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Founding Dean, School of Pharmacy

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Daisy Sahoo, PhD
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Neil Hogg, PhD
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Joseph E. Kerschner, MD

The Medical School Oath

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Raj Narayan, MD
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John R. Raymond, Sr., MD

Processional and Recessional Music

Provided by the MCW Orchestra
Led by Dr. Alexander Mandl

Degrees Awarded

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

The Doctor of Philosophy degree is awarded by MCW in recognition of marked ability and achievement in a particular field of biomedical science or public and community health. To earn the PhD degree, a student must submit a dissertation representing an original research contribution and complete a public defense of that dissertation.

Doctor of Public Health (DrPH)

The Doctor of Public Health degree is a professional doctoral degree awarded by MCW in recognition of expertise in evidence-based public health practice and research. Students participate in a three-year curriculum that includes coursework, an applied practice experience, and a dissertation. Candidates for the DrPH degree must complete a dissertation that generates a field-based product consistent with advanced practice designed to influence programs, policies or systems addressing public health.

Master of Science (MS)

The Master of Science degree is awarded at MCW for postgraduate study in a specific field of biomedical or translational science. A master's thesis that gives evidence of marked scholarly attainment in the student's major subject is required. Candidates for the MS degree must either complete a public defense of their thesis or pass a comprehensive examination based on their total graduate program.

Master of Arts (MA)

The Master of Arts degree is awarded at MCW in the field of bioethics. A comprehensive examination is required following completion of core coursework. Students may

choose between a thesis option and a non-thesis option.

A master's thesis providing evidence of high scholarly achievement in the student's area of study must also undergo a public defense. The non-thesis option requires a final paper of publishable quality followed by an oral public defense. The MA program accommodates accelerated or part-time schedules. All degree requirements must be completed within four years, but the average is two years.

Master of Medical Physiology (MMP)

The Master of Medical Physiology degree is awarded at MCW for completion of a one-year program that is closely integrated with the first-year medical student curriculum at MCW. The program provides an experience comparable to that of a medical student, including examinations. It is designed to give students a deeper understanding of human physiology and for college graduates looking to strengthen their academic credentials in preparation for applying to US medical schools.

Master of Public Health (MPH)

The Master of Public Health degree is awarded by MCW for completing curricula focused on public health practice. The online program allows students to learn and apply evidence-based strategies for prevention and community health improvement initiatives. The program takes a broad approach to public health and graduates are prepared to work in leadership positions in a variety of settings such as governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, healthcare systems, community-based organizations, academic institutions, and other industries. Candidates for the MPH degree complete an applied practice experience and capstone project as culminating experiences to demonstrate mastery of public health competencies.

Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)

The Doctor of Pharmacy degree attests to general knowledge in all fields of pharmacy. The degree is awarded at MCW for completion of the accelerated, three-year program comprised of comprehensive didactic education, robust skills development, and extensive clinical training related to pharmacy practice. The PharmD degree offers opportunities in clinical practice, research, teaching, pharmaceutical industry, manufacturing, judicial, and a multitude of other areas. Successful passing of the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination, Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination, and other state specific requirements are necessary for practice as a registered pharmacist.

Doctor of Medicine (MD)

The Doctor of Medicine degree attests to general knowledge in all fields of medicine as well as the foundational skills required for the practice of medicine. An MCW graduate is prepared to demonstrate problem-solving skills, knowledge of normal and abnormal states, the ability to acquire and utilize information in the clinical management of patients, and the empathic values and caring attitudes critical to the practice of medicine. All medical students are required to take and pass the United States Medical Licensing Examination Step 1 and Step 2- Clinical Knowledge, which are administered by the National Board of Medical Examiners.



**President
Chief Executive Officer**

John R. Raymond, Sr., MD, joined the Medical College of Wisconsin as its sixth President and CEO in July 2010. He previously served as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), where he had been a faculty member since 1996.

Dr. Raymond leads Wisconsin's only private health sciences university, which includes the nation's third-largest private medical school. Under his leadership, MCW continues to be a leader of innovation as Wisconsin's largest private research institution.

A practicing nephrologist with active roles in clinical care, teaching and faculty mentorship, Dr. Raymond also is a medical researcher studying the basic mechanisms of kidney cell function. He has published more than 140 full-length manuscripts and earned nearly \$40 million in funding in his career. He is a member of the Association of American Physicians and the American Society for Clinical Investigation.

Dr. Raymond is a member of the Board of Directors of the United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County and served as Co-chair of the 2020 United Way Campaign. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin's Blood Research Institute. Dr. Raymond is the Past President of the Board of the American Heart Association of Metro Milwaukee. He recently was named as a 2024 *Wisconsin Titan 100*, which recognizes the state's most accomplished business leaders in their respective industries.



**Provost and Executive Vice
President
The Julia A. Uihlein, MA, Dean
of the School of Medicine**

Joseph E. Kerschner, MD, became Dean of the School of Medicine and Executive Vice President of the Medical College of Wisconsin in November 2011. Dr. Kerschner assumed the additional role of Provost in June 2017. In late 2020, Dr. Kerschner was named the inaugural Julia A. Uihlein, MA, Dean of the School of Medicine. He also is a Professor in the Departments of Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences, and Microbiology & Immunology. Dr. Kerschner's past executive positions include CEO of Children's Specialty Group and Executive Vice President of Children's Wisconsin.

An alumnus of MCW, Dr. Kerschner joined the faculty in 1998. As a physician at Children's Wisconsin, his clinical focus is on otitis media (ear infections), voice disorders and vascular anomalies in children. Dr. Kerschner's research includes studies to identify causes of and potential new treatments for pediatric ear infections. Dr. Kerschner has published more than 170 articles, book chapters and reviews in professional journals, and has presented extensively on his clinical and research areas of expertise at scientific meetings.

In November 2020, Dr. Kerschner completed his one-year tenure as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), an organization that represents more than 170 medical schools in the United States and Canada. He also previously served as Chair of the AAMC's Council of Deans.



**Executive Vice President for
Finance and Administration
Chief Operating Officer**

Matthew Lester, MBA, MHA, CPA, was appointed as Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration, and Chief Operating Officer, effective August 1, 2022. He serves as the principal administrative officer of the Medical College of Wisconsin and is a member of the institution's leadership team.

Mr. Lester is responsible for MCW's financial functions as well as the planning, organizing, evaluating and monitoring of all administrative and facilities functions. He oversees strategic financial and administrative planning, budget development and implementation, policy formulation, facilities and organizational development. Additionally, he has oversight of facilities, central purchasing, information services and other institutional functions as required to support MCW's missions.

Mr. Lester possess more than 25 years of management experience leading and advising healthcare and higher-education organizations. He is a highly collaborative executive, combining strategic planning, operational acumen and business development expertise to develop actionable solutions for a broad array of challenges. Additionally, he brings a robust background of management consulting and financial leadership at two medical schools and experience working closely with hospital leadership to design and execute an aligned affiliation and joint strategy.



**Senior Associate Dean for
Education, School of Medicine**

José Franco, MD, Professor of Medicine (Gastroenterology and Hepatology), was named Senior Associate Dean for Education in the School of Medicine in April 2022. He previously served as Interim Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the School of Medicine from April 2021 through April 2022. He also serves as Associate Dean for Educational Improvement and as Standardized Teaching and Assessment Resource (STAR) Center Director.

Dr. Franco's extensive service to the education mission also includes his past role as Discovery Curriculum Director.

Dr. Franco has witnessed and/or been involved in curriculum reform, innovation and excellence in teaching at MCW for more than 30 years. Dr. Franco is a member of MCW's Society of Teaching Scholars and received the institution's Distinguished Service Award in 2013.



**Founding Dean, Medical College
of Wisconsin-Green Bay**

Matthew L. Hunsaker, MD, joined the Medical College of Wisconsin as the Founding Campus Dean for the Medical College of Wisconsin-Green Bay and Professor of Family and Community Medicine in January 2014.

Dr. Hunsaker provides overall leadership and management of MCW's regional medical school campus in Green Bay and serves as the primary liaison for our health system, academic and community partners in Northeast Wisconsin, as well as with MCW's Milwaukee campus. Dr. Hunsaker continues to serve as a national and international resource for medical education, Human Resources in Health (HRH), particularly in the design and scale-up of medical education, primary care, and community-based medical teaching models.



**Sentry Dean and Founding
Dean, Medical College of
Wisconsin-Central Wisconsin**

Lisa Grill Dodson, MD, Professor of Family and Community Medicine, joined the Medical College of Wisconsin as Founding Dean for the Medical College of Wisconsin-Central Wisconsin in August 2014. She was named the Sentry Dean, MCW-Central Wisconsin, in December 2019. Dr. Dodson provides overall leadership and management of MCW's regional medical school campus in Central Wisconsin and serves as the primary liaison for our health system, academic and community partners in that locale, as well as with MCW's Milwaukee campus.

Prior to joining the MCW faculty, Dr. Dodson was Director of the Oregon Area Health Education Center and Associate Professor of Family Medicine at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland.

Dr. Dodson advocates for innovation in both medical education and care delivery to ensure the availability of high-quality care to rural and other non-urban populations. Her leadership has been recognized by the receipt of several awards, including the Oregon Family Physician of the Year in 2009 and the MCW President's Community Engagement Award in 2017.



