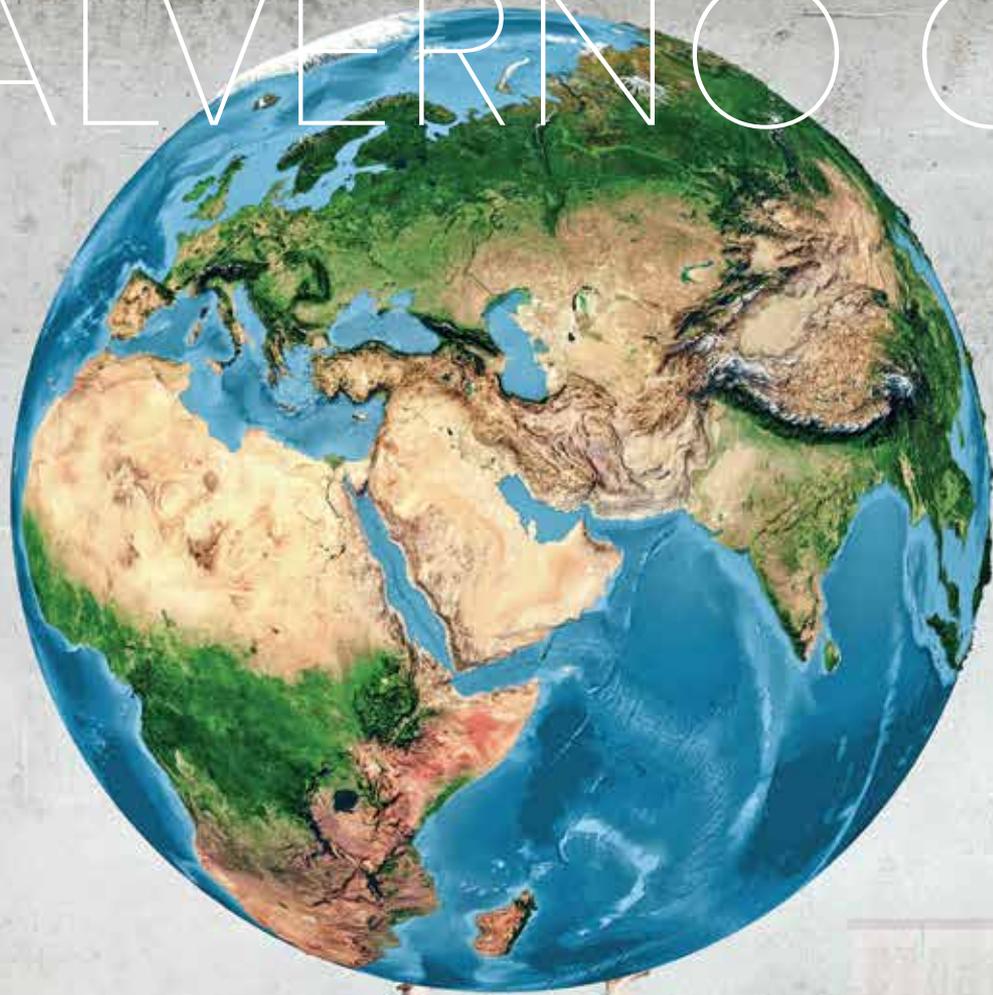


# ALVERNO COLLEGE



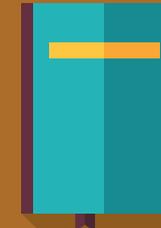
BECAUSE THE WORLD  
NEEDS STRONG WOMEN.



## Why Alverno?

We've been committed to empowering women to discover their greatest potential for 130 years. Recognized worldwide as a leader and innovator in higher education, Alverno ensures that our students learn from actually doing, not just reading and memorizing.

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## Your success. Our priority.

Whether you're looking for academic help, plotting a career path or developing a rewarding course schedule, you'll find everything you need to ensure your success.

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## Life at Alverno

It's not just a campus. It's a 46-acre community, where you'll discover your best self in a vibrant, inviting atmosphere and make connections that will last a lifetime.

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## Life in MKE

When you're located only minutes from downtown, learning doesn't stop at the edge of campus.

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## Tuition and financial aid

Our goal is to help you find a smart, sensible path to finance your education. Alverno is one of the most affordable private colleges in Wisconsin.

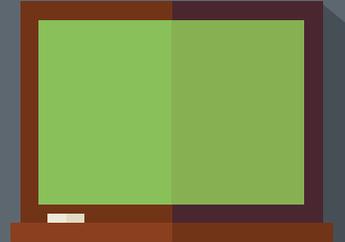
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## Majors and minors

We offer more than 60 areas of study in our School of Arts and Sciences, School of Business, School of Education, and Joann McGrath School of Nursing.

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# Your *potential* is a mighty force.

We're experts at unleashing it.

