



# WELCOME HOME

ALVERNO COLLEGE



# MORE THAN A COLLEGE

*We are :*

a small Catholic women's college with  
**big opportunities**

a **welcoming** and **inclusive** community

a sisterhood of **empowered women**  
dedicated to your success

a path to explore your **passions** and  
achieve your **professional goals**

the place where you'll make **strong**  
**connections** and **lifelong friendships**

*Home*





# About ALVERNO COLLEGE



## You have a lot to offer the world. We'll get you ready!

Alverno College is a Catholic, Franciscan women's college in the dynamic city of Milwaukee. For more than 130 years, we've been preparing women for lives of personal and professional distinction. In other words, we specialize in changing lives with this powerful equation:

**a liberal arts education + hands-on practice in vital life skills = graduates who are ready for what's next**

You'll feel at home in our inclusive, vibrant community of students and faculty who support and uplift each other. We're proud to be home to one of the most diverse student bodies in the state, and 72 percent of our incoming students are the first in their families to attend college. Our alumni, who are making a difference around the world, are living proof of the power of a women's college.

As Wisconsin's first Hispanic-Serving Institution, Alverno has earned national recognition for supporting the success of the Latina students who account for more than 25 percent of our population. Special scholarships are available!  
[alverno.edu/HSI](http://alverno.edu/HSI)



Alverno's Thea Bowman Institute for Excellence & Leadership offers full-tuition scholarships and a leadership development program to Black women of exceptional ability and high potential.  
[alverno.edu/bowman](http://alverno.edu/bowman)



"At Alverno, I developed my communication skills and learned how to work well independently and on a team. With the support of my professors, I gained valuable career experience on and off campus. Ultimately, I became a stronger leader."

— *Isabelle Seifert*  
CLASS OF 2019



# Your EDUCATION

**An Alverno education is unlike any other.  
That's because it's customized for you  
and your future.**

#### SMALL CLASS SIZES

You'll be empowered and inspired by your classmates and faculty, who will know you by name and help you succeed both inside and outside of the classroom.

#### DYNAMIC LEARNING

We focus on active learning — no lecture halls here! Through group work, service learning, presentations and other projects, your classroom experiences will have you analyzing, creating, role playing, reflecting and more.

#### HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Every Alverno student completes at least one internship, giving you valuable experience and connections before you even graduate. Our Center for Academic Excellence offers additional enrichment opportunities, from student-faculty research projects to national conferences and special events.



#### ABILITIES THAT PREPARE YOU FOR LIFE

No matter your major, your education will be grounded in Alverno's 8 Abilities — the real-world skills that employers say are necessary to career readiness (including communication, analysis, problem solving and developing a global perspective).

#### MEANINGFUL FEEDBACK

Instead of traditional letter grades, we focus on results. In every class, you'll get insightful, narrative feedback on your strengths and how you can improve, giving you a more complete view of your academic progress. Think about it — in the real world, your boss won't give your presentation a B and then move on. You have to do the job well, learning and adapting as you go. That's how it works here.



#### PROFESSIONAL ACADEMIC ADVISING

Every student is matched with a professional academic advisor who gets to know you and guides you through your education, helping you chart your path and register for classes. At every step, your advisor will support your success.

#### CAREER GUIDANCE

Not sure what you want to study? Our Career Studio helps you think beyond a major. You can explore clusters of occupations that interest you and discover industry-specific resources, programs and career coaching.



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STUDENT-TO-FACULTY RATIO



25

OR FEWER

STUDENTS IN EVERY CLASS



40

UNDERGRAD MAJORS  
FULL LIST AT [ALVERNO.EDU/MAJORS](http://ALVERNO.EDU/MAJORS)



2,000

ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE  
HOSTED ALVERNO INTERNS



# Your ALVERNO HOME

**Main Street:** Here you'll find student offices dedicated to your success, like Student Affairs and Financial Aid. Think of it as your one-stop shop.

**The Chapel:** Adorned with Italian marble, the Chapel of Mary Immaculate offers a respite for busy students.

**The Inferno Cafe:** Serving Collectivo Coffee, this coffeehouse features a comfy lounge area and meeting space for studying and socializing.

**The Galleria:** On the second floor of a two-story, glass-enclosed rotunda, the Caroline S. Mark Galleria is a quiet place to study.

**Pitman Theatre:** Our theatre is home to student plays and dance performances. It also hosts the start of your college journey (convocation) and the end (graduation).

**Nursing Simulation Center:** Nursing students get hands-on practice in exam rooms set up like the real world, from surgical and birthing suites to a home-care setting.

**Coming Soon:** A campus greenhouse + aquaponics system, where *all* majors can learn and conduct research!

**Alexia Hall Smart Classrooms:** Students in programs like Business and Education can study in rooms equipped with interactive boards, Apple TV and other technology.

**Read Center:** In our labs, you'll find students at work on scientific research with faculty and their peers.

**Athletic Fields:** Lace up your cleats for softball or soccer, or cheer on your Alverno Inferno.

Welcome to your new home away from home. Whether you live on Alverno's 46 beautiful acres or commute, you'll feel welcome, have fun and find lifelong friends.





# Your Campus EXPERIENCE

Our peaceful campus features wide, open spaces and is conveniently located in Milwaukee's Jackson Park neighborhood. Did we mention we have free parking?

## PRIORITIZING SAFETY

At Alverno, we find great strength in smaller numbers. As a small, private college, we are flexible and able to accommodate your individual needs and adapt our community-wide needs to respond to public health concerns. Maintaining a safe campus for all is our top priority.