**Founding Dean, School of
Pharmacy**

George E. MacKinnon III, PhD, MS, RPh, joined the Medical College of Wisconsin in 2015 as Founding Dean and Professor of the School of Pharmacy. He also serves as Professor of Family and Community Medicine in the School of Medicine and Institute for Health & Equity in the Graduate School.

He leads the MCW School of Pharmacy to deliver a dynamic and innovative Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum and to expand pharmacist care models in collaborative approaches to team-based care. Dr. MacKinnon has held academic appointments in medicine and pharmacy engaging in clinical practice, research, teaching, and academic administration, where he has helped to successfully establish four new academic pharmacy programs across the United States. His non-academic appointments have included Vice President of Academic Affairs with the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, and Director of Global Health Economics & Outcomes Research at Abbott Laboratories. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (FASHP) and Distinguished Scholar Fellow of the National Academies of Practice (NAP). He is a recipient of an honorary Doctor of Medical Sciences from the Medical College of Wisconsin in 2022. Dr. MacKinnon serves on the board of the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin and AACP as Chair-elect representative of the Council of Deans (COD).



Dean, School of Graduate Studies

Daisy Sahoo, PhD, was named Dean of the Medical College of Wisconsin School of Graduate Studies and the inaugural holder of the Women in Science Endowed Professorship effective February 1, 2024. She also currently serves as Professor of Medicine, with secondary appointments in the Departments of Biochemistry and Pharmacology & Toxicology. As Dean, she oversees all aspects of the MCW Graduate School, which includes 33 different academic programs comprising doctorate, Master's, and certificate programs.

Dr. Sahoo joined the MCW faculty in 2007 as Assistant Professor of Medicine and rose through the ranks to Professor with Tenure in 2018. She served as Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Medicine from 2014-2024 and as President of the MCW Faculty Council from 2020-2021.

Dr. Sahoo's work has been supported by the NIH with continuous R01 funding since 2007, and she has directly generated more than \$7.1 million in total research funding to study cholesterol transport and cardiovascular disease. She received MCW's *Women in Science Pioneer Research Award* in 2021.

Dr. Sahoo has mentored numerous undergraduate, medical and graduate students as well as postdoctoral fellows and faculty. Her mentoring efforts were recognized with the Department of Medicine's *Mentorship Award*, by MCW's graduate students with the 2023 *Mentor of the Year* award, and at the national level with a mentoring award from the American Heart Association.

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Phil Flynn joined Associated Bank in 2009 as President and Chief Executive Officer and retired in 2021.

Previously, Mr. Flynn held the position of vice chairman and chief operating officer of Union Bank in California. During his nearly 30-year career at Union Bank, he held a broad range of other executive positions, including chief credit officer and head of commercial banking, specialized lending and wholesale banking activities.

In addition to the Medical College of Wisconsin, Mr. Flynn serves on the Boards of St. Norbert College and the Green Bay Packers.

Strategic direction to support our mission

The elected members of the Medical College of Wisconsin’s Board of Trustees are business executives, philanthropists and distinguished community leaders, pooling their wealth of knowledge and experience to enhance our mission and help shape our future.

Dalvery Blackwell

Doctor of Humanities



For the last 15 years, Ms. Dalvery Blackwell has served as a Co-Founder and Executive Director of the African American Breastfeeding Network (AABN). Her career is dedicated to improving maternal-child health outcomes, championing breastfeeding equity by advocating for system/policy changes, and partnering with community-based, family-centered, culturally tailored health education and support services. Before founding AABN, she worked in different capacities in public health. As a program coordinator for the Black Health Coalition of Wisconsin, Ms. Blackwell was instrumental in leading the efforts to make Wisconsin one of the first states in the country to create legislation banning smoking in public places. Soon after marrying and having her first child, Ms. Blackwell committed her work to addressing breastfeeding disparities. Her first stop on her public health journey was a job with the Milwaukee County's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children as a breastfeeding peer counselor. Soon after, in 2011, she became an International Board-Certified Lactation Consultant.

Under Ms. Blackwell's direction, AABN has worked to enhance and improve maternal and infant health by providing breastfeeding education, support, and services, especially for families at risk for prematurity and adverse birth outcomes. AABN was created to normalize breastfeeding by eradicating stigma, providing support, and increasing self-efficacy and knowledge of breastfeeding rights in public, professional, and educational settings. Culturally relevant programming from AABN begins with prenatal education and support and extends through the postpartum period for the entire family. In 2019, the Board of Directors led the mission change to include advocating for breastfeeding equity and championing maternal-child health.

The many accomplishments of AABN as a reproductive justice community-based organization has enabled it to receive consistent funding from local and national foundations, donors, organizations, and government sources. In 2020 and 2021, AABN received \$500,000 in funding to form the WeRISE Doula program, intended to provide labor and delivery support and protection from COVID-19 to Black birthing families in southeastern Wisconsin. In 2022, AABN received another \$500,000 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, which brought the nationally acclaimed, evidence-based, trauma-informed care doula training from HealthConnect One to the WeRISE Doula Initiative. In 2023, Ms. Blackwell joined Drs. Anna Palatnik (Contact PI), Jessica Olson, Joni Williams, and Julia Dickson-Gomez (MPIs) as a Co-Investigator on the ASCEND Wisconsin Initiative, a seven-year, \$10 million NIH-funded proposal which aims to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in maternal morbidity in southeastern Wisconsin through equitable partnerships and commitment to policy-level change.

Through Ms. Blackwell's leadership and vision, AABN has built eminent goodwill in the community. The organization has been recognized and highlighted in local, state, and national media, including Essence Magazine's "Top Ten Things People Are Talking About," and the CDC "Breastfeeding Report Card." Ms. Blackwell is a recipient of the Wisconsin Public Health Association's Award for *Excellence in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention*, the Wisconsin Alliance for Women's Health's *Women of Commitment Award*, and the Milwaukee Community Journal's *Year of the Child: A Game Changer Honoree*.

Christine K. Cassel, MD

Doctor of Medical Science



Dr. Christine K. Cassel is a Professor of Medicine at the University of California at San Francisco School of Medicine, and Senior Advisor for Strategy and Policy, where she is working on biomedical ethics and the role of technology in healthcare. She leads an ethics and governance core for the UCSF Clinical Translational Science Institute, co-chairs a working group for the University of California Health System task force on health data governance, and serves on the standing AI Council for the President of the University of California.

In March of 2018, Dr. Cassel completed her term as Planning Dean for the new Kaiser Permanente School of Medicine, based in Pasadena, California. From 2013-2016, she was the President and CEO of the National Quality Forum, and prior to that served as President and CEO of the American Board of Internal Medicine and the ABIM Foundation.

Dr. Cassel was one of 20 scientists – and the only physician – chosen by President Obama to serve on the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST). She chaired or co-chaired PCAST reports on health information technology, scientific innovation in drug development and evaluation, systems engineering in healthcare, technology to foster independence and quality of life in an aging population, and safe drinking water systems.

Dr. Cassel is a leading expert in geriatrics and policy for an aging society, bioethics, and professional standards and quality of care. In her academic career she has served as Dean of the School of Medicine at Oregon Health and

Sciences University, as Chair of the Department of Geriatrics and Adult Development at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, and as Chief of General Internal Medicine at the University of Chicago. Among her many professional achievements and honors, Dr. Cassel was elected to membership of the National Academy of Medicine in 1992, and has served on or chaired influential reports such as *To Err is Human*, *Crossing the Quality Chasm*, *Approaching Death: Improving Care at the End of Life*, and *Addressing Burnout: A Systems Approach to Improving Care by Enhancing Clinician Wellbeing*.

Dr. Cassel was the first woman President of the American College of Physicians and, subsequently, first woman Chair of the American Board of Internal Medicine. She has served as Chair of the Board of the Greenwall Foundation (a national foundation for bioethics), and President of the American Federation for Aging Research, and was a member of the Advisory Committee to the Director at the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Cassel's other board service includes the Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Hospitals, Premier, Inc, and the Russell Sage Foundation.

Dr. Cassel currently advises a number of start-up companies using information science to advance healthcare quality. She has received numerous honorary degrees and is a Fellow of the Royal Colleges of Medicine of England and Canada. She also is author of more than 200 articles and author or editor of 11 books, including one of the leading textbooks in geriatric medicine, and *Medicare Matters: What Geriatric Medicine Can Teach American Health Care*.

Howard Fuller, PhD

Doctor of Humanities



Howard Fuller's career includes many years in both public service positions and the field of education. Dr. Fuller recently retired from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he now is a Distinguished Professor Emeritus.

Immediately before his appointment at Marquette University, Dr. Fuller served as the Superintendent of Milwaukee Public Schools.

Dr. Fuller received his B.S. degree in Sociology from Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin; his M.S.A. degree in Social Administration from Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio; and his Ph.D. in Sociological Foundations of Education from Marquette University.

Dr. Fuller has received numerous awards and recognitions over the years, including four Honorary Doctorate Degrees: Doctorate of Humane Letters from Carroll College; Doctorate of Laws from Marian College, Fond Du Lac,

Wisconsin; Doctorate of Business and Economics from the Milwaukee School of Engineering; and Doctorate of Humane Letters from Edgewood College, Madison, Wisconsin.

