



Making History at Marian University

Marian University officially welcomed fourteenth president, Steven R. DiSalvo, Ph.D., at an inaugural ceremony on campus on Oct. 23, 2010. The event included a link to DiSalvo's prior work with the New York Says Thank You Foundation. Marian was the sole Wisconsin site to host the National 9/11 Flag.

The weekend began with the Inauguration Liturgy held in Dorcas Chapel. In the afternoon, the investiture ceremony was attended by family, friends, and the Marian community who came to celebrate this momentous occasion. Following the ceremony, a special historic stitching ceremony of the National 9/11 Flag was held in Dorcas Chapel.

Rebuilding America: One Stitch at a Time

Destroyed in the aftermath of the World Trade Center attacks on Sept. 11 and stitched back together seven years later by tornado survivors in Greensburg, Kan., The National 9/11 Flag is a living testament to the resilience and compassion of the American people.

In the days following the attacks, remnants of a 30-foot American flag hung torn and blowing in the wind. Volunteers of the New York Says Thank You Foundation brought the tattered remains to Greensburg, Kan., a town that was 95 percent destroyed in 2008 by an EF5 tornado. Joined together by stories of tragedy and triumph, volunteers began restoring this very special American Flag back together, using flags salvaged from the Greensburg tornado.

The National 9/11 Flag made one visit to each state across the country, where local service heroes were given the privilege of stitching the flag back to its original 13-stripe format before it makes its final home at the National September 11 Memorial Museum.

The goal of the tour was to display the historic flag at a variety of venues across the country, to empower local service men and women in all 50 states, and to inspire America with the flag's rich visual history.

Fond du Lac Family Connection partners students with local families

Families from local communities are now paired with Marian students new to the area. The Fond du Lac Family Connection program, sponsored by the University's International Multicultural Center, aims to welcome new students to Fond du Lac and introduce them to the opportunities available locally.

Students are able to look to their family mentors as a resource for guidance while transitioning to college and a new city of residence.

For more information about the mentorship program or to learn how to participate, provide your name, address, phone number and email address to the International Multicultural Center, 45 S. National Ave., Fond du Lac, or email your information to imc@marianuniversity.edu.

Marian renews lease and renovates West Allis location

Marian University renewed its lease with the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish for their West Allis location, where more than 450 Marian students are enrolled in a variety of adult accelerated, master's and doctoral degree programs.

The 10-year lease includes a major renovation of the facility, highlighting a reception area, student lounge, windows, new heating system and whiteboards in the classrooms, in addition to painting and improving the lighting in all classrooms. The building is more than 10,000 square feet and includes 10 classrooms.

For more information about Marian University's West Allis location, contact the Office of Professional, Adult and Continuing Education at pac@marianuniversity.edu or at (414) 259-6757.



Marian University awarded student support services grant

Marian University has been awarded a five-year, \$1.1 million TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) grant to provide students with academic resources in recognition of the University's commitment to student achievement and success.

Marian is among 22 Wisconsin colleges and universities to receive this grant and one of six first-time recipients in 2010. The SSS program offers first generation, low-income and disabled students the opportunity to apply and have access to programs and resources that will help them succeed in college. The grant, which is one of eight TRIO Programs, is funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

All SSS programs must provide academic tutoring, guidance in career selection, assistance with financial aid programs and scholarships, financial and economic literacy counseling, and help with admission to graduate and professional programs, as well as enrollment assistance for students transitioning from two-year institutions to four-year programs.

