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Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design Honored for Community Service

Washington, D.C. – The Corporation for National and Community Service and the U.S. Department of Education honored the nation’s leading colleges and universities, students, and faculty members, and staff for their commitment to bettering their communities through community service and service learning.

The Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (MIAD) was admitted to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for its commitment to service learning and creation of productive relationships in the community.

“Through service, these institutions are creating the next generation of leaders by challenging students to tackle tough issues and create positive impacts in the community,” said Robert Velasco, Acting CEO of CNCS. “Together, service and learning increase civic engagement while fostering social innovation among students, empowering them to solve challenges within their communities.”

The [President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll](#) recognizes higher education institutions that reflect the values of exemplary community service and achieve meaningful outcomes in their communities. The initiative celebrates the transformative power and volunteer spirit that exists within the higher education community.

MIAD distinguishes itself as a leader in art and design colleges by being one of the first to implement a required Service Learning Program comprising intensive courses and a minimum of 35 hours of community service per year. The program is generously supported by Northwestern Mutual Foundation, which also awards a Service Learning scholarship to a [deserving student each year](#).

During the 2010-11 academic year, 10 course sections were offered, with 177 students serving in 89 organizations. MIAD’s Service Learning Program has more than 200 community partners, many of whom approach MIAD for participation. Nearly 80% of alumni remain in Wisconsin, a rate attributed, in part, to the deep connections forged in the community.

CNCS oversees the Honor Roll in collaboration with the U.S. Departments of Education and Housing and Urban Development, Campus Compact, and the American Council on Education. Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors, including the scope and innovation of service projects, the extent to which service-learning is embedded in the curriculum, the school’s commitment to long-term campus-community partnerships, and measurable community outcomes as a result of the service.

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MIAD is Wisconsin’s only non-profit, independent college of art and design conferring the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree – the most highly regarded four-year undergraduate degree in the visual arts that is accredited at the national, regional and state levels.