**IMAGINE THIS:** A diverse community of more than 2,000 friendly, inspiring, **SUPPORTIVE** women. Professors who **KNOW YOU BY NAME** and meet you for lunch. **HANDS-ON LEARNING** tied to **REAL-WORLD SKILLS**. No large lecture halls. No traditional grades. Just a world-renowned, **INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM** that challenges you to achieve more than you ever thought possible and to **BECOME THE LEADER** you're meant to be.

We're not your typical college. Then again, we've always believed that to achieve extraordinary results **YOU NEED TO THINK DIFFERENTLY.**

# A rich history of developing *female leaders*

You're about to become the latest chapter in a story that started in 1887 when the School Sisters of St. Francis chartered a school to train parish teachers in Milwaukee. Today, Alverno is one of the **LARGEST CATHOLIC WOMEN'S COLLEGES** in the nation. Our faculty are proud to carry on this tradition — 130 years strong — of **EMPOWERING WOMEN TO DISCOVER THEIR GREATEST POTENTIAL.**

Women's colleges offer **POWERFUL ADVANTAGES:** Compared with their peers at coed colleges and flagship public universities, **GRADUATES OF WOMEN'S COLLEGES** are more likely to assume leadership roles, feel prepared for their first job and go on to graduate school. It's no wonder that alumnae of women's colleges make up a disproportionate number of the women in Congress and the female board members of Fortune 100 companies.



Learn more:  
[alverno.edu/ibelong](http://alverno.edu/ibelong)

*Fun fact:* Alverno takes its name from La Verna, a mountain in Italy where St. Francis and his followers reflected on life and gained perspective. It's a fitting namesake for a college dedicated to helping students find a deeper, more meaningful life.



"You won't just receive a **top-notch** education here. You will **evolve** into the woman you always **dreamed** you could be."

— *Angela*, Psychology major

MAJORS & MINORS

**60+ AREAS OF STUDY**

(See page 10 for a complete list of our majors.)

WELCOMING COMMUNITY

Alverno is one of Wisconsin's most inclusive four-year colleges:

Nearly **40%** of students are women of color

More than **70%** are first-generation college students

**20** religious denominations are represented on campus

FACULTY

**10:1** student-to-faculty ratio

**108** FULL-TIME FACULTY MEMBERS

# Alverno at a glance.

AFFORDABILITY

**ONE OF THE LOWEST PRIVATE COLLEGE TUITIONS IN WISCONSIN**

Comprehensive financial aid packages and scholarship opportunities — nearly

**100%** of incoming students receive an academic scholarship

CAMPUS

**46-ACRE CAMPUS**

located in the Jackson Park neighborhood of Milwaukee

ATHLETICS



**7** SPORTS AT THE NCAA DIVISION III LEVEL

Basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball

ENROLLMENT

**2,209** TOTAL ENROLLMENT

**1,558** women of all ages in undergraduate programs

**651** women and men in graduate programs

# The Alverno *difference*

You'll hear us talk about our **ABILITIES-BASED CURRICULUM** and assessment-based learning. In other words? **KNOW IT AND SHOW IT**. Every assignment is designed to give you tools that you can use in everyday life, so you'll practice and perfect the skills most in demand by today's employers before you're even in the real world (more on those skills in a bit).

So what does learning at Alverno look like?

**SMALL CLASSES**, thought-provoking discussions, in-depth projects, and group work and presentations. You'll get a taste of your future career through at least **ONE REQUIRED INTERNSHIP**. You'll be immersed in a world of **CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT** — from faculty, business and community leaders, your peers, and yourself — and you'll be amazed by what you discover as a result.

**At Alverno, you are your competition.**

Average undergraduate class: 20-25 *students*



## Why doesn't Alverno use letter grades?

Because we believe that a semester's worth of learning can't be summed up with a single letter. Instead, our instructors give you paragraphs of concrete **feedback** on **what you do well** and **what you can do better, pushing you to reach your highest potential and creating a hunger for continuous improvement that stays with you the rest of your life. Plus**, it's more in line with the sort of evaluation you can expect in the workplace. Your boss won't give you an A or B. She'll tell you what you're doing well and how to do it better.

"I had no idea that at Alverno I would become **confident, bold** and **embracing of challenges**. The campus community truly nurtures you toward operating at your highest potential and owning your greatness!"

—*Pamela*, Communication major



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# 8 Core Abilities

## 1 *Exceptional Education*

How do we know an Alverno education is worth it?

We ask our graduates.

