



# PRIDE POINTS

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**NEW POSTGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE...**The Physician Assistant Studies program in Marquette University's College of Health Sciences has launched a postgraduate fellowship in emergency medicine. This postgraduate program is the first of its kind in Wisconsin. It is the second PA program in emergency medicine in the Midwest and only the seventh such program in the United States.

The fellowship collaborates with Aurora-Sinai Medical Center and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. Students will participate in clinical rotations and receive hands-on training at both hospitals.

Marquette's PA program is ranked in the top 40 nationally by *U.S. News & World Report*. In May 2010, *Forbes* ranked physician assistant studies No. 1 for "Best Master's Degrees for Jobs." The Bureau of Labor Statistics has projected that the number of PA jobs will increase by 27 percent between 2006 and 2016.

**RESEARCH DREAM COMES TRUE...**In May 2007, Reza Shaker from the Medical College of Wisconsin shared his dream of a Milwaukee-area research metropolis with a group of Marquette faculty. According to William R. Wiener, Marquette's Vice Provost for Research, some faculty members were skeptical. "We didn't know what to expect, but we said, 'Let's see what this involves,'" said Wiener. Three years later, a Medical College-led group of the region's eight biggest academic research institutions—including Marquette—received a \$20 million grant from the National Institutes of Health.

**NURSING STUDENTS' TRIP SERVES OTHERS, BROADENS HORIZONS...** In keeping with Marquette's mission to serve others, Marquette nursing student Stephanie Behm and nine of her classmates will travel with Darlene Weis, Associate Professor Emerita in the College of Nursing, to work with residents in Piurs, Peru this fall. Stephanie and her cohort will perform home visits, work in a local emergency room and complete case studies involving families in this poor community. Wishes for safe travels!

**A COFFEE SMUG...**Your morning trip to the local coffee shop just got easier. Chris Hallberg, Arts '09, Marquette alumnus and Fulbright Scholar, has created the world's first smart coffee mug, or 'Smug.' The Smug is a mug embedded with a radio frequency identification chip that stores your order history and account information. A barista simply scans your Smug to complete your order and automatically deduct the cost from your account. Using your Smug gains you discounts, deals and points toward free drinks, not to mention helps the environment by reducing the number of plastic cups that end up in a landfill.



Chris Hallberg

**MARQUETTE OFFICIAL NOMINATED FOR PANEL...** Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett has nominated Michael O’Hear, the Law School’s Associate Dean for Research, to serve on the city’s Fire & Police Commission. In 2000, O’Hear joined the Marquette family after practicing criminal, civil and environmental law in Chicago. He holds bachelor’s and law degrees from Yale University. Congratulations Michael!

**HONORS...** Community Shares of Greater Milwaukee will honor Edward Fallone, Associate Professor at Marquette University Law School, at its annual *Commitment to Justice Awards* event on September 16. Fallone, an attorney at Gonzalez, Saggio & Harlan LLP, will receive the president’s award for his volunteer efforts with Community Shares organizations.



**HOLE IN ONE...**After five seasons with Northwestern University, Associate Head Coach Steve Bailey has accepted the head coaching position for the Men’s Golf team at Marquette University, effective August 2.

Tim Grogan served as the head coach of the Men’s Golf team until June 2010. Grogan spent 19 seasons with Marquette, where he was named Big East Conference Men’s Golf Coach of the Year in 2006 and 2008. He guided the 2008 Golden Eagles to the school’s first-ever conference championship since joining the Big East.

Under his leadership, Marquette became one of the top collegiate programs in the Midwest and an annual contender for the Big East Championship. With the addition of All-American Mike Van Sickle, Men’s Golf at Marquette reached unprecedented heights, climbing annually in the national rankings.

**FORMER GOLDEN EAGLES SOAR IN THE NBA...**Last month, former Marquette basketball player Wes Matthews signed a five-year, \$34 million deal with the Portland Trailblazers. Laazar Hayward became the first Golden Eagle in seven years to be chosen in the first round of the NBA draft when he was taken 30<sup>th</sup> overall by the Washington Wizards. And Dominic James made the Milwaukee Bucks’ summer league roster. James is averaging six assists per game placing fourth in summer league stats.

#### **DID YOU KNOW...**

- ✓ Lake Michigan is the size of Switzerland and the only Great Lake located entirely within the United States.
- ✓ One of Milwaukee’s famous newsboys was legendary magician Harry Houdini.
- ✓ In 1912, Theodore Roosevelt survived an assassination attempt while campaigning in Milwaukee. The bullet penetrated Roosevelt’s steel eyeglass case and passed through a 50-page copy of the speech he was carrying in his pocket before stopping short of fatally wounding him.
- ✓ The skywalks over the Milwaukee River at Wisconsin Avenue are the only in the U.S. that span a river used by boats.
- ✓ According to Rand McNally Places Rated Almanac, Milwaukee County has more parkland per capita than any other city in the U.S.
- ✓ Standing at eight-feet seven inches, Marquette Law School alumnus Clifford Thompson ‘44 retains the title of the tallest lawyer in history as well as the tallest man ever to appear in Hollywood films, including “A Day in the Life of a Giant,” “Movie Town,” “Seal Skins,” “Twentieth Century,” and “Murder in the Private Car.” While not officially credited as a member of the cast, Clifford also reportedly appeared in the early Johnny Weissmuller films, “Tarzan the Ape Man” (1932) and “Tarzan and His Mate” (1934).



Clifford Thompson

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