Our patients are living in a global community and deserve outstanding physicians skilled to meet their needs through leading edge medical care and research. The dynamic nature of medicine requires intellectual rigor and compassion as emerging science and technologies increase health care options at a time when some patients have no access to care and others have the ability to seek the best from anywhere in the world.

Thus, The Medical College of Wisconsin is embarking on an exciting transformation of our medical student educational model to prepare our graduates for tomorrow’s changing practice of medicine. Our goal is to develop a fully integrated basic and clinical sciences curriculum that spurs our students to excellence through innovation and individualization, making us a Destination of Choice for medical students, residents and faculty while advancing the practice of medicine.

There are two key plan components. First, we will create a curriculum where, on the first day of medical school, our students will begin learning in the presence of patients. Interactive teaching strategies will provide a dynamic approach in which foundational medical knowledge is learned in context by applying core concepts as well as deliberate communication and interpersonal skills practiced in the real world of patient care.

Concurrently, students will have the flexibility to pursue their own path in medicine, our second model component. We have created five “Pathways” through which our students gain added preparation as leaders and innovators: the Master Clinician Pathway – in-depth clinical immersion beyond common medical student competencies to become outstanding clinicians; the Urban and Community Health Pathway – active and collaborative community based engagement for students interested in careers focused on care for the underserved; the Physician Scientist Pathway – progressive opportunities to engage in leading edge science for students aspiring to advance medical knowledge through research; the Clinician Educator Pathway – teaching patients, peers or other health care professionals means that students in this pathway will never cease to

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Alumna receives Medical College’s highest faculty honor

Alumna Karen J. Marcdante, MD ‘80, GME ’83, received The Medical College of Wisconsin’s highest faculty honor – a Distinguished Service Award – at commencement exercises, May 15. Dr. Marcdante is Vice Chair of Education for the Department of Pediatrics and Professor of Pediatric Critical Care at the Medical College and staff physician at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin.

For more than 23 years on the faculty, she has been a strong voice for advancing medical education and clinical care. Dr. Marcdante has been an exceptional and accessible teacher for many students, residents, fellows and young faculty members. She has been Director of the Pediatric Critical Care Fellowship since 1995 and has consistently attracted national funding for research and programs to improve medical and faculty education.

Respected for her excellent patient care, Dr. Marcdante has been Medical Director of the Intermediate Intensive Care Unit, of Respiratory Care Services and, most recently, of the Transport Program at Children’s Hospital. She was elected President of the Medical/Dental Staff at Children’s Hospital for 2005-07. She served as Associate Dean for Curriculum at the College for six years and served as Chairperson for the Rank and Tenure Committee. Dr. Marcdante was recently named Chair of the newly formed Dean’s Education Innovation Advisory Committee, and she will also serve as Special Assistant to the Dean for Strategic Planning for Medical Student Education.

Also receiving Distinguished Service Awards this year were Owen W. Griffith, PhD, Professor of Biochemistry and Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, and John E. Moulder, PhD, Professor of Radiation Oncology, of Pharmacology and Toxicology.

Medical College confers medical, graduate degrees

The Medical College of Wisconsin awarded 279 total degrees at its 96th commencement ceremonies May 15, 2009, in Milwaukee. Receiving degrees were 203 MD candidates, 25 PhD candidates, 25 MS candidates, 8 MA candidates and 18 MPH candidates. Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, MD, MBA, President and CEO of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, gave the commencement address and received an honorary doctor of science degree.

Alumni among teachers receiving recognition

Three alumni received awards recognizing their contributions to teaching at The Medical College of Wisconsin this year. The honors were presented during 2009 commencement activities.

Gary A. Cohen, MD ’80, GME ’83, MS ’02, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics (Neonatology) was selected by the senior class to receive the Ernest O. Henschel Clinical Teaching Award. Jeremy S. DeWall, MD ’07, and Raven A. Koeppler, MD ’06, each received a MCWAH (Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals) Housestaff Award for Excellence in Teaching, which is presented annually to residents or fellows who make outstanding contributions to medical education. Dr. DeWall is a resident in Emergency Medicine. Dr. Koeppler is a resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology.

T. Michael Bolger receives WMS Presidential Citation Award

Medical College President and CEO T. Michael Bolger, JD, received the Wisconsin Medical Society’s 2009 Presidential Citation Award. Outgoing society president Steven Bergin, MD ’74, GME ’78, presented the award April 17.

“Since 1990, he has led the institution with vision and tireless dedication,” Dr. Bergin said “Through his efforts, the Medical College has attracted internationally recognized physicians and scientists to serve on the faculty. Under his leadership the Medical College has become a nationally recognized institution in biomedical research. And his tremendous contributions to current and future physicians are too great to enumerate.”

The Presidential Citation Award was established in 1959 and is presented to someone who has made significant contributions to medicine or public health.
Neurosurgery opens new research crash simulator

To evaluate the safety of vehicle occupants under various crash modes, The Medical College of Wisconsin has opened its new Neurosurgery Research Facility at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee. The $3.7 million project houses a crash simulator sled and provides room for laboratory expansion.

An upgrade to the College’s existing full-scale crash laboratory, the facility will be used to conduct frontal, side- and rear-impact simulations, generating data for biofidelity evaluations of various standard and prototype dummies. The resulting information will be used to develop new criteria to assess the crashworthiness of vehicles and improve vehicle safety restraint systems.

The College’s biomechanics laboratory, with both the full-scale crash lab and the new crash simulator sled lab, is the only such facility in the world based in an academic setting. The Department of Neurosurgery research program at the VA has been in place since the early 1960s, and its capabilities range from analysis of microscopic injury mechanisms and treatment of brain and spinal cord injury to full-scale vehicle crash worthiness.

Genes’ role in vascular development discovered

A pair of studies, led by Medical College of Wisconsin scientists at the Children’s Research Institute, may translate into rapid molecular tests to distinguish between hemangiomas and congenital blood or lymph vessel malformations in infants. The studies appear in the Jan. 29 issue of the journal *Blood*.

The team identified a gene (Snrk-1) in the zebrafish that plays a role in the creation, migration and differentiation into arteries and veins of angioblasts, the parent cells of all blood vessels. They then found a gene (Dusp-5) expressed in these zebrafish parent cells that controls their population by countereacting Snrk-1. Most importantly, the researchers identified mutations in Dusp-5 and Snrk-1 genes in the affected tissues of humans with vascular malformations, thus linking the Snrk-1/Dusp-5 signaling pathway to human disease.

The findings may lead to earlier diagnosis, precise classification and ultimately, targeted therapy for infants with hidden congenital vascular malformations. Ramani Ramchandran, PhD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics (Developmental Biology) is the lead study author.

BMT patients may benefit from new immune research

Bone marrow transplant (BMT) researchers at The Medical College of Wisconsin Cancer Center may have found a mechanism that could prevent the leukemia-killing effects of a transplant graft while limiting the damage donor immune cells might do to the recipient host’s vital organs.

Their study results suggest that targeting interleukin 23, an immune substance secreted by donor marrow cells, may be a viable way to limit graft-versus-host disease without limiting graft-versus-leukemia activity.

The study was funded by the MACC Fund (Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer, Inc.), a major donor that has supported cancer research at the College since 1976, and the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. Principal investigator is William R. Drobyski, MD, Fel ’90, Professor of Medicine (Neoplastic Diseases and Related Disorders).

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learn about the art and sciences of medical education; and the Global Health Pathway – learning and caring for patients globally to enrich the health care these students will provide locally in a more expert manner for an increasing diverse population.

Both components of our new curriculum are being developed through the Dean’s Education Innovation Advisory Committee (DEIAC) with support from a planning award from Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin for Educational Leadership. This collaborative and dedicated group of faculty, students and community members is chaired by a Special Assistant to the Dean for Strategic Planning for Medical Education and members of the College’s Curriculum and Evaluation Committee (who maintain ultimate responsibility for our curriculum).

Each DEAIC member shares a common goal – that the College’s graduates provide science-based medical care enriched by in-depth pathway experiences that will help them develop into physicians who provide the highest quality of care well into the 21st century while meeting their long term career goals.

We can and will build on our current strengths in medical education as we plan, design and implement our new education model so we can continually improve patient care and establish The Medical College of Wisconsin as a Destination of Choice for students, faculty, residents and staff.

Jonathan I. Ravdin, MD
Dean and Executive Vice President
When Lawrence P. Sullivan, MD '84, was an intern, a cardiologist taught him there were “three As” to being a good consultant, in order – availability, affability, and ability. Now the neurologist for the West Bend Clinic in West Bend, Wis., Dr. Sullivan makes sure consultants he uses have these tenets, which often leads him to make referrals to Medical College of Wisconsin faculty physicians.

Many alumni choose to refer their patients to Medical College specialists and subspecialists at Froedtert Hospital or Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin. Their reasons typically follow the three As or some variation. They look for a system or physician who is accessible, responds well before, during and after referral, and will provide the best possible care for their patient. They find this with Medical College Physicians and Children’s Specialty Group.

Medical College Physicians is The Medical College of Wisconsin’s adult group clinical practice. Children’s Specialty Group is the pediatric specialty practice group established between the Medical College and Children’s Hospital and Health System. As President and Chief Executive Officer of Prevea Health, Ashok N. Rai, MD ’97, has experience with both groups. As a clinician, he had sent multiple patients with acute cases to Froedtert, and as a health system executive, has helped build a relationship with the Medical College specialists at Children’s.