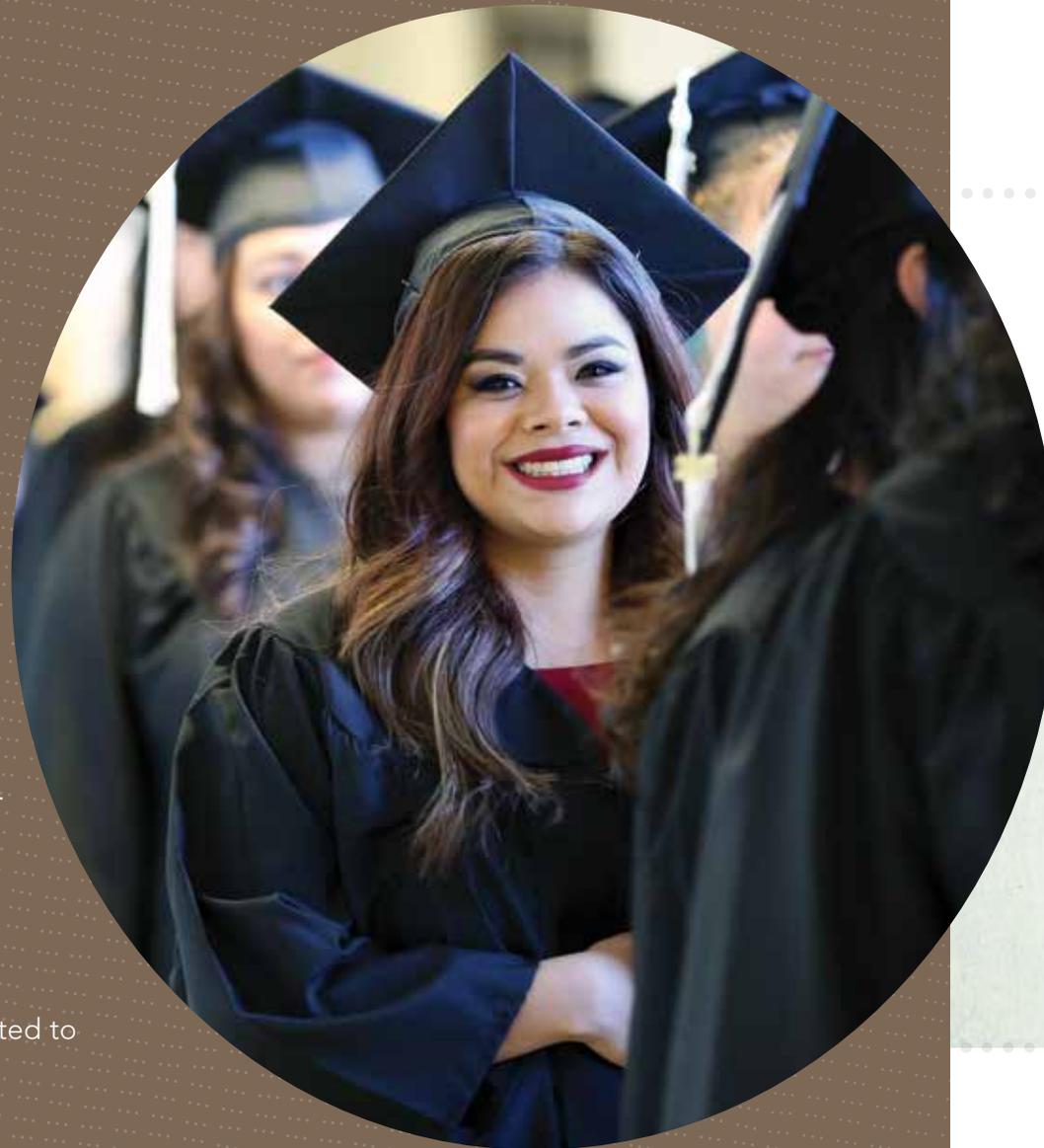
In a survey that included **95% of our graduating class**, **85% of Alverno graduates reported being employed** or pursuing a graduate degree or professional school.

**86% of employed graduates were employed full time** and 14% part time.

**82% of graduates reported working in jobs** directly related to their career goals.

**12% plan to enroll in a graduate** or professional school.

\* According to an annual survey. Rolling 3-year average. +/- 4% margin for error.



Every class you take at Alverno requires you to demonstrate competency in **EIGHT CORE ABILITIES**, skills that are essential to succeeding both on the job and in life.



### COMMUNICATION:

make meaning of the world by connecting people, ideas, books, media and technology.



### ANALYSIS:

develop critical and independent thinking.



### PROBLEM SOLVING:

define problems and integrate resources to reach decisions and take action.



### DEVELOPING A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE:

understand and respect the economic, social and biological interdependence of global life.

**It's this unique skill set that makes Alverno graduates so distinctive and well-prepared for the workforce or graduate school.**



### VALUING IN DECISION MAKING:

approach moral issues with appreciation for different perspectives and confidence in personal decisions.



### SOCIAL INTERACTION:

facilitate results in a group by engaging the voices and views of others.



### EFFECTIVE CITIZENSHIP:

develop strategies for collaborative involvement in community issues.



### AESTHETIC ENGAGEMENT:

integrate participation in the arts for a richer perspective on all disciplines.

