At Stritch we believe in the pursuit of community engaged academic excellence through collaboration and mutually beneficial partnerships that build stronger and more caring individuals, organizations, and communities that together serve the greater good for all.

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS

The Southeastern Wisconsin Educator Project is dedicated to accelerating effectiveness of new teachers through research-based comprehensive mentoring and professional development programs aligned with Wisconsin PI-34 state requirements.

The African American Leadership Program (AALP) is the premier leadership development experience for African Americans in the Milwaukee area. AALP uses active learning, executive coaching, and professional networking to strengthen the leadership growth of professionals in private, public, and nonprofit organizations. More than 150 leaders have completed AALP since 2008.

The Neighborhood Leadership Initiative engages volunteer and professional community leaders in experiential learning and coaching sessions that identify personal values and leadership styles, strengthen communication skills, and improve relationships with city and county government.

The Principals’ Center is founded on the belief that school leaders who are purposeful, passionate, and reflective about their work, and who are engaged in sustained exchange of ideas with colleagues, have greater potential to transform schools to ensure student achievement. Participation in the programs and services organized and sponsored by the Principals’ Center is open to all leaders of public, parochial, and private K-12 schools and districts.

Urban Literacy Centers provide access to functional, lifetime literacy and offer comprehensive literacy assessment and intervention services for students in selected Milwaukee Public Schools. The Centers address the tremendous need for literacy instruction and all students are taught in groups of 1-3 by literacy professionals.

The Saint Clare Center for Catholic Life provides formation and education for lay Catholics who wish to grow in faith and service. Professional development in theology, scripture, spirituality, and ministry serve volunteers and employees from parishes and schools throughout the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, including 2,400 Archdiocesan teachers.

BY THE NUMBERS: 2016–17 ACADEMIC YEAR

13,500+ community service hours completed by students
74 community–campus partnerships supporting program development
24 articulation agreements with 16 colleges for 10 degree programs
184 undergraduates student interns who served at over 125 businesses and organizations
95 student teachers in 107 schools
170 nursing students participated in clinical learning activities

MAJOR GRANT FUNDED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES

The arts@UWMke is a partnership with Arts@Large and Milwaukee Public Schools to support Stritch education students as they become confident and competent teaching in and through the arts. This two-year $500,000 Margaret A. Cargill Foundation grant enables students to experience innovative arts integrated methods classes, supportive school placements, and have access to mentoring and coaching to grow and sustain them through their first five years of teaching.

The Career Ready Internship Grant is enabling the creation of 165 new paid internships for juniors and seniors with financial need. This three-year $86,000 award from the Great Lakes Higher Education Corporation helps build capacity at area nonprofit organizations while enabling soon-to-be graduates become equipped with the knowledge and skills that will help them succeed in their careers and communities.

The Mission Fuel: Wisconsin’s Nonprofit Accelerator launched in fall 2017 to teach nonprofit leaders how to create, develop, and deploy cost-effective, sustainable, innovative business models that yield sustainable mission-driven organizations. Through a $150,000 contract with the Wisconsin Division of Children and Families and in collaboration with the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA), Mission Fuel uses a holistic accelerator model that includes coursework, technical support, mentoring, coaching, and other wrap-around services.

The San Damiano Encounter is a faith-based leadership development program provided by Stritch faculty and staff for high school students in southeast Wisconsin. This four-year $409,302 grant award is funded by the Lilly Endowment Inc.’s High School Youth Theology Institutes initiative helping high school students engage with their own questions of meaning, identity, and purpose through a process of integrating theological learning, reflection on vocation, and critical thinking about current societal issues.

In 2011 Milwaukee Public Schools was awarded 33 million dollars to implement a Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Program (GEAR-UP). TEAM GEAR UP is a 7-year project bringing together institutions of higher education, college access organizations, and community-based organizations with a goal of increasing the number of MPS students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. Stritch has been a strong partner since the launch of the project providing reading, writing, and math literacy support, professional development for school staff, career exploration through campus visits, and ultimately scholarship assistance when these high school students enroll at Stritch as college freshmen.
Alumni Leaders Share Mission with Students and Community

In 2016–17, Cardinal Stritch University welcomed four alumni to campus as keynote speakers in the Mission-Driven Leaders series.

Mission-Driven Leaders exemplify what Stritch strives to cultivate in every graduate: engaged local and global citizens who build caring and thriving communities in service to the greater good.

This year’s speakers included:

- Kenneth P. Manning, ’00, retired chairman of the board for Sensient Technologies Corporation
- Dr. Roxie Hentz, ’01, ’09, founder and CEO for CEOs of Tomorrow, Inc.
- Janette Braverman, ’09, Ozaukee County supervisor and Rockwell Automation Information Technology Process Leader
- Joaquin Altaro, ’02, ’14, vice president of commercial banking for Town Bank

Attend a Mission-Driven Leaders session in 2017–18 to engage with dynamic professionals who have aligned their values with actions to achieve positive results for themselves, their organizations and businesses, and the society at large.

Since its inception in 2013, speaker series host Dr. Mark Gesner, in collaboration with the Stritch Alumni Association, has hosted 26 exceptional alumni for their inspirational visits back to campus.
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BRINGING THE COMMUNITY TO CAMPUS

The Kendall Lecture Series brings to campus speakers of national prominence who are chosen based on their ability to encourage meaningful intellectual discussion among students and the broader Milwaukee community.

The Mission-Driven Leaders Series features successful Stritch alumni who align their values with actions to achieve positive results for themselves, their organizations and businesses, and the society at large.

Forums on Faith and Work provides an opportunity for professionals to gather, network, build connections, and explores Gospel values with members of the Catholic business and professional community.

Through Continuing Education and Professional Development we have the capacity to respond to distinctive private and public sector needs with in-person and online professional development, educational seminars and adult learning non-credit programs.

Along with all the academic and community engagement efforts highlighted in this Stritch Snapshot, the University also welcomes the community to scores of sporting events and an exciting array of art exhibitions, theatrical plays, and musical concerts each year.

COMMUNITY-CAMPUS PARTNERSHIPS

Stritch is committed to four distinct types of mutually beneficial community partnerships:

364 Placement Partners including the Agape Center, Compost Crusader, Messmer High School, Harley-Davidson, Pieper Power and St Ben’s Clinic where students learn by doing through internships, student teaching, nursing practica, and community service initiatives.

74 Project Partners including the Healthy Kids Collaborative, The Holocaust Education Resource Center, Milwaukee Art Museum, The Commons, the Young Enterprising Society, and The National Band Association where faculty and students work with organization leaders to develop and implement clearly defined projects and programs.

21 Enrollment Partners including Allianz Life, Aurora Healthcare, Seton Catholic Schools, CEOs of Tomorrow, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Milwaukee where there is recognition of the value that a Stritch education can have for employees and stakeholders’ professional and personal growth.

5 Signature Partners including Jo’s Learning Academy, Milwaukee Public Schools, Milwaukee Area Catholic Schools, UMOS, Inc., and the Archdiocese of Milwaukee where there is a deeply shared commitment to work together with Stritch to leverage shared assets and shared values to cultivate the growth of professionals and engaged citizens committed to serving a greater good.

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