“In general, the doctors from the Medical College, and those specific to the Children’s Specialty Group, have all been very good in the referral process – not just upon receipt of the patient but through ongoing communications with us,” he said. “That communication has kept referring physicians in the loop, and that has made the relationship very good between our systems.”

Making sure the referring physician is aware of the treatment plan and can ensure it is followed when the patient returns home is an important part of the relationship, Dr. Rai said. He particularly seeks a seamless and not cumbersome referral process for his Green Bay-based Prevea doctors as well as great care.

“We are looking for, No. 1, the quality of the receiving facility,” he said. “We also look for very good customer service because they reflect on us as we are the referring physicians.”

Dr. Sullivan appreciates good service, especially in the form of prompt communication from the receiving doctor. He has referred a number of epilepsy patients to Medical College specialists at Froedtert as well as some with brain tumors and peripheral nerve problems who have done well. He said the Medical College physicians do a good job of keeping him involved, and that adds to his trust level.

“I’m making referrals because these patients have more complicated issues than I’m used to dealing with, or I don’t know what’s going on,” Dr. Sullivan said. “Froedtert is close, and I think the quality is better, and I have confidence in the people there in general that I don’t necessarily have with other institutions.”

In the experience of John G. Sanidas, MD ‘95, GME ’98, that confidence often comes from knowing the specialists to whom you are referring and knowing that they tend to think along the same lines as you, especially in terms of commitment to the patient. He knows many Medical
College faculty from having trained there.

“First off, I look at reputation,” he said. “Do they practice the quality of medicine that I practice? That is very important to me.”

Dr. Sanidas, an internist in private practice in Milwaukee, agrees about the significance of good communication as well as accessibility, so his patients don’t have to wait an inordinate length of time for an appointment. He also has confidence in the Medical College because it’s part of an academic medical center.

“As a research-based, medical college-associated facility, Froedtert & The Medical College of Wisconsin tends to be cutting edge as far as research and treatments for more difficult to control problems,” he said. “If we see something more rare or more strange, we’ll send it their way. It may be something they’ve seen 50 times vs. someone in the community who has only seen it two or three times.”

That foundation of experience is especially relevant for some of the cases that Jeffery R. Smale, MD ’89, GME ’96, refers. Dr. Smale is a pulmonary, critical care, sleep medicine and internal medicine physician at the West Bend Clinic.

“There are cases that are highly specialized where even board-certified specialists need sub-specialty advice from a physician who specializes in treatment of an ailment,” he said, citing primary pulmonary hypertension and diaphragm paralysis of uncertain etiology as examples he may refer. “The expertise from Medical College Physicians often can help in those difficult cases.”

When orthopaedic surgeons face a case that lies outside of their expertise, they also may make a referral to a Medical College specialist. This is often true when cancer is discovered. Eric B. Pifel, MD, GME ’04, an orthopaedic surgeon with the Orthopaedic Institute of Wisconsin in Franklin, Wis., recently had a 30-year-old female patient with a large scapula tumor appropriately diagnosed and treated at Froedtert & The Medical College of Wisconsin. She returned very satisfied with her care, he said.

“I am in a large orthopaedic group and most referrals stay within my group,” Dr. Pifel said. “However, when I refer outside of my group, it is typically for difficult orthopaedic oncology cases or complex children orthopaedic problems.”

He likes the communication from Medical College specialists and the easy access for his patients, something Mark T. O’Meara, MD ’77, also an orthopaedic surgeon, specifically values.

“I look for unique expertise or highly specialized training that would benefit my patient,” said Dr. O’Meara, who practices at West Bend Clinic and has referred a number of patients to the Medical College for specialized treatment of bone tumors. “I like the ease of making referrals and the satisfaction that the patients will be getting excellent care.”

Such peace of mind comes in to play when a patient might need an alternate perspective or review of their case.

“I occasionally have patients who do not respond to therapy and find a second opinion may be of benefit to make certain that we have not missed anything that can be of use,” Dr. Smale said.

Most physicians value that episodic input on challenging cases, Dr. Smale said. Karen L. Zorek, MD, GME ’96, can attest to that. She recently sent one of her patients, whom she suspected had a specific condition, to a Children’s Specialty Group physician who confirmed the diagnosis in clinic and expeditious treatment.

A pediatrician with Wilkinson Medical Clinic in Hartland, Wis., Dr. Zorek said that access to care combined with her patients’ satisfaction are reasons she prefers to refer patients to Medical College physicians. She also appreciates that not only does she receive prompt feedback from the specialists, it is provided in a respectful and productive manner.

“I have had patients who present immediately with an issue that I’d like to discuss with a consultant,” Dr. Zorek said. “When I call and speak with someone at the Medical College, they always show respect for my concern and work with me to determine the best course of action for my patient.”

“Doctors from the Medical College have all been very good in the referral process — not just upon receipt of the patient but through ongoing communications.”

Ashok N. Rai, MD ’97
President and CEO, Prevea Health
Even the most accomplished physicians have humbling moments that stay with them forever. For Richard J. Kitz, MD ’54, one of his most memorable came about 20 years ago while lecturing Harvard Medical School students on the pharmacology of anesthetic drugs.

At the conclusion of his talk, a very strange thing happened – the whole class rose and clapped.

“I was nonplussed,” said Dr. Kitz, who, in retirement, holds the title of Henry Isaiah Dorr Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Harvard Medical School. “That had never happened to me before. I had been doing this for years. Students get up and they leave, but clapping? So, I left the podium and returned the favor. I told them they were the best group I ever had.”

That’s when one of the students raised his hand and explained the ovation was in gratitude for Dr. Kitz giving the shortest lecture of the year. Call it a humorous chapter in a storied career that spans more than half a century. His journey has taken him from Wisconsin to New York to Boston, not to mention an influential detour with the Navy. If academic medicine had a hall of fame, Dr. Kitz would be elected on the first ballot.

For his extraordinary achievements in anesthesiology and leadership in medicine, Dr. Kitz was selected as Alumnus of the Year from the Medical College is unique because it’s my alma mater.”

Although the most recent, the award is just one in a series of remarkable events that have shaped Dr. Kitz’s career through serendipity, ingenuity, or, in some cases, sound counsel. As he says his wife, Jeanne, often reminds him: “The one thing you have done your whole life is listen to people who know more than you do.”

Residency redirect

An academic anesthesiologist of international acclaim, Dr. Kitz nearly pursued a different field altogether, on an opposite side of the country from where he forged his career. He thinks it is likely he would be a neurosurgeon in Colorado if not for the intervention of then dean of the Marquette University School of Medicine, John S. Hirschboeck, MD ’37, MS ’41.

Dean Hirschboeck, not without some consensus from noted anatomy professor Walter Zeit, PhD ’39, recognized Dr. Kitz’s potential for academic medicine, something he hadn’t previously considered. With Dr. Hirschboeck encouraging him to immerse himself in the best learning environment available at the time for his general surgery training, Dr. Kitz chose the east coast rather than a western relocation after graduation. His was the first class to go through the national residency matching program, and he accepted a surgical internship at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York.

His studies were interrupted, however, in the aftermath of the Korean War, and Dr. Kitz entered the Navy, where he was assigned to the Third Marine Division in Japan and Okinawa as a medical officer. Upon his return to the U.S., his orders changed in a surprising way – he was named chief of anesthesia, a decision he found inexplicable since he had absolutely no previous experience. The compulsory change, though, precipitated a shift he later made entirely on his own. The exposure to anesthesia had taught him something about this field and his own interests in medicine.

“I had a full month of anesthesia and appreciated the basic science aspect of it that is fully applicable to patient care that might not be so with other specialties,” said Dr. Kitz, who did complete another year of his general surgery residency. “Back in neurosurgery, I had second thoughts about what I wanted and whether it would be an appealing career in the long run. The clinical career is not nearly as immersed in basic sciences of pharmacology and physiology as anesthesia. It was a profound decision to change.”

Dr. Kitz not only went on to complete an anesthesiology residency at Columbia, he joined the anesthesiology faculty in 1960. He would spend nearly a decade at Columbia as a teacher, clinician and researcher, but he wasn’t there long before experiencing considerable success in the laboratory.

Near misses

Some people know what they want to accomplish in their research, and it happens that way, but you have to be prepared for discovery, said Dr. Kitz, who thought he had an error, not a eureka moment, in what turned out to be a major research finding. Time and again, his
results did not support his hypothesis, but in reality, he had discovered something altogether new. He became the first to describe how certain drugs used in anesthesia inhibit acetylcholinesterase, an enzyme critical to the mechanisms by which nerves communicate with muscles and each other.

Most research is derivative, building on another’s discovery. This independent finding early in his career was the most rewarding he experienced in the lab, except perhaps for watching his research fellows have their own successes.

“The whole idea of discovering something that has never been identified, repeating it to verify with people looking over your shoulder to make sure you did it correctly, and publishing it in the literature is a very fulfilling experience,” he said.

His most fulfilling professional experience of all, however, began while he was on sabbatical from Columbia in 1968, serving as visiting faculty at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm. A letter arrived from overseas from a search committee at Harvard Medical School, asking if he would consider becoming a candidate for Anesthetist in Chief at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and the Henry Isaiah Dorr Professor of Anaesthesia at Harvard. While flattered, he turned down the invitation. He was happy at Columbia, he said.

