



Executive Proclamation

WHEREAS, Marquette University's current enrollment includes 25 percent students of color, making it the most diverse student population in Marquette's history, including 28 percent students of color in its undergraduate program, also the highest in Marquette's history, and 18 percent are students of color in its graduate programs; and

WHEREAS, Marquette University's first-year class of 1,974 students is 29 percent students of color and 24 percent first-generation, one of the highest percentages Marquette has seen in its history and the highest since fall 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Marquette University Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) was established in 1969 as an institutional program led by Dr. Arnold Mitchem through the combined efforts of students, faculty, and staff who believe that Marquette University had both the opportunity and responsibility to make a Marquette education more accessible to low-income, first-generation and minority students; and

WHEREAS, Marquette University's Educational Opportunity Program was the first in the nation, and has earned a reputation as one of the most distinguished, admired, and respected federal TRIO programs, and while nationally only 11 percent of first-generation, low-income college students graduate within six years, Marquette's EOP program graduates 65 percent of its students; and

WHEREAS, More than 200 Marquette University McNair Graduates have earned advanced degrees; and

I, CHRIS ABELLE, County Executive of Milwaukee County, do hereby honor and congratulate,

Marquette University

for its commitment to serving and providing educational access to first-generation students and improving the lives of future generations. Congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of the Educational Opportunity Program and First-Generation Day, celebrated on November 8, 2019.




Chris Abele
Milwaukee County Executive