



Dwyane Wade at the 2014 announcement of the Dwyane Wade “Live to Dream” Summer Reading Program. (Marquette University/Jesse Lee)



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MILWAUKEE — A [program](#) sponsored by Marquette University's College of Education and NBA star Dwyane Wade is having significant success maintaining the literacy of inner-city school children, according to [numbers](#) released Dec. 19 by the university.

School children tend to experience educational losses over the summer, but low income students, who often keep up with their peers from middle and upper-class backgrounds during the school year, tend to suffer greater losses.

Nevertheless, all of the 131 second and third graders who participated in Marquette University's Dwyane Wade "Live to Dream" Summer Reading Program in the last three years managed to maintain their reading level over the summer, and a small majority even increased it.

A \$195,000 gift to the university's Ralph C. Hartman Literacy and Learning Center in 2014 from Wade, a former Marquette basketball star, has helped fund the program, according to a [press release](#) by the university. The program will run through at least 2020.

SEATTLE — Kids4Peace Seattle is sponsoring its second annual MLK Day Youth Advocacy Workshop, entitled "Make Your Voice Heard 2018," at Seattle University Student Center Jan. 14, 2018.

The program is open to all students from sixth grade through high school. According the workshop's Facebook [event page](#), "This four-hour workshop will empower youth with the tools to speak out publicly against Islamophobia and Antisemitism, while also building relationships between diverse communities."

Participation in the workshop is free.

DALLAS, PA. — Despite [objections from outside groups](#), Jesuit Fr. James Martin delivered the keynote address at Misericordia University's 2017 winter commencement Dec. 17.

While some protestors appeared outside the commencement venue, Martin spoke with the full support of both the bishop of the local diocese and the university.

"Misericordia University has followed the protocol expected of a Catholic university in extending an invitation to Father Martin to serve as its commencement speaker," Scranton Bishop Joseph Bambera told [The Citizen's Voice](#) in an emailed statement.

University official Paul Krzywicki told [WNEP](#) "Part of the mission at Misericordia is everyone is welcome here on campus and Fr. Martin is included in that."

DUBUQUE, Iowa — Loras College is launching a post-baccalaureate premedical program, according to a Dec. 21 [press release](#) by the college.

While medical schools do not demand that students complete a specific major to enroll, medical students are expected to have completed a core set of classes before being admitted.

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The new program at Loras College will provide the needed coursework for those who have completed an undergraduate degree without this core set of classes but wish to continue their studies in medicine, optometry, dentistry, podiatry, physical therapy, physician assistant, or veterinary medicine.

"Students will be advised and guided by a dedicated premedical advisor, strategically prepared for the MCAT exam, observe and learn from doctors in hospitals and clinics, and receive a detailed committee letter of recommendation for medical school," Jim Collins, the college's president, said in the press release.

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