This prompted a phone call five days later from his chief at Columbia, Dr. E.M. Papper, who outlined the opportunity he had declined – the first endowed chair in anesthesia in the world with appointments at Harvard, MGH, and later at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Papper made Dr. Kitz promise to toss his hat back in the ring, which he did. On April 1, 1969, Dr. Kitz accepted the post as anesthetist in chief at MGH and the Henry Isaiah Dorr Professor at Harvard.

“It’s an opportunity I should have never turned down,” he said. “The first public demonstration of ether as an anesthetic took place at Mass General. It is the birthplace of the specialty of anaesthesiology. That by far is the highest accolade I have ever had in terms of my professional career.”

Legacy in academia

For 25 years, Dr. Kitz served as chief and helped Harvard’s anesthesia department become one of the largest in the world and an international clinical and research training center. Under his leadership, the department produced more than 70 heads of departments worldwide. It also established the first acute care laboratory and the first respiratory therapy department in the U.S. at MGH.

His research interests spanned study of the central nervous system, basic cellular mechanisms, pain management, the action of new drugs, anticholinesterases, and technology for anesthesia safety. He contributed to the design and study of new compounds and received several patents.

Dr. Kitz has also been an enthusiastic teacher. As director of MGH’s anesthesia residency program from 1969-94, he focused on creating leaders among the next generation of physicians.

In 1994, Dr. Kitz stepped down at MGH to become Faculty Dean for Clinical Affairs for Harvard Medical School. In this position, he oversaw the changing relationships between patient care, research and educational efforts of the Harvard clinical faculty at affiliated hospitals. He retired in 1999, though he still serves on several committees for the school and holds honorary appointments.

Whereas most physicians focus on the care of ill or injured patients, Dr. Kitz followed a path defined by teaching, research and improving the well-being of society by enhancing medical care. When he reflects back, not only on his career, but on his discipline as a whole, he is pleased with the progress he witnessed and, in many ways, cultivated.

“What has happened is the maturation of the specialty of anesthesia, now sitting comfortably at the high table of academe, and that’s not how it was when I started,” he said. “What fills me with great satisfaction is to see the specialty I chose mature and become a true academic specialty in all academic medical centers.”
Many personal connections draw Bauer to service

Between her familial ties and long-time service to her alma mater, Cynthia A. Bauer, MD ’74, GME ’75, has been an active participant in The Medical College of Wisconsin’s history. Her recent appointment as the alumni representative on the Board of Trustees will now afford her a significant opportunity to shape the College’s future.

“Serving on the Board of Trustees is an honor,” she said. “In the short time I have held the position, I have had the opportunity to see the Medical College in a new perspective as a dynamic, growing, innovative medical institution that not only educates new physicians but is involved in exciting medical research and health care program development.”

As a trustee, Dr. Bauer said she hopes to be a voice on the board for the thoughts, concerns and perspectives of alumni. Though this position is new, her advocacy for alumni is not, which is why she was selected as the recipient of the 2009 alumni Distinguished Service Award.

As someone who has always looked upon her service as a way to say “thank you” for what the Medical College has given her family, Dr. Bauer was humbled that the College would say “thank you” back. Her connection to the school begins with her father, Delore Williams, MD ’48, who graduated from Marquette University School of Medicine and passed on his calling to his daughter.

Dr. Bauer also met her husband, orthopaedic surgeon Mark Bauer, MD ’73, GME ’87, while they were both students at the College. Of their five children, two sons – Aaron J. Bauer, MD ’02, and Anderson A. Bauer, MD ’07 – have received a Medical College education. Adding another special connection for the family was Anderson’s recent marriage to one of his classmates, Cindy M. Salm, MD ’07.

With so much stake in the College’s vitality and legacy, Dr. Bauer found service on the Alumni Association Board to be an intuitive way to stay connected to the school and the many alumni who support it. She dedicated seven years to the board including one year as president. This followed her consistent involvement with her class reunion committees.

“I almost feel I have gotten more from my alumni activities than I have given,” she said.

Her education similarly gave her the ability to enter a career she loves. At the outset, she was an emergency medicine physician, even prior to that discipline’s recognition by the American Board of Medical Specialties. Now she is a staff physician in the urgent care environment, practicing in the Milwaukee area.

“Though I enjoyed emergency medicine for many years, the shift to urgent care has been exciting for me because I have more time to go beyond diagnosis and treatment,” Dr. Bauer said. “There is more opportunity to educate patients. Helping patients to understand the illness, how to prevent it and live healthier lives overall is just as important.”

This philosophy of a personalized approach is woven throughout Dr. Bauer’s volunteer activities. She is quick to distribute credit for the College’s successes, from the exceptional teachers and mentors she remembers as a student to today’s faculty, leadership and community support. She encourages alumni to not only renew their connections with old friends and traditions, but to learn to know the College as it exists today. To her peers, she says:

“Know that your alma mater is something to be very proud of. Our school is a medical educator, research leader, and health care innovator, continuing to grow in so many ways but still holding quality education of new physicians as a core function.”
Faith journey leads orthopaedic surgeon to Africa

Five-year-old Jadida Juma crawled on her hands and knees to reach the volunteer doctors who had traveled to Mwanza, Tanzania to provide surgical care to the city’s people. She suffered from a congenital dislocation of both knees and was totally non-ambulatory.

Wendelin W. Schaefer, MD ’64, remembers well this girl who became his goddaughter after his orthopaedic surgical team performed a number of procedures that granted her the ability to walk upright without crutches. He and another doctor later funded schooling for the girl, who is now 18 and would not have been able to attend public school. Dr. Schaefer could not take this personal an interest in every patient treated in the Mwanza program he launched in 1993 through Orthopaedics Overseas, a division of Health Volunteers Overseas. But his clear devotion to the underserved is among the reasons he received the 2009 alumni Humanitarian Award.

An orthopaedic surgeon in the Sheboygan area for many years, Dr. Schaefer saw volunteerism as a way to use his unique skills in Christian service.

“It is part of my faith journey,” he said. “I felt I knew how poor some people of the world live, and they need health and medical help, especially in orthopaedics. I can provide that. This was placed in my path, and I took this up.”

Dr. Schaefer’s first trip with Orthopaedics Overseas was to Umtata, South Africa. It showed him the care that was possible in a developing world situation, he said. The following year, he planned a trip to east Africa and saw the same opportunities in Tanzania, but nothing yet being done. He made his case to Orthopaedics Overseas, which named him program director of a new Mwanza program, which he oversaw for the next 12 years at Bugando Medical Center.

The needs of the population were great. The surgical team frequently treated neglected fractures and neglected dislocations, clubbed feet, bowed legs and knocked knees deformities, and many bone and joint infections.

Dr. Schaefer’s duties were to recruit other orthopaedic surgeons to serve there, see that they were properly credentialed and to assist them with travel. He spent about one month each year in country. Finding equipment to contribute to the program, recruiting volunteers and then managing volunteers were among the key challenges Dr. Schaefer faced in his leadership position.

“During that time with the help of many wonderful orthopaedic volunteers, we brought large amounts of equipment and orthopaedic implants and built a fracture table for children,” he said. “We taught general surgeons how to perform orthopaedic procedures and taught physician assistants, medical students and interns about orthopaedic surgery.”

Dr. Schaefer considers his legacy in the program to be the skilled surgeons who emerged from the program. In addition to the staff general surgeon assigned to Bugando he helped train in orthopaedics, two interns he supported went on to become orthopaedic surgeons. One, Dr. Isadore Ngaymoela, has since returned to Bugando to practice now that Orthopaedics Overseas has terminated its involvement because of the medical center’s stability.

Now living in Nevada, Dr. Schaefer has found a second career in retirement – with Rotary International. He is in his first year as District Chairman for International Service for the organization. In that role he coordinates projects and teaches grant writing in addition to instructing members on international projects.

On a local level, he has been Club Chairman for International Service for seven years, first in Sheboygan and currently in Nevada. He has written matching grants for numerous projects that have improved health care capability in underserved nations throughout Africa by acquiring and delivering medical goods.

And just recently, he was able to secure a $300,000 grant through Rotary’s Health, Hunger and Humanity programs to bring eye care to Kenya’s Rift Valley. This will primarily be used for cataract surgery but also to train eye care professionals and for establishing eye care outreach sites in remote areas of the valley.

“Blindness handicaps two people there,” he said. “The blind are like the elderly and need a child to lead them around. Each procedure through this program restores two people to the roles they should play in life.”

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See the first success story for Dr. Schaefer’s Rift Valley eye care program plus additional photos online at www.mcw.edu/schaeferhumanitarian
Reunited 2009

There were plenty of hugs and handshakes to go around on May 1 and 2 when alumni returned to Milwaukee for The Medical College of Wisconsin’s 2009 Alumni Weekend. The next few pages include photographs of the classes who celebrated reunions this year: 1954, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994 and 1999. Alumni who earned annual awards from the Alumni Association received their honors at the May 1 banquet:

- Richard Kitz, MD ’54, Alumnus of the Year. (See cover story on page 8).
- Cynthia A. Bauer, MD ’74, GME ’75, Distinguished Service Award. (See story on page 10).
- Wendelin W. Schaefer, MD ’64, Humanitarian Award. (See story on page 11).
- John M. Cary, Executive Director of the MACC Fund, Honorary Alumnus (See below).

