

Few argue that higher education's a good investment for those who seek degrees. As it turns out, it's not too shabby for those who run the schools who hand out the degrees. The latest accountability report from the UW system claims that the system's 26 campuses and its 179 thousand students contribute ten billion dollars to the state economy. Compare that to the billion or so that state taxpayers put into the system every year. The same report says last year's graduating class of around 33 thousand contributed over a half billion to the state's economy. About 35 million of that came from the UWL graduating class of about 16 hundred.