

CENTER FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE (CAE)

The Center for Academic Excellence (CAE) is an Alverno academic support department dedicated to programs that support students who want to challenge themselves academically and prepare themselves for competitive futures. We provide opportunities for all students to develop academic excellence by extending their learning beyond the classroom, working collaboratively with supportive peers, faculty, staff, and the professional and greater community.

The CAE offers a variety of programs for students, including:

- Events that promote academic growth
- Graduate School Information Sessions
- Special programming for scholars in CAE Learning Communities (<https://www.alverno.edu/Center-for-Academic-Excellence-Doherty-Scholars/>)
- Travel Fellowships (<https://www.alverno.edu/Center-for-Academic-Excellence-Travel/>) for academic projects and professional development
- Undergraduate student and faculty research projects (<https://www.alverno.edu/Center-for-Academic-Excellence-Undergraduate-Faculty-Student-Research-Projects/>)
- Learning Communities
 - Achiever Scholars are recipients of the renewable Achievers Scholarship only available to new high students. Students are chosen based on their scholarly achievement in high school. Students must submit the Achievers Scholarship application (<https://alverno.wufoo.com/forms/r13gf2yk0f9b190/>) before December of the following academic year to be considered. Achiever Scholars
 - Lubar Scholars are recipients of a scholarship for juniors and seniors majoring in elementary or secondary education. Faculty in the School of Education select students who have a high aptitude for a career in education.

The scholarship is provided by a gift from Marianne and Sheldon Lubar (<https://www.alverno.edu/Program/Marianne-Lubar-Scholarship-Helps-Future-Teachers-Finish-Their-Degrees/>).

- Doherty Scholars are current students who are chosen by faculty and staff based on their potential for strong scholarly achievement and curiosity; an understanding of themselves as learners; and the ability to collaborate with their peers. Students must submit the Doherty Scholars Student Application (<https://alverno.wufoo.com/forms/p1rchn7v15rx705/>) that requires recommendations from faculty or staff to be considered.
- Thea Bowman Institute Scholars are recipients of full-tuition, renewable scholarships only available to Black new high school students. Students are chosen based on their desire to become leaders seeking social change within their communities. Students must complete the Thea Bowman Institute application (<https://www.alverno.edu/Thea-Bowman-Institute/>) to be considered.

The Center for Academic Excellence offers academically rigorous and intellectually engaging programs designed to help students, faculty and staff develop and extend their learning.

Programs include:

- Doherty Scholars Learning Community
- Faculty-Student Research Fellowships
- Academic Excellence Intensive and Stretch Courses
- Conference and Study Abroad Travel Experiences and Fellowships
- Academic Excellence Seminars and Events

For more information and application links for the Doherty Scholar learning community, faculty-student research, and travel fellowship programs please visit <https://www.alverno.edu/cae> (<https://www.alverno.edu/cae/>).

Thea Bowman Institute

The Thea Bowman Institute honors the late Thea Bowman, FSPA, Ph.D., who gained national and international renown for her passionate advocacy for racial justice. Sister Thea was a Black Franciscan nun from Mississippi who was educated in Wisconsin. Sister Thea held a doctorate in English and served as a professor at three universities.

Thea Bowman Institute for Excellence & Leadership is a four-year leadership development program for undergraduate students. The Institute provides renewable full-tuition scholarships (excluding room and board expenses) to students who exhibit a strong desire to serve as leaders in their communities and who are seeking professional roles in pursuit of social change and service.

Using a cohort-based model, this program prepares graduates to confidently enter their chosen careers as solidly equipped change agents. To meet these outcomes, Bowman Institute Scholars:

- Focus on project-based learning.
- Attend workshops that teach them about topics such as social justice leadership.
- Interact with community and professional leaders.
- Receive academic and emotional support from the Institute's dedicated group of mentors.

Bowman Institute Scholars learn leadership skills that include utilizing introspective tools, taking responsibility for their choices, having cultural and social awareness, and demonstrating Alverno's 8 abilities (<https://catalog.alverno.edu/college-information/curriculum/>).

To Become a Bowman Institute Scholar

- Complete the Alverno College Admissions Application at [alverno.edu/Apply/](https://www.alverno.edu/Apply/).
- Submit official high school transcript (You can use an online service such as Parchment (<https://www.parchment.com/>)).
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/>) and include OPEID: 003832
- Complete the Institute application (<https://alverno.wufoo.com/forms/k1ynx77k14djtp0/>), which includes submission of an essay.

Bowman Institute Eligibility:

- Graduate from high school next year.
- Reside in Southeastern Wisconsin.
- Demonstrated record of academic success and high achievement goals.
- Financial need.
- Evidence of civic and/or community engagement.
- Articulate intended college major as well as academic and career goals.
- Interview with the selection committee.

Download Thea Bowman Institute information sheet (https://www.alverno.edu/files/galleries/TBI_One_Sheet_25.pdf) to share with others.

Apply to the Thea Bowman Institute (<https://alverno.wufoo.com/forms/k1ynx77k14djtp0/>)