The Alumni Association also elected its new president and officers. (See story on page 18).

John Cary named Honorary Alumnus

John M. Cary, Executive Director of the MACC Fund (Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer, Inc.), has been named an Honorary Alumnus of The Medical College of Wisconsin for his dedication to helping children with cancer and for his great partnership with the Medical College.

The MACC Fund is a charitable organization formed in 1976 to support research into the effective treatment and cure of childhood cancer and blood disorders. Through its energetic fund-raisers featuring “a good time for a good cause,” the MACC Fund has contributed more than $40 million since its inception and has donated more than $30 million to support pediatric cancer and related blood disorder research at the Medical College. Most of this support has underwritten the annual budget for pediatric cancer research in the College’s Midwest Children’s Cancer Center.

Prior to joining the MACC Fund in 1982, Cary was the special events manager for Harnischfeger Corporation. He is an alumnus of Marquette University High School and Marquette University.

Cary was named Alumnus of the Year in 1991 for Marquette University’s College of Speech. He received the Vatican II Award for Communications from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in 1998. In 2004, he received the Spirit of Ignatius Award from Marquette University High School. He was the 2006 Alumnus of the Year for the Marquette University Chapter of Alpha Sigma Nu, the national Jesuit Honor Society, and he was inducted into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2007.

Snapshots

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1) Sylvia O’Brien, MD ’84, pages through a class memory book.

2) Judene Thome, MD ’89, takes a photo of Rachel English, MD ’89, GME ’93, and Roseann Gumina, MD ’89.

3) Dianne and Robert Gomez, MD ’69, GME ’76, with Judy and John Brungo, MD ’69.

4) LeRoy Byrd, MD ’64 and Thomas Roberts, MD ’64.

5) H. Edmond Whiteley, MD ’74, and David Kiener, MD ’74, GME ’75.

6) Brian Bear, MD ’84, GME ’89, shows a memory book to Antonino Iorfino, MD ’84, and Craig Hoffman, MD ’84.

7) Bo Eldridge McClain, MD ’99, GME ’03, and Darya McClain.
Class reunion photos

1954

Seated, L-R:
Roger Ruehl,
Clarence Blahnik,
Sherwood Stolp,
John Cordes.

Standing, L-R:
Gregory Inda,
Robert Pavlic,
Richard Kitz,
George Flood,
Hugh Rafferty.

1964

Seated, L-R:
James Keller,
LeRoy Byrd,
Edward Parker,
John Blackwood,
Louis Weiland.

Standing, L-R:
James Zellmer,
Gerald Dorff,
John Walsh,
Patrick Roe,
Wendelin Schaefer,
A. Stephen Woo, Jr.,
Thomas Roberts.

1969

Seated, L-R:
Perry Walters,
Elise Torczynski,
John Kuglitsch,
Robert Baumer,
Marshall Cusic,
John Ujda.

Standing, L-R:
S. Thomas Donovan,
Robert Demling,
John Brungo,
Stephen Elliott,
William Darling,
Donald Imbur,
William Lattos,
Frederick Laun,
Charles Buck,
Francis DiBona,
Robert Gomez.

Seated, L-R: Craig Goldstein, Brian Chapman, Monica Karier Brammer. Standing, L-R: William Shaffer, Kenneth Russo, Harry Brammer III.


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Class photos and additional reunion snapshots are available online at www.mcw.edu/alumni/Reunions2009
Seated, L-R: Rachel English, Jane Pearson, Sandra Billingsley, Diane Gronski, Kathryn Beckstrom, Jaylynn Kao, Laurie Grunske, Judene Thome, Roseann Gumina. **Standing, L-R:** Bret Borowski, Jeffery Postles, Scott Lindblom, Robert Neimon, Daniel Linehan, Michael Miller, Daniel Geenen, Michael Mehmedbasich, Joseph Schwartz, Curt Allison, Jeffery Smale, Andrew Kim.

Seated, L-R: Katherine Merrill, Nicole Garcia, Kathy Goble, Sandra Groenewold. **Standing, L-R:** Guglielmo Sala, William Hall, Robert Pachner, William Conklin.


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This Group is Golden

The Class of 1959 relived their medical school graduation in a sense when members participated in The Medical College of Wisconsin’s 2009 commencement May 15. Each was awarded a new Medical College diploma and was welcomed into the Golden Circle, honoring their 50 years in medicine. Various reunion activities rounded out the weekend.


Dr. Robert Gannon greets Dr. Ruth Rinder upon arriving at the Medical College’s commencement.

Dr. John Altstadt, Dr. Ralph Miech, Dr. Abraham Twerski and Dr. Jim Wenders, share a laugh at their 50th reunion.
Association president wants alumni to own their legacy

From the celebration of a baby’s birth to the compassionate care of a senior patient, Thomas G. Wittmann, MD ’84, GME ’87, enjoys the full spectrum of family medicine. It is a career path he envisioned before completing high school in a small community where he learned the value of a family doctor. All along, he was motivated by the opportunity to form enduring patient relationships.

“Many of the patients and individuals I care for have become like an extended family to me,” said Dr. Wittmann, who has practiced in Waukesha with Moreland Family Medicine Associates since 1993 as one of five founding members. “One of the most rewarding experiences I have is when a patient asks me for my opinion on a recommendation they have received from a specialist regarding a diagnosis or treatment plan. There is that patient-physician trust that is so special.”

It is not difficult to detect that same enthusiasm and sense of family in Dr. Wittmann’s approach to alumni relations at the Medical College, where he has been elected President of the Medical College of Wisconsin/Marquette Medical Alumni Association. After becoming more active in the Association through participation on reunion planning committees, Dr. Wittmann joined the Alumni Association Board nearly four years ago. He describes it as a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Medical College’s achievements and goals and to meet alumni of different generations.

“As President of the Association, I hope to continue fostering a sense of pride and ownership in the Medical College for its current graduates,” he said. “Its strength, in part, comes from the individuals who have graduated and now practice and represent The Medical College of Wisconsin locally, regionally, and throughout the United States.”

Encouraging more alumni to participate in Association activities will reinforce that relationship, said Dr. Wittmann, who has endorsed acquiring and updating alumni e-mail addresses so that e-mail can grow as a viable way to maintain contact between the Medical College and its graduates. Building the bonds between the Alumni Association and current students by supporting student involvement on the board and providing funds for student activities and scholarships is among his priorities.

“Hopefully as students become alumni themselves, they will appreciate their part in the legacy of this fine institution and desire to help maintain its prominence among medical schools,” he said. Perhaps they too can enjoy involvement with the Alumni Association.”

Dr. Wittmann has been an ambassador for the Medical College and a role model to students since before his service to the Association. First- and second-year medical students have done clinical preceptorships in his office, and he has staffed the family practice residency clinic.

Instilled by his parents and significant to him as a parent, community service is a substantial part of Dr. Wittmann’s life. He is a physician volunteer at the St. Joseph Medical and Dental Clinic in Waukesha, a free clinic. He has been President and a board member for the Food Pantry of Waukesha County. He currently serves on the Board for Family Service of Waukesha County, a nonprofit agency providing mental health services and educational programs. This includes the Big Yellow House, home of Children’s Place and the C.A.R.E Center, which provides services to children and adolescents who have been affected by a traumatic event or were victims of abuse or neglect. He also serves on the St. Bruno School Committee where his children attend school.

Dr. Wittmann has two children, David, 13, and Jacquelyn, 8, with his wife of 20 years, Beth Erickson Wittmann, MD ’84, GME ’88, Professor of Radiation Oncology at the Medical College. He enjoys the many family activities they share as well as hiking, biking, snowshoeing, gardening, golfing and attending Marquette basketball and Green Bay Packers football games.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD UPDATE

President: Thomas G. Wittmann, MD ’84, GME ’87
President-elect: Steven C. Bergin, MD ’74, GME ’78
Secretary-Treasurer: John T. Bjork, MD ’71, Fel ’76

New directors elected to three-year terms: Joseph J. Carroll, PhD ’02; Timothy A. Crummy, MD ’97; Paul E. Hankwitz, MD ’74, GME ’78; Dean L. Martinek, MD ’71, GME ’76; Jeffrey S. Mayer, MD ’94; Humberto R. Ravelo, MD ’72; Stuart J. Wong, MD ’90, GME ’93, Fel ’98
Joseph E. Kerschner, MD ’90, Fel ’98, chose to spend the summer after his M1 year in the microbiology lab of Vladimir Kushnaryov, MD, PhD, studying macrophages in the mouse. It may not be the traditional trajectory for an ENT, or a CEO, but for Dr. Kerschner, it was the beginning of a career in which he is both of these and more.

“I was afforded an opportunity to do some research early on in my career and really liked it,” he said. “I think that is what sort of started to push me toward an academic pathway.”

Dr. Kerschner has embraced every area of academia – as a clinician, a researcher, a teacher and an administrator – with aplomb. He is Professor and interim Chairman of Otolaryngology & Communication Sciences and Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at The Medical College of Wisconsin, Chief Executive Officer and member of Children’s Specialty Group, and Medical Director of Pediatric Otolaryngology at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin.