Dr. Fuller also is a member of the Charter School Hall of Fame of the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools; the Athletic Hall of Fame at North Division High School and Carroll University; and the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Dr. Fuller was honored as the Distinguished Alumnus of the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences at Case Western Reserve University in 2020, and was the recipient of the Marquette University 2023 Service Award.

He serves on the Board of Directors of the Dr. Howard Fuller Collegiate Academy.

His memoir, *No Struggle No Progress*, was published in 2014.

David C. Leach, MD

Doctor of Medical Science



David C. Leach, MD, was born in Elmira, New York. He received his undergraduate degree from St. Michael's College of the University of Toronto, his medical degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, and his training in Internal Medicine and Endocrinology and Metabolism at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. He received additional training in Pediatric Endocrinology at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

For nearly thirty years, Dr. Leach practiced endocrinology at Henry Ford Hospital, taught University of Michigan medical students, and was a teaching hospitalist. In the early 1980s he became the Director of Medical Education and Transitional Residency program director at Henry Ford. He also became seriously interested in how resident physicians acquire competence, and in 1997 was recruited to lead the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) as it shifted toward a competency-based model of accreditation. At that time, the ACGME accredited more than 6,000 residency programs in 120 different specialties that in aggregate housed more than 110,000 residents. The Competency Initiative was designed to use the leverage afforded by accreditation, the

assessment tools developed by the community, and partnership with the certifying boards to ensure that programs were producing graduates competent in the practice of their discipline. During Dr. Leach's tenure duty, hour restrictions also were addressed when it became evident that changes in the practice of medicine had negatively impacted both patient safety and resident well-being.

Dr. Leach has served on the boards of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement; the National Center for Healthcare Leadership; the Picker Institute; the Rosalind Franklin University; and the Mercy Health System (now Bon Secours Mercy Health). In 2007, he received the Association of American Medical Colleges' (AAMC) Award for Excellence in Medical Education (formerly called the Flexner Award). He also was given the Good Samaritan Award by Michigan's Governor John Engler for 25 years of volunteer service at the Cabrini Clinic, a free clinic in downtown Detroit.

Dr. Leach now lives in Williamsburg, Virginia, with Jackie, his wife of almost fifty years, and spends his time noticing beauty, practicing gratitude, and embracing patience.

Amy Lovell
 Doctor of Humanities



A passionate service-driven leader who is committed to creating and supporting a trauma-responsive community, Ms. Amy Lovell co-founded two of southeastern Wisconsin's preeminent organizations that address mental health and wellness.

Ms. Lovell co-founded REDgen (Resilience EDucation for a new generation), a nonprofit organization that works to bridge systems to promote resiliency in the lives of our youth and families. She currently serves on the organization's board of directors.

REDgen is a peer-to-peer resiliency program that builds a foundation for all youth to move from surviving to thriving at school, home, and within their communities. There are approximately 30 REDgen chapters in participating middle and high schools in the greater Milwaukee area. The program has developed more than 400 student leaders and impacted more than 17,000 youth.

Ms. Lovell also co-founded Scaling Wellness in Milwaukee (SWIM) with her husband, Marquette University President, Dr. Michael R. Lovell. SWIM is an organization that drives community-based collaboration to help prevent and respond to trauma and create a resilient Milwaukee. Through education, training, and wellness and resilience services, the organization equips community

members with the tools they need to understand their own trauma, heal, and build resilience.

SWIM programs provide wellness and resilience services and teach SWIM's workplace training program, which helps organizations build awareness of the role of trauma in the workplace and develop policies and procedures that respond to trauma.

In recognition of the Lovells' tremendous leadership to address mental health at Marquette and across Milwaukee and the region, the third and fourth floors of the wellness tower within the Marquette University's new Wellness + Helfaer Recreation facility will be named the Lovell Center for Student Well-Being. The Lovells were named the 2018 Community Leaders of the Year by BizTimes Milwaukee for their commitment to building a healthier, more productive Milwaukee.

In 2020, Ms. Lovell was honored by the *Milwaukee Business Journal* as a Woman of Influence.

She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy from the University of Pittsburgh and worked as a licensed pharmacist in New York, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania prior to moving to Milwaukee in 2008. She and Dr. Lovell are the parents of four adult children.

Michael Lovell
 Doctor of Humanities



Dr. Michael R. Lovell was named Marquette University's 24th President in March 2014. Under his visionary leadership, Marquette focuses on innovation, entrepreneurship, and community renewal and development — all consistent with the university's Catholic, Jesuit mission. Marquette delivers students a transformative education and prepares them for fulfilling careers and purposeful lives, and to be men and women for others.

Working with business and community leaders in Marquette's neighborhood, Dr. Lovell helped create the Near West Side Partners, a nonprofit focused on strengthening economic development, housing, neighborhood identity, and safety. He also played a key role in launching several other important initiatives in Milwaukee, including the Midwest Energy Research Consortium, The Commons, Scale-Up Milwaukee, The Water Council and the Northwestern Mutual Data Science Institute.

Dr. Lovell and his wife, Amy, founded Scaling Wellness in Milwaukee (SWIM), an organization that drives community-based collaboration to help prevent and respond to trauma and create a resilient Milwaukee. They were named the 2018 Community Leaders of the Year by *BizTimes Milwaukee* for their commitment to building a healthier, more productive Milwaukee.

Since being diagnosed with sarcoma in August 2021, Dr. Lovell has been very active in raising funds for cancer research and support programs. He presently serves as the Co-chair of the Wisconsin chapter of CEOs Against Cancer, a program of the American Cancer Society. The Lovells co-chaired the 2023 Stronger than

Sarcoma Soiree for Research. Dr. Lovell was featured in the October 2023 Rare Storytellers program presented by Harmony 4 Hope in partnership with the Linda T. and John A. Mellowes Center for Genomic Sciences and Precision Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

The fourth-longest serving president in Marquette's 143-year history, Dr. Lovell serves on the boards of The Water Council; the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities; the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities; and the Fund for Wisconsin Scholars. He is a member of the executive committees of the Higher Education Regional Alliance; the Greater Milwaukee Committee; and the Big East Conference; and co-chairs the Council on Competitiveness's University Leadership Forum.

Prior to joining Marquette, Dr. Lovell served the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee as Chancellor and, earlier, Dean of its engineering college. He previously held academic and research leadership positions at the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Kentucky.

Dr. Lovell holds three mechanical engineering degrees from the University of Pittsburgh. He has received awards from the National Science Foundation, Society of Manufacturing Engineers, and numerous other organizations; is a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and National Academy of Inventors; and holds U.S. and global patents.

The Lovells are the parents of four adult children.



Catherine R. Lucey, MD, MACP

Doctor of Medical Science



Catherine R. Lucey, MD, MACP, leads the robust research enterprise and highly ranked academic programs at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), as Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost.

Dr. Lucey works in close collaboration with the Chancellor and the leadership team to develop and implement campus priorities and vision, maintain the University's status as an international leader in health sciences education and research, and oversee external partnerships representing UCSF's best interests across the University of California system, at the UC Office of the President, and beyond.

Renowned for her leadership, Dr. Lucey was Vice Dean for Education and Executive Vice Dean for the School of Medicine, reporting to Dean Talmadge E. King, Jr. In these roles, she directed the undergraduate, graduate, and continuing medical education programs of the School of Medicine and the Office of Medical Education. A champion of diversity, equity, and inclusion, Dr. Lucey also was on the executive management team for the School of Medicine's Differences Matters Initiative and oversaw other strategic projects across the campus.

Her national portfolio of work has included membership on the National Academy of Medicine, the Board of Directors of the Association of American Medical Colleges, and the American Board of Medical Specialties. Additionally, she served as Chair of the American Board of Internal Medicine. In these roles, she has worked to influence the direction of academic medicine and the continuum of medical education in ways aligned with UCSF's approach to education, culture, and community.

Dr. Lucey joined UCSF in 2011 from The Ohio State University, where she was Vice Dean for Education for the College of Medicine and Associate Vice President for Health Sciences Education for the Office of Health Sciences. She completed her residency in internal medicine at UCSF, including service as Chief Resident at the UCSF-affiliated San Francisco General Hospital (now named Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center).

Dr. Lucey earned her medical degree from Northwestern University School of Medicine.

It is a sobering experience to contemplate the scope and magnitude of medical knowledge that has accrued in the past 50 years. Those who can best appreciate the astonishing discoveries that have converted medicine into a highly complex science are these 104 physicians who entered the profession decades ago.

They have a special vantage point from which to observe what has transpired. Among this select group are physicians who completed their studies in 1974 at this medical school. The Medical College of Wisconsin is pleased to honor these esteemed alumni for contributions to the field of medicine during an era which continually challenged their talents.

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 Raymond J. Sloan, MD
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 Dennis M. Sullivan, MD
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 John A. Weigelt, MD
 H. Edmond Whiteley, MD
 Marvin J. Wiener, MD
 James K. Wiesner, MD
 Norton A. Winer, MD
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Graduates of 2024:

Congratulations on this momentous occasion! On behalf of the MCW/ Marquette Medical Alumni Association, I welcome you to our proud, accomplished, and growing community, a network that can uplift and be an incredible resource.

