally complicated — joined by technology to billions of people.

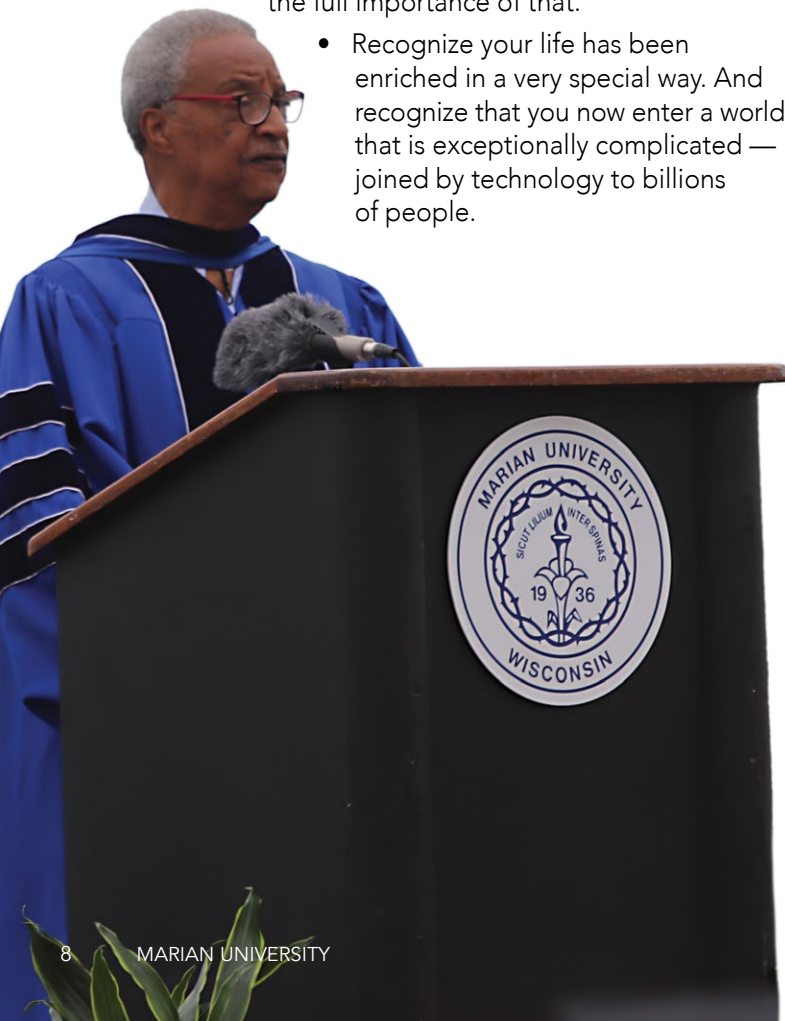


*"It's important to give gratitude for the past. And the Sisters of St. Agnes are our collective past."*

**Katherine Vergos '99**, President of SSM Health St. Agnes Hospital and now President of the Dignity Health Las Vegas Market, delivered the commencement address at Marian University's December 2023 ceremony. As a 1999 alumna and member of Marian's Board of Trustees, Vergos shared her deep appreciation for Marian's founders, the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes and their significant impact on her life and leadership.

"It's important to give gratitude for the past. And the Sisters of St. Agnes are our collective past," said Vergos. "And then also for you to find hope for your future. And today is the start of your future. As you look to start it, I hope you're encouraged by their pioneering spirit. Not only the spirit of the CSA but really all of those who have come before you at Marian University. These halls and these walls are filled with over 150 years of spirit."

Vergos urged graduates, "Call on that pioneering spirit. Be creative. Take risks." She also advised them to take care of the people in their life — spiritually, emotionally, physically — like the Sisters still care for one another today.





# Fiscal Year Review July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

*(Dollars in thousands)*

## Summary of Revenues and Expenses\*

	2023–24	2022–23
<b>Revenues</b>		
Net tuition and fees	\$ 16,304	\$ 16,737
Auxiliary enterprises	3,375	3,155
Gifts, grants, and bequests	3,592	5,848
Investment return and other	2,717	1,519
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$25,988</b>	<b>\$27,259</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Instruction	\$ 6,054	\$ 7,211
Academic support	2,470	2,379
Student services	5,938	7,908
Institutional support	5,203	5,563
Plant operations	4,001	4,480
Auxiliary enterprises	1,606	1,729
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$25,274</b>	<b>\$29,270</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 714</b>	<b>\$(2,011)</b>

## Summary of Financial Position\*

	2023–24	2022–23
Total Assets	\$ 57,247	\$ 55,778
Total Liabilities	5,735	5,010
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$51,482</b>	<b>\$50,768</b>

\*As of June 30 for the year noted. Financial information is subject to approval of the Marian University Board of Trustees.