For nearly three years, Dr. Kerschner has been CEO of Children’s Specialty Group, the pediatric specialty group practice established between the Medical College and Children’s Hospital and Health System. Among his initial objectives when he took the position was to better integrate the planning of the specialty practice with the planning of the hospital and health system. He is able to report substantial progress in this effort.

“We have a number of different areas where there’s seamless integration between the hospital and health system and specialty group,” he said. “Those would include areas surrounding service and quality initiatives, planning with respect to marketing and education, and strategic planning and development of the practice as it goes forward.”

Dr. Kerschner is leading significant advances in quality reporting and improvement, developing a comprehensive metro Milwaukee strategy to expand services and elevate the care of children, and enhancing service through refined communications internally with colleagues and externally with patients.

Serving these efforts has been the strong relationship between Children’s Specialty Group and the Medical College. As the academic home for all faculty, including specialty group members, the College plays a vital role in nurturing careers, providing the research engine that supports excellence in clinical care, and representing the link to students and residents that gives specialty group pediatricians the opportunity to teach, he said.

“I think most of us choose academic medicine either because we like to teach or we like to do research – it’s one of those two areas, really,” Dr. Kerschner said. “So, we wouldn’t be here if it weren’t for our other roles in teaching and research, which the College provides for us.”

For Dr. Kerschner, research was the primary draw. Following his residency at University of South Florida, he returned to the campus as a fellow and a clinician-scientist-in-training. He spent five years developing his research skills in both pediatric otolaryngology and in collaboration with the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics. He is now principal investigator for a National Institutes of Health R01 grant studying the causes of and potential treatments for otitis media and molecular and cellular biology surrounding middle ear disease.

Despite many overlapping responsibilities, caring for children remains his core passion. He considers the unique rewards and challenges of treating kids a special calling.

“The most rewarding thing for me clinically is to be able to take care of kids with complex ear, nose and throat disorders and bring them through that disease or illness and out the other end, being completely functional and either cured, or at least substantially better, from the care I’m able to provide,” he said.

Though there are no average days, Dr. Kerschner can rely on one constant – the support of his family. He and his wife, Jane, have three children, Jack, Abby and Anna, and most of their free time is spent together. Dr. Kerschner spent the winter coaching two grade school girls basketball teams – a fitting activity for a man who helped create the intramural sports program at the Medical College in the late 1980s and still plays the sport competitively.

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Dr. Kerschner explains more about Children’s Specialty Group’s initiatives at www.mcw.edu/alumni/kerschnerprofile
Some students wait tables to make ends meet, but as a freshman medical student, **William W. Sheehan, MD ’64**, found his part-time job in the biochemistry laboratory of Marquette University School of Medicine faculty member Dr. Fumito Taketa. There he aided in Dr. Taketa’s research of the hemoglobin molecule and developed an interest in this field that followed him throughout his career as a pathologist.

With his father a pathologist, Dr. Sheehan had been determined to avoid this specialty, but be it genetics or just a good match for his aptitude, pathology became his path, and he hasn’t looked back. His experiences have spanned the spheres of both private practice and academia, though he now enjoys the realm of retirement.

His early years included intensive training followed by faculty opportunities. After his medical school graduation from Marquette (The Medical College of Wisconsin’s predecessor), Dr. Sheehan’s pathology training took place at Yale University and University of Chicago, including two years subspecialization in hematopathology under Dr. Henry Rapaport, the world authority on lymphoma pathology at that time. Dr. Sheehan then fulfilled a commitment with the U.S. Army, though much of his work was focused on teaching and other programs of the American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP).

For the next 10 years, he established himself as a consultant while in academic positions at University of Southern California and then Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. He was active in research activities and clinical trials in hematopathology, making full professor and being honored with the ASCP Distinguished Service to Clinical Pathology award honoring Ward Burdick.

“These years were fun and ego-fulfilling but gradually moved me further and further from the practice of medicine in the direction of administration,” Dr. Sheehan said. “When I found I was spending more time with personnel directors and architects and builders, it became clear that I should either aspire to be dean or get out. Having observed my dad as dean at Loyola Medical School for 19 years, I decided to get out.”

In 1982, Dr. Sheehan joined a small but growing pathology group in Tulsa, Okla., turning to a more basic practice of pathology in a community setting, and he remained there until his retirement in 2007. The change enabled him to have patient contact, such as with needle biopsies and bone marrow procedures, and also allowed him to get out of debt for the first time.

He maintained ties to academia as the group was actively involved in the teaching and residency programs of the University of Oklahoma. The last scientific paper to bear his name was a study of the surgical treatment of lymphoma, published during his last year in practice.

Growing up, Dr. Sheehan’s family instilled in him the value of supporting education. He and his wife, Carol, decided they could continue this tradition through planned giving.

“Reflecting on the satisfaction and fulfillment of a career in medicine, I recognized a great debt to the institutions that had provided my education,” he said. “After some thought, Carol and I decided to make identical charitable gift annuity donations to each of three institutions. Saint Ignatius High School in Chicago, Harvard College and The Medical College of Wisconsin, all of whom played an important role in getting us to where we are today, were the beneficiaries.”

The charitable gift annuity was an attractive option because it guarantees a regular source of income for life. At the Medical College, Dr. Sheehan’s gift will support the Annual Fund for Excellence, which provides discretionary funds for top priority initiatives.

Dr. Sheehan and Carol, who are Walter Zeit Fellows, live in Tulsa and have four children. Dr. Sheehan remains grateful for the varied experiences his career choice afforded.

“I’ve just been very lucky to travel both paths – private practice and academic – and you can’t have much more fun in medicine,” he said.
New CME director selected for College

Jane D. Kivlin, MD, has been appointed Director of The Medical College of Wisconsin’s Office of Continuing & Professional Education. In this role, she directs the College’s continuing medical education program and is responsible for maintaining the College’s accreditation status with the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education and other agencies.

The Office of Continuing & Professional Education assists faculty, departments, affiliated institutions and joint sponsors with CME program planning, evaluation, logistical arrangements and financial oversight. It also manages CME commercial support funds and grants.

A member of the College faculty since 1990, Dr. Kivlin was promoted to Professor of Ophthalmology in 1996. As a physician, she specialized in pediatric ophthalmology and genetic diseases of the eye, with an emphasis on eye muscle surgery. Dr. Kivlin received her MD from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1975, with postgraduate training at Hopkins and University of Miami.

ALUMNI NEWS publishes a sampling of CME events that may interest alumni on the last page of every issue in the “On the Radar” section. A full course listing is available at www.mcw.edu/cme.

Alumni Directory information being collected

The Medical College of Wisconsin/Marquette Medical Alumni Association is developing a comprehensive Alumni Directory for 2009, scheduled for release in December. Working in partnership with publisher Harris Connect, we are sending out questionnaires and postcards to all alumni to update and verify your profile for inclusion in the directory. Harris is also currently calling alumni for information.

When contacted, please take a few moments to verify that we have complete and accurate information. This new publication will be the most up-to-date reference of more than 13,000 alumni worldwide, available as both a library-quality book and CD-ROM.

Alumni Association awards medical student scholarships

Eight medical students received Bob Herzog Alumni Scholarships this year from The Medical College of Wisconsin/Marquette Medical Alumni Association. Bob Herzog is a former Alumni Relations Director. An annual golf event held in his honor raises funds for these scholarships. Pictured from left to right are M2 Jenise Phelps; Mary Alice Herzog, PhD, wife of the late Bob Herzog; Paul S. Fox, MD ’68, GME ’73, outgoing Alumni Association President; M3 Anila Bindal; M2 John Parr; M3 Melissa Miller; M1 Elizabeth Rietema; and College President and CEO T. Michael Bolger, JD. Scholarship recipients not pictured are: M2s Lisa Kodadek, Brittany Bettendorf and Todd Pitts.

The envelope please: Match Day seals fate of new doctors

Graduating medical students at The Medical College of Wisconsin, and their peers nationwide, learned on March 19 where they will be serving their postgraduate residency training. On this Match Day, a nationally administered computerized system gave the results of the matches it had made between medical students and residency training programs across the country.

Of the 203 graduating seniors at the Medical College, 194 students obtained first-year residency positions through the The National Residency Matching Program. The most popular choices for Medical College graduates this year were largely in primary care fields, which attracted 31 percent of graduates. These include family medicine (10.3 percent of the class); internal medicine (9.4 percent); and pediatrics (9.4 percent).

Of the remaining nine students, five attained first-year positions outside of the national match and four students decided to defer their residency.

The Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals residency programs attract physician trainees from other medical schools throughout the world. This year, 250 medical school graduates are entering the training programs July 1, making a total of 850 physicians in graduate medical education at the College.
ALUMNI NEWS wants to publish news of your professional and personal accomplishments and activities. Please send updates (including graduation year and current position) to: Medical College of Wisconsin Office of Alumni Relations 8701 Watertown Plank Road Milwaukee, WI 53226, fax at (414) 955-6699 or e-mail alumni@mcw.edu

1960s

Richard Weisel, MD ’69, is Professor and Chairman of Cardiac Surgery at the University of Toronto in Ontario, Canada. He is also Director of the Toronto General Research Institute.

