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Rana Altenburg, Arts '88, is the vice president for public affairs at Marquette University. She is responsible for the university's governmental initiatives at the federal, state, county, and city levels; community relations; university special events; and special projects of strategic importance to Marquette.

Altenburg joined Marquette in 1996 as director of governmental relations and was appointed vice president for governmental and community relations in 1998 before being named to her current position in 2001. She previously served as a partner at Broydrick & Associates in Washington, D.C.

She earned a bachelor's degree in political science and Spanish from Marquette and an MBA from the Northwestern University Kellogg School of Management.

She is president of Near West Side Partners and president of the board of directors of the Avenues West Association. She is also a member of the boards of directors of Menomonee Valley Partners, Westtown Association, Westtown Business Improvement District No. 5, and Avenues West Business Improvement District No. 10.

Erich Eichwald is a senior in the College of Health Sciences studying biomedical sciences. Since coming to Marquette, he has been involved in Global Medical Brigades, MARDI GRAS, Pre-Dental Organization, Biomedical Sciences Association, Pre-Health Peer Mentorship Program, Yoga Club, and Orientation Staff. He was also a teaching assistant in the College of Health Sciences. Erich chose Marquette because of the hospitality he received on campus, its size, and the ability to get to really know your professors. After graduation he plans to attend dental school and pursue a career as a dentist. More specifically, he wants to focus on a career in public dentistry as he has seen a great need in this field through his experiences at Marquette.

Charlotte Hingley is a Junior in the College of Communication. She is studying Public Relations with a minor in Advertising. Charlotte is originally from Los Angeles, California. She spent her Freshman year at Regis University before transferring to Marquette University as a Sophomore. She is a member of Pi Beta Phi, a member of the Fashion Club, and an Orientation Staff Leader. Charlotte will be graduating in the Spring of 2017.

Daniel J. Myers is the Provost of Marquette University. He is the university's second ranking officer and the chief academic officer, responsible for all aspects of the academic mission of the university, as well as the Division of Student Affairs and Information Technology Services.

Prior to coming to Marquette, Myers served as the vice president and associate provost for faculty affairs at the University of Notre Dame. A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1998, he previously served as Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Letters, had chaired the Department of Sociology, and been the Director of Faculty Development and Research in the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. He also founded and directed the Center for the Study of Social Movements.

Myers' most recent research examines racial rioting in the 1960's and 1970's, deterministic and stochastic models of diffusion for collective violence, mathematical models of collective action, media coverage of protests, demonstrations, and riots, and game theoretic analyses of small group negotiation.

Myers earned a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's in higher education and student affairs from Ohio State University before completing a master's and doctorate in sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is a well-known expert in the study of collective behavior and social movements.

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Michael O'Hear is a nationally recognized authority on criminal punishment, Michael O'Hear teaches criminal law and a variety of related courses at Marquette University Law School. He is an editor of the Federal Sentencing Reporter and the author of more than fifty scholarly articles and book chapters on sentencing and criminal procedure.

Professor O'Hear is a graduate of Yale College and Yale Law School. Following law school, he clerked for United States District Court Judge Janet Bond Arterton in New Haven, Connecticut. He then practiced civil and criminal litigation at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal in Chicago. He joined the Marquette Law School faculty in 2000, and served as the Law School's first Associate Dean for Research from 2008 to 2015.

Professor O'Hear is a member of of the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission and has chaired the Federal Nominating Commission to Appoint the United States Attorney in the Eastern District of Wisconsin. In 2009, he was awarded the Robert W. Warren Public Service Award by the Eastern District of Wisconsin Bar Association.

Adam Stout, Comm '09, double majored in Elementary Education and Communication Studies at Marquette University. He will finish his Master of Science in Human Resources in December 2015. Originally from Southern California, Adam joined the MU community on a whim (best whim ever) and has lived in Milwaukee for last ten years. He's been part of the MU Admissions team for the last five years, serving high school students and transfer students across the country that hope to attend Marquette. He focuses most of his attention on the transfer student population and the unique issues each transfer student presents during the transfer process.

Lora Strigens, is the chief university planner & architect at Marquette University. She is responsible for leading planning, facilities, campus services, and sustainability. In her role, Strigens works closely with all units across campus, engaging with academics, students, administrative departments, student life, and other campus and community stakeholders to ensure that campus master planning decisions are approached in an integrated way.

Prior to joining Marquette, Strigens was an Associate Vice President at a national architecture, engineering and planning firm, and then moved inside higher education at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee where she was the Associate Director of Planning. A licensed architect and planner, Strigens has worked on numerous education and cultural projects both locally and nationally, and has provided leadership on projects from early planning through programming and implementation.

Strigens received a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota and two master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She was the recipient of the GOLD (Graduate of the Last Decade) award from UWM, and was also awarded Forty Under 40 by the Milwaukee Business Journal.

Strigens is active in several professional and community organizations, and currently serves on the board of Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast. She is an avid runner and enjoys golf and travel. She resides in downtown Milwaukee with her husband Brent and son Eli.

Caitlin Wozniak, earned her Master of Education in College Student Personnel Administration at Marquette University and completed her Bachelor of Applied Arts in Organizational Communication, with minors in Event Management and Leadership from Central Michigan University. Caitlin has served as the Coordinator for New Student and Family Programs in the Office of Student Development since January 2013. In her role, she works with first-year students, transfer students and their families through Orientation programs both in the fall and spring semester.