



# *Impact Award Celebration*

THE IMPACT AWARD CELEBRATION IS A  
STUDENT LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION EVENT

## *Schedule of Events*

Welcome - Ryan Oertel

Recognition of student leaders - Ryan Oertel

Keynote - Karen Fischer

Presentation of WEB - Barbara Westness

Presentation of Senate - Barbara Westness

Presentation of Senior Conduct Board - Jamie Brock

Presentation of Resident Assistants - Adam Volbrecht

Presentation of Impact Award Finalists - Ryan Oertel

Impact Award presentation - Dr. David Schulz

Impact Award Recipient Address

Closing

## *Keynote Speaker*

Karen Fischer is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the state of Wisconsin and Program Manager for Christian Family Solutions. A graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran College and Concordia University – Wisconsin, she holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master of Science in Education and Professional Counseling Psychology. She also finds it a privilege to serve as an Adjunct Professor of Psychology at Wisconsin Lutheran College. Previously she held several leadership positions in student affairs with Wisconsin Lutheran College as well as progressive roles in bringing intensive outpatient mental health programs to clinic sites for Aurora Psychiatric Hospital in Milwaukee. Karen has been blessed to serve several Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod affiliated organizations in the roles of President of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society and as a member of the Board of Directors for New Beginnings – A Home for Mothers. Karen believes that mental health skills are necessary for all people. Just as physical exercises strengthen the body, mental health exercises strengthen the mind and allow individuals to be the best stewards of their gifts and talents. Her belief and life's work is the integration of the Christian faith as the focus of mental wellness practice so that individuals can better take their thoughts captive and find the peace that passes understanding through the grace of God.

## *Impact Award Finalists*

### **Kyle Brandenburg:**

Friend to All | Enthusiastic | Responsible | Consistently provides opportunities to make commuters a part of campus life and encourages involvement | Reliable | Proactive | Embodies what it means to be a servant leader | Serves boldly behind the scenes whenever there is an opportunity | Uses his experiences to promote WLC in admissions tours | Assisted in overhauling the Campus Visit experience and re-imagining the Welcome Center experience for prospective and future WLC Warriors | Mentors Ambassadors in launching the new tour program in the midst of a pandemic

### **Abigail Raasch:**

Shine's Christ's light throughout her involvement | Eager to share God's word with others | Involved and sings in local church congregation | Always willing to help others | Seeks out volunteer opportunities for the W. Volleyball Team | Gets to know her teammates on a personal level and cares about what they are doing both on and off the court | Supportive | Resilient | Mentor | Friend | Selfless | Positive | Makes people feel welcomed and included

### **John Sell:**

Positive | Helpful | Friendly | Leads by example | Kind | Critical thinker | Talented in music, technology, etc. and uses his talents to uplift and support others | Exemplary model for WLC's mission of Servant Leadership | He is actively involved in his own spiritual growth and encourages the spiritual growth of those around him | Consistently goes out of his way to help, teach and accommodate those he can | John has been a leader on the Conduct Board and consistently challenges everyone on the board to think about what is best for individual students and the campus community | Driven to succeed and encourages the success of those around him.