1970s

Paul E. Hankwitz, MD ’74, GME ’78, has been appointed Associate Professor of Medicine (Geriatrics) at The Medical College of Wisconsin. His clinical interests include development of the Froedtert & The Medical College of Wisconsin Senior Health Program at Community Memorial Medical Commons in Menomonee Falls, Wis., and to provide state-of-the-art prevention, assessment and treatment options for older adults. Dr. Hankwitz has been teaching at the Medical College since 1977, when he was appointed Instructor of Medicine and Associate Chief of Service in Internal medicine. Prior to his full-time faculty appointment, he served as Medical Director for the Village at Manor Park, a family of senior living facilities.

David R. Harder, PhD ’77, the Kohler Company Professor in Cardiovascular Research and Associate Dean for Research at The Medical College of Wisconsin, earned the 2009 American Physiological Society Cardiovascular Section’s Carl Wiggers Award, the section’s highest honor. Subsequently, Dr. Harder delivered the 2009 Carl I. Wiggers Annual Lecture at the society’s annual meeting in April. His lecture was titled “The Role of the Brain Lipids in Cerebral Function.” One of the country’s foremost vascular biologists, Dr. Harder is also Director of the Cardiovascular Center and Professor of Physiology, of Medicine, and of Pediatrics.

Dennis J. Maiman, MD ’77, PhD, GME ’82, Fel ’84, an internationally recognized expert in spinal disorders and spinal cord injury, has been appointed Chairman of The Medical College of Wisconsin Department of Neurosurgery. He has also been appointed Director of Clinical Neurosciences at Froedtert Hospital. Dr. Maiman is Professor of Neurosurgery at the Medical College and specializes in the management of complex spinal disorders. Prior to his appointment, he served as Medical Director of the Froedtert & The Medical College of Wisconsin SpineCare Clinic and Director of the Spinal Cord Injury Center at Froedtert Hospital, all of which he helped create. Dr. Maiman’s research efforts focus on spinal injuries and the use of pulsed magnetic fields and stem-cell based therapies for the management of spinal cord injury. He has been on the Medical College faculty since 1982.

1980s

Nicholas B. Couper, MD, GME ’81, remarried his ex-wife Libby in June 2008 after being divorced for almost four years. Dr. Couper is an attending anesthesiologist at Boone Hospital Center in Columbia, Mo.

NYU faculty Zuckerman elected AAOS President

Internationally recognized orthopaedic surgeon Joseph D. Zuckerman, MD ’78, has been elected President of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS). Dr. Zuckerman is Chairman of Orthopaedic Surgery at NYU Hospital for Joint Diseases and the Walter A.L. Thompson Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the NYU School of Medicine in New York.

Dr. Zuckerman said he plans to expand practice management as AAOS president. He also will focus on emergency care, diversity, advocacy and funding for orthopaedic research.

An expert in shoulder surgery and hip and knee replacement, Dr. Zuckerman has served on the AAOS board of directors as member-at-large, second, and first vice president. He also has been President of the American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons. He has published more than 250 scientific articles, and the Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation presented him with its Clinical Research Award in 2002.

He was Medical College of Wisconsin Alumnus of the Year in 2004. He and his wife, Janet, have two sons.

Arthur R. Derse, MD, GME ’83, JD, has been appointed Interim Director of the Center for the Study of Bioethics at The Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Derse is also Director of Medical and Legal Affairs for the center and has served as Associate Director since 1992. He is Professor of Bioethics and of Emergency Medicine and Director of the College’s Medical Humanities Program.

Michael E. Klein, MD, GME ’85, has been in solo private practice in Glendale, Calif., for the past 19 years, specializing in internal medicine and gastroenterology. He also serves as Assistant Professor of Clinical medicine at the UCLA School of Medicine.

1990s

Elizabeth Gore, MD ’90, has been elected chair of the Full Member Principal Investigators Committee for the Radiation Therapy Oncology Group (RTOG). She is the first to hold this newly created position. Dr. Gore, Associate Professor of Radiation Oncology at The Medical College of Wisconsin, is the RTOG principal investigator for the College. RTOG is a National Cancer Institute-funded national clinical trials group and is administered by the American College of Radiology. In her position, Dr. Gore will serve on the RTOG Executive and Steering Committees representing the interests of the full member institutions, and she will chair the RTOG Bylaws Committee.
Diane S. Book, MD '91, GME '95, is Associate Professor of Neurology at The Medical College of Wisconsin and co-founder and Medical Director of the Froedtert & The Medical College of Wisconsin Stroke and Neurovascular Program. Along with an active academic neurology practice, Dr. Book is active in teaching medical students and residents. She has been named to several “best doctors” lists. She has been married for 22 years and has two children.

Erik K. St. Louis, MD '93, recently joined the staff of Mayo Clinic Rochester as Senior Associate Consultant in the Center for Sleep Medicine, departments of Neurology and Medicine. He was selected by peers in 2008 as one of the Best Doctors in America and has completed graduate studies in clinical investigation at the University of Iowa College of Medicine and Public Health through the support of a National Institutes of Health K12 Mentored Research Scholar Award. His research interests include sleep, epilepsy and cognition. Dr. St. Louis lives in Rochester with his wife, Kerith; children Aren (14), Kjersti (12) and Siri (9); yellow Labrador Bebe; and Norwegian forest cats Sigvart and Astrid.

Scott Van Valin, MD '93, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery (Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery) at The Medical College of Wisconsin and to the medical staff of Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin. Dr. Van Valin’s clinical emphasis includes musculoskeletal aspects of children and adolescents, with a strong interest in sports medicine, pediatric hip and foot problems and trauma. His research interests include pediatric foot disorders and trauma/fracture issues. A decorated Iraq War naval veteran, he served in a combat region as staff orthopaedic surgeon in 2003 at Fleet Hospital Three in Jalibah, Iraq. He also served on the orthopaedic surgery staff of the Pensacola Naval Hospital in Florida, and as a regimental surgeon for the Fifth Marine Regiment, and as a battalion surgeon for the Second Marine Battalion at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Kirk Ludwig, MD, GME '94, has been named the first Vernon O. Underwood Professor in Colon Cancer Research at The Medical College of Wisconsin. Dr. Ludwig is Associate Professor and Chief of Colorectal Surgery and Associate Professor of Medicine (Gastroenterology and Hepatology) at the Medical College. He specializes in sphincter-sparing techniques for rectal cancer, laparoscopic colorectal surgery and treatment of benign and malignant diseases of the lower gastrointestinal tract, including fecal incontinence. He conducts research on gastrointestinal motility, multidisciplinary approaches for the treatment of rectal cancer, fecal incontinence and the mechanisms and treatment of post-operative intestinal dysfunction.

Florence Sandmann, MD, GME '94, recently started work on the Gila River Indian Reservation in Sacaton, Ariz., at the Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital, in the outpatient pediatric department. She moved to Arizona in 2005 after practicing pediatrics with Harwood Medical Associates, Covenant Health and finally with Westbrook Pediatrics, Children’s Medical Group, all in Wisconsin. Dr. Sandmann enjoys the challenges of working with the Pima Indians, who have the one of the world’s highest rates of type 2 diabetes, obesity and a high rate of heart disease. She also enjoys attending pow wows and rodeos.

Catherine Drexler, MD '95, GME '99, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology at The Medical College of Wisconsin and to the medical staff of Froedtert Hospital. Her clinical interests include obstetric anesthesia. She was previously a staff anesthesiologist at St. Mary’s Anesthesia Associates, Covenant Health and finally with Westbrook Pediatrics, Children’s Medical Group, all in Wisconsin. Dr. Drexler enjoys the challenges of working with the Pima Indians, who have the one of the world’s highest rates of type 2 diabetes, obesity and a high rate of heart disease. She also enjoys attending pow wows and rodeos.

Sapna Bamrah, MD '99, is working at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the Division of Tuberculosis Elimination. She previously was working with the International Emergencies and Refugee Health Branch.

Marshall Beckman, MD '99, GME '06, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Surgery at The Medical College of Wisconsin and to the medical staffs of Community Memorial Hospital and Froedtert Hospital. Dr. Beckman previously was with the Mayo Health System where he served as medical director for the trauma, neurosurgery and neurology unit at Luther Midelfort Hospital in Eau Claire. Dr. Beckman’s clinical interests include general and vascular surgery. His research interests include vascular disorders and critical care medicine.

Candice S. Klug, PhD '99, was selected by The Business Journal to be in its 2009 Forty Under 40 list. The annual list honors 40 people in the Greater Milwaukee area under the age of 40 who are making a difference in their professions and communities. Dr. Klug is Associate Professor of Biophysics at The Medical College of Wisconsin. The list was published in the March 6, 2009, issue of The Business Journal.
Derrick Colmenar, MD ‘05, is starting his first year of anesthesiology residency at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Va., in July 2009 after serving as a Naval flight surgeon with Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 162. He returned from deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in October 2008. He married Michelle Toledo Colmenar on Sept. 15, 2007.

Kelly Pucillo, MD ‘05, recently joined a family medicine practice in Waupaca, Wis., doing full-scope family medicine, including obstetrics. She has a 2-1/2-year-old daughter and was expecting a second child this spring.

Krysta Fluman, MD ‘06, was recently engaged to Bill Voegtl, CPA. Their wedding on the beach in Jamaica was planned for this May. Dr. Fluman will complete her emergency medicine residency in 2010. The couple plan to make their home in St. Louis, Mo.

