The Medical College of Wisconsin Board of Trustees recently approved the awarding of two endowed faculty chairs.

Oct. 24, 2013 College News - **Ramani Ramchandran, PhD**, Professor Pediatrics (Developmental Biology), was awarded the Patrick J. and Margaret G. McMahon Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Ramchandran recently was named Vice Chair of Research in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at MCW. In this role, he provides a conduit between the mother and child in bridging pediatric research at MCW and women’s research initiatives in the Department of OB/GYN. Along with a strong academic background and more than 35 published papers and chapters, Dr. Ramchandran has proven leadership skills. He currently maintains more than $1.4 million in active research grants, with two additional awards pending and five grants completed. His research is focused on the role of the vasculature in embryonic development and disease.

Dr. Ramchandran received his PhD in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Georgia Regents University (Augusta, GA) in 1997 and was a Research Fellow at Harvard Medical School from 1997-2002. From 2002-2006, he was an NCI Scholar at the Center for Cancer Research in Rockville, MD. Dr. Ramchandran joined the Medical College of Wisconsin in 2007 and was promoted to Professor with Tenure in 2012. He also currently serves as Director of the Vascular Biology Program and Director of the Zebrafish Drug Screening Core at MCW.

**Joseph J. Carroll, PhD**, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, Associate Professor of Biophysics, Associate Professor of Cell Biology, Neurobiology and Anatomy, and Co-Director, Advanced Ocular Imaging Program, was awarded the Richard O. Schultz, MD/Ruth Works Professorship in Ophthalmology. Dr. Carroll takes a multi-disciplinary approach to the study of the human visual system and is interested in developing a better understanding of the relationship between structure and function in the visual system - both in health and disease. His primary focus is on applying high-resolution imaging tools (adaptive optics and optical coherence tomography) to the study of the human retina. Dr. Carroll has more than 60 peer-reviewed publications and is currently funded by the National Eye Institute. In addition, Dr. Carroll is the course director for two graduate neuroscience courses and has mentored 29 undergraduate and medical students through the SPUR and MSSRP programs, respectively. He is a current board member of the MCW/Marquette Alumni Association, serves on the Neuroscience Doctoral Program and MSTP Admissions Committees, and has served on the Froedtert/MCW IRB since 2008.

Dr. Carroll received his PhD in Cell & Developmental Biology from the Medical College of Wisconsin in 2002. He served as a postdoctoral fellow in Cell & Developmental Biology at MCW and at the Center for Visual Science at the University of Rochester (NY) - where he was trained in the technique of adaptive optics retinal imaging. Dr. Carroll joined MCW in 2006 as an assistant professor in the Departments of Ophthalmology and Biophysics, and was named assistant professor in the Department of Cell Biology, Neurobiology and Anatomy in 2008. He was promoted to the rank of associate professor in 2010 and 2011, respectively. Dr. Carroll also serves as adjunct associate professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Marquette University. In 2009, Dr. Carroll was appointed Director of the Core Image Analysis Module, Department of Ophthalmology, and co-director of the Advanced Ocular Imaging Program.

It is a distinct honor to be awarded an endowed chair, so please join me in congratulating Drs. Ramchandran and Carroll.