Seeding careers in science

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Reunions draw classmates back together for celebration
I am enthusiastic to begin my term as President of the Medical College of Wisconsin/Marquette Medical Alumni Association. Serving on the Alumni Association Board has reinforced what I have suspected all along: MCW is a vibrant, forward-thinking academic research institution whose faculty, staff and students are the definitive factors in its success.

As alumni, we also can be strong contributors to MCW’s success through our active engagement with the College. For physicians, our experience in the practice and the business of medicine is of great value to the next generation. I strongly urge you to consider volunteering as a clinical faculty member, where you can participate in the education and training of medical students and residents. I think you will find that you benefit from the interaction as much as they.

Graduate and medical alumni have numerous avenues for involvement with MCW, even if the time you are able to contribute is short. You may enjoy being a guest lecturer, offering a shadowing experience, hosting a visiting student, or collaborating with faculty on research or a community project. You might benefit from one of the many CME courses sponsored by the Medical College. The Community Medical Education Program being developed in the Green Bay and Central Wisconsin regions will also offer alumni in those areas fantastic opportunities in education.

I also encourage your involvement with the Alumni Association, and one of the best ways is through this magazine. In fact, Alumni News is conducting a survey right now to assess how we are serving you and to determine your interests. We are even offering the chance to win outstanding MCW clothing items if you return the postcard survey inserted in this magazine. You can also complete the survey online at mcw.edu/alumnisurvey or by scanning this bar code:

Let’s help Alumni News, and the Medical College of Wisconsin, reach their potential.

Paul E. Hankwitz, MD ’74, GME ’78
Alumni Association President
A MOMENT’S NOTICE
Providing a brief look inside this issue of ALUMNI NEWS

Neuroscience innovator
Dr. Philip Stieg has led the Department of Neurological Surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College for 13 years, and he hasn’t wasted a moment of it. His pursuit of innovation in the operating room, in the laboratory, in the academic halls and in developing nations contributed to his selection as the 2013 Medical School Alumnus of the Year.

Classes represented in this story: ’83

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Recognizing the need for greater diversity in his field of physical therapy, Dr. Lawrence Pan launched programs at Marquette University, where he is a department chairman, that have helped scores of underrepresented students find success in scientific careers. For his efforts, Dr. Pan has been named the 2013 Graduate School Alumnus of the Year.

Classes represented in this story: ’83

World of difference
Throughout her career as an OB/GYN and fertility expert, Dr. Gloria Halverson has offered her services to the most vulnerable populations in the world. In retirement, she has increased her efforts as her missionary work seeks to help victims of human trafficking and extreme poverty. The 2013 alumni Humanitarian Award is hers.

Classes represented in this story: ’73

Hometown hero
Dr. James Algiers has served his country, his alma mater, his community and his fellow man with humble passion. The longtime Hartford physician earned the 2013 Alumni Distinguished Service Award, (but you won’t hear it from him).

Classes represented in this story: ’53, ’62

Alumni leader backs MCW’s vision
Dr. Paul Hankwitz seeks to build enthusiasm among alumni for MCW’s growing education and research programs as Association President.

Classes represented in this story: ’48, ’73, ’74, ’01, ’02, ’07
120 years: Advancing Knowledge for Healthier Communities

The Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) celebrated its 120th year of medical education on May 20 with events that included a special presentation by T. Michael Bolger, JD, President Emeritus.

The school was founded in 1893 as the Wisconsin College of Physicians and Surgeons. On Jan. 14, 1913, the Wisconsin College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Milwaukee Medical College merged to become the Marquette University School of Medicine. Today, MCW is the only private medical school in the state.

A website commemorating MCW’s 120th anniversary includes links to a display of milestones in the school’s history and a list of nearly 200 significant research discoveries made by faculty physicians and scientists throughout the years. Throughout the year, stories that highlight MCW’s contributions to creating healthier communities will be posted to mcw.edu/120anniversary.
MCW first to offer full clinical genomic sequencing

The Medical College of Wisconsin’s (MCW) Human and Molecular Genetics Center recently became the first in the world to offer complete whole genome sequencing from patient consent through the return of clinical results, to patients worldwide.

The CLIA-certified laboratory is accepting physician-ordered samples for either whole genome or whole exome sequencing. Two MCW-developed software programs are used to analyze the data: Carpe Novo, which annotates genomic variants, or mutations; and Gap-Mine, which identifies unsequenced regions of the genome. Turnaround time from receiving the sample, to return of results to patients, is 90 days.

“The clinical utility of genomic information is rapidly expanding, whether we are seeking to identify the cause of a rare genetic disease, doing pharmacogenomic testing to guide medication decisions, or doing predictive testing to identify a patient’s risk of developing particular cancers or other devastating illnesses,” said David Bick, MD, Medical Director of the clinical sequencing lab, Professor of Pediatrics (Genetics) at MCW and Chief Geneticist at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin.

“MCW is a leader in this field; we have been offering this service to our patients at Children’s Hospital and at Froedtert Hospital. Our expertise and advanced software and bioinformatics capabilities made this an obvious next step.”

Howard Jacob, PhD, Director of the Human and Molecular Genetics Center, said he expects demand for clinical and research-based genomic sequencing to grow exponentially.

“Today our whole genome sequencing service can also be used for patients where single gene tests, gene panels or whole exome sequencing failed to help in the diagnosis. Whole genome sequencing is the ultimate reflex test,” said Dr. Jacob, the Warren P. Knowles Professor in Human and Molecular Genetics and Professor of Physiology and Pediatrics.

Medical College’s EPR Center serves scientists nationwide

The National Biomedical Electron Paramagnetic Resonance (EPR) Center at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) has received a five-year, $6 million renewal grant from the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering. In what is considered one of the strongest EPR groups in the world, James S. Hyde, PhD, the James S. Hyde Professor of Biophysics and Director of the EPR Center, leads a team in technology research and developing novel instrumentation and application of new techniques to biological problems. The main areas of research are free radicals, spin labeling, metal complexes and metallo proteins.

The EPR Center makes its powerful research instruments available to scientists from all parts of the nation, who often travel to Milwaukee to make use of the equipment. It was established in 1976 and has been continuously funded since. Dr. Hyde is principal investigator of the EPR Center grant.

Dr. Robert Havlik joins MCW as Plastic Surgery Chairman

Robert J. Havlik, MD, was recently named Chairman and the George J. Korkos, MD Professor in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW). He serves as Chief of Plastic Surgery at Froedtert Hospital and sees patients at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin.