You have all worked so hard for this day. I hope your experience at MCW provided a robust learning environment where collaboration among our scientists, clinicians, students, and healthcare professionals promoted persistent curiosity and provided you with unique and powerful educational opportunities. The Medical College of Wisconsin positioned you well to meet the ever changing needs of the communities you will serve.

We will follow your progress and success with great anticipation and admiration, because just as MCW will always be a part of you, you will always be a part of MCW. The Alumni Association continues to be grateful for all the ways our alumni are active on and off campus, whether in person or virtually. We have created tools to support students and we know that connecting students with those in our MCW alumni community is a powerful resource. I encourage you to continually seek out opportunities to connect with MCW and your fellow alumni (there are over 20,000 of us!). I hope to see you at **MCWengage.com**. If you have not already registered, please do so now.

Congratulations and best wishes,



Betty S. Pace, MD '81, GME '84
President, MCW/Marquette Medical Alumni Association

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School of Graduate Studies Oath

"I do hereby promise to conduct myself in a manner deserving of inclusion in the community of scholars that I join today by fostering collegiality and engagement. I will disavow prejudice, never allowing financial gain, competition, or ambition to cloud my judgment in the ethical conduct of my craft. I will act with honesty, integrity and objectivity in the pursuit of constructive knowledge that furthers my discipline and benefits society as a whole. Finally, I will honor the foundation of knowledge that has come before me and the promise of new discoveries to come."

- This Oath was written by 2014 graduate Jessica Priestley and members of MCW's Graduate Student Association

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Olaitan J. Akinboboye, MD
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MD Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Osun state

Public and Community Health
Dissertation: The Role of the Social Determinants of Health on Glycemic Control in African Americans with History of Criminal legal involvement and Type 2 Diabetes
Mentor: Rebekah Walker, PhD



Reilly L. Allison
BA Emory University 2019

Cell and Developmental Biology
Dissertation: Astrocyte-targeted therapeutics to correct glial inflammatory signaling and neuron loss in SMA and ALS
Mentor: Allison D. Ebert, PhD
September 29, 2023



Santiago Alvarez Argote, MD
Cali, Colombia,
MD Universidad del Valle 2012

Physiology
Basic and Translational Science Concentration
Dissertation: Interleukin 13 Signaling to Macrophages Improves Recovery after Myocardial Infarction
Mentor: Caitlin C. O'Meara, PhD
November 30, 2023



Dayeong An
Menomonee Falls, WI
Biomedical Engineering*
Dissertation: Deep Learning and Machine Learning Approaches in Advanced Magnetic Resonance Imaging for Reducing Cancer Treatment-Induced Cardiotoxicity
Mentor: El-Sayed H. Ibrahim, PhD
February 29, 2024

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Olivia Arnold
Chicago, IL
BS Marquette University 2018

Cell and Developmental Biology
Dissertation: Epigenetic Regulation in Normal and Malignant Hematopoiesis
Mentor: Nan Zhu, PhD
April 30, 2024



Joanna S. Balza
Milwaukee, WI
BSN Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing 2012

Public and Community Health
Dissertation: Preventing childhood lead poisoning: Risk factors and points of intervention
Mentor: Kathryn E. Flynn, PhD
April 30, 2024



Jean C. Bikomeye
Kibungo, Rwanda
MPH Mount Kenya University 2017

Public and Community Health
Dissertation: Greenspace and CardioOncology: Disentangling disparities and links between exposure and outcomes in the United States
Mentor: Kirsten M.M. Beyer, PhD, MPH, MS



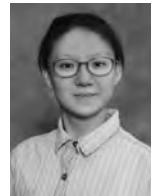
Wenjing Chen
Biochemistry
Dissertation: The Role of Estrogen-Related Receptor Alpha and Heat Shock Protein Family A Member 9 in Thyroid Cancer
Mentor: Jong-In Park, PhD
February 29, 2024



Kristina J. Chern
Eden, WI
BS Marian University 2016

Cell and Developmental Biology

Dissertation: The Development of a Prostaglandin-based Gene Therapy for the Treatment of Glaucoma
Mentor: Daniel M. Lipinski, MSc, Dphil
December 29, 2023



Xi Fang

Biostatistics

Dissertation: Statistical Methods to improve estimation efficiency for right-censored data under observational studies and clinical trials
Mentor: Soyoung Kim, PhD
February 29, 2024



Elaheh Hashemi

MS Tarbiat Modarres University 2015

Microbiology and Immunology

Dissertation: Transcriptomic Diversity of Innate Lymphoid Cells During Their Development in Human Lymph nodes
Mentor: Subramaniam Malarkannan, PhD



Heather Heitkotter

BA Lake Forest College 2016

Cell and Developmental Biology

Dissertation: Multimodal assessment of photoreceptor structure and function in retinal trauma
Mentor: Joseph J. Carroll, PhD
December 29, 2023



Ugochukwu K. Ihenacho
BS Northwest Missouri State University 2012

Biochemistry

Dissertation: Elucidating the Structural And Mitochondrial Fission Roles of a Conserved Non-Canonical Insert Motif in Fis1
Mentor: Blake Hill, PhD
October 31, 2023



Seongtaek Lee

MS University of Alabama at Birmingham 2016

Biomedical Engineering*

Dissertation: Noninvasive Perfusion MRI and Angiography with Arterial Spin Labeling (ASL) in the Rat Spinal Cord
Mentor: Brian Schmit, PhD and Matthew Budde, PhD
August 31, 2023

** Joint Doctor of Philosophy program with Marquette University*



Shuai Liu

Pharmacology and Toxicology

Dissertation: Investigation of the necessity, sufficiency, and specificity of the dmPFC cocaine-seeking ensemble
Mentor: Christopher M. Olsen, PhD
April 30, 2024



Natalia Marin Mathieu
Medellin, Colombia

Physiology

Dissertation: Role of β -arrestin2 in the Regulation of Blood Pressure and Fluid Homeostasis in the Brain
Mentor: Curt D. Sigmund, PhD
April 30, 2024



Erica Z. Marion
Milwaukee, WI
BS Mount Mary University 2018

Public and Community Health

Dissertation: Exploring Motherhood, Resilience and Mental Health for Mothers with Young Children During COVID-19: A Mixed Methods Study
Mentor: Laura Cassidy, PhD
October 31, 2023



Amanda M. Marks

BS University of Wisconsin-Parkside 2017

Physiology

Dissertation: The Identification of Novel Molecular Mediators of Renal Counterbalance
Mentor: Alison J. Kriegel, PhD
June 30, 2023



Carly A. M. Mascari

Wauwatosa, WI
BS University of Wisconsin-Madison 2014

Microbiology and Immunology

Dissertation: Cell wall stress-induced regulation of the committed step of peptidoglycan synthesis in Enterococcus faecalis and its implications for cephalosporin resistance
Mentor: Christopher J. Kristich, PhD
November 30, 2023



Briana P. Meyer

Biophysics

Dissertation: Spinal Cord Perfusion MRI: Technical Advancements with Arterial Spin Labeling and Application to Preclinical Traumatic Injury
Mentor: Matthew Budde, PhD
May 31, 2023



Christopher E. Monti
Cary, IL
BS Duke University 2017

Microbiology and Immunology

Dissertation: Computational Modeling of Physiologic and Pathologic Systems
Mentor: Scott S. Terhune, PhD and Ranjan K. Dash, PhD
April 30, 2024



Wasif A. Osmani

Chicago, IL
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Physiology

Dissertation: Seizure-induced neuroinflammation in key sites of ventilatory control in the brainstem: insights into Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP)
Mentor: Matthew R. Hodges, PhD
May 31, 2023



Suzette Rosas-Rogers

Microbiology and Immunology

Dissertation: Defining the Interplay between Cytomegalovirus UL27 and the Host Proteasome in the Viral Lifecycle
Mentor: Scott S. Terhune, PhD
December 29, 2023



Joseph R. Rouse

Des Plaines, IL
MS University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Microbiology and Immunology

Dissertation: Borrelia burgdorferi Peptidoglycan Alters Host Immune Responses
Mentor: Robert B. Lochhead, PhD
March 29, 2024



Shima Sadri

Biomedical Engineering*

Dissertation: Characterizing Substrate-Dependent Cardiac and Renal Mitochondrial Respiration and Bioenergetics and Mitochondrial and NADPH Oxidase 2 Medicated ROS Production
Mentor: Ranjan K. Dash, PhD
August 31, 2023

** Joint Doctor of Philosophy program with Marquette University*



Bailey C. Sarka

Ionia, MI
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Pharmacology and Toxicology

Dissertation: Measuring the effect of neuropathic pain on drug-seeking ensembles in the dorsomedial prefrontal cortex
Mentor: Christopher M. Olsen, PhD
January 31, 2024



Gopika SenthilKumar

BS University of Wisconsin-Madison 2019

Physiology

Dissertation: The Dual Role of Ceramides in the Human Microvascular Endothelium
Mentor: Julie K. Freed, MD, PhD
March 29, 2024