# MAJORS *and* MINORS

## School of Arts and Sciences

### Majors

Art Education  
Art Education/Art Therapy  
Art Therapy  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Community Leadership  
Computing & Information Technology  
English  
Environmental Science  
Global Studies & International Affairs  
Health Education  
History  
Media Design  
Kinesiology  
Mathematics  
Music Therapy  
Philosophy  
Politics  
Pre-Professional Studies (Law, Dentistry, Medicine, Pharmacy, Physician Assistant, Veterinary)  
Professional Communication  
Psychology  
Religious Studies  
Sociology  
Studio Art  
Women's & Gender Studies

## School of Education

### Majors

Elementary Education/  
Early Childhood  
Elementary Education/Middle  
Biology/Secondary Education  
Broad Field Science/  
Secondary Education  
Chemistry/Secondary Education  
English Language Arts/  
Secondary Education  
Mathematics/Secondary Education  
Social Studies & History/  
Secondary Education

## School of Business

### Majors

Business & Management  
International Business  
Management Accounting  
Marketing Management

## JoAnn McGrath School of Nursing

### Major

Nursing

## Minors

Adult Education  
Art History  
Asian Studies  
Biology  
Business & Management  
Chemistry  
Chinese Language & Culture  
Community Leadership  
Computing & Information Technology  
Creative Arts  
Creative Studies in Writing  
Dance & Theater Arts  
Elective Studies  
English  
Environmental Science  
Global Studies & International Affairs  
History  
Mathematics  
Music  
Philosophy  
Politics  
Pre-Professional Studies  
Professional Communication  
Psychology  
Religious Studies  
Sociology  
Spanish/English Healthcare Interpretation  
Spanish Language & Cultures  
Studio Art  
Women's & Gender Studies



## What if I haven't decided on a major?

**DON'T WORRY** — there's plenty of time to explore your options and figure it out, and our advisers and Career Education Center are here to help. Plus, with more than 60 areas of study, you're sure to **FIND YOUR PERFECT FIT.**

## Transferring to Alverno (it's easy)

Transfer students comprise half of our student enrollment, so **WE'LL WORK WITH YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY** to ensure that credit is received for prior course work — even reviewing your unofficial transcripts before you apply. It's just one more way that we ensure that you have a smooth transition. Learn more at [alverno.edu/transfer](http://alverno.edu/transfer).



Your success.  
Our priority.



Research opportunities through the Center for Academic Excellence

#### ACCESS TO FACULTY

With a **10:1 student-to-faculty ratio**, you'll get plenty of personal attention from our instructors. It's not uncommon for Alverno students to call, email, text or get together for lunch with professors. Your faculty mentors will challenge you and cheer you on.

#### PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC ADVISERS

The dedicated experts in our Academic Advising Office will keep you on track so you can **reach your academic goals**.

#### CENTER FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

This center for high-potential students can expand your academic horizons, doing everything from helping you find resources for conference travel to **connecting you with researchers in your field**.



#### AMAZING INTERNSHIPS

Alverno's nationally recognized internship program can connect you to more than 2,000 internship sites, allowing you to bolster your resume while putting what you've learned into practice. Because of Alverno's commitment to hands-on learning, **all of our students complete at least one internship** or field placement.

#### CAREER PREP

Think of our Career Education Center as your one-stop shop for seminars, internships, career counseling, resume workshops, job search strategies and much more. The center's staff and resources will be **invaluable as you prepare to enter the job market**.



Small group study rooms

#### LIBRARY AND LEARNING COMMONS

This is the place to go when you're looking for a book or online media, need help with research or just want a quiet place to study. Our reference librarians can recommend source materials and help you access them from our library or other libraries through the **Midwestern Interlibrary Loan Program**.



#### TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

In our **Academic Computing Center**, you can access PC and Mac computers, scanners, printers and a range of software in one convenient location. In the Media Hub, you'll find TV production studios, a digital production lab and editing suites, and digital equipment available for student use.



#### ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Our classes in math, algebra, reading/writing, English as a Second Language and computer skills **provide a foundation for your success**. Alverno makes every effort to provide accessible facilities and programs for individuals with disabilities. For accommodations or services, please contact the student accessibility coordinator at 414-382-6016.

#### STUDYING ABROAD

Broaden your horizons and gain a global perspective. A leader among Wisconsin's liberal arts colleges, Alverno's study-abroad programs offer **opportunities to study in countries around the world**, including England, Japan, Mexico and France.



# It's not just a campus. It's your 46-acre *classroom*.

**CAMPUS LIFE AT ALVERNO IS BUSY AND VIBRANT.** Student organizations of all kinds, athletic events, performing arts, thought-provoking forums — there's always something happening.

## Arts

Music, theatre and the arts are an integral part of the Alverno experience. The main stage in La Verna Commons offers a variety of free entertainment during the lunch hour on Mondays and on Wednesday nights.