Dr. Havlik comes to MCW from the Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis, where he served as chief of the division of plastic surgery and was the James J. Harbaugh, Jr., Professor of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He also directed the cleft and craniofacial surgery program and pediatric plastic surgery at the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

Dr. Havlik is an internationally recognized researcher for his work in cleft palate repair, and maxillofacial and craniofacial disorders.

Dr. Jon Lehrmann appointed Chairman of Psychiatry

After serving as Interim Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) since September 2010, Jon A. Lehrmann, MD ’90, GME ’94, was recently named Chairman of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at MCW and Clinical Chief of Psychiatry at Froedtert Hospital.

Dr. Lehrmann is the Charles E. Kubly Professor in Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine and Division Manager of the Mental Health Division at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center. He has been a member of the MCW faculty since 1996. Dr. Lehrmann’s research interests are in veteran and community mental health care, conflict resolution, and psychiatric education. He has extensive teaching experience and is President-Elect of the Association for Academic Psychiatry.
In a field historically defined by prowess in the operating room and now driven largely by technology, Philip E. Stieg, MD ’83, PhD, has helped build a program in New York City that maintains the traditional art of neurosurgery while harnessing technological innovation to advance the field. Through scholarly work, translational research and an enduring focus on the health and well-being of patients, Dr. Stieg has helped to define the scope of excellence in his field. In his 13 years as Professor and Chairman of Neurological Surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College, Dr. Stieg has been recognized worldwide for his leadership and skill as a neuroscientist practitioner.

Neurosurgery itself has progressed in striking ways, particularly noticeable to someone with a 30-year career in medicine.

“When I began, we were just starting micro-neurosurgery,” Dr. Stieg said. “That was during the advent of the microscope in the operating room. Now, we use advanced technology that was unthinkable then – three-dimensional visualization, molecular neurosurgery and gene therapy using stereotactic techniques. It’s astounding and exciting to see how far the field has changed and progressed.”

Dr. Stieg, who also serves as Neurosurgeon-in-Chief at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, has earned an international reputation in cerebrovascular disorders and skull base surgery. He is a past chairman of the Joint Sections of Cerebrovascular Surgery of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons and Congress of Neurological Surgeons and past president of the Society of University Neurosurgeons. He was recognized this year by the Medical College of Wisconsin/Marquette Medical Alumni Association as the 2013 Medical School Alumnus of the Year.

“It’s heartwarming, and it’s an honor to be appreciated by your peers and the institution where you trained,” he said. “The Medical College of Wisconsin laid the foundation for everything I’ve been able to do since.”

Research-based advances

At Weill Cornell, Dr. Stieg has assembled a talented faculty of neurosurgeons and neuroscientists who have accomplished many important “firsts” in medicine. Colleagues in his department were the first to administer gene therapy to the brain for Parkinson’s disease in 2003, and in 2009 accomplished the first infusion of Avastin directly into a glioblastoma tumor, bypassing the blood-brain barrier. In 2012, his pediatric neurosurgical team launched a groundbreaking clinical trial, testing convection-enhanced delivery for inoperable brain tumors. Dr. Stieg’s spine team is collaborating with Cornell University’s Biomedical Engineering Department in Ithaca to develop living, tissue-engineered replacement discs for patients with degenerative disc disease.

In 2011, Dr. Stieg officially launched the Weill Cornell Brain and Spine Center, which formalized the integrative, team-based approach he had helped develop for the treatment of patients with neurological disease. The group is considered a national leader in minimally invasive surgery for the brain and spine.

Many innovations introduced by Dr. Stieg have advanced education and collaboration. When one of his department’s neurosurgeons proposed the idea of a Brain Tumor Biotech Summit in 2011, Dr. Stieg worked to facilitate the gathering of leading neuroscientists, biotechnology firms and venture capitalists. He said that scientists often present their research at meetings, but that seldom
results in a translation to new tools and treatments. The Brain Tumor Biotech Summit was conducted under the premise that it would enlighten all groups about the process of technology transfer while also establishing mutually beneficial relationships, potentially leading to new funding sources for promising research.

“Through the Summit, we hoped venture capital would understand the complexities of developing drugs or techniques,” he said. “We then hoped science would understand the limitations of the business world and how they are constrained. I think few fully understand the complexity of bringing a tool or drug or technology all the way through design, development and implementation to the market.”

Dr. Stieg hopes to expand the Summit’s scope to include such areas as stroke and vascular disease, spine and movement disorders.

Collaboration and education

With his driving philosophy of an open source model with collaboration in research and education, Dr. Stieg launched the Surgical Innovations Lab in 2010. This state-of-the-art facility integrates 3-D visualization, virtual reality and computerized simulation with hands-on cadaver dissection to teach advanced neurosurgical procedures and build visuospatial skills. Residents, fellows and students around the world have access to the lab through real-time video conferencing.

The international reach of the Surgical Innovations Lab is just one example of Dr. Stieg’s global perspective. His department helps serve the mission of Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar, established in 2001 as the first medical school in that country, and neurosurgery faculty travel regularly to Tanzania, where Weill Cornell has established another medical school, the Weill Bugando University College of Health Sciences. Regular delegations to Tanzania from the New York campus—this year including Dr. Stieg—bring new technologies and education to a country that has only three neurosurgeons for 4 million people. Faculty in Tanzania are also invited to participate in CME courses in New York at no cost.

“This department takes a strong view on international education,” Dr. Stieg said. “For developing countries, we feel strongly that it’s our responsibility and our privilege to make sure health care is as good as it can be in those countries.”

The science of surgery

Dr. Stieg considers basic science key to advancing neurosurgery, instilled from his days earning a PhD in anatomy and neuroscience from Albany Medical College of Union University before entering medical school.

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One of Dr. Stieg’s enduring medical school memories is the camaraderie he felt with a classmate who lost her life to cancer last year. He shares this memory at mcw.edu/StiegAward.

An expert in cerebrovascular disorders and skull base surgery, Philip E. Stieg, MD ’83, PhD, performs more than 200 surgeries a year.

Dr. Stieg’s research has focused largely on cerebral protection and restorative function. His early work involved ion transport in astroglia following head injury, which helped give doctors a better grasp of the clinical management of acute head trauma. His laboratory was one of the first to develop and characterize primary cultures of astroglial cells.

In the next phase of his research career, he was involved in the development of drugs that reduced stroke volume. One outcome of this research was a better understanding of the NMDA receptor, which plays an important role in the transport of ions across cell membranes after stroke and trauma. In recent years, Dr. Stieg’s research efforts have had a more clinical emphasis, exploring novel approaches to skull base surgery.