Erika M. Shaw

Lafayette, IN
BS Wisconsin Lutheran College 2018

Cell and Developmental Biology

Dissertation: The Development and Characterization of a Primary Porcine Cell Culture Model of Dry Age-Related Macular Degeneration
Mentor: Daniel M. Lipinski, MSc, Dphil
April 30, 2024



Austin J. Stellpflug
Galesville, WI
BS Marquette University 2018

Biomedical Engineering*

Dissertation: Development of a New Generation of Nanoparticles with Acellular Porcine Bone for Regenerative Engineering and Orthopedic Therapies
Mentor: Bo Wang, PhD
February 29, 2024

** Joint Doctor of Philosophy program with Marquette University*



Samantha K. Swift

Cell and Developmental Biology

Basic and Translational Science Concentration
Dissertation: Cardiomyocyte Ploidy Dynamics in Development and Repair
Mentor: Michaela Patterson, PhD
October 31, 2023



Sarah B. Timmler

Wauwatosa, WI
MS University of Wisconsin-Madison 2016

Microbiology and Immunology

Dissertation: Regulation of a cell-wall-stress-sensing two-component system and its impact on downstream effectors required for antibiotic resistance in Enterococcus faecalis
Mentor: Christopher J. Kristich, PhD
March 29, 2024



Nicole E. VanZeeland

Neenah, WI
BS St. Norbert College 2017

Microbiology and Immunology

Dissertation: Modulation of PASTA kinase signaling by a downstream substrate impacts cephalosporin resistance in Enterococcus faecalis
Mentor: Christopher J. Kristich, PhD
October 31, 2023

Doctor of Philosophy



Tyler B. Waltz
Hershey, PA
BA Arcadia University 2015
Cell and Developmental Biology
Dissertation: Neuronal and non-neuronal mechanisms of Fabry disease pain
Mentor: Cheryl L. Stucky, PhD
August 31, 2023



Eugenia A. Wulff Fuentes
Caracas, Venezuela
BS University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point 2017
Biochemistry
Dissertation: The Nutrient Sensing O-GlcNAc Modification in Development and Neuroendocrine Function
Mentor: Stephanie Olivier-Van Stichelen, PhD
April 31, 2024



Adrian P. Zietara
Physiology
Dissertation: The contributions of dietary potassium and basolateral inwardly rectifying potassium channels in the development of salt-sensitive hypertension
Mentor: Alexander V. Staruschenko, PhD
August 31, 2023



Jayne T. Wolfe
Naperville, IL
BS University of Iowa 2015
Biomedical Engineering*
Dissertation: Evaluation of a porous polyester urethane scaffold seeded with highly adherent endothelial cells for use as a small-diameter tissue engineered vascular graft
Mentor: Brandon J. Tefft, PhD
August 31, 2023

**Joint Doctor of Philosophy program with Marquette University*



Alisha A. Ziegler
Sheboygan, WI
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Physiology
Dissertation: Cardiometabolic Consequences of Early-Life Sodium Depletion
Mentor: Jeffrey L. Segar, MD and Justin L. Grobe, PhD
May 17, 2024

Doctor of Public Health



Brenna C. Bernardin
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MPH University of South Carolina 2016
Dissertation: Analyzing Collaboration and Partnerships for Affordable Housing in South Carolina: A Public Health Perspective
Mentor: David A. Nelson, PhD
April 30, 2024



Abigael J. Collier
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MS Mount Mary University 2009
Dissertation: The Role of Culture in Child Death Review Teams
Mentor: Zeno Franco, PhD
April 30, 2024



Marta L. McMillion
Minocqua, WI
MPH Medical College of Wisconsin 2017
Dissertation: Resilience and Retention in the Rural Public Health Workforce During the COVID-19 Pandemic
Mentor: David A. Nelson, PhD
April 30, 2024



Kelli E. Brown
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MPH University of Wisconsin-Madison 2015
Dissertation: Investigating Key Elements of Peer Support Programs Focused on Recovery and Reentry in Community-Based Organizations: A Qualitative Implementation Science Study
Mentor: Staci A. Young, PhD
April 30, 2024



Rosamaria R. Martinez
Milwaukee, WI
MBA University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee 2007
Dissertation: Housing needs and challenges during the perinatal period: Perspectives of birthing persons and service providers
Mentor: Katherine Quinn, PhD
April 30, 2024

Master of Science



Sanjay Bhandari
Clinical and Translational Science
Thesis: Association between Diabetes and 30-day Readmission and Length of Stay in Patients with Existing Social Needs
Mentor: Rebekah Walker, PhD



Bindu P. Bhat
Biomedical Engineering*
Thesis: Comparison of a Patient-Specific Computed Tomography Organ Dose Software with Commercial Phantom-Based Tools
Mentor: Taly Gilat-Schmidt, PhD
January 5, 2024

**Joint Master of Science program with Marquette University*



Haley E. Blackwell
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BS Clemson University 2017
Genetic Counseling
Thesis: Impact of Gender-affirming Care Bans on Care for Variations of Sex Characteristics—Provider Perspectives
Mentor: Erin Syverson, MS, CGC



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BS University of Wisconsin-Madison 2021
Genetic Counseling
Thesis: Evaluation of a Career Research and Exploration Workshop's Influence on Engagement in and Accessibility to the Genetic Counseling Profession
Mentor: Jennifer Geurts, MS, CGC



Johnathan J. Caldron
Windsor Locks, CT
BS University of Rochester 2021
Microbiology and Immunology
Thesis: Techniques for Investigating the Contributions of Gammaherpesvirus Infection to Autoimmune Disease
Mentor: Bonnie N. Dittel, PhD
December 29, 2023



Samantha S. Chou
Biochemistry
Thesis: Elucidating SRCP1's Therapeutic Potential in the Spinocerebellar Ataxias
Mentor: Kenneth M. Scaglione, PhD
January 31, 2024



Ryan T. Condon
Glen Ellyn, IL
BS Northwestern University 2019
Genetic Counseling
Thesis: Exploring the Impact of Sibling's Disability on Genetic Counselors: A Qualitative Study
Mentor: Emily Singh, MS, CGC



Erin E. Cygan
Orland Park, IL
BA Augustana College 2020
Microbiology and Immunology
Thesis: Conserved Gene Fusion ETV6/RUNX1 Displays Higher Immunogenicity Potential Than Patient-specific Missense Mutations Within the Context of HLA-A*02:01
Mentor: Anthony E. Zamora, PhD
September 29, 2023



Radhika Dua
New Berlin, WI
BS Marquette University 2022
Global Health Equity
Thesis: A Scoping Review of Communication Strategies and interventions to deliver Sexual and Reproductive health information among Female Sex Workers (FSWs)
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Thesis: Determining the Role Of Autophosphorylation and Mit Domains in the Regulatory Mechanism Of Ulk3
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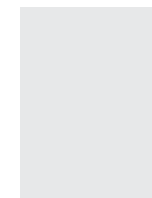
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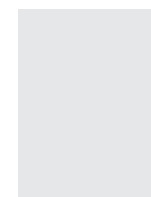
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Oath of a Pharmacist

"I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy. In fulfilling this vow: I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns. I will promote inclusion, embrace diversity, and advocate for justice to advance health equity. I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for all patients. I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me. I will accept the responsibility to improve my professional knowledge, expertise, and self-awareness. I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession's moral, ethical and legal conduct. I will embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care. I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences, and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists. I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public."

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Medical School Oath

"As a member of the medical profession: I pledge to dedicate myself to the service of humanity through the art and science of medicine; The health and well-being of my patients will be my first consideration; I will respect the autonomy and dignity of my patients; I will value the individuality of my patients and care for all of them to the best of my ability; I will safeguard the confidentiality of my patients; I will practice my profession with conscience and integrity and in accordance with medical standards; I will share my medical knowledge for the benefit of the community and the improvement of health care; I will give to my teachers, colleagues, and students the respect and gratitude that is their due; I will attend to my own health, well-being, and abilities so that I am able to provide the best care for my patients; I will engage in honest self-reflection upon my character, acknowledging both my strengths and limitations; I will not use my medical knowledge to violate human rights or civil liberties, even under threat. I make these promises solemnly, freely, and upon my honor."

-This oath, based on the Declaration of Geneva, was written in 2019 by MCW students Alexandra Cohn, Clara Bosco, Erica Woertz, Jamie Jasti, Maraika Robinson, Mohamed Khalil, and Sarah Brink

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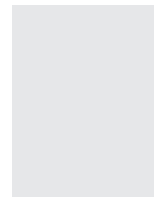
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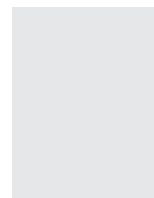
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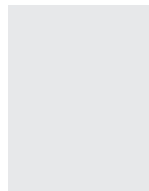
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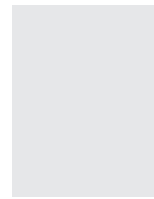
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Graduate Student Awards

Friends of MCW Doctor of Philosophy Outstanding Dissertation Award Recipients

First Place

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Dissertation: The Dual Role of Ceramides in the Human Microvascular Endothelium

Second Place

Heather Heitkotter
Cell and Developmental Biology

Dissertation: Multimodal assessment of photoreceptor structure and function in retinal trauma

Third Place

Joanna S. Balza
Public and Community Health

Dissertation: Preventing childhood lead poisoning: Risk factors and points of intervention

Third Place

Kristina J. Chern
Cell and Developmental Biology

Dissertation: The Development of a Prostaglandin-based Gene Therapy for the Treatment of Glaucoma

Outstanding Contribution to Advancing Health Equity Award Recipients

Rosamaria R. Martinez
Doctor of Public Health

Dissertation: Housing needs and challenges during the perinatal period: Perspectives of birthing persons and service providers

Graduate Student Award for Outstanding Mentor

Julie K. Freed, MD, PhD

The recipient of this award is recognized as an outstanding mentor by the graduate students.

