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## Anthony Worden from Cardinal Ritter High School signs letter-of-intent at “Teacher Signing Day,” Marian University



The Klipsch Educators College, Marian University has developed a unique way to celebrate high school seniors interested in pursuing the profession of teaching. The one-of-a-kind "Teacher Signing Days" are modeled after athletes who sign letters-of-intent to attend a specific college or university. The signings are symbolic and focus on a commitment to being an educator.

Incoming freshmen, including Anthony also received proclamations, signed by Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb and Superintendent of Public Instruction Jennifer McCormick, formally declaring their intent to pursue careers in education.

The Klipsch Educators College offers a five-year teacher training program that includes a year-long paid teaching and mentoring residency, travel abroad and gets students in the classroom the very first semester. Students will graduate with both a bachelor's and master's degree in education upon completion.

The teacher signing ceremony at Marian University is the first event of its kind in the nation, according to Dr. Kenith Britt, dean of the Klipsch Educators College. "These are valedictorians, salutatorians, and they also have the passion to change the lives of young people." They need to know what they're teaching and how to teach it."

Marian University President Daniel Elsener applauded incoming Klipsch students for following in his footsteps and choosing a career in education, dubbing them "angels" and "nation builders." Says Daniel J. Elsener about the mission of the Klipsch Educators College, "They teach people more than just multiplication tables, they teach people about themselves and their nobility and their value in the world. They're actually teaching how to be a good citizen [and] a good human being."

See Marian University Flickr Photos from all Teacher Signing events:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/marianuniversity/albums/72157668328288789>

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### About Marian University Indianapolis

Marian University ([www.marian.edu](http://www.marian.edu)), founded in Indianapolis in 1937, is the only Catholic liberal arts university in central Indiana. It serves a student body of nearly 3,000 through dedication to excellent teaching and learning in the Franciscan and liberal arts traditions. Marian University is one of Indiana's 31 independent colleges and one of 244 Catholic colleges and universities nationwide. Since 2001, Marian University has been led by President Daniel J. Elsener, whose vision and leadership

are transforming the university. In 2013, Marian University opened the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences, home to its College of Osteopathic Medicine. Marian University has amassed 35 national championships in cycling, captured the NAIA Football National Championship in 2012 and 2015, and won the NAIA Women's Basketball Championship in 2016.