## Athletics

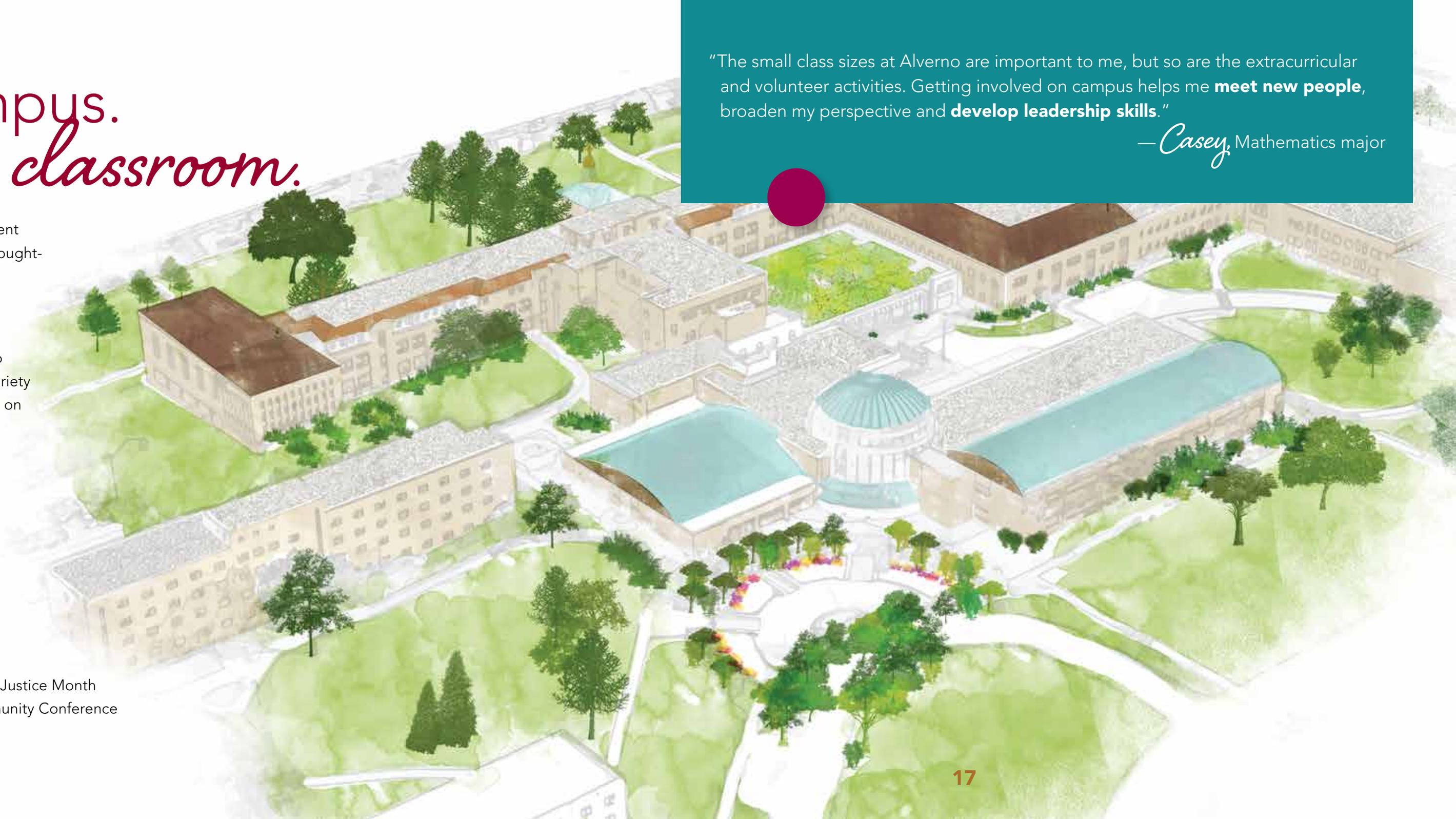
Through the **NCAA DIVISION III** and Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference, Alverno offers basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball teams. More of a spectator? Come out and cheer on the Alverno Inferno!

## Campus traditions

Convocation	Winter Formal	Social Justice Month
Homecoming	Alverno Idol Contest	Community Conference
Thanksgiving Dinner	Community Day	

"The small class sizes at Alverno are important to me, but so are the extracurricular and volunteer activities. Getting involved on campus helps me **meet new people**, broaden my perspective and **develop leadership skills**."