Graduate Student Award for Outstanding Teacher

Jamie W. Harriman, MS, CGC

The recipient of this award is recognized for outstanding teaching of graduate students.

Pharmacy Student Awards

Interprofessional Education Student Pharmacist Award

Michael D. Ehlke

The Interprofessional Education Student Pharmacist Award recognizes a Medical College of Wisconsin student pharmacist who embodies the School of Pharmacy core value of interprofessional collaboration in education, scholarship, and/or practice.

Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin Student Achievement Award

Matthew J. DeSchepper

Each year, the PSW presents the Student Achievement Award to one student from each Wisconsin pharmacy school who has made a significant contribution to the professional development of fellow students, been an integral part of student organizational leadership activities, and served as a role model of high achievement in the graduating pharmacy class.

United States Public Health Service Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Award

Bridget E. Nelson

The USPHS Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Award was established to recognize a student pharmacist who makes significant contributions to public health. This includes advancing the objectives of Healthy People 2030, the Surgeon General's priorities, and the pharmacy profession.

Fostering Healthy Communities Award

Bridget E. Nelson

The Fostering Healthy Communities Award recognizes a Medical College of Wisconsin student pharmacist who embodies the School of Pharmacy vision of advancing the health of our communities through innovative pharmacy education, continuous public and professional service, and diverse scholarly collaborations.

Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin Advancing Pharmacy Practice Award

Nina Novic

The Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin Advancing Pharmacy Practice Award is presented to one student from the Medical College of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy who has excelled academically in the classroom and on rotation, through professional organization involvement, and who is pursuing post-graduate residency training.

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Katherine M. Bush (PY2)
Matthew J. DeSchepper (PY1)
Jessica L. Mickevicius (PY1)
Keegan Norris (PY1, PY2)
Kenina E. Silvera (PY1, PY2)

The Outstanding Academic Achievement Award recognizes Medical College of Wisconsin student pharmacists who placed first, second, and third in the total number of Honors final course grades earned in the first year (PY1) or the second year (PY2) of the program, respectively.

Viatrix Excellence in Pharmacy Award

Kenina E. Silvera

The Viatrix Excellence in Pharmacy Award recognizes the high academic achievement and personal motivation of top students in pharmacy schools throughout the U.S. Recipients achieve academic excellence, demonstrate high personal motivation, and possess a unique ability to communicate drug information.

Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Certificate of Merit

Katherine M. Bush
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Joseph G. Loreda
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The APPE Certificate of Merit recognizes Medical College of Wisconsin student pharmacists who consistently earned high levels of distinction during their clinical rotations.

American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists Senior Recognition Certificate

Katherine M. Bush

The APhA-ASP Senior Recognition Certificate is awarded to a student pharmacist who has made the greatest contribution to their institution's APhA-ASP chapter. The recipient is honored through APhA's national publications.

Pharmacy Student Awards (cont.)

Student Pharmacist Research Dissemination Award

Saba F. Tahir

The Student Pharmacist Research Dissemination Award recognizes a Medical College of Wisconsin student pharmacist who has contributed significantly to the scholarly field during their time in the program.

Diversity and Inclusion Pharmacy Student Award

Daija L. Chomicki

The Diversity and Inclusion Pharmacy Student Award recognizes a Medical College of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy student pharmacist accomplishments in contributing to diversity and inclusion through exemplary leadership.

American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists Graduation Honor Cords

Katherine M. Bush
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The APhA-ASP Graduation Honor Cords recognize student pharmacists whose commitment to active involvement and contributions have made their chapter a success. Recipients receive blue and silver twisted honor cords to wear with their academic regalia.

Clement J. Zablocki Veterans Affairs Student Achievement Award

Bridget E. Nelson

The Clement J. Zablocki Veterans Affairs Student Achievement Award is presented to one student from the Medical College of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy who has excelled both academically and through professional involvement who is pursuing post-graduate residency training.

Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists Graduation Cords

Sonu Baru
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Mariah J. Voigt
Hannah M. Voros
Richard Yang

The SSHP Graduation Cords are bestowed upon student members of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists who have demonstrated involvement, health-systems interest, and dedication to professional development at the local, state, and national level. Recipients receive royal blue and orange twisted honor cords to wear with their academic regalia.

Rho Chi Honor Cords

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Michael D. Ehlke
Kaitlyn B. Henderson
Jessica L. Mickevicius
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Membership in the Rho Chi Society is a privilege accorded to those who distinguish themselves by their academic and professional achievements. The Medical College of Wisconsin student pharmacists who are in the top 20% of the class are initiated into the Society in recognition of their academic excellence. Members are awarded purple/white cords to wear with their academic regalia.

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Student Society Officer Recognition Award

Sonu Baru

The ASHP Student Society Officer Recognition Award recognizes the student pharmacist that served as the president of their institution's ASHP Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists chapter. The award honors the recipient's hard work and contribution to fulfilling the recognition requirements provided by the national affiliate.

Friends of MCW Service Award

Kaitlyn B. Henderson

The Friends of the Medical College of Wisconsin, established in 1969, is a dynamic, philanthropic organization that supports the educational, scientific and charitable activities of MCW. Its members recognize that a sacrifice of time, a personal commitment and selfless dedication are components necessary to enhance the lives of others. This award is presented by the Friends to graduating students in appreciation for outstanding service to the MCW community.

Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Cords

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Membership in the Phi Lambda Sigma Society is a privilege accorded to those who are actively involved in advancing the pharmacy profession through their leadership. The Medical College of Wisconsin student pharmacists are nominated by their faculty and peers for their demonstrated pharmacy leadership, service, and professional activities, with initiation occurring after an application process and election by the current Epsilon Rho Chapter body. Members are awarded green/gold cords to wear with their academic regalia.

Medical Student Awards & Honors

Alpha Omega Alpha

Members of the Wisconsin Beta Chapter of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society have earned the approbation of members of the faculty and the student body for qualities of integrity, leadership, compassion, fairness and educational achievement. Celebrating its 121st year, Alpha Omega Alpha holds a position of honor and respect in the medical world for furtherance of scholarship and research and encouragement of high standards of character and conduct among medical students and graduates. Alpha Omega Alpha recipients receive green and gold twisted honor cords to wear with their academic regalia.

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Alexandra O. Polovneff

Polina Prokhoda
Alexis K. Puyleart
Mariah Schultz **
Harini Shailesh Shah
Todd Stollenwerk
Marisa K.B. Tobes
Paytsar Topchyan
Emma A. Vallee
laong C. Vang
Patrick Vosters **
Delaney A. Weiland
Joshua Wiesner **
Jonathan G. Wong
Emelyn Zaworski *
Donglin Zhang

Gold Humanism Honor Society

The Arnold P. Gold Foundation Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) recognizes students who are exemplars of compassionate patient care and who serve as role models, mentors and leaders in medicine. GHHS members are peer-nominated as those one would want to care for one's own family members. GHHS recipients receive white and gold twisted honor cords to wear with their academic regalia.

Mohamed Abdelrahim
Iniya K. Adhan
Elizabeth Marie Aughey
Cassandra Balson *
Delaney D. Cairns
Grace M. Callan
Marissa Davis **
Jessie E. Duarte Lopez
Khadijah Enoch **
Katherine Ernste *
Rachel E. Greenberg

Paulina M. Gutkin
Bryce T. Hrudka
Aubriannah Larson **
Joyce H. Lee
Morgan E. Leissring
Mingqian Lin
Julliette Lucas **
Kayla McConnaha **
Jessica L. Miller
Stephen D. Ortmann
Connor C. Pedersen

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Tamara Schroeder
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Emelyn Zaworski *

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** Green Bay

Teaching Awards

MCWAH Housestaff Award for Excellence in Teaching

Paul Cho, MD (required rotations)
Jesse Kasim, MD (elective rotations)

The recipients of this award are residents of the Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals, Inc. (MCWAH), who have been recognized by the senior class and graduate medical education program directors for their outstanding contributions to the education of medical students at the Medical College of Wisconsin in the course of the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 academic years.

The Milwaukee Academy of Medicine Award for Excellence in Teaching

Adrienne Klement, MD

This award is presented annually by the Milwaukee Academy of Medicine to a community physician in private practice who distinguishes himself/herself by exemplary teaching and serves as an outstanding role model for medical students. Selection is made by the Senior Class.

Harry Beckman Basic Science Teaching Award

Hershel Raff, PhD

This award is presented to the faculty member considered by the senior class to be the most outstanding teacher in a basic science department.

Ernest O. Henschel Clinical Teaching Award

Jed Calata, MD

This award is presented to the faculty member considered by the senior class to be the most outstanding teacher in the clinical departments.

