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Editorial: Many recognize value of UW-Sheboygan

We're not at all surprised that the University of Wisconsin-Sheboygan campus has set a record for enrollment.

Figures released last week by UW officials show 853 students attending classes at the local campus, a 100-student increase, or 13 percent over last year. The 13 percent growth was exceeded by only UW-Marquette among the 13 two-year schools that make up the UW Colleges.

The enrollment growth was almost equally divided between students coming right from high school and "non-traditional" students — those who are beginning higher education at age 22 or older. About a third of the total enrollment falls into the non-traditional category.

UW-Sheboygan, like all of the two-year schools, remains a big bargain in higher education. The \$4,268 annual tuition at UW-Sheboygan has not been increased since 2006 and it, like all UW Colleges, gives students a guarantee that credits earned will fully transfer to any of the UW-System's four-year schools.

While financially attractive, especially to the non-traditional student, UW-Sheboygan also has expanded its course offerings. A commitment to growth from the Sheboygan County Board and the vision of local businesses and foundations has allowed the school to recently add up-to-date technology and science centers that prepare students for jobs in these growing fields.

Though its growth has been significant in the last few years, UW-Sheboygan remains a campus where students have easy access to professors and resources.

In these difficult economic times, UW-Sheboygan is a bright light for those who want to broaden their education.

It's a school well worth checking out if you are about to graduate from high school or want to go back to school.