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CARROLL STUDENTS TO MEET 'CLASSMATES' FROM HAWS

Second session of on-campus fostering partnership to begin Sunday, January 17th

- WHO/WHAT: Shelter dogs from the <u>Humane Animal Welfare Society</u> (HAWS) will again be paired with <u>Carroll University Animal Behavior</u> students for the spring semester. During this semester the foster dogs will become a fixture at Carroll, each dog living with a student.
- WHEN/WHERE: Students will meet their dogs for the first time at 12:00 pm on Sunday, January 17th, at Carroll University's Campus Center. Parking is available in Campus Center Lot 3.
- WHY: HAWS' Behavior Department Manager Leann Boucha, MEd, a 2012 Carroll graduate and adjunct lecturer, helped develop the on-campus fostering program in 2019 with Carroll professor Dr. Susan Lewis. Hands-on work with animals is an important part of Carroll's animal behavior program; this experience enriches the students' education with around-theclock learning while also giving the dogs a break from the stresses of shelter life.
- **HOW:** The five students completed ANB250 in fall 2020, including laboratory learning on site at HAWS' shelter in the city of Waukesha. In ANB255, both students and the dogs learn alongside each other in a unique partnership that benefits both! At the end of the semester, the students will actively participate in HAWS' adoption process of these dogs to their new loving homes, giving the new owners valuable insight from their time spent with the dogs.
- **INTERVIEWS:** Class instructors Leann Boucha and Dr. Lee, along with several participating students, will be available for interviews on Sunday upon request.

A non-profit organization established in 1965, HAWS assists more than 8,000 animals and welcomes more than 35,000 human visitors each year. As an open admission and no-kill animal shelter and full service humane society, HAWS assures sanctuary for animals in need while offering many diverse programs and services to promote responsible pet ownership and prevent animal abuse. The Humane Animal Welfare Society is located at 701 Northview Road in Waukesha, Wisconsin. For more information call (262) 542-8851 or log onto hawspets.org. Follow HAWS on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube! HAWS: Growing Our Humane Community.

Carroll University was incorporated in 1846, making it Wisconsin's first four-year institution of higher learning. Situated in Waukesha, the independent, co-educational comprehensive university is grounded in the liberal arts tradition, and offers more than 95 areas of study, eight graduate programs and a clinical doctorate in physical therapy. For more information, visit <u>www.carrollu.edu</u>, and follow us on <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Facebook</u>.