Joseph Bovi, MD, GME ‘07, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Radiation Oncology at The Medical College of Wisconsin and to the medical staff of Froedtert Hospital. His clinical interests include general radiation oncology and tumors of the central nervous system. He was previously Instructor of Radiation Oncology at the College.

Sandra Ettema, MD, GME ‘07, has joined the faculty at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield as Assistant Professor in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. Her clinical interests include disorders of the thyroid, sleep apnea and sleep disorders, sinusitis, and speech and swallowing disorders. Her research interests include disorders of the voice and swallowing, disorders of sleep, and cleft palate speech and swallowing.

John LoGiudice, MD, GME ‘07, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Plastic Surgery at The Medical College of Wisconsin and to the medical staffs of Froedtert Hospital, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center and St. Joseph’s Hospital in West Bend, Wis. Dr. LoGiudice is a fellow of the American Board of Plastic Surgery. His clinical interests include breast reconstruction, head and neck reconstructive surgery, carpal tunnel syndrome, plastic and cosmetic surgery, reconstructive surgery, microsurgery, hand surgery, breast surgery and aesthetic hand rejuvenation. In 2008, he won the national Best Microsurgical Save of the Year award from the American Society of Reconstructive Microsurgery for a scalp replant.

Christopher A. Taylor, MD, GME ‘07, has received the Ernest W. Johnson Excellence in Research Writing Award from the Association of Academic Physiatrists for his May 2008 publication, The Incidence of Peripheral Nerve Injury in Extremity Trauma. Dr. Taylor is currently in the second year of a spine and sports medicine fellowship at Portner Orthopedics in Honolulu, Hawaii. The award is sponsored by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins/Wolters Kluwer Health, publisher of the American Journal of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation. It recognizes outstanding research by investigators-in-training.

Guennady Tchekanov, MD, GME ‘07, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at The Medical College of Wisconsin and to the medical staff of Froedtert Hospital. He also practices at Community Memorial Medical Commons in Menomonee Falls and at Lakeview Rehabilitation Hospital. Dr. Tchekanov’s clinical interests include patients with spasticity and movement disorders due to stroke, cerebral palsy, brain injury, spinal cord injury, Parkinson’s disease and multiple sclerosis.

Nilay Kumar, MD, GME ’08, MPH, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Medicine (General Internal) and section of Hospital Medicine at The Medical College of Wisconsin and to the medical staff of Froedtert Hospital. His clinical interests include management of inpatient diabetes, metabolic syndrome and hepatobiliary diseases. His research interests include technological advances in modes of insulin delivery and improving the standards of diabetes care. His public health research is focused on developing database models for secondary and tertiary prevention of diabetes and other chronic diseases.

Matthew Buelow, MD ’09, received the 2009 Houton Award from the Wisconsin Medical Society Foundation. He earned the award while still a senior medical student at the College. It honors students who excel in their knowledge of both the socioeconomic and scientific issues related to medicine.

Paul O’Connor, PhD, Fel ’09, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Physiology at The Medical College of Wisconsin. His research interest is in the control of blood pressure and how sodium transport and the production of oxygen free radicals may be altered in the kidneys of salt-sensitive individuals. He completed an American Heart Association physiology fellowship at the Medical College earlier this year.

Cindy Salm, MD ’07, and Anderson Bauer, MD ’07, were married Sept. 6, 2008, in Little Chute, Wis. Parents of the bride are Richard and Margaret Salm, and parents of the groom are Mark Bauer, MD ’73, GME ’87, and Cynthia A. Bauer, MD ’74, GME ’75. The couple is pictured above with their wedding party, which includes maid of honor Toni Salm, MD ’01, GME ’06, Whitney Bauer; Maria Gray, MD ’07; Kate Palisch, MD ’07; Paula Cody, MD ’07; Katie Beno; Amy Fisco, MD ’07, Stephanie Manning; best man John Bauer; Dr. Chris Bauer; Aaron Bauer, MD ’02, Dr. Richard Salm, Jr.; John Benson, MD ’07, Steve Williams; Andrew Palisch, MD ’07, and Ryan Tilot. Ushers included Chris Burnett, MD ’07, Dr. Andrew Sheean; and Michael Williams. The bride is an internal medicine resident with Aurora Health Care in Milwaukee and matched into the allergy/immunology fellowship at the Medical College. The groom is a radiation oncology resident at Froedtert Hospital.
Joseph A. Gautsch, MD ’39, of Cody, Wyo., died Aug. 8, 2008. He was 93 years old. Dr. Gautsch served in the U.S. Army in World War II and was a major in Germany during the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded the Bronze Star as a regimental surgeon in 1945. After completing his service and medical training, he moved to Cody, where he practiced internal medicine at the Cody Clinic, joining the partnership in 1948. He was one of the founding directors of Cody First Bank in 1962 (which became Key Bank), and he was a member of the Knights of Columbus. In the mid-1950s, he served as President of the Wyoming division of the American Cancer Society. He retired from medicine in 1981 to spend more time with family, friends and salmon fishing. He also enjoyed art, literature, photography, music and telling funny stories. His survivors include one daughter; two sons; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Lucina.

Duane T. Newton, MD ’43, a long-time resident of Sacramento, Calif., died Jan. 17, 2009. He was 94 years old. A World War II veteran, Dr. Newton practiced family medicine in Sacramento from 1945 to 2000. His survivors include one daughter, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is preceded in death by his wife, Ilmah, and a son.

Walter Merdinger, MD ’46 (November), of La Jolla, Calif., died Dec. 2, 2008. He was 86 years old. A thoracic surgeon, Dr. Merdinger was the longest-serving active physician on staff at Scripps Memorial Hospital-La Jolla, having worked for 49 years. Originally from Chicago and then Milwaukee, Dr. Merdinger served in the Navy and in the Air Force, Army and Navy reserves for a combined service of 40 years, retiring with the Navy rank of captain. He served as school board president for Stella Maris Academy and was a member of Knights of Columbus. He also enjoyed playing tennis. His survivors include his wife, Ann; six children; and six grandchildren.

Francis DeRossi, MD ’47, of Albany, N.Y., died Nov. 25, 2008. He was 85 years old. Dr. DeRossi was a U.S. Navy World War II veteran. He was a member of Alpha Kappa Kappa at Marquette University School of Medicine. After his training, he returned to Albany and was an attending physician at St. Peter’s Hospital and maintained an internal medicine practice for more than 50 years until his retirement in 2004. He was the Medical Director of the Ann Lee Home through 1985 and of the Teresian House Nursing home through 2004. He earned a lifetime achievement award from the Albany County Nursing Home and the Mother M. Angeline Teresa O’Carm award from the Carmelite Sisters in 1989. He was a long-standing member of the American Geriatrics Society and he enjoyed fishing, boating and golf. His survivors include his wife, Mary; one daughter; two sons; and seven grandchildren.

Roger S. Gray, MD ’47, of Eau Claire, Wis., died Jan. 1, 2009. He was 84 years old. Dr. Gray served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Air Force during the Korean War. He followed his father’s example as a family practice physician, serving three generations of families in Rock County for 42 years, making house calls, holding office hours and tending to hospital rounds. He was chief of staff at Stoughton Community Hospital. The American Legion honored Dr. Gray as Citizen of the Year. The Evansville Jaycees honored him with a Distinguished Service award, and the Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians named him Geriatrician of the Year. He was also a member of the board of directors for Brooklyn State Bank, the Evansville Lion’s Club and Evansville public school board. He was the Evansville High School team physician and the medical director of the Evansville Continental Manor Nursing Home. He enjoyed tennis, skiing, and fishing. His survivors include his wife of 60 years, Elizabeth; two daughters; one son; and six grandchildren.

Sidney Lubar, MD ’52, of Glendale, Wis., died March 25, 2009. He was 82 years old. Dr. Lubar practiced internal medicine.

Philip J. Reilly, MD ’53, of Fair Oaks, Calif., died Dec. 21, 2008. He was 80 years old. Dr. Reilly served two years as a captain and flight surgeon in the U.S. Air Force in Japan. He established a general medicine practice in Sacramento, later specializing in family medicine. He practiced for 54 years, co-founding the Doctor’s Health Plan, Woodside Medical Group, and the Sacramento Physicians Medical Group. He was a leader and mentor at American River Hospital, serving on the board of directors, as chief of staff, and as a volunteer member of the board of trustees. He was also Associate Clinical Professor of Family practice at University of California-Davis from 1972-2008. A voracious reader with many varied interests, he was a multi-sport athlete and private pilot. His survivors include his former wife of 31 years, Dolores, and seven children. One son preceded him in death.

Douglas G. Burmeister, MD ’54, a long-time resident of Kingsport, Tenn., died March 9, 2009, after many years of battling Alzheimer’s. He was 79 years old. After serving two years in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict and completing his medical training, Dr. Burmeister moved with his family to Kingsport, where he practiced dermatology for more than 30 years. His survivors include his wife of 56 years, Margaret; one daughter; one son; and two grandchildren.

Robert B. Callahan, MD ’55, of Denver, Colo., died Nov. 10, 2008. Originally from Butler, Pa., Dr. Callahan was a clinical psychiatrist for 36 years, dedicated to the treatment of the mentally ill, including children. His survivors include his wife of 52 years, Mary Ann; three daughters; four sons; and 19 grandchildren.