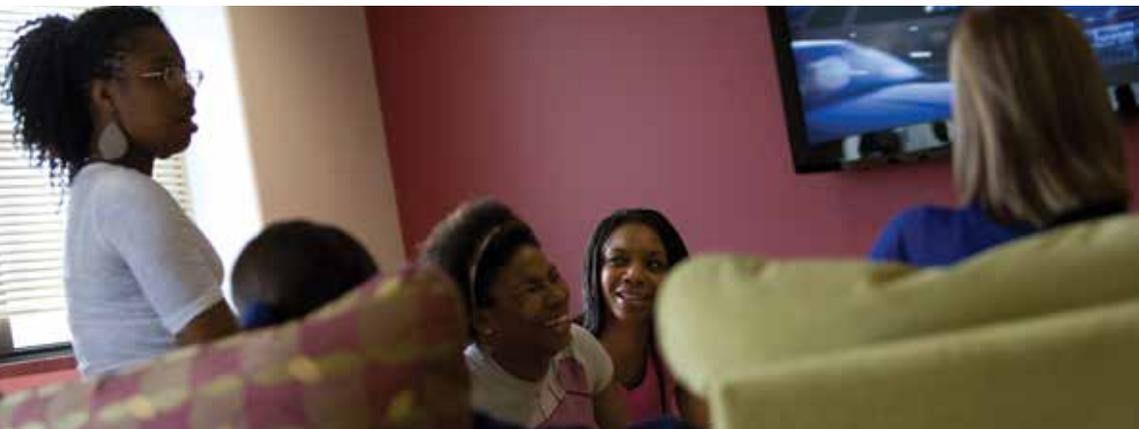
— *Casey*, Mathematics major



# Connecting learning with living

Beyond the benefit of being only minutes away from classes, our residence halls help you create a **BUILT-IN SUPPORT NETWORK** that enhances all aspects of your college experience.

Alverno has two residence halls: Austin Hall and Clare Hall. Enjoy perks like **SPACIOUS ROOMS**, **FREE PARKING** and a **BIKE RENTAL** program, as well as standards like **CABLE TV**, **WIRELESS INTERNET**, **FREE ON-SITE LAUNDRY**, a **COMPUTER LAB** and 24-hour access to campus security. When it's time to take a homework break, you can watch a movie with friends in one of the **MANY LOUNGE AREAS**, cook in the **FULLY EQUIPPED KITCHENS** or check out a concert, comedy show or interactive program in La Verna Commons.



"What I love most about residence life is the community here. It can be tough to be away from family, but **living on campus means I have a family away from home.** There's always someone to talk to or something fun to do."

—Coreen,  
Interactive Media Design major



*Fun fact:* Our campus was recently made even more beautiful through a **\$30 million renovation**, the biggest campus improvement project in Alverno history.



Learn more:  
[alverno.edu/ibelong](http://alverno.edu/ibelong)

Guided by our College motto, "**In holiness and learning,**" Alverno is committed to inspiring the whole student — your mind, body and spirit. We offer a range of services to help you reach your physical, emotional and spiritual best.

## Fitness Center

Work up a sweat with our treadmills, elliptical trainers, free weights and other workout equipment. **BEST PART: IT'S FREE.**

## Health and Counseling Services

Our **NURSE** provides preventive care, illness assessments and wellness promotion, and our **COUNSELOR** can help you cope with stress, anxiety or other mental health concerns.

## Campus Ministry

Our Catholic, Franciscan heritage is an important part of who we are, but we nurture a community that is **DIVERSE IN FAITH**, spirituality and denomination. Students of all faiths are invited to take part in Campus Ministry, weekly meditation and other social events (don't miss the crumpets and tea outside the chapel on Tuesdays).

# Find your niche

Check out the Student Involvement Fair in the fall and spring to explore Alverno's 40-plus social, professional and service organizations.



## Academic and professional

- Alverno Asian Student Nurses Association
- Alverno College Music Therapy Students
- Alverno College Student Nurses Association
- Alverno Student Wisconsin Education Association
- AMAZE (Alverno Management Accounting Zealous Entrepreneurs)
- Artourage
- Black Student Nurses Association
- The F-Word (feminist organization)
- Global Studies Club
- Hispanic Nurses of Alverno
- Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee student chapter
- Pre-Professional Women of Alverno
- Psi Chi
- Psych Forum
- Society for Human Resource Management

## Multicultural groups

- Black Student Alliance
- C.H.I.C.A.
- Citizens Collegiate Council
- Mission Diversity
- Multi-Cultural Women of Confidence
- Muslim Student Association

## Greek life

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.
- Gamma Alpha Omega Sorority Inc.

## Special interest groups

- Alverno College Democrats
- Alverno Cru
- Alverno Inferno Cheer and Dance Teams
- Anime and Manga Club
- Circle K International
- Gay-Straight Alliance
- Not So Starving Artists
- R.A.I.S.E.
- Team Green

## Leadership opportunities

- Alumnae in Training
- Alverno College Ambassadors
- Alverno Student Government
- Campus Ministry student staff
- Community Advisors in Residence Life
- Orientation Leaders
- Peer Advisors
- Student Activities Board



Learn more:  
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## Don't see your favorite hobby or interest on this list?

