

MATC FOUNDATION

INVESTING IN STUDENT SUCCESS

2025-26

IMPACT REPORT



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"I'm proud of myself for pushing through, growing and becoming the nurse I always hoped I would be."

ZOE SALEM, Practical Nursing graduate and Checota MATC Scholar

OUR MISSION As the college's philanthropic partner, the MATC Foundation builds donor relationships to facilitate private investments that remove barriers to education, accelerate careers and deliver skilled talent to the Milwaukee area. The Foundation also serves as the financial steward of private donations to Milwaukee PBS, a viewer-supported service of MATC. **OUR VISION** A prosperous region built on expansive access to education and economic opportunities.

MESSAGE FROM THE
Foundation Board President



Each year, we have an opportunity to reflect on what we — donors and the MATC Foundation — have accomplished together as we seek to transform students' futures.

Reflection is vital because when you invest your resources in Milwaukee Area Technical College students, you do more than make a financial contribution to a scholarship program or academic initiative. You place your trust in us. You have faith that we will support students wisely, operate efficiently and steward your gifts prudently for today and tomorrow.

This past year, we provided $4.1 million in scholarship and emergency grant support to over 2,500 students. And, again, over 50% of this past year's graduates were supported by the MATC Foundation during their educational journey.

But the story of your impact is more than numbers. It is about people.

- Students affected by sudden floods just as the 2025-26 academic year began received prompt help from the MATC Foundation.
- Foundation staff analyzed the Promise Scholarship Program and recommended it cover books, materials and supplies in addition to tuition, which it now does as the Promise Plus Program.
- Donors Ellen and Joe Checota increased their commitment to MATC students with the Second Ellen and Joe Checota MATC Scholarship Program, which invites others to join them with a two-for-one matching challenge.

And it is about new people committing their time to the MATC Foundation's mission. I am pleased to share that proud MATC parent Dan Jankins, M.D., has joined the Foundation's volunteer ambassador team and that we have closed the 2025-26 fiscal year with the election of four new members to our board of directors (their terms began with the new fiscal year in July 2026):

- Jennifer Abele, founder and managing partner of VC 414
- Alumnus Adam Gruszcynski, IT director at Potawatomi Casino Hotel
- Alumnus Gale Pence, CEO and founder of Global Precision Industries
- Tony Snell Rodriguez, director of community engagement and inclusion at Visit Milwaukee

While this 2025-26 Impact Report provides just a snapshot of the past year, it is also an invitation to spend time with us. Join us at events — whether a BluTender at the Pfister Hotel, a Donor Stakeholder Gathering or an MATC Open House. We are eager to learn more about your reason for helping to lift up MATC students. You can learn more about them by reading any issue of Transformations magazine or by joining our mailing list.

On behalf of the board of directors and the entire Foundation team, thank you for your partnership.

With gratitude,



Dave Megna
Board President
MATC Foundation Inc.

MESSAGE FROM THE
Foundation Chief Executive Officer



What excites me about joining the MATC Foundation is the opportunity to help Milwaukee build its future through the people who already call it home. I am grateful to join you in this work — and excited about how much more we can accomplish together.

I believe a college education should be within reach of anyone with the ambition to pursue it. Income, background or circumstances should not determine whether students have the opportunity to develop their talents and build a better life.

Every day, students bring those ambitions to MATC: to master a trade, to care for others, to start a business or to provide more for their families. Many pursue their education while working, raising children and managing budgets that leave little room for an unexpected expense. Students bring the determination. Your generosity helps make the opportunity real.

When we invest in their education, the benefits reach far beyond the classroom. A graduate begins a career. A family gains financial breathing room. A child watches a parent cross the stage at commencement and begins to imagine walking across it, too.

The return on that investment is a future more people get to build.

As someone who cares deeply about Milwaukee, I find that possibility compelling. There is talent in every neighborhood, and our region's future depends on how well we create opportunities for that talent to flourish. At MATC, we can help people realize their own ambitions while developing the skills, ideas and leadership our community needs.

That is the vision I am excited to pursue alongside you. Making college available means helping students enter the classroom and reach graduation. It means scholarships, support when basic needs become barriers and learning experiences that prepare students for meaningful careers. It means building partnerships that connect education to opportunity and bring more people into the prosperity they help create.

Our 2025-26 Impact Report shows what your generosity is already making possible. As you read it, I invite you to consider both the accomplishments it captures and the possibilities still ahead. Every student who moves forward brings new capacity to our community: someone who can build, heal, solve, create and lead.