Dr. Stieg takes particular pride and enjoyment in teaching his young residents and mentoring his faculty with a focus on translational research and technology.

“Developing and recruiting talent is a critical aspect of being a successful leader in medicine,” Dr. Stieg said. The ability to convey the importance of your vision is also very important in today’s complex academic environment. One has to lead with integrity, foster creative ideas and drive a vision for ensuring the success of the department while staying true to our mission of delivering excellence in patient care every day.”
For a university department chairman, Lawrence G. Pan, PT, PhD ’83, has had a remarkable influence on middle and high school students in the Milwaukee community. Through efforts that he set in motion at Marquette University and affiliation with community partners, disadvantaged youth have experienced improved lifestyles, health and career options. These are among the reasons he was selected as the 2013 Medical College of Wisconsin/Marquette Medical Graduate School Alumnus of the Year.

Dr. Pan is Professor and Chair of Physical Therapy at Marquette University. In addition to a background in direct patient care, research and higher education, he directs two federally funded diversity programs that have helped many young people steer toward better futures. The beginnings were humble, but the need in the community stimulated the ideas’ growth.

“I noticed here at Marquette that we were in an urban setting but had no minority students in my classes,” said Dr. Pan, referencing the late 1980s. “I had interest in diversity as an Asian American but also having grown up during civil rights movements. I thought it would be interesting to create a mentorship program and get minority students interested in physical therapy.”

A pilot program led to state funding and eventually earned a federal Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) grant in 1992. The program has earned more than $9 million in funding since it began.

The goal of HCOP is to recruit and retain disadvantaged students in the health professions. For middle and high school students, this means exposure to science careers through summer enrichment programs. For participants who choose to pursue such careers at Marquette, the program continues with academic support and counseling. HCOP at Marquette has graduated 730 students from disadvantaged backgrounds into health professions, improving diversity in those fields.

Community engagement

Dr. Pan’s reputation for helping young Milwaukeans find a path to success led to a collaboration proposed by the United Community Center (UCC) in Milwaukee. Marquette and the UCC successfully competed for a Youth Empowerment Program (YEP) grant funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The program Dr. Pan has led with his Marquette colleague, Dr. Paula Papanek, is called YES (Youth Empowered to Succeed) and is designed to promote healthy lifestyles among Hispanic adolescents.

YES pairs at-risk youths with Marquette University students serving as role models who offer tutoring, engage in physical fitness activities, and explain wellness and nutrition information.

“It’s just been a wonderful experience,” Dr. Pan said. “These are programs that really have an impact on people. After a semester, you can see the positive effects on kids.”

Following a site visit of YES in 2010, and a special project
for HHS in 2011 that met all of its goals using only 60 percent of its budget, HHS asked Dr. Pan to take a lead role in analyzing the data nationally across all YEP initiatives (currently six).

“We’ve now established a model of a grantee helping the government with data assessment because of our expertise,” he said. “I don’t think they see this data often in this cohesive way that shows the personal stories and effect of these collaborative programs.”

People person

For Dr. Pan, an emphasis on people comes naturally, particularly since the first 22 years of his career was dedicated to patient care as a staff physical therapist at Columbia Hospital in Milwaukee, where he specialized in joint mobilization and arthritis rehabilitation.

“Physical therapy is a great career, a people-first profession,” said Dr. Pan, a Fellow of the American Physical Therapy Association. “The profession attracts people who are good communicators, altruistic and sensitive to the needs of others, and those are all good things.”

Eventually, he developed an interest in physical therapy-related research and recognized that academics suited his skill set and aspirations. He entered the PhD program in physiology at the Medical College of Wisconsin where Hubert V. Forster, PhD, currently Professor of Physiology, served as his mentor. They had a mutual interest in exercise, and Dr. Pan focused his research on the neural control of breathing.

He carried that basic science interest to Marquette, where he joined the full-time faculty in 1986. He was named Chair of Physical Therapy in 1996 and continues to support and guide PT research among his students.

Through his research, Dr. Pan was an early proponent of collaboration between MCW and Marquette. These many years later, he was extremely pleased when the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) of Southeast Wisconsin, a partnership of eight Milwaukee academic and health care organizations, received designation as part of a national consortium of top medical research institutions dedicated to accelerating medical advances. One of the fruits borne from that federal award was a Master of Science and PhD degree program in Clinical and Translational Rehabilitation Health Science in Marquette’s Department of Physical Therapy.

“It has come full circle, as our graduate program is here in Cramer Hall where the former Marquette medical school and early MCW used to be,” said Dr. Pan, who also noted that about five faculty members in his department have received collaborative CTSI research grants. “It has been a lot of fun to see how that has come to pass.”

Active alumnus

A zest for teaching has made Dr. Pan’s role in academia particularly rewarding.

“Diversity takes a commitment and having committed people willing to invest the time in it. It’s one thing to be supportive of diversity and another thing to do it. Because you’re dealing with disadvantaged students, they might need extra assistance. You might need a grant. It’s about money to some extent because having institutional support is key for diversity programs. As the cost of higher education goes up, and outpaces inflation, it makes diversity more challenging.”

“Being on a college campus keeps you young,” he said. “We have high performing students in the classroom. To help mentor and advise them in their career path, research programs and service projects is great. It fits me and most people here at Marquette.”

On the campus of his alma mater, Dr. Pan has also worked to improve the student experience and admissions process. While serving on the Alumni Association Board from 2003-08, he helped review the profile of the MCW student body along gender and diversity lines to aid in recruitment and admissions. As the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences representative on the Board, he also supported the Graduate Student Association and its leadership.

He appreciates being recognized by his peers, even if he feels there are many worthy scientists who have graduated from the Medical College. “It’s a great honor, given my longstanding history with MCW, dating back to 1979.”

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Dr. Pan received his Alumnus of the Year award at the Graduate Student Association’s all-student meeting March 6. See it in pictures at mcw.edu/PanAward.
Having conceded her earlier aspirations of becoming a cowgirl or finding steady work as an astronaut, a young Gloria Halverson wasn’t done dreaming. In eighth grade, she read a book by a naval physician who, after serving in Laos, returned upon discharge to establish a rural clinic.

“I was touched by the great needs in these remote areas and how much impact medicine could have on improving so many aspects of the lives of the people there,” said Gloria Halverson, MD ’73, GME ’77. “I knew this is what I wanted to do with my life. No one had ever gone to college before in my family, let alone medical school, so no one took me very seriously.”