Honors in Research

Mohamed Abdelrahim
Iniya K. Adhan
Natalie M. Anumolu
Benish Baqai
Owen R. Bowie
Delaney D. Cairns
Catherine K. Chang
Madelyn Kennedy Coleman
Brennen J. Cooper
Lorraine N. Dang
Andrew L. DeGroot
Stephen R. Denton
Athena Dong
Ashlyn E. Elftmann
Max R. Fisher
Meghan M. Gallagher
Leah Gerlach
Rachel E. Greenberg
Garrett M. Grissim

Paulina M. Gutkin
Alexander P. Hammond
Kaila Herold
Maxwell L. Hershey
Bryce T. Hrudka
Camila M. Ishueva
Abhishek Janardan
Morgan K. Johnson
Anna E. Kerschner
Shivani Kumar
Amy Y. Lee
Marie C. Luebke
James S. MacLeod
Ragasnehith Maddula
Kathryn R. Manswell
Lucas R. Mathson
Jessica L. Miller
Stacy J. Moroz
Madeleine C. Nowak

Carly M. O'Donnell
Murali V. Palathinkara
Alexandra O. Polovneff
Polina Prokhoda
Brianna R. Rotherham
Micah J. Rubin
Meghan A. Schilthuis
Brianna Statz
Jacqueline Tran
Ana M. Untaroiu
Nalani A. Wakinekona
Rachel L. Weber
Allison R. Whitaker
Edward P. Willow
Monet S. Woolfolk
Natalie A. Yass

The Honors in Research Program is an optional research training opportunity that enables medical students to extend their Medical Student Summer Research Training Program experience throughout their education at MCW. The goals are to explore additional aspects of their research project that potentially may generate new data or add knowledge to their investigation and further enhance the student's overall research exposure. Recipients are awarded gold honor cords to wear with their academic regalia.

Honors in Community Engagement

Bethany M. Korom
Meghan E. Malloy
Caroline A. Keating
Delaney A. Weiland

The Honors in Community Engagement program is intended to encourage, support and recognize medical students who work extensively with medically underserved, marginalized and vulnerable populations within the local community during the students' medical school careers. Students commit to and sustain close collaboration with a community partner during their work towards Honors distinction. Recipients are awarded white honor cords to wear with their academic regalia.

Honors in Medical Education

Elizabeth D. Dominguez
Omeed Partovi
Mary Claire Potter

The Honors in Medical Education is intended to encourage, support, and recognize medical students who exceed typical expectations in their aspirations to pursue careers in Academic Medicine and/or be purposeful Medical Educators. This Honors reinforces excellence in teaching, highlighting students' demonstration of the educational theories and practice that a clinician will come to depend on in a career in academic medicine. Recipients are awarded light blue and purple twisted cords to wear with their academic regalia.

Honors in Global Health

Tarini Mitra
Elena K. Seifert

The Honors in Global Health encourages, supports, and recognizes medical students who work extensively with medically vulnerable global populations during their medical school careers. The distinction is recognition of students who sustain commitment, excellence and impact over and beyond usual expectations. Recipients are awarded royal blue cords to wear with their academic regalia.

The Hiram B. Benjamin Award in Anatomy

Grace M. Callan

This award is given annually by the faculty members of the Department of Cell Biology, Neurobiology and Anatomy to a medical student who achieves a high level of scholarship in anatomy. It honors the late Hiram B. Benjamin, MD, scientist, surgeon, anatomy department faculty member and alumnus. For many years, he shared his enthusiasm for applied anatomy and scientific investigation with students of this institution.

The Lowell A. Sether Memorial Award in Anatomy

Celeste A. Pain

This award is presented annually to a senior medical student demonstrating exceptional enthusiasm and skill in clinical human anatomic dissection. Given in his memory by the Sether family and the faculty of the Department of Cell Biology, Neurobiology and Anatomy, this award honors the memory of Lowell A. Sether, PhD, scientist, teacher and faculty member, who for many years shared his enthusiasm for applied anatomy and scientific investigation with the students of MCW.

The Ben and Ella Wagner Memorial Award in Anatomy

Kathryn R. Manswell

Given in memory of Ben and Ella Wagner by Marvin Wagner, MD, Adjunct Professor of Cell Biology, Neurobiology and Anatomy, Clinical Professor of Surgery and alumnus. This award is given to the senior student whose participation in the senior elective in Advanced Clinical Human Anatomy reflects an exceptional understanding of anatomy and its importance to clinical medicine.

The Quick Award in Biochemistry

Linda Berg Luecke

This award honors the memory of Armand J. Quick, MD, PhD, Chairman of the Department of Biochemistry from 1944-64. Dr. Quick was an internationally recognized contributor to knowledge concerning basic mechanisms of blood clotting and to techniques involving the diagnosis and treatment of hemorrhagic disorders. The Quick Award is given to honor senior students who, in the opinion of the faculty of the Department of Biochemistry, have demonstrated outstanding scholarship in biochemistry and have carried on the tradition of research of Dr. Quick.

The Pasteur Award in Microbiology & Molecular Genetics

Micah J. Rubin
Paytsar Topchyan

This award is presented to medical students by the faculty of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology in recognition of high scholarship and research in microbiology.

Awards and Honors

The J.J. Smith Award in Physiology

Todd Stollenwerk

James J. Smith, MD, Chairman of the Department of Physiology from 1952 to 1980, through his academic and administrative skills, significantly enhanced the level of scholarship in Physiology that continues to be maintained at MCW. This award is given in Dr. Smith’s honor to the senior medical student who has best exemplified scholarship in physiology through both academic and research achievements during his or her undergraduate medical training.

The Brooker Award in Pharmacology

Elisabeth B. Rehfeldt

Given in memory of the late William Douglas Brooker, MD, PhD, by his wife, Doris C. Brooker, MD, and their friends. This award is given to students who have demonstrated exceptional skill and scholarship in pharmacology. Dr. William Brooker received both his PhD degree in pharmacology and his MD degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin.

The Wilson Phillips Award in Anesthesiology

Benjamin D. Maruska

This award is presented to a member of the senior class who is pursuing a career in anesthesiology and is recognized for his/her teamwork and compassionate care, as well as outstanding academic and clinical achievement.

The Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Annual Award for Excellence in Emergency Medicine

Bret M. Bussinger

This award is given to the senior medical student who, through academic and personal pursuits, has demonstrated excellence in emergency medicine.

The Ralph G. Burnett Memorial Award

Delaney A. Weiland

This award is presented to a member of the senior class who has been accepted into an MCW Family Medicine Residency Program and whose academic excellence and commitment best exemplify Dr. Burnett’s personal dedication to family medicine. This award honors the memory of Ralph G. Burnett, MD, an alumnus of MCW, who founded the Family Practice Residency Program formerly based at St. Catherine’s Hospital in Kenosha and now located at All Saints Healthcare System in Milwaukee. This award is supported by an endowed fund originally created by St. Catherine’s Hospital and many colleagues and friends in Southeastern Wisconsin.

The Founders Award of the Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians

Danielle M. Berglund

This award is given by the faculty of the Department of Family and Community Medicine to the senior student who has demonstrated outstanding performance in forwarding the concepts of family medicine.

The Hanus Family Practice Award

Kymarie L. Kuster

This award is presented annually to a member of the senior class planning to pursue a career in family medicine in the State of Wisconsin. Commitment to the principles of family medicine, academic standing, community service and leadership potential are considered in making this award. The award is supported by an endowment established by the late Jack F. Hanus, a major benefactor of MCW.

The Victoria A. Vollrath, MD and Christopher Vollrath Schumacher, MD Award in Family Medicine

Bryn L. Sutherland

Established by her parents, the late Mr. Walter Vollrath and Mrs. June Vollrath, this award is presented to an outstanding senior student pursuing a family medicine residency in one of Wisconsin’s family medicine programs and who intends to practice in Wisconsin. Dr. Vollrath, a 1977 graduate of MCW, is a family medicine practitioner in Madison, Wisconsin. Her son, Christopher Vollrath Schumacher, is a 2011 graduate of MCW.

The Donald J. Welter Memorial Award

Caroline A. Keating

This award is given in recognition of a senior student’s commitment to family medicine as evidenced by academic performance and service. This award honors the memory of Donald J. Welter, MD, founding Chairman of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at MCW.

The Joseph A. Bartos, MD Endowed Student Award

Shivani Kumar

This award, established by Dr. Joe’s family and friends, honors Joseph A. Bartos, MD (’41). The recipient of this award is determined by faculty in the Department of Medicine and acknowledges a senior student who has exhibited: excellent history-taking and examination skills; a caring bedside manner; an appreciation of other cultures and languages; and an ability to recognize humor in one’s life.

The Keelan-Tresch Award for Scholarship in Cardiovascular Medicine

Stacy J. Moroz

This award, endowed by former cardiology fellows of the Medical College of Wisconsin, is given to a senior student who has embraced the humanitarian ideals of the profession and has demonstrated an exceptional interest and expertise in cardiovascular medicine.

The Engstrom Award in Internal Medicine

Moujtaba Y. Kasmani

This award honors the memory of William W. Engstrom, MD, the first full-time Professor and Chairman of the Department of Medicine. The award is presented by the faculty of the Department of Medicine to a senior student who has displayed exceptional proficiency and scholarship in internal medicine.