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Whether you live on campus or commute, your well-being is important to us. We offer a free on-site health and wellness center for students. And we have developed robust protocols to comply with public health directives and ensure a healthy campus community.

## RESIDENCE LIFE

From late-night study sessions to lifelong friends, our two residence halls — new students live in Austin Hall, while you can find upper-level students in Clare Hall — are so much more than just a place to sleep.



## CAMPUS MINISTRY

As a Catholic and Franciscan school, we welcome students from all faith traditions to explore their spirituality. Our inclusive Franciscan values include respect for human dignity, caring for creation and working for peace and justice. We live these values through worship, study, service and coming together as a community.

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP

Choose your own adventure! With 30+ student organizations and numerous leadership opportunities, it's easy to connect with new friends and new opportunities.

"My favorite thing about the Alverno campus experience is the warm and welcoming atmosphere that embraces our campus community. It's easy to feel like you belong here."

— *Reigna Perdue*  
EDUCATION MAJOR



25  
RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS  
REPRESENTED ON CAMPUS

30+  
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

7  
NCAA DIVISION III  
ATHLETIC TEAMS

290+  
DEDICATED FULL-TIME  
FACULTY AND STAFF



# Alverno Gets You READY




In today's job market, the competition is fierce.

**But so are you.**

Your Alverno education will equip you with the right skills, confidence and leadership that you need to achieve your personal and professional goals. That's why Alverno graduates thrive in the workforce. They're ready. And you will be, too.

**71.5% of Alverno graduates are employed full time within six months of graduation, versus 58.7% of grads nationwide.**

Source: NACE First Destination Survey – Class of 2018



"Alverno has prepared me for my future. I can communicate better and speak with confidence. The hands-on experience I've gotten through my classes and internships has shown me what I can achieve. I know that I'll be able to use everything that I've learned at Alverno and grow from there."

– *Jacqueline Sandoval*  
CLASS OF 2019



"I had a salaried job with benefits before my senior year started. It really is amazing. That's what you get here at Alverno. You get actual experience that you can apply to your job."

– *Alejandra Gonzalez*  
CLASS OF 2020





# THIS IS WHAT READY LOOKS LIKE

*A Glimpse of Our Class of 2020 Grads*

We know Alverno graduates are ready for their next step. So does the world. That's why many of our graduates are hired before graduation or accepted to graduate school.



*Simone*  
Nursing major  
Ascension Columbia  
St. Mary's Hospital



*Shaye*  
Nursing major  
Meriter Hospital

*Vanessa*  
Biology major  
AmeriCorps STEM  
specialist



*Alejandra*  
Business and  
Management major  
United Community Center



*Mailee*  
Education major  
Hmong American  
Peace Academy

## A SUPPORTIVE SISTERHOOD

Easily boost your professional connections starting in your first semester through **Ignite: The Alverno Mentor Network**. This platform connects you with our sisterhood of alumnae, whose invaluable advice will help you launch your career.  
[alverno.edu/ignite](http://alverno.edu/ignite)





# *Paying for Your* **ALVERNO EDUCATION**

An Alverno education will get you ready for your future, from opening new doors to equipping you with the knowledge and skills you need to succeed. That's why we don't want anything to stand in your way, including finances.

We're committed to making your education as affordable as possible, and we're here to help you every step of the way.

**Nearly 100% of incoming students who seek financial aid receive assistance — more than \$20,000 per year on average.**

## **COLLEGE PAYS OFF**

We know college is a big investment. But the benefits far outweigh the expense. Graduates with a bachelor's degree will earn 84 percent more than workers without a degree. Over the course of a lifetime, that adds up to a staggering **\$2.8 million advantage**.

Source: Lumina Foundation

## **YOU'RE WORTH IT — SO ARE WE**

- Best Value School (*U.S. News & World Report*)
- The average incoming undergraduate student receives more than **\$20,000 per year in financial aid** from Alverno, excluding loans. This aid is money you *don't* have to pay back.
- We offer merit-based scholarships that start at \$9,000 per year and go up to **full tuition**.
- If you don't have a Social Security number, don't worry. You're still eligible for aid from Alverno. Ask our Financial Aid team for our Institutional Evaluation Form.



# Your NEXT STEPS

## Ready to learn more?

Here are your next steps:



### Step 1: Research, research, research.

#AlvernoStrong on Instagram (@alvernocollege, @alvernoadmissions), Facebook (Alverno College) and Twitter (@alvernocollege).



### Step 2: Talk to us.

We're available via email, text, phone, video chat or individual in-person visits. Start with [admissions@alverno.edu](mailto:admissions@alverno.edu) or **414-382-6100** (800-933-3401).



### Step 3: Experience Alverno.

The best way to find out if this is the right college for you is to explore our campus and get to know our students, faculty and staff. Whether that's in person or virtually, we offer a variety of opportunities for you to discover what makes us #AlvernoStrong. Learn more at [alverno.edu/visit](https://alverno.edu/visit).



### Step 4: Apply!

Our application goes online before your senior year even starts. We don't require any essays, and you can choose whether to submit ACT or SAT scores. Plus, the application only takes 30 minutes to complete. Best of all, it's free! Visit [alverno.edu/apply](https://alverno.edu/apply) to get started.







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"I didn't want to be a number in a college where no one would know my name, and Alverno is certainly not that college. I feel at home."

— *Ryleigh*

ALVERNO STUDENT