Ricardo J. Alvarez, MD ’57, of Plymouth, Wis., died in Hospice care Jan. 26, 2009. He was 76 years old. Following his training, Dr. Alvarez enlisted in the Air Force, stationed at Laughlin Air Force Base in Texas. After his service, he took over his father’s practice in the Philippines, his homeland. In 1961, he moved his family to Plymouth to practice medicine at the Plymouth Clinic. He also became a physician for the Kettle Moraine Boys School and the Teychedah Correctional Facility. In 1975, he formed the first full-time emergency room coverage at St. Agnes Hospital in Fond du Lac, Wis. He retired in 1992 after providing emergency care at hospitals in Manitowoc and Two Rivers. He was a charter member of the Plymouth Lions Club, past president and member of the Plymouth Trail Riders and a member of the Plymouth School Board. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, hunting and breeding.
and training horses. His survivors include seven children, 11 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**Karl-Heinz Mueller, MD, GME ’59,** of Elm Grove, Wis., died March 11, 2009. He was 85 years old. He moved to the U.S. from his native Germany in 1958 as a Fulbright Fellow in Orthopaedic Surgery, practicing in Erie, Penn., and Chicago, Ill., before settling in Milwaukee. In addition to his private practice in Brookfield and West Allis, Dr. Mueller was a past chief of orthopaedics at Elmbrook and West Allis Memorial hospitals. He also served as Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at The Medical College of Wisconsin and the Marienhoehe University Hospital in Aachen, Germany. Dr. Mueller was a frequent guest lecturer for the Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Following his retirement from active practice in 1980, he continued to work in medicine, translating English and German medical textbooks. His survivors include his wife, Dr. Agnes H. Mueller-Schmitz; four children; and four grandchildren.

**James T. Botticelli, MD, Fel ’61,** of Mequon, Wis., died April 21, 2009. He was 79 years old. Dr. Botticelli served on the faculty of The Medical College of Wisconsin, joining Marquette University School of Medicine in 1961, later retiring as Professor of Medicine. For the American Heart Association, Dr. Botticelli was a research fellow, advance research fellow, area president of the Wisconsin affiliate, and member of the board of directors, Wisconsin affiliate. He was co-chairman, Committee on Guidelines and Planning Standards for the Cardiac Catheterization and Open Heart Surgery Program for the Wisconsin Department Health and Social Services for eight years. He retired from the Air National Guard as a brigadier general in 1986 and was also a reservist. He received the Outstanding Physician Award from the Wisconsin Heart Association and the Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians’ Distinguished Service Award for aiding in the development of family practice residency programs in Wisconsin. His survivors include his wife, Maureen; eight children; and 10 grandchildren.

**William S. Harada, MD ’61,** of Granite Bay, Calif., died Dec. 9, 2008. He was 79 years old. Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, Dr. Harada served 27 years in the U.S. Air Force as a physician before retiring with the rank of colonel. He continued his OB/GYN specialty practice at Kaiser Permanente in Roseville, Calif. He was a 29-year member of Twin Lakes Riding Club. He received numerous awards and commendations during his career. His survivors include his wife of 50 years, Mary Ellen; three daughters; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**Stephen Michael Krause, MD ’65,** of Novato, Calif., died suddenly Aug. 21, 2008. He was 70 years old. During his nearly 40-year career at St. Mary’s Hospital in San Francisco, he served on numerous committees and in various leadership roles. He served as Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry and as Medical Director and Director of Clinical Services for McAuley Behavioral Services. From 1995-99, he served as President of the medical staff at St. Mary’s. He most recently was serving on the St. Mary’s Medical Center Community Board while maintaining a private practice in San Francisco and Novato. He was a fan of boxing and track and field, loved traveling, and was a connoisseur of red wine. His survivors include his wife of 42 years, Carole; two daughters; and two sons.

**Gerald J. Miller, MD ’65,** of La Crosse, Wis., died Feb. 22, 2009, in his home after a courageous battle with metastatic melanoma. He was 70 years old. Following his medical training, Dr. Miller served as chief of radiology at Irwin Army Hospital in Fort Riley, Kan. Subsequently, he was employed as a diagnostic radiologist at then St. Francis Medical Center from 1972-88. From 1988-2007 he was on staff at Gunderson Clinic as a diagnostic radiologist. He retired after a 37-year practice. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, reading, tennis, golfing, Canadian fishing trips, lawn work, fitness and travel. His survivors include his wife of 45 years, Marie; one daughter; one son; and four grandchildren.

**Lance Wozniak, MD ’71,** of Yuma, Ariz., died Feb. 7, 2009, after a brave battle with cancer of the esophagus. He was 62 years old. Dr. Wozniak was a flight surgeon in the U.S. Navy and achieved the rank of commander. He practiced ophthalmology in San Diego, Calif., until moving to Yuma in 1991. He also provided medical services to those living in rural areas of California and Arizona. His survivors include his wife, Sharon; one son; three stepchildren; and three grandchildren.

**Richard J. Titulaer, MD, GME ’75,** a long-time resident of Green Bay, Wis., died Nov. 11, 2008. He was 67 years old. A captain the U.S. Air Force, Dr. Titulaer joined the West Side Clinic (now Prevea) in Green Bay in 1975 after completing his ENT training. He was a longtime active member of the Brown County Gun Club. His survivors include his wife, Barbara; four children; and five grandchildren.

**Michael J. Richter, MD ’91, GME ’94,** of Glendale, Wis., died April 18, 2009, after a tragic injury. He was 47 years old. Dr. Richter was a family physician at the Glendale Clinic for 13 years, and for the last two years, practiced with Aurora Health Care. He was passionate about his family and friends. He loved basketball, having played for the College of Great Falls, Montana. He coached his daughters at St. Monica Catholic Grade School in Whitefish Bay and was assistant varsity coach at Rufus King High School in Milwaukee. Dr. Richter additionally served as Medical Director for Student Health Services at Milwaukee School of Engineering. His survivors include his wife, Julie; and three daughters.

**Christopher S. Kearn, PhD ’01,** of Boston, Mass., and native of Muskego, Wis., died Feb. 19, 2009. He was 40 years old. He was a senior research scientist in the Center for Drug Discovery at Northeastern University in Boston.

Former Medical College President, Carley, dies

David Carley, PhD, Medical College of Wisconsin President from 1975-77, died May 13, 2009, at home in Charlottesville, Va. He was 80 years old. Dr. Carley was President of the College during its last years on the Marquette University campus, before it moved to the Milwaukee County grounds. He was instrumental in raising the funds needed to build its education and research facilities. Dr. Carley was also a property developer, serving as a partner in Carley Capital Group with his brother Jim, and twice ran for governor of Wisconsin. Other roles he had include serving as a University of Wisconsin regent and directing Gov. Gaylord Nelson’s Wisconsin Department of Resource Development. His survivors include his wife, Claire Gargelli; two daughters; one son Jim; and two granddaughters.
CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION EVENTS

23rd Annual Door County Summer Institute (Psychiatry)
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Midwestern Conference: Update Course in Surgical Pathology
Aug. 21-23, 2009
Milwaukee, Wis.
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29th Annual Breast Imaging Conference
Sept. 14-17, 2009
Glendale, Ariz.
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2009 Association for Academic Psychiatry Annual Meeting
Sept. 30-Oct. 3, 2009
Washington, D.C.
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Update on Gastrointestinal Disorders
Oct. 23, 2009
Milwaukee, Wis.
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National Marrow Donor Program Symposium: Navigating the Therapeutic Pathways for AML and MDS
Dec. 4, 2009
New Orleans, La.
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For more information on these and other programs visit www.mcw.edu/cme or call (414) 456-4900

ALUMNI EVENTS

Specialty receptions
American Academy of Otolaryngology
San Diego, Calif.
Oct. 6, 2009
American College of Surgeons
Chicago, Ill.
Oct. 12, 2009
American Society of Plastic Surgeons
Seattle, Wash.
Oct. 24, 2009
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
New Orleans, La.
March 12, 2010

Alumni Association Board meeting
TBD, September/October 2009

Symposium for Senior Physicians
TBD, October 2009

HERZOG GOLF CLASSIC

Monday, Aug. 17, 2009
The 15th annual Medical College of Wisconsin Bob Herzog Alumni Scholarship Golf Classic will take place this fall at Meadowbrook Country Club in Racine.
Proceeds from this event fund medical student scholarships at the College.
During its first 14 years, the golf classic has raised $215,000 for scholarships for more than 115 medical students.
The late Bob Herzog directed the College’s Alumni Association for 30 years and was a golf enthusiast.
Call: (414) 955-4781 for more information

2010 Reunions

ALUMNI WEEKEND
April 30 - May 1
Events will include the Alumni Banquet at the Pfister Hotel, presentation of awards, tours, CME and special class dinners.

50-YEAR REUNION
May 21-22
Class of 1960 reunion will be held in conjunction with the Medical College’s 2010 Commencement weekend.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

2010 Alumnus/Alumna of the Year
The person selected for this award will have achieved professional success leading to peer recognition. Areas may include, but are not limited to, clinical teaching, academic medicine, research or leadership in professional societies. Volunteer work and financial support of the Medical College are not criteria for this award.

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15th Annual Bob Herzog Alumni Scholarship Golf Classic

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