It's easy to **START YOUR OWN STUDENT ORGANIZATION** – just contact the Department of Student Activities and Leadership!



# A commitment to *service*

**Determined to make a difference?**

**You'll fit right in here.**

Service is infused throughout our curriculum, and we'll help you get **ENGAGED IN THE COMMUNITY** through courses, internships, volunteering and student organization projects.



## **Community Day**

Every spring, we cancel classes so our students, faculty and staff can spend the day volunteering. Since this tradition began in 1999, 5,000-plus Alverno volunteers have contributed more than **16,000 HOURS OF SERVICE** to dozens of organizations across Milwaukee.

## **Alternative Spring Break**

Help build a home for a deserving family by working with **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** over spring break.

## **St. Ben's Community Meal**

Join the Alverno students, faculty and staff who **PREPARE OR SERVE MEALS** as part of this program for the hungry and homeless in Milwaukee's central city.

## **Election Worker Training Project**

Get an up-close view of democracy at work as an election inspector in local, state and national elections. Alverno's **AWARD-WINNING TRAINING PROGRAM** was one of just 15 nationally to win a grant from the U.S. Election Commission.

## **Roosevelt Scholars**

The Roosevelt Scholarship Program recognizes a first-year student who has demonstrated excellence in leadership. The successful applicant will **RECEIVE A FOUR-YEAR, FULL-TUITION SCHOLARSHIP** to Alverno.



**"At Alverno, we learn to be well-rounded women, and a big part of that is giving back to the community. Alverno students want to make the world better — it's just a built-in part of the community here!"**

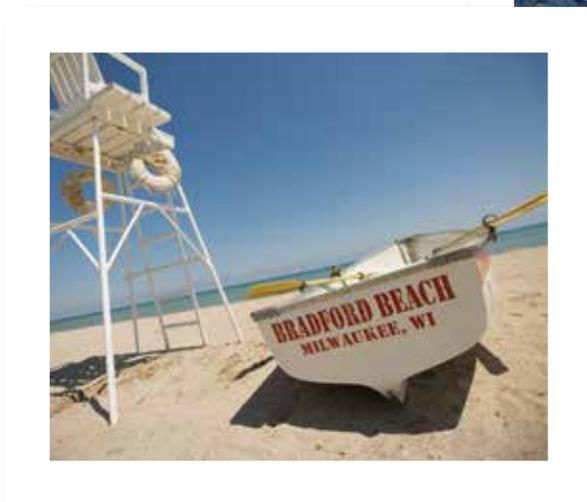
*— Elizabeth,*  
Community Leadership  
and Development major

# The whole city is your *classroom*.

Learning doesn't stop at the edge of campus. Our central location gives you easy access to all Milwaukee has to offer.

**GET REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE** at a variety of internship sites throughout the Milwaukee area. Network with professionals (and future employers) in your field. Or just enjoy the city life when you're looking for a study break.

Milwaukee is full of parks, biking and hiking trails, wilderness areas, and **MILES OF BEAUTIFUL LAKEFRONT**. Arts and culture are everywhere, with **WORLD-CLASS MUSEUMS, PERFORMING ARTS** events, **FESTIVALS** and more. You can treat your taste buds with Milwaukee's countless **RESTAURANTS**, cafes, coffee shops, **MARKETS** and **CUISINES**. And if you're looking for an even bigger city experience, Chicago is just 90 minutes away.

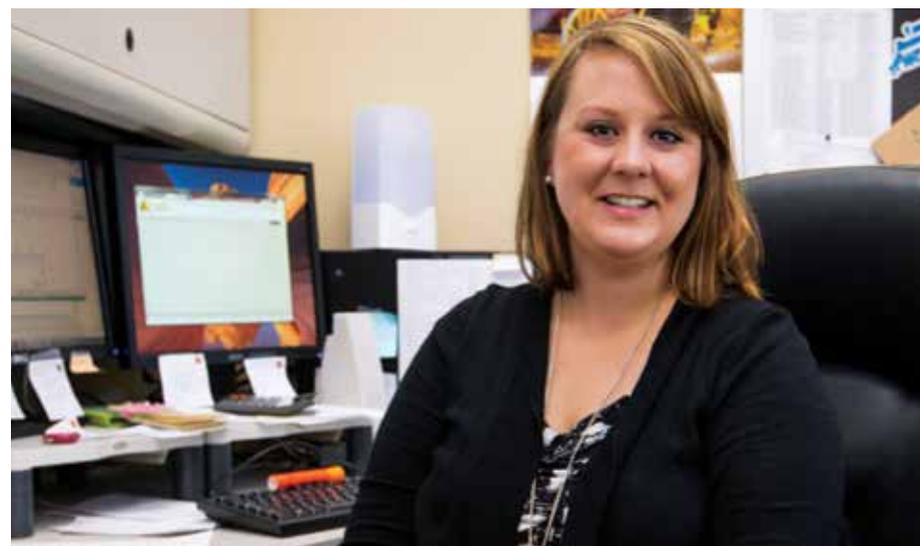


# An investment for your future

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**OUR GOAL** is to help you find a smart, sensible path to finance your education.