The Dyke Award in Neurology

Joyce H. Lee

Cornelius G. Dyke, MD, was a pioneer neuroradiologist whose family resides in Milwaukee. The Dyke Book Collection, a gift of the family, is housed in the Department of Neurology at MCW. The award is given in memory of Dr. Dyke by the faculty of the Department of Neurology to a senior student who has best exemplified thoroughness, excellence and concern in caring for patients with neurological disease.

The Dr. John J. and Joan M. Brennan Endowed Award in Obstetrics/Gynecology

Leah R. Gerlach

This award is presented to a fourth-year medical student who has demonstrated a high degree of proficiency in medical school and is planning to pursue a career in obstetrics/gynecology. The award is given by Anna D. and Michael J. Brennan, MD (’79), in honor of his parents.

The Dr. and Mrs. Jack A. Klieger Endowed Award in Obstetrics and Gynecology

Kaila Herold

Jack A. Klieger, MD, was a Clinical Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and a distinguished member of the MCW faculty for more than 50 uninterrupted years. Established by the late Dr. and Mrs. Klieger, this award is given to a senior student who, in the opinion of the faculty of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, has demonstrated superior proficiency in this discipline.

The Walter P. Blount Award in Orthopaedic Surgery

Lucas R. Mathson

This award is given in honor of the late Dr. Blount to the senior student who has demonstrated unusual interest in and superior comprehension of musculoskeletal disease and injury during the senior orthopaedic surgery rotation.

The Bruce J. Brewer, MD Endowed Student Award in Orthopaedic Surgery

Kathryn R. Manswell

Established by the late Kathryn Brewer in memory of her late husband and former Chairman of MCW’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, this award honors outstanding achievement by a graduating senior who is pursuing a career in orthopaedics.

The Thomas W. Grossman Award in Otolaryngology

Tina K. Lam

As a student, resident and for over 30 years, as a faculty member at our institution, Thomas W. Grossman, MD, had a unique understanding of the needs of medical students. This award, honoring the image and spirit of Dr. Grossman, is presented to a senior student who has demonstrated an exceptional eagerness to learn, excellent knowledge of otolaryngology and concern for quality patient care during a rotation in otolaryngology.

The Robert J. Toohill Award in Otolaryngology

Grace M. Callan

Dr. Toohill, former Chief of Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences, was lauded by colleagues for his clinical skills, leadership in his specialty and work in building a department with a national reputation. This award, honoring the late Dr. Toohill’s energy, enthusiasm and intellectual curiosity, is given to a senior student who has demonstrated outstanding intellect, an eagerness to learn and exceptional care for patients during a rotation in otolaryngology.

The J.C. Peterson Pediatrics Award

Mary Claire Potter

Presented by the faculty of the Department of Pediatrics, this award recognizes the senior student whose knowledge and skill in the treatment of infants and children is exceptional.

The N. Muni Reddy, MD Endowed Student Award in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Allyson E. Gorman

The senior student who receives this award demonstrates a unique understanding of and compassion for individuals with disabilities and exceptional skill in the diagnosis and management of their functional limitations.

The Irwin I. Rosenfeld, MD Endowed Award for the Outstanding Student in Psychiatry Award

Kahaan A. Patel

Presented by the faculty of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, this award recognizes a senior student who has demonstrated academic and clinical excellence in psychiatry.

The Maurice Greenberg Memorial Award

Thomas M. Matoska

This award is given to medical students who have shown the most promise in clinical oncology and have demonstrated exemplary compassion and sensitivity in the care of cancer patients, as well as a dedication to research. This award is presented by the Department of Radiation Oncology in honor of the late Maurice Greenberg, MD, whose professional career was characterized by these qualities. Dr. Greenberg (’41), the first radiation oncologist in Wisconsin, was an active member of the department for over forty years.

The Lawrence R. Goodman, MD Outstanding Student in Radiology Award

Christopher M. Kurylo

This award is presented to a senior student who has displayed outstanding interest and ability in the field of radiology. The award honors Dr. Lawrence Goodman, who dedicated his distinguished career to thoracic radiology and the education of future generations of students, residents and fellows in the Department of Radiology for 35 years.

The Randle E. Pollard MD, FACS, GME ’58 Endowed Urological Prize

Ashley B. Pittman

This prize is awarded annually to a fourth-year medical student who displays an interest and aptitude in urology. The recipient is selected by the faculty of the Department of Urology. This prize was established by Randle E. Pollard, MD, FACS, GME (’58).

The American Academy of Neurology Student Prize for Excellence in Neurology

Alexis K. Puylear

This award is made annually by the American Academy of Neurology to a graduating medical student who exemplifies outstanding scientific achievement and clinical acumen in neurology or neuroscience and outstanding personal qualities of integrity, compassion and leadership.

Awards and Honors

The Department of Surgery Achievement Award

Elizabeth D. Dominguez

This award is given by the faculty of the Department of Surgery to a senior student for outstanding performance and achievement in surgery.

The Department of Pathology Student Achievement Award

Vladimir P. Miltchev

This award recognizes a senior medical student pursuing a career in pathology who demonstrates exceptional interest, effort, and aptitude pathology-based clinical work, research, education, leadership, and/or community service.

The Dr. Marvin Wagner Clinical Mentorship Award

Allyson E. Gorman

Kendall M. Trieglaff

The Junior Class gives this award to a senior student in recognition of extraordinary efforts in teaching and guidance with clinical rotations.

Friends of MCW Service Award

Emma A. Vallee

Delaney A. Weiland

The Friends of the Medical College of Wisconsin, established in 1969, is a dynamic, philanthropic organization that supports the educational, scientific and charitable activities of MCW. Its members recognize that a sacrifice of time, a personal commitment and a selfless dedication are components necessary to enhance the lives of others. This award is presented by the Friends to senior students in appreciation for outstanding service to the MCW community.

Louis F. Jermain, MD Founding Dean Award

Leah R. Gerlach

This award is presented annually by the Walter Zeit Fellowship to a graduating student at MCW-Milwaukee to recognize their dedication and service to MCW and the community. The award is named after the medical school’s founding dean, and is made possible thanks to contributions from the Walter Zeit Fellowship, MCW’s premier donor recognition society.

Awards and Honors

The Walter Zeit Fellows Leadership Award

Nina T. Punyamurthy

This award is presented to a senior student who has consistently displayed superior qualities of leadership, loyalty, selfless service, initiative and compassion toward his or her peers and to MCW. These criteria are exemplified by members of the Walter Zeit Fellowship, MCW's premier donor recognition society. Begun in 1980 by the late Derward Lepley, MD ('49), the Fellowship has grown to more than 1,300 members. The Fellowship is named in honor of the late Walter Zeit, PhD ('39), an anatomy professor who became a part of MCW's heritage during his 50-year teaching career. This group promotes and acknowledges substantial individual philanthropy. Support by the Walter Zeit Fellows underpins MCW's four-fold mission of medical education, biomedical research, patient care and community service.

The Stabenau Award

Meghan M. Conroy

The award, endowed by the late Dr. James R. Stabenau and his wife, is presented to a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha honor medical society who demonstrates scholarly activity of independent thought and who shows promise toward a career in academic medicine or research.

The Morris and Lee Zuckerman Clinical Proficiency Award

Eric Lee (CW)

This award is presented to a senior student whose present level of clinical judgment is indicative of future performance as a clinician. The award is given by Janet R. and Joseph D. Zuckerman, MD ('78), in honor of his parents.

The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award

Delaney D. Cairns

This award, given by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, is awarded to a graduating senior who has consistently demonstrated the attitudes and behaviors predictive of an individual destined to become an outstanding clinician. These include compassion, empathy, selflessness, respect, sensitivity, cooperation and professionalism.

Houghton Award

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The recipient of this award shows high promise of successfully blending the art and science of medicine, an accomplishment necessary to become a "complete physician." The award is given by the Wisconsin Medical Society and was established by John H. Houghton, MD, a physician in general practice and a past president of the state medical society, and by William J. Houghton, MD, a surgeon and counselor to the Society, both deceased.

The Michael J. Dunn, MD, Class of 1962 Achievement Award

Todd Stollenwerk

This award, established by members of the Class of 1962 to honor their classmate, Michael J. Dunn, who served as Dean of MCW from 1995-2008, recognizes the senior student graduating with the most distinguished academic record.

The Patrick E. Bolger Memorial Award in the Ethical Practice of Medicine

Connor C. Pedersen

Originally established by members of MCW's Executive Committee, this award is now endowed by the late MCW President Emeritus, T. Michael Bolger, his wife, Ginny, and his late sister, Bernadette, in memory of their father. It is presented to a graduating senior who has demonstrated excellence in the field of ethics and medicine. The recipient is selected by vote of the graduating class.

The Millmann Award

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This award is given to the senior student who, through thoughtful care of patients and enthusiastic acquisition of skills and knowledge, best exemplifies the characteristics of the ideal physician. These qualities prevailed throughout the short career of William H. Millmann, MD, a 1943 graduate of the Marquette University School of Medicine who died in World War II. The recipient of the award is selected by the members of the graduating class and is considered to be the outstanding candidate for the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

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