Carroll University
Media Kit

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Carroll University opened its doors in 1846 to become Wisconsin’s very first, four-year institution of higher education. Today, the premier private, co-educational university consists of 136.9 acres in Waukesha, Wisconsin. In 2019, Money magazine ranked Waukesha one of the “100 Best Places to Live” in the United States. Over 84% of Carroll students live within the campus community—a residential setting in a safe, historic neighborhood 15 miles west of Milwaukee, 60 miles east of Madison and 100 miles north of Chicago.

At Carroll, the hallmarks of an educational experience are excellent teaching, individualized attention and small class sizes. The university provides endless opportunities for internships, clinical and student teaching placements and vibrant cultural and social opportunities for our students.

Did you know?

- U.S. News “Best Colleges 2019” ranked Carroll University among the best universities in the Midwest region.
- Forbes.com recognized Carroll University in its Top Colleges 2019 rankings.
- The Daily Meal named Carroll University in the top 75 best colleges for food in America for 2017.
- Carroll University earned a bronze level Bike Friendly University Designation from the League of American Bicyclists.
- Carroll University was the first to debut an Admissions Board—recruitment technology created by the Nervana Group.
- Before July 1, 2009, Carroll University was known as Carroll College.
- Carroll University offers 22 NCAA Division III athletic teams in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW)
- Some of Carroll University’s unique programs include: marine biology (2+2/Hawaii Pacific University), actuarial science, forensic science, radiologic technology, diagnostic medical sonography and physician assistant (master’s).
- Students can participate in nearly 60 different student organizations on campus.
- In 2019, the Carroll University nursing program was ranked seventh in Wisconsin and in the top 25% of similar nursing programs in the country by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing NCLEX program reports. Our students are sought after by many healthcare systems, and more than 80% of students are employed shortly after graduation.
- In 2016, Carroll opened a state-of-the-art science building – Michael and Mary Jaharis Science Laboratories, which was the first new academic building to be built on campus in the past 50 years and also the schools’ only all gift- and grant-funded structure.
- Doug and Nancy Hastad Hall opened in January 2018 and houses nursing, physics/engineering and exercise science programs.
Executive Leadership

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Dean of the School of Business

Expert Guide

Carroll University faculty are well-respected leaders in their fields. They are pioneers who possess a wealth of knowledge and are available to provide media expert opinions; comments on breaking news, trends and issues related to their respective areas of expertise; and to offer insight and analysis on a broad range of topics.

If you need help identifying an expert for a potential story, please contact us and we’ll connect you with the right person. Some of our top experts include:

Dr. Julio Rivera  |  Yersin Professor of Applied Business Analytics  
Business and data analytics, data visualization, location intelligence (GIS), data mapping, demographics, marketing, undergraduate research and higher education issues.

Dr. Charles Byler  |  Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences  
History of United States foreign relations, civil-military relations and American political history

Dr. Lilly Goren  |  Professor of Political Science  
Wisconsin politics, presidential politics, women in politics, partisan politics, pop culture and public policy

Dr. Jessica Lahner  |  Visiting Lecturer of Psychology  
Child development and psychology

Dr. Susan Lewis  |  Professor of Biology and Marine Biology  
Animal behavior, parental care and cooperative social behavior

Dr. Kimberly Redding  |  Associate Professor of History  
World War I, World War II, Holocaust, oral history, spiritual life of millennials, international and cross-cultural education

Steve Staab  |  Head Athletic Trainer and Instructor  
Sports injury prevention, treatment and student athletes
Story Ideas

Pioneers serve | Freshman service day
Each year, our incoming freshmen spend a day volunteering with local non-profits in the Waukesha and Milwaukee community before classes begin. They learn new skills, work on team building with their peers and assist with projects.

Animal behavior program
Carroll is ranked on the 2020 Universities.com list of top animal behavior programs in the U.S. Carroll’s longstanding partnership with the Milwaukee County Zoo sets our program apart by giving students access to a nationally recognized research training site just minutes from campus. All animal behavior students are required to develop hands-on skills via internships at places like the Racine Zoo, the Wildlife in Need Center or the behavior services department of the Humane Society. The degree prepares students for careers that include zookeeper, animal trainer, wildlife biologist, researcher, wildlife rehabilitator or laboratory manager.

Cross-cultural experiences teach students to think globally
All students are required to complete a cross-cultural experience before graduation. Carroll is one of a handful of schools across the country with this requirement. The goal of the curriculum is to provide opportunities for students to experience, interact with and learn from other cultures—something that is essential in our global society today.

Carroll University and the UCC: Working together in the community
This multifaceted partnership has allowed Carroll students to gain real-world experiences while providing services for members of the United Community Center. Find out how connecting these partners is improving student interest and success, and building relationships between two communities.

Other great things happening at Carroll University during the year:
- Commencement | Occurs each May.
- Stellar students | We’re always learning about inspiring stories from our Pioneers!
- Prairie Springs Environmental Education Center
- Grants | From supporting academic programs to allowing us to provide increased resources for victim’s services, our staff and faculty are furthering their goals with the help of many grants.

Campus Map

Explore online at carrollu.edu/map