Thank you for making such a powerful investment in our students and our shared future.

With gratitude,



Joe Phillips

Chief Executive Officer, MATC Foundation
Executive Director, College Advancement

OUR IMPACT

2,500+

STUDENTS RECEIVING SUPPORT

50%

OF GRADUATES ARE SUPPORTED BY THE MATC FOUNDATION

$4.1M

IN SCHOLARSHIPS AND EMERGENCY GRANTS

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As a first-generation college student and a parent, balancing responsibilities can be challenging and knowing that others believe in students like me is very meaningful. This scholarship is more than financial support to me. It is motivation.

ALYAA, Accounting student

OUR PARTNERS

Partnerships for a vibrant economy

There are many ways to partner and engage with Milwaukee Area Technical College and the MATC Foundation. We are here to help business, industry and philanthropic organizations committed to expanding the region's economic vitality by developing and strengthening the area's premier workforce pipeline: MATC graduates. Whether you seek to support a program or scholarship fund, make an in-kind donation or connect with the right college department, the MATC Foundation can streamline that experience. Take the first step and learn how to partner with MATC.



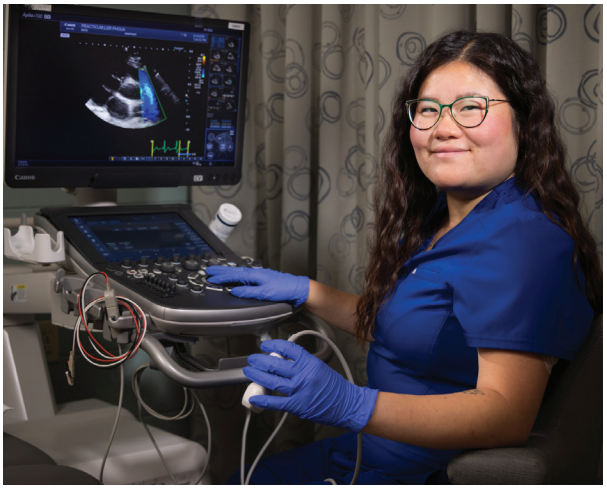
Martin Kennedy, Automotive Maintenance Technology program graduate

"Support from our generous industry partners has made a huge impact on our Transportation Servicing programs by providing our students with the fuel needed to drive academic and career success."

BECKY ALSUP, dean of the Manufacturing, Construction and Transportation Academic and Career Pathway at MATC



In addition to $25,000 for scholarships, the AT&T Foundation donated 100 laptops to MATC students to help bridge the digital divide.



Froedtert Memorial Hospital Scholarship recipient Phoua Lor is ready to start her career in echocardiography.



Larelle Jackson, a recipient of the Ellen and Joe Checota MATC Scholarship, graduated from the Electrical Power Distribution program with a job at We Energies.



Eaton donated $10,000 to support scholarships for students in machining.



"That scholarship helped me so very much. I honestly believe I wouldn't be where I am today without it."

MONIQUE STEWART EJIMBE,
Edie L. Somerville and Eddie Myrtle Skinner Nursing Scholarship recipient

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Financial Summary

2025-26 Revenue

Revenue Type	Amount (in Thousands)
Student Success - Scholarships, Emergency Student Assistance and Programs	$ 3,976
Investments - Net Gain (Loss)	$ 5,168
In-Kind	$ 730
Other	$ 68
Milwaukee PBS	$ 10,591
Total	**$ 20,533**

2025-26 Expenses

Expense Type	Amount (in Thousands)
Student Success - Scholarships and Emergency Student Assistance	$ 4,523
Program Administration	$ 1,298
Management and General	$ 869
Fundraising	$ 390
Milwaukee PBS	$ 2,384
Total	**$ 9,464**

Net Assets $56,472,800

As of June 30, 2026

OUR DONORS

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My family and I are delighted to have established the Staffaroni Family Scholarship Fund alongside the MATC Foundation. We decided to honor our mother (class of 1940) by assisting ambitious nursing students in need of financial support. We have been deeply fulfilled to help students who show admirable strength and determination to make a difference.

MICHAEL STAFFARONI, Staffaroni Family Scholarship Fund

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"Metallica was there when I needed it most. I had about $40 in my savings when I came to MATC. Not knowing how I was going to pay for school was stressful. Getting the scholarship made a huge difference."

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MATC Truck Driving graduate,
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