If any disbelief remains today, it’s only because of how extraordinary Dr. Halverson’s contributions have been in the lives of her patients in the U.S. and untold numbers of women and children throughout the world in a medical career spanning nearly 40 years. She received the 2013 Humanitarian Award from the Medical College of Wisconsin/Marquette Medical Alumni Association.

“Many others are quietly giving service in areas where they live that may not be as dramatic but are equally as important,” she said. “I don’t consider what I do a special sacrifice on my part. I consider it a blessing. I’m the one who gains the most, and I have to thank the Medical College for allowing me to live my dream.”

If the seed of service was planted in childhood, it was cultivated in medical school. As M3s, she and her husband, Paul Halverson, MD ’73, GME ’76, embarked on their first mission trip. The 10 weeks they spent in Abu Dhabi through a MAP International Medical Fellowship was prelude to a career that has embraced travel, culture and altruism. Through the years, Dr. Halverson’s passion has led her on missions to Guatemala, China, Peru, Nicaragua, Belize, Cambodia, Kenya, Thailand, Rwanda, Ecuador and other nations benefitting from her expertise in women’s health and international medical teaching.

Fertility expert

In many respects, Dr. Halverson has led parallel yet relevantly connected lives. In Wisconsin, she became an obstetrician and gynecologist who distinguished herself through her scholarly work as well as through her compassion as a physician both in academic medicine as a Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) faculty member and in private practice.

She found a calling in reproductive medicine, feeling privileged to support women who faced life crises due to infertility. She adopted emerging technologies, including laparoscopic surgery techniques and in vitro fertilization (IVF), which afforded her a number of pioneering experiences: the first baby born in southeastern Wisconsin after IVF, and the first babies born via frozen embryo and intracytoplasmic sperm injection in Wisconsin. Her team also established the third program in the country to use egg freezing to preserve fertility for cancer patients.

All the while, Dr. Halverson juggled her mission work, her practice and her family. Only recently did she retire as Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at MCW to focus exclusively on her global humanitarian efforts. Despite this change, one constant is the value of teaching. This has been clear to Dr. Halverson from the beginning.

An example for women

Dr. Halverson was the first married woman to be admitted to MCW. She encountered no women role models until she reached her residency and trained with OB/GYN Dr. Eleanor Delfs, the first woman to become a full professor at MCW.

“She was the wisest obstetrician I ever knew. Since she was single, I still hadn’t encountered anyone who was trying to be

“It is critical to try to understand the culture in which you are a guest. An American charging in thinking they have all the answers and disregarding why things are the way they are will not have a positive impact but certainly can have a negative one. However, a nice thing about the practice of medicine is that the world around, people’s anatomy and physiology are the same, and human emotional needs don’t vary.”
the best doctor they could be as well as be a wife and later, a mother,” said Dr. Halverson, who considers co-raising her two children as her greatest accomplishment. “I found that teaching not only passes on knowledge in the science of medicine, but it can give you the opportunity to model the art of medicine and how to balance this all with a full life.”

Teaching medical students and residents is a gift of service that Dr. Halverson has provided throughout her career. Educating physicians in low-resourced countries has been a focus in her recent work. For example, she led a national task force of the Pan African Academy of Christian Surgeons to develop a gynecology curriculum for surgical residents in Africa. Her strategy is akin to teaching the proverbial man to fish to achieve a larger and lasting impact.

“If I spent 24 hours a day for the rest of my life personally operating on or treating patients in any of these low-resourced countries, I wouldn’t dent their needs,” she said. “By teaching other doctors, these techniques and ideas can spread and multiply.”

Dr. Halverson currently leads the Continuing Medical & Dental Education Conference for the Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA), which draws doctors from 40 countries in Asia and 34 in Africa to learn about the latest advances in medicine and dentistry.

About 90 medical faculty from the U.S. participate each year.

**Bringing hope to victims of slavery**

There are an estimated 27 million people in the world subjected to human trafficking, and Dr. Halverson is working diligently to help as many as she can receive appropriate medical care.

Through her role as a Trustee of the CMDA, Dr. Halverson established a partnership with House of Hope in Nicaragua, which provides services to victims of slavery. House of Hope rescues these women and children, gives them a safe place to live, offers counseling, and gives the girls an opportunity to attend school and the women a chance to learn microenterprise skills other than prostitution to earn a livable income.

“I was outraged at the damage done to these women and children,” said Dr. Halverson, who leads medical teams, including medical students and residents, to Nicaragua twice a year through the CMDA’s Global Health Outreach program. “It’s very hard to hear the stories and care for girls as young as 5 who have been rescued and not be changed. I couldn’t just care about them. I felt driven to care for them.”

Not only does Dr. Halverson provide critical health services to recovering trafficking victims, such as cancer screenings and life-saving interventions, she brings messages of empowerment, so her patients feel worthy of receiving care.

For people in developing nations, fostering self-worth, enabling appropriate care, and educating physicians results in better generational health. A test like a pap smear, routine for women in the U.S., is nearly unheard of in some third world countries, where most cervical cancer occurs. Yet, Dr. Halverson knows that by giving local doctors the ability to perform education, screening and prevention with very little resources that the benefits to women there are significant.

For volunteers, a broader world view is both rewarding and sobering. For Dr. Halverson, that even has included facing her own mortality. In 1996, she experienced tragedy while providing grief and trauma counseling for genocide survivors in Rwanda and Burundi.

“We were caught in a terrorist ambush in which eight people were killed,” she said. “I can think of no other explanation than God’s grace that we are survivors. This was very traumatic and helped us look at what truly are the important things in life.”

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See more photos of Dr. Halverson in action at mcw.edu/HalversonAward.
Community benefits from doctor’s lifetime of distinguished service

The U.S. Navy did not share the vision a young James Algiers, MD ’53, GME ’63, had for his future. Had they known the type of physician he would become, they might have directed him to the medical corps instead of electrician’s school.

But one detour was hardly enough to keep him from his lifelong interest in medicine, and Dr. Algier’s hometown of Hartford, Wis., became the beneficiary of his dedication to his community and his craft. His 65 years of contributions to health and humanity have led to great admiration from his neighbors and peers. This year, they earned the Distinguished Service Award from the Medical College of Wisconsin/Marquette Medical Alumni Association.

Dr. Algiers was, in fact, born in the same Hartford hospital where later, he practiced medicine for 40 years. The first six years of his career was as a general practitioner in the small, southeast Wisconsin town. In the late 1950s, however, he became convinced that the future belonged to post-graduate preparation, especially in internal medicine.

“Changes in diagnostics, the multi-channel blood testing, changes in X-ray assisted diagnosis, changes in therapeutics all spoke of ongoing transition in medicine,” he said.