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May 2024 Commencement

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 John P. Ricke '05, d. 9/25/23  
 Mary M. Allen Ritterling '86, d. 7/29/24  
 Marsha A. MacLean Schaumberg '82, d. 4/9/24  
 Charlene A. Fink Schick '65, d. 7/15/23  
 Jacqueline S. Bechert Schiess '65, d. 3/4/24  
 Margaret L. Kelroy Schmitz '71, d. 12/29/23  
 Janice M. Gaffney Schuh '61, d. 8/19/23  
 Laurie A. Gindt Schuster '79, d. 6/22/24  
 Sr. Jean Steffes, CSA, '65, d. 8/22/23  
 Melinda A. Kroneman Thomas '04, d. 10/16/23  
 Irene A. Senner Totsky '74, d. 9/1/23  
 Pauline M. McBride Vavra '61, d. 3/5/24  
 Jacqueline K. Hoepfner Vollmer, SASN '59, d. 5/11/24  
 Harriet L. Fisher Weisenberger '44, d. 12/28/23  
 Sr. Michele Welch, CSA, '62, d. 6/8/24  
 Paula A. Towne Wendt '95, d. 9/11/23  
 Janet E. Hitzemann Wermes, d. 9/29/23  
 Linn A. Engler White '91, d. 10/31/23  
 Kathryn Joann Van Horn Wieland '02, d. 2/13/24  
 Mercedes McCarthy Willarson '93, d. 1/13/24

# Marian Offers Strong Foundation for Medical or Veterinary School

Whether the patient walks on two legs or four, Marian University offers a strong foundation for students aiming for medical school, veterinary school or other advanced professions. It's a combination of rigorous coursework, individualized attention, and hands-on experiences. But what really sets Marian apart is our focus on ethics and service, which helps prepare our graduates to be compassionate caregivers.



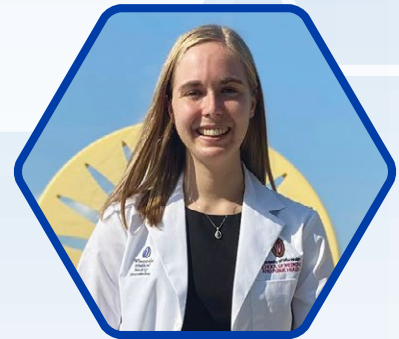
**Dr. Jack Lund '19**  
**Biology**

After Jack Lund graduated from Marian with his Bachelor of Science in Biology, he went on to optometry school at Indiana University. After graduating from Indiana in May 2023, he returned to Fond du Lac to practice optometry at Wisconsin Vision.



**Dr. Wade Weber '19**  
**Biology**

After Marian, Wade Weber went on to earn his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He currently practices at Waupun Veterinary Services, LLP, where he has a passion for dairy cattle and enjoys working with producers on nutrition, calf health, and fresh cow work.



**Danielle Veeser '21**  
**Biology**

Danielle Veeser enrolled in medical school at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health in Madison. She is part of their rural program called WARM (Wisconsin Academy for Rural Medicine).



**Mackenzie Hein '23**  
**Biology**

Mackenzie Hein started veterinary school at the Ohio State College of Veterinary Medicine in September, 2024.



**Mindy Glaser '21**  
**Chemistry and Biology**

Mindy Glaser started medical school over the summer at the Medical College of Wisconsin – Green Bay.



**Kaniala Aragon '23**  
**Biology**

Kaniala Aragon started Medical School at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health in Madison in September, 2024.



Jaysen Spanbauer



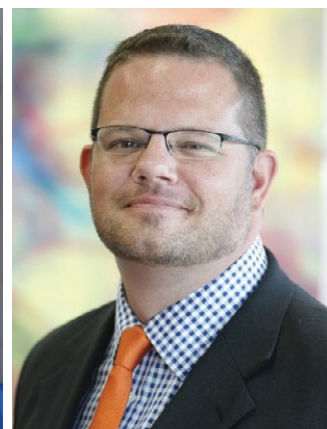
Leslie (Daubert) Malak



Dave Chipman



Jennifer Johnson



Shaun Peterson

# Honors and Awards

## Sabre Firsts

**Jaysen Spanbauer**, a sophomore from Fond du Lac, in April became the United States Bowling Congress Intercollegiate Singles National Champion, the first student in Marian University history to hold that title.

The **Women's Bowling Team** landed in the NCAA Tournament for the first time in program history.

## Hall of Fame Inductees

**Leslie Daubert Malek, '02** (*Women's Basketball & Soccer*) ranks fourth in all-time scoring in Marian's Women's Basketball and ranked second for goals scored on Marian's inaugural Women's Soccer Team.

**Dave Chipman, '02** (*Men's Ice Hockey*) was key to Marian's NCAA Men's Hockey program and remains the top scorer in program history with 87 career goals.

The **1997 Marian Women's Volleyball Team** became one the greatest dynasties in Lake Michigan Conference history, winning the program's first conference championship and going undefeated in four seasons of conference play.