Last year, 100% of Alverno's full-time undergraduates who filed for assistance and demonstrated need received aid. Each student's circumstances are different, and our staff is committed to helping you make the choices that are right for you. If you have any questions, call our Financial Aid Office at **414-382-6262** or **800-933-3401**.



Meet Natalie. She will work closely with you to help you find the right financial path to an Alverno education.

## Annual tuition, housing and fees for 2016-17

Tuition for full-time undergraduate*:	\$26,232
Room and board**:	\$7,884
Campus service fee:	\$700

\* For Weekday College programs. Tuition for Nursing students is higher. See [alverno.edu/tuition](http://alverno.edu/tuition) for details.

\*\* Based on Austin Hall double room and Meal Plan 1. Rates vary depending on your room and meal plan choices. See [alverno.edu/reslife](http://alverno.edu/reslife) for details.

## Money You Don't Pay Back

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Nearly 100% of our incoming students receive an Alverno academic scholarship. Don't forget to apply for scholarships from local and national organizations, too. Learn more at [alverno.edu/scholarships](http://alverno.edu/scholarships).



## Money You Earn

### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

A part-time job through Federal Work-Study or regular student employment is a convenient way to help pay education expenses. Nearly every campus office employs students.



## Money You Pay Back

### STUDENT LOANS

People take out loans to finance everything from new cars to business startups. Although a car only lasts a few years and soon loses value, your education will pay lifelong dividends. Research shows that student loans are well worth it because of the substantial financial advantages of a college degree.



### GRANTS

If you demonstrate financial need, you may be eligible for federal, state and/or Alverno grants. Our counselors will work with you to determine your optimal financial aid package.



Learn more: [alverno.edu/financialaid](http://alverno.edu/financialaid)

*Here are just a few possibilities:*

Bursting with Alverno pride? Become a Student Ambassador. Handy with technology? Join the computer lab team. Big sports fan? Keep score at home games or prepare the athletic fields. Have an eye for art or simply love to create? Work with artists and curators in our Art Gallery.

"Financial support for school **allowed me to explore** interests that I may not have otherwise found. As a result, I've really enhanced my studies at Alverno and strengthened my visions for the future."

— *Carla*, Management Accounting major

# Where will *you* go from here?

## AS FAR AS YOU WANT TO.

Whether their passion takes them to leadership roles in corporate or nonprofit environments, **OUR ALUMS GO ON TO ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS.** Here are just a few examples of leadership positions our alums have held, as well as impressive ways they've been recognized:

We invite you to learn more about Alverno. Make an appointment with an admissions counselor, sit in on a class and talk with faculty about areas that interest you. You can never ask too many questions. We'll take the time to help you understand the admissions process, including tuition, financial aid and how Alverno can help you reach your greatest potential.

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**MacArthur** Foundation Fellowship

**Chief Nursing Officer,  
U.S. Department of  
Veterans Affairs**

**Executive Director,  
Brewers Community Foundation**

**Radiation Biophysicist,  
Massachusetts General  
Hospital**

**Provost and Vice President  
of Academic Affairs,  
Georgia Southern University**

**Chief Nursing  
Officer and Director  
of Global Business,  
IBM Healthcare**

**Founder and Executive Director,  
Hmong American Peace Academy**

**Clinical Nurse Specialist of the Year**

**Chief Operating Officer,  
Northwestern Mutual  
Wealth Management**

**Director of Nursing,  
Milwaukee Public Health Department**

**Wisconsin Elementary School  
Teacher of the Year**

**Director of Growth Insights,  
J.M. Smucker Company**

**Chief Nursing Officer and  
Director of Global Business,  
IBM Healthcare**

**First Female Vice President,  
Harley-Davidson**

**Assistant Chief,  
Milwaukee Police Department**

**Executive Vice President and  
Chief Operating Officer,  
Assurant Health**

**Chief Innovation and Information Officer,  
Milwaukee Public Schools**

**Director of Instruction,  
Lutheran Urban Mission Initiative Inc.**

**Head of Schools,  
Carmen Schools of Science  
and Technology**

**Executive Director,  
Museum of Wisconsin Art**



**Casey Scheibengraber**

I wouldn't be who I am today without Alverno. It has made a genuine impact on my life and I will be forever grateful. I LOVE Alverno.



**Amber Dahl** @amburrr\_xo

I am so happy that I go to @AlvernoCollege, because I'm there with women who could, literally, save the world one day.



**Ella Benson** @EllaBenson

The decision to attend Alverno College was the best one I ever made.



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