Dr. Algiers became known as the “commuter” as he traveled between Hartford and Milwaukee for his internal medicine residency training while also maintaining a weekend call schedule, all with a wife and four young children. He transitioned into a solo practice but aspired to establish a multi-specialty group. This came to pass six years later in partnership with Michael J. Mally, MD ’62, GME ’66, as they built an association that eventually consisted of 14 doctors in a city of 8,000. Professional and civic outreach quickly became a staple characteristic of the practice, and Dr. Algiers thrived in this role.

Before the advent of CME requirements, Dr. Algiers’ group, Parkview Medical Associates, developed an annual “Doctor’s Bag” night that drew 30-75 physicians, nurses and ED techs to learn about emerging topics taught by medical school faculty as well as other visiting physicians. After the onset of modern CME conventions, they continued the event by creating programs for nursing staff, high school coaches and the developing emergency staff of the community.

When the community needed a champion, Dr. Algiers often answered the call. He helped create the first intensive care unit in the county and joined the local Lions Club in raising funds for the first monitored cardiac care unit in the area. In those days, hospital improvements were driven by community action.

“We became fundraisers, public speakers, donors and were occupied almost continually in the community as we worked, and fund drives were carried out for many projects,” he said. “These chores, along with practice, continued literally day and night.”

Dr. Algiers took particular pride in a fundraising and education effort that led to the Hartford Police Department being one of the first to have automated external defibrillators in each squad car.

“One might ask if practice in a small community is stimulating and rewarding,” Dr. Algiers said. “I answer, ‘yes.’ The service rendered is most rewarding, and family involvement produces rewards for all. One can be a ‘Man for all Seasons,’ a professional, a friend, a benefactor, a person of service, a participant, and a husband and father. And he can still maintain an association with his alma mater, to his and the Medical College’s benefit.”

MCW’s benefit has included Dr. Algiers completing two, three-year terms on the Alumni Association Board and serving on its Executive Committee. He has been on every Class of 1953 reunion committee and has participated in nearly 20 years of programmatic planning for the Alumni Association’s Symposium for Senior Physicians.

“My association with the Medical College and the Alumni Association has continued to be an anchor to the reality of medical progress and an aid in the prevention of early cognitive disease,” Dr. Algiers said.

His increased alumni involvement coincided with a short-lived retirement in 1990. He rejoined the practice ranks as a part-time Assistant Professor of Medicine at MCW and enjoyed working in out-patient clinics and with medical students for the next 10 years.

During this time he volunteered at the Albrecht Free Clinic in Jackson and chaired the development of an adult day care center in Hartford for patients with memory loss. He continues to visit patients there each week. He also presents articles on medicine and history via local television. In a small town, there is always plenty to do in retirement.
The variety of roles that Paul E. Hankwitz, MD ‘74, GME ’78, has embraced during 35 years in medicine leads the newest President of the Medical College of Wisconsin/Marquette Medical Alumni Association to describe his career as “eclectic.” His knowledge of geriatrics, his longtime focus, has given him unique opportunities to be a valued advisor, a trusted physician and an insightful leader, often in non-traditional settings.

Dr. Hankwitz has assisted Northwestern Mutual with the development of the company’s long-term care product as well as its underwriting standards for older applicants seeking life insurance products as financial vehicles. He has been a private practitioner in internal medicine/geriatrics. He has served as Medical Director for several health care and assisted living organizations, including the Milwaukee Visiting Nurse Association, the Village at Manor Park Senior Healthcare System and CRL Senior Living Communities.

He was Vice President and Chief Medical Director of Transamerica Life Companies, Medical Director of Clinical Affairs for Columbia St. Mary’s, and a Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) faculty member serving as Medical Director of the MCW Senior Health Program. Today, he is on a new path, engaged in veteran compensation and pension disability evaluations at the Zablocki VA Medical Center.

“I’ve never had the opportunity to serve our country in the military, and this experience allows me to potentially assist our deserving veterans,” Dr. Hankwitz said. “Every day is especially satisfying because it gives me the chance to personally thank our veterans for their service to our country.”

Building relationships has always been its own reward for Dr. Hankwitz, whether interacting with aging patients and their families, with health care professionals at all levels or with medical students and residents in an educational capacity.

“Exposure to the inquisitive young minds with thirst for knowledge of the best ways to care for the elderly has been most stimulating and enjoyable,” he said.

Dr. Hankwitz learned about connecting with people on a personal level early in his life. His father, a family physician, would take him along on housecalls. It kindled an interested that manifested in 1988, when Dr. Hankwitz became a founder of the American Academy of Home Care Physicians, an organization of health care professionals who promote the art, science and practice of medicine in the home.

“Today, the Academy and the housecall are thriving, with new care models incorporating housecalls as a cost-effective way to reduce nursing home admissions, hospitalizations and re-hospitalizations,” he said. “With the aging of America, the field of geriatrics is continuing to advance to meet the needs of the elderly.”

Dr. Hankwitz is dedicated to reaching out to both current and future alumni. At the 2013 Clinical Conference, he spent a moment with his look-alike, Jamison Bauer, whose parents (Anderson A. Bauer, MD ’07, GME ’12, and Cindy Salm Bauer, MD ’07, Fel ’13); grandparents (Mark A. Bauer, MD ’73, GME ’78, and Cynthia A. Bauer, MD ’74, GME ’75); great-grandfather (Delore Williams, MD ’48); uncle (Aaron J. Bauer, MD ’02); and aunt (Toni Salm Dillon, MD ’01, GME ’05, Fel ’06) are all MCW alumni.

Dr. Hankwitz is also encouraged by how MCW is advancing, particularly in education, and he sees both opportunities and obligation for alumni to contribute. Alumni support, he says, is critical for student education within the Discovery Curriculum as well as the Community Medical Education Program MCW is developing in the Central Wisconsin and Green Bay regions to address the growing demand for physicians, particularly in primary care and in underserved areas.

“One of our community alumni in those regions will play an instrumental role in the educational and mentoring process,” he said. “In our current economic environment, it is critical that our alumni continue to support our alma mater verbally and financially. We need to help increase scholarships to recruit the best and brightest students to the Medical College of Wisconsin.”

Dr. Hankwitz, who with his wife, Jo Ann, has three married daughters and five grandchildren, joined the Alumni Association Board in 2009.

“Serving on the Alumni Board has provided me with an opportunity to learn more about MCW’s vision and successes, as well as to meet and work with alumni of all generations,” he said.

Dr. Hankwitz was accepted to medical school… after classes had already begun! Read about it at mcw.edu/PresidentHankwitz.

Cheers!

