

The Fighting Crusaders Join WHAC

Beginning July 1, Madonna University will officially become a member of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference (WHAC).

Madonna University has been competing as an independent institution in the Great Lakes Region of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and will continue to play the same teams as a WHAC member, participating in six WHAC-sponsored sports (men's/women's basketball, baseball, men's soccer, softball and volleyball).

"This is a big step for our athletic program and an important piece of the puzzle in gaining regional and national recognition," said Madonna University Athletic Director Ray Summers.

Gaining admittance has been a culmination of two years of work by Madonna and WHAC, however, the move was unanimously approved by the six presidents of the WHAC-member

institutions at their meeting in September.

Member institutions which currently make up WHAC are Aquinas College, Concordia College, Cornerstone College, Siena Heights College, Spring Arbor College and Tri-State University.

"The addition of Madonna University is a positive move for our conference," said WHAC Commissioner Rob Miller.

"Our members are truly some of the finest institutions and people in the arena of athletics and we feel that as Madonna University continues to strengthen its athletic programs, it is and will be a benefit to the WHAC."

Madonna University has developed into a national power in three sports: volleyball, baseball and softball and is expected to have immediate impact in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference in 1997-98. Athletic scholarships and grants are available. Call the Athletic Department, 313/432-5610.



Tuition Remains Affordable, Subsidized University Focuses on Serving Students

Determined to remain accessible and affordable for a diverse student body, Madonna University's administration and board of trustees has approved tuition fees for the 1997-1998 academic year. Again, Madonna University remains the most affordable independent liberal arts university in Michigan. Annual full-time tuition based on 30 semester hours, plus registration and technology fees will be \$6,040.

Undergraduate tuition will be \$198 per semester hour; nursing tuition, \$248; and graduate tuition, \$250. Room and board will be \$4,334, which is based on semi-private room and a meal plan.

Students will no longer have to pay a registration fee at the time of registration. The \$50 registration and technology fee will be billed along with tuition. This fee includes the use of the academic computer lab with access to the Internet, e-mail and World Wide Web.

"This all ties in with wanting to

provide students the service they deserve," added Sister Francilene. "Our students can come in and register without paying any money up front."

"It can be truly said that all Madonna University students receive an institutional grant or scholarship, amounting to approximately 25% of the cost of their education."

Sister M. Francilene, CSSF, President

Since tuition covers only 75 percent of the actual cost for a student's education at Madonna, the University will continue to rely on additional support to cover the remaining 25 percent. Funding will be sought through corporate, foundation and competitive government grants, fundraising activities, earnings on endowment and charitable gifts. Over 50 percent of Madonna University students receive additional financial assistance.

Intellectual, Spiritual and Personal Growth

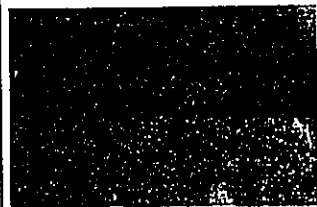


Dennis Murphy, a senior at Madonna, feels that the University's liberal arts education offers him a tremendous advantage, and the night classes allow him to advance his career by day.

Student organizations, such as the DASH Club (Deaf, ASL, Sign Language, and Hard of Hearing), also offer unique learning experiences outside of the classroom. At right: Savita Singh, blindfolded and a junior at Madonna University, is led by guide dog Kira and Kristen Milligan, trainer from the Michigan Leader Dogs for the Blind and Madonna University freshman.



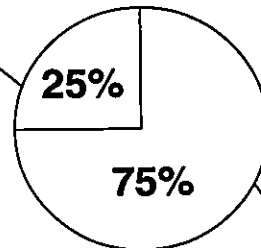
At Madonna University, learning not only extends beyond the classroom but beyond borders. In March 1997, students participated in a service-learning trip to Morelia, Mexico. At left: Sherrie Williams, sophomore; Stacie Blair, senior; Laura Morelli, senior; Caitlin Hoen, freshman; and Brooke Pitts, senior, visit with students at a preschool.



The Cost of A Madonna University Education

A student's education at Madonna University is still the most affordable among all independent liberal arts universities and colleges in Michigan.

Subsidized from other sources:
Gifts
Federal and state grants
Endowment gifts
Estate planning



Full-time student's tuition covers only 75% of the actual operational costs

To operate the university, it takes many people, numerous benefactors and volunteers.

1997-98 Tuition Rates: \$198 per semester hour @ 30 semester hours = \$6,040 (this includes registration and technology fees)

Tuition Rates 1997-98 (per semester hour)

Regular	\$198
Nursing	\$248
Graduate	\$250
Room and Board	\$4,334*

*Based on semi-private room and meal plan