The **2001 Marian Men's Soccer Team** remains one of the winningest squads in program history, with a Lake Michigan Conference Championship and NCAA Tournament berth.

## Distinguished Alumni Awards

**Sr. Judith Schmidt Core Values Award: Jennifer Johnson, '05**, BS in Psychology, is Director of Diversity & Inclusion at Legal Action of Wisconsin, a nonprofit law firm in Milwaukee, where she focuses on poverty law and helping low-income clients remove legal barriers to employment.

**Distinguished Alumni Award: Shaun Peterson, '06**, BS in Biology, has had a 21-year career in Healthcare, most recently as Senior Director of Segment and Channel Marketing in the Clinical Services Division at NeoGenomics Laboratories, headquartered in Fort Myers, FL.



2023 Women's Bowling Team



1997 Women's Volleyball Team



2001 Marian Men's Soccer Team



Karen Roberts



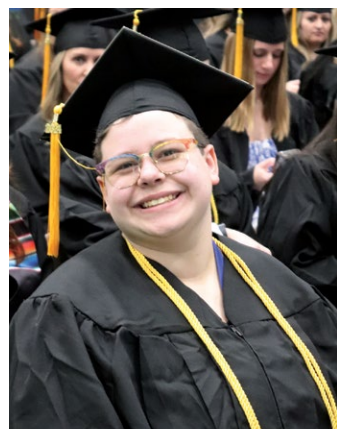
Ryan Dronek



Sarah Garvey & Mackenzie Rosin



Tyler Gouin & Addison Jacak



Mary Hammarlund

## Faculty/Staff Awards

### James Underkofler Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award: Karen Roberts

Karen Roberts, Associate Professor of Nursing at Marian University, was this year's winner of the James Underkofler Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award by the Alliant Energy Foundation. The 19-year veteran of Marian was routinely identified by her colleagues as an innovative and student-centered teacher, who fostered critical thinking in a positive manner. As a curriculum development expert, she served as the Assessment & Evaluation Coordinator for the Nursing program. She kept Marian's program on the forefront with

cutting-edge learning experiences for the students.

A formal and informal mentor to Marian nursing faculty, Roberts promoted a sense of community within the Nursing program and the university. Her leadership qualities are legendary and extend beyond the walls of the classroom, inspiring students and faculty alike.

### Graduate Excellence in Teaching Award: Anthony Dallmann-Jones

### Adjunct Teacher of the Year Award: Christopher Engle-Tjaden

### Academic Advising Excellence Award: Jennifer Shultz

### Sr. Marie Scott Award: Ryan Dronek

### Staff of the Year Award: Brad Greenwood

## Student Awards

### Student of the Year: Mackenzie Rosin

(BS Double Major in Biology and Chemistry and Women's Hockey Team)

### Student Athletes of the Year:

#### Tyler Gouin

(BBA in Marketing/Men's Basketball)

#### Addison Jacak

(BS in Elementary Education and Special Education/Women's Bowling)

### Spirit of Marian Award:

#### Mary Hammarlund

(Double Major in Elementary/Middle Education and Special Education)

### President's Cup Award:

#### Campus Ministry Club

### Service Learning Award:

#### Business Club

## Remembering those we lost...



### Janet Wermes, Assistant to the Vice President of Academic Affairs

Wermes was an anchor at the university, a well-known, steadfast, kind person whom everyone relied on. She had just celebrated her 20-year anniversary with Marian a few

months earlier before she passed away suddenly, as a result of a motor vehicle crash in September, 2023. Colleagues remembered Wermes as a woman of great faith, an amazing colleague, an amazing friend and an amazing member of the Marian family.



### Ernie DiDomizio, Former Assistant Soccer Coach

Marian University and Sabre athletics mourn the sudden loss of Ernie DiDomizio, a former soccer player and assistant coach, who passed away in April, 2024, at age 56. DiDomizio, a member of the

Marian Men's Soccer program from 1987-90, was a part of the first conference championship in program history in 1988. Ernie graduated from Marian with a degree in social work and served as a social worker and a teacher for at risk youth in the Milwaukee area.

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## The Return of The Academic Symposium

“Work: A small, but mighty word.”

The return of Academic Symposium after a few years' absence due to COVID, created much excitement. Scholars from Marian and the regional Commuinity were invited to discuss, debate, reflect, learn, and understand controversies surrounding work.

Presentations, panel discussions, and posters showcased Marian faculty, emeriti, staff, students, CSA, and outside experts. Topics included: the workforce shortage; the first amendment in the workplace; generational differences in the workplace; rehabilitation of incarcerated individuals and how they contribute to the workforce; human sex and labor trafficking in Wisconsin; how work defines you; and many more.

Leading the efforts were James Gray, Professor of Business; Dr. Sheryl Ayala and Dr. Donna Innes, CSA, Professors Emeritae; and Brad Greenwood, Networking Specialist.