James W. Heald (center), Vice President for Institutional Advancement and 2013 Honorary Alumnus, with his wife, Rose (left), and outgoing Alumni Association President Kathleen S. Stokes, MD ’87, GME ’91 (right).

VP named Honorary Alumnus for dedication to alumni, advancement

Since being appointed the Medical College of Wisconsin’s first Vice President for Institutional Advancement in 1993, James W. Heald has elevated the significance and College-wide impact of the programs he directs, including the offices of Alumni Relations, Development, and Public Affairs.

Under Heald’s leadership, MCW secured more than $300 million in private gifts to support medical research, new construction, student scholarships, new faculty and postdoctoral fellowship positions, departmental initiatives and infrastructure. He recruited community leaders to serve on advisory boards established to support cancer, cardiovascular disease, digestive disease and the neurosciences.

Heald facilitated bringing the Office of Alumni relations in-house, giving more than 15,000 alumni of the medical school, graduate school and Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals programs a direct, lifelong connection to MCW. He also has provided the vision for MCW’s diverse print, digital and media communication initiatives as well as special events.

Heald is retiring this summer after one of the longest-standing commitments of service among his peers nationwide.

Snapshots

1) Kevin Farrell, MD ’68, and Benjamin Fiorica, MD ’68, locate their graduation photos.

2) Sergio Bello, MD ’88; Patrick Jolin, MD ’88, GME ’92; and G. Donald Shook, MD ’88.

3) Susan Chu, MD ’98; Jeffrey Bahr, MD ’98, GME ’01; Richard Paulsen, MD ’98; Terri Paulsen; and Michael Wenzel, MD ’98, GME ’04.

4) Donald McDonald, MD ’83, GME ’87, and Paulette Trum, MD ’83.

5) Erin Dawson, MD ’03; Mary Coleman, MD ’03; and Mary Kirsch Rupp, MD ’03.

6) Henry Karlin, MD ’58, and Charlene Karlin.

7) Rita Marino, MD ’58; John Puik, MD ’58; William Kennedy, MD ’58; Richard Moutvic, MD ’58; and Karl Kassity, MD ’58.

8) James Schwade, MD ’73; Stephen Raskin, MD ’73; James Blitz, MD ’73.
Class Reunions

1953 | (L-R): Robert Madden, James Algiers, Melvin Askot, Douglas Coy.


KEEPSAKES
Copies of ALUMNI NEWS, reunion Memory Books and digital photos are available upon request. Email alumni@mcw.edu or call (414) 955-4781.
1968
(Seated, L-R): Philip Fraterrigo, Joseph Latina, Terence Roth, Kevin Farrell, Clyde Lawnicki.

1973
(Seated, L-R): Paul Halverson, Gloria Halverson, Frederick Weisbrot, Michael Sandberg, Roberta Case, Catherine Wigder, Alan Chang, Lawrence Kassis, R. Scott Liebl.

1978
1983

1988

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Class photos & additional reunion snapshots at mcw.edu/reunions2013.
1993

1998
(Seated, L-R): Genevieve Jones, Karina Peterson, Tina Englebert, Kristin Schroederus, Colleen (Fitzpatrick) Poggenburg, Susan Chu. (Standing, L-R): Chad Stepke, Patrick Keller, Michael Wenzel, Brian Green, Scott Koss, David Litzau, Deborah Costakos, Steven Meisner, Joycelyn Russo, Peter Balingit, Christopher Fox.

2003
(Seated, L-R): Erin Dawson, Elizabeth Godin, Teresa Finnila, Christine Wynveen, Thomas Carter, Travis Murray. (Standing, L-R): Mary Lynn Schneider, Mary Kirsch Rupp, Charles Aprahamian, Mary Coleman, Heather Stefaniak, Michael Werner, Megan Tkachuk.
As the Medical College of Wisconsin’s newest graduates received their diplomas on May 17, some of the school’s most distinguished graduates were honored for their lifetime dedication to medicine.

Alumni from the Class of 1963 participated in the 2013 commencement ceremonies and celebrated their 50th reunion as inductees into MCW’s Golden Circle.

Anthony Meyer snaps a photograph of Katherine and Gilbert Nock before the MCW commencement ceremony.

Frederick Osborne, Ann Kosloske and Mark Popp prepare to march in the 1963 graduation processional.
Students supported by Alumni Association

The Medical College of Wisconsin/ Marquette Medical Alumni Association presented eight medical students with scholarships this spring. Pictured (L-R) are Alumni Association immediate past President Kathleen S. Stokes, MD ’87, GME ’91; M2 Brian Willenbring; M1 Justin Bric; M3 Jessica Hubbard; M3 Albert Yen; M2 Amanda Kraus; M2 Cole Helm; and M2 Danielle File. Not pictured is M1 Shanta Shepherd. Alumni Golf Scholarships and the Senior Physicians Scholarship help defray the cost of medical school tuition.

MCW seniors match to residency programs throughout U.S.

Graduating medical students at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW), and their peers nationwide, learned March 15 where they will conduct their post-graduate residency training.

Of the 190 fourth-year medical students at MCW, 181 students obtained first-year residency positions on Match Day 2013. Of the remaining nine, eight obtained positions outside the match and one student decided to defer residency.

Sixty of MCW’s graduating fourth-year students (31 percent) will remain in Wisconsin for their residency.

Primary care fields attracted 38 percent of MCW graduates this year. Those fields include internal medicine (14 percent of the class), pediatrics (12.5 percent), family medicine (9.5 percent), and medicine/pediatrics (2 percent).

The three top choices of specialty were internal medicine (14 percent), anesthesiology (13 percent), and pediatrics (12.5 percent). The remaining 59 percent of graduating physicians selected specialties including obstetrics/gynecology, orthopaedic surgery, ophthalmology, radiation oncology, pathology, neurology, neurosurgery, general surgery, thoracic surgery, urology, physical medicine and rehabilitation, psychiatry, dermatology, otolaryngology, radiology, emergency medicine and plastic surgery.

Husband and wife Nathan Zokoe, MD ’13, and Cara Zokoe, MD ’13, both match to Grand Rapids Medical Education Partners in Michigan, he for internal medicine and she for pediatrics.
1970s

**James F. Byrne, MD ’71**, retired as Chief Medical Officer of Michigan-based insurance provider Priority Health. Dr. Byrne joined Priority Health in 1993 after practicing family medicine for 16 years in Holland, Mich.

**James J. Hamilton, MD ’71, MS ’75, GME ’76**, stepped down after 32 years as the Chairman of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Dr. Hamilton relocated to Portland, Ore., and now works in private practice with Orthopedic Specialists at Providence Portland Medical Center.

