



Linked by Mission

On a bright winter morning, Jacqueline Sandoval unrolled a large poster in Alverno's library and began speaking.

The Psychology major grew serious as she explained her research into the high rates of domestic violence and femicide in Argentina. She shared the emotional impact of her volunteer work with abuse survivors in Milwaukee's Latina community. And she spoke with determination as she explained how these experiences inspired her to pursue a career serving this population.

A quick look at Jacqueline — carrying a backpack stuffed with heavy textbooks, wearing stylish boots and smiling as she pretends to read a book while being photographed — shows your typical college student. A young woman who lives in a time and place so completely different than what Mother Alexia and Mother Alfons knew in 1887, when they and their fellow School Sisters of St. Francis planted the seeds that would become Alverno College.

But look deeper. Listen to Jacqueline and her classmates as they discuss their lives and their dreams. They know where they want to go, and they're working hard to get there. Just like the

School Sisters, who founded a new religious order and dared to cross the ocean to a new land. In the midst of great uncertainty, these women set to work establishing a community of women religious, creating schools and pioneering innovative mental health services.

The women who call Alverno home today may not don black habits, but they are nevertheless the School Sisters' successors in spirit, word and deed. They are the bearers of a 131-year-old legacy of service, courage and innovation. They are members of a figurative and literal sisterhood of women who, when they see a problem, roll up their sleeves to do the hard work of finding and implementing a solution.

This sisterhood may have begun with Mother Alexia and Mother Alfons, but it has continued to thrive thanks to the School Sisters and the Alverno alumnae who followed. Together, they have formed an unbroken chain of women who devote their careers and their lives to building a more peaceful world.

Forged from ironclad convictions and tested in fire, this chain derives its strength from its individual links — the strong women of yesterday, today and tomorrow. Strong women like Jacqueline. Strong women like *you*.



Jacqueline shares her story at alverno.edu/magazine.