



Founding of the College

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- In 1911, Wisconsin was the first state to establish a state system for vocational and technical training.
- La Crosse Continuation and Adult School
- \$6,000 levy and \$425 allocated for equipment



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• 1912: "to assist ambitious persons to higher plane of efficiency and so enable them to command higher wages"

• Today: to provide relevant, high quality education, in a collaborative and sustainable environment that changes the lives of students and grows our communities





Programs in 1912

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Bookkeeping
Cabinetmaking
Home Decoration
Shorthand
Pattern Making
Practical and Business
English

Electrical Work
Mathematics
Typewriting
Sewing
Mechanical Drawing
Dressmaking

Sanitation
Government and
Citizenship
Safety Devices
Penmanship
Cooking
Hygiene

Some programs were designated for "boys" and some for "girls".



Programs in 2017

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AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND NATURAL RESOURCES

ARCHITECTURE AND CONSTRUCTION ARTS, AUDIOVISUAL TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATIONS

BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

FINANCE

HEALTH SCIENCES

HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

HUMAN SERVICES

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY, CORRECTIONS AND SECURITY

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

MANUFACTURING

MARKETING

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS

TRANSPORTATION,
DISTRIBUTION AND
LOGISTICS





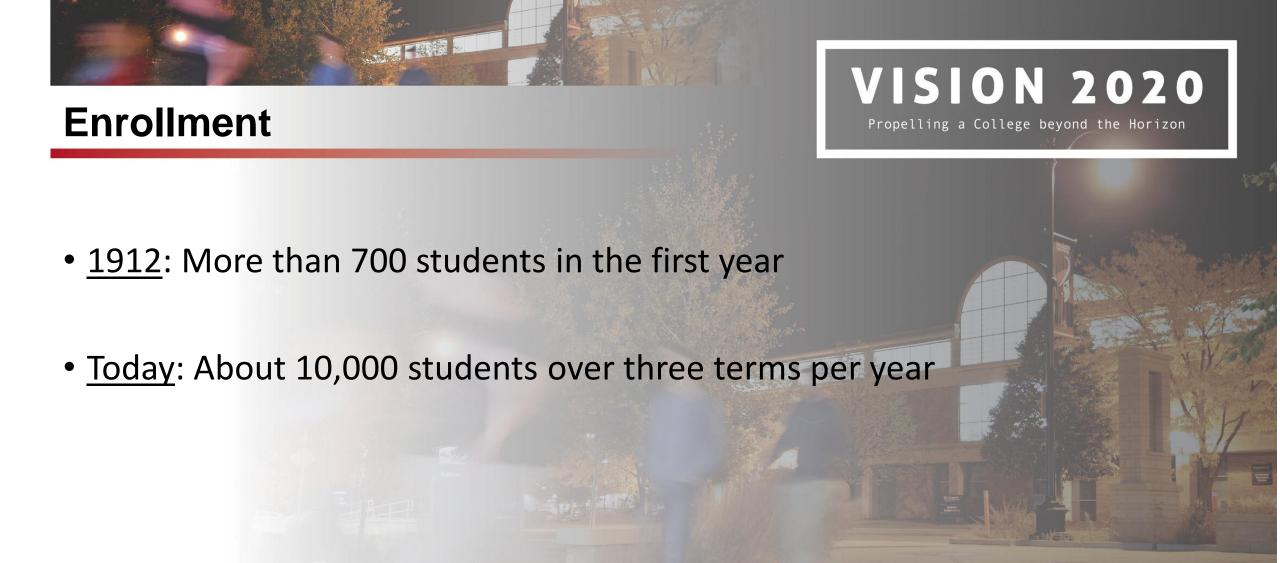


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• 1912: Free to La Crosse Residents, \$.50 for students from outside La Crosse

• Today: Tuition and fees for a full time student per year about \$3,800







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Presidents

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1912 - 1916 Thomas G. Sutherland

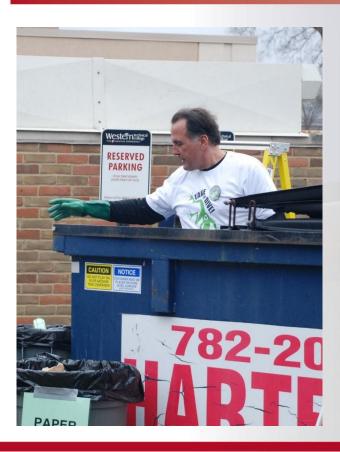
1916 – 1963 John Coleman (pictured)

In 105 years, there have been only 6 presidents.



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Presidents



1989 - 2017

Dr. Lee Rasch

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2017 -

Dr. Roger Stanford

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- Develop a proactive long term approach to address future needs.
- Develop strategies to stay current in facilities, curriculum and technology.
- Develop flexibility and responsiveness with internal systems.
- Promote Sustainability (use buildings as living laboratories).
- Promote Western as destination college.

* Approved by the District Board in June of 2010



Vision 2020 Facilities Referendum*

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- Integrated Technology Center
- Coleman Center Remodeling
- Kumm Center Remodeling
- Truck and Heavy Equipment Facility Expansion
- Horticulture Education Center
- Parking Ramp

*Approved by the voters in November 2012



College Recognition - Sustainability

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What Does the Future Hold in Store?



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- Student Success
 - Improve student outcomes
 - Improve program measures
- Increase the Regional Workforce
 - Increase career pathways
 - Increase K12 students (academies/dual credit)
 - Increase flexible learning offerings
- Employer and Community Engagement
 - Expand student internships & job shadows
 - Increase partnerships and scholarships



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