**Jeffrey A. Sharp, MD ’72**, is a physician with Corizon Health Services in Mesa, Ariz. Corizon provides health care services at 423 correctional facilities across the country. Dr. Sharp previously served as a correctional physician with the Arizona Department of Corrections.

**Gary Doern, PhD ’74**, was awarded the 2013 ABMM/ABMLI Professional Recognition Award, which recognizes a Diplomate of the American Board of Medical Microbiology (ABMM) or the American Board of Medical Laboratory Immunology (ABMLI) for exceptional contributions to the advancement of the profession. Dr. Doern retired in 2008 as Professor Emeritus of Pathology at the University of Iowa College of Medicine, Iowa City. He served as Director of the Clinical Microbiology Laboratories at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics. Dr. Doern is a former Chair of ABMM.

**Carlyle Chan, MD ’75**, was elected Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) for 2013. The ACCME identifies, develops and promotes standards for quality CME. Dr. Chan is a Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin and a Professor of Bioethics and Medical Humanities in MCW’s Institute for Health and Society. He has directed his department’s continuing medical education program for 27 years, and the medical school’s CME committee for more than a decade.

**Steven Leven, MD ’79, GME ’82, Fel ’84**, is Professor of Medicine, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at the University of California Irvine School of Medicine. He also is Medical Director of the medical intensive care unit and Medical Director of respiratory therapy at the University of California Irvine Medical Center.

1980s

**Holly M. Maes, MD ’85, GME ’88**, opened a private pediatric practice in Danville, Ill., primarily serving underprivileged and low-income children. Dr. Maes also was named Director of Pediatrics at Presence United Samaritans Medical Center in Danville. She is a frequent contributor to HealthTap, physician website.

**Christopher J. Schultz, MD ’85**, was inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Radiology (ACR). ACR Fellows demonstrate a history of service to the ACR, organized radiology, teaching or research. Dr. Schultz is Professor of Radiation Oncology at the Medical College of Wisconsin and an attending physician at Froedtert Hospital.

**Diana Braza, MD ’87, GME ’93**, was selected for the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women. Dr. Braza is Chair of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) and Residency Program Director for PM&R at the Medical College of Wisconsin. ELAM, a one-year program at the Institute for Women’s Health and Leadership at Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, prepares senior women faculty for leadership at academic health centers.

**Barbara Hummel, MD ’88, GME ’89**, was re-elected to a one-year term as Vice Chair and a three-year term as a board member of the Wisconsin Medical Society. Dr. Hummel is a family practice physician in the Milwaukee area.

**Phillip Redlich, PhD ’89**, was re-elected to a one-year term as a board member of the Wisconsin Medical Society. Dr. Redlich is the Gerald L. Schmitz, MD Professor in the Department of Surgery and Associate Dean for Curriculum at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

1990s

**Sheri Lofton, MD ’91, GME ’94**, completed the Fellowship in Integrative Medicine at the Arizona Center for Integrative Medicine at the University of Arizona College of Medicine. She also was awarded a Bravewell Fellowship, which recognizes doctors who have demonstrated leadership ability, an interest in integrative medicine and the potential to have an impact on improving the service and delivery of health care. Dr. Lofton is a family physician at Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital in Milwaukee.

**Peter Bandettini, PhD ’94**, was promoted to Editor-in-Chief of the journal, NeuroImage. Dr. Bandettini is Chief of the Section on Functional Imaging Methods and Director of the Functional MRI Core Facility at the National Institutes of Health. His research focuses on the development, interpretation and application of functional MRI and functional connectivity MRI.

**Angela Beauchaine, MD ’95, GME ’98**, was named Pediatrician of the Year by the Idaho Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Beauchaine is a pediatrician with Primary Health Medical Group, a member of the Executive Leadership Team for the Idaho Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and Medical Director for the Children’s Healthcare Improvement Collaboration program, an effort between Idaho and Utah to improve immunization rates for children ages 21 to 24 months.

**Robert Leschke, MD ’95, GME ’99**, was a finisher in the 2012 Wisconsin Ironman, completing the race in 13 hours and 25 minutes. Dr. Leschke works in
private practice with Madison Emergency Physicians in Madison, Wis.

**Julie Schuller, MD, GME ’95,** was elected to a three-year term as a board member of the Wisconsin Medical Society. An internal medicine physician, Dr. Schuller is Executive Vice President and Vice President of Clinical Affairs at the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center in Milwaukee.

**Jonathan D’Cunha, MD ’97, PhD ’95,** performed a double lung transplant surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Presbyterian that included the first successful use of the experimental “Organ Care System” on the East Coast. The device keeps transplant organs functioning outside the body with a constant supply of blood and nutrients, improving their viability.

**Erik A. Gundersen, MD, GME ’97,** was re-elected to a three-year term as a board member of the Wisconsin Medical Society. Dr. Gundersen is a family medicine physician with Gundersen Lutheran in Onalaska, Wis.

**Ashok Rai, MD ’97,** joined the board of directors of the American Medical Group Association. Dr. Rai is President and Chief Executive Officer of Prevea Health Services, based in Green Bay, Wis. He leads nearly 1,350 staff members and more than 250 providers.

**Isaac D. Pierre, MD ’98, GME ’01,** was named the 2012 Family Medicine Educator of the Year by the Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians. Dr. Pierre is Associate Program Director and Director of Predoctoral Education at Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital in Milwaukee. He also is Assistant Professor of Family and Community Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

**Nghia “Jack” Vo, MD ’99,** was appointed Program Director of Interventional Radiology at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin. Dr. Vo is a pediatric radiologist at Children’s Hospital, Associate Professor of Pediatric Radiology at the Medical College of Wisconsin and a member of Children’s Specialty Group.

**2000s**

**Charles J. Rainey, MD, JD, Fel ’00,** was re-elected Speaker of the House of Delegates of the Wisconsin Medical Society. Dr. Rainey is a forensic psychiatrist in private practice in the Milwaukee area.

**Kevin Walter, MD, GME ’01,** was appointed to the Institute of Medicine National Research Council Committee on Sports-Related Concussions in Youth. Dr. Walter is Assistant Professor of Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin. He is Program Director of Pediatric and Adolescent Primary Care Sports Medicine at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin and helped create the Concussion Clinic at Children’s Hospital.

**Vladimir Osipov, MD, GME ’04,** accepted the position of Pathologist in Charge, Townsville branch of Queensland Medical Laboratories, Australia, after practicing anatomic pathology in Auckland, New Zealand. Dr. Osipov previously served as Assistant Professor of Pathology at MCW from 2004-09.

**Jordan Miller, MD ’05, GME ’09,** is the Medical Director of EMA Dermatology and the Product Manager for EMA Dermatology at Modernizing Medicine in Boca Raton, Fla. Modernizing Medicine provides iPad-based electronic medical records systems.

**Joseph Schwab, MD ’06, GME ’11,** joined the Medical College of Wisconsin faculty as Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery. He sees patients at Froedtert Hospital. He specializes in the surgical treatment of hip disease.

**Dennis Diokno, MD ’06,** and his wife are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a boy, Jalen Micah Diokno, on April 20, 2013. Dr. Diokno practices internal medicine with the Permanente Medical Group in Santa Clara, Calif.

**Leigh Bornstein, MD ’07,** is a hospitalist with Johns Hopkins Community Physicians in Bethesda, Md. She completed her internal medicine residency at George Washington University in 2010.

**Heather Klczewski, MD ’07, GME ’10,** recently completed a fellowship in pediatric emergency medicine and has accepted a position as Associate Professor of Pediatrics at University of Texas Southwest in Dallas. Dr. Klczewski is also an attending in the Pediatric Emergency Department at Children’s Medical Center in Dallas.

**Kimberly Carroll, MD’ ’09, GME ’12,** was appointed Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin. She is a perioperative internist at Froedtert Hospital working to optimize the medical care of patients who will be undergoing surgery.

**Marcus Crosby, MD ’09,** finished his residency in internal medicine at Gundersen Lutheran Health System in La Crosse, Wis., and was selected Chief Resident for 2012-13. Dr. Crosby will begin an additional residency in Radiation Oncology at Wayne State in Detroit, Mich., in 2014.

**2010s**

**Amy Irene Guise, MD, GME ’10,** returned to her position as Assistant Professor of Urology at the Medical College of Wisconsin after spending one year at a medical practice in Fairbanks, Alaska. Specializing in the treatment of kidney stones, Dr. Guise sees patients and performs surgery at Froedtert Hospital and the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center.

**Arash Babaei, MD, Fel ’11,** received the 2013 Mentored Career Development Award from the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) of Southeast Wisconsin. Dr. Babaei is Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin. His research goal is to investigate alteration of deglutition connectome in hemispheric stroke patients.

**Mary Kaminsky, MD, GME ’12,** was appointed Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the Medical College of Wisconsin. She sees patients at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin Downtown Health Center and is a member of Children’s Specialty Group. Her clinical interests include primary care and resident education.

**Heidi L. Ludtke, MD, GME ’12,** joined the Medical College of Wisconsin faculty as Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine. She sees patients at Froedtert Hospital and is interested in resident and medical student education.

**Melissa Mosel, MD, GME ’12,** was appointed Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the Medical College of Wisconsin. She sees patients at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin and is a member of Children’s Specialty Group. Her clinical interests include newborn care and breastfeeding, sports medicine and dermatologic conditions.
Philip S. Burchill, MD '42, of Los Angeles, Calif., died June 6, 2012. He was 94 years old. Dr. Burchill joined the U.S. Navy after completing medical school and served at sea during World War II. Following two years of military service he began a private practice in internal medicine in Los Angeles, working at both the California and Good Samaritan Hospitals. He had a second home in New Zealand. Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Jacklyn; four children; and five great-grandchildren.

Herbert V. Adams, MD '43, of Sheridan, Wyo., died May 15, 2012. He was 93 years old. Dr. Adams served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps from 1943-47, including as an army staff physician at several large receiving hospitals in Georgia for troops with severe wounds. He returned to Sheridan to perate his own medical practice until his retirement in 1983. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret, and a son. Survivors include two children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Paul G. La Bissoniere, MD '43, of Milwaukee, died March 31, 2013. He was 94 years old. Dr. La Bissoniere helped establish the first cardiac care center in Milwaukee, “The Variety Club Heart Center.” He retired as an internist at St. Joseph’s Hospital after more than 40 years of service, including six as Chief of Staff. He also volunteered at the Greater Milwaukee Free Clinic. Dr. La Bissoniere was preceded in death by his first wife, Katherine, and second wife, Mary. He is survived by two children and two grandchildren.

June L. Grinney, MD ’44, of Tucson, Ariz., died Jan. 25, 2013. She was 92 years old. Dr. Grinney practiced family medicine for 43 years in Racine, Wis., where she focused on the care of women and children. She was a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians and longstanding member of the American Medical Association. Dr. Grinney is survived by her husband, Leo; four sons; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Eugene S. Brusky, MD ’45, of Allouez, Wis., died March 7, 2013. He was 91 years old. Dr. Brusky was a general practitioner and helped established both the West Side Clinic and St. Mary’s Hospital Green Bay. He was hired as team physician for the Green Bay Packers by Coach Vince Lombardi in 1962 and was inducted into the Packers Hall of Fame in 1987. Dr. Brusky was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel, and a daughter. He is survived by 13 children, 20 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Harold N. Heinz, MD ’46 (November), of Phoenix, Ariz., formerly of Sheboygan, Wis., died Aug. 30, 2012, of pancreatic cancer. He was 91 years old. Dr. Heinz served in the U.S. Army before entering medical school. He was the company physician for the Kohler Company and personal physician to the Kohler family before he was recalled to serve in the Air Force in 1953. Dr. Heinz was discharged in 1955 and returned to Sheboygan to work in private practice and as Chief of Staff at St. Nicholas and Memorial Hospitals until he retired to Phoenix in 1981. Dr. Heinz was preceded in death by a son. Survivors include his wife, Mary Lou, and three children.

Charles R. Bignall, MD ’47, of Phoenix, Ariz., died March 30, 2012. He was 88 years old. Dr. Bignall served in the U.S. Army as a captain in the Korean Conflict, earning a Bronze Star for outstanding service. He worked as a pediatrician in Grand Rapids, Mich., and served as a Professor at the Michigan State Medical School. He was instrumental in supporting the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Butterworth Hospital. Dr. Bignall moved to Phoenix in retirement 29 years ago. He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathryn. He is survived by four daughters, 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Harvey E. Brown, MD ’48, of Miami, Fla., died Sept. 15, 2012. He was 88 years old. Dr. Brown served in the U.S. Army from 1942-45 and 1952-54 as a captain and regimental surgeon. He received a Bronze Star for Valor for his actions in the Battle of Pork Chop Hill. After returning from Korea, Dr. Brown practiced at the VA Hospital in Petersburg, Va., before moving with his family to Miami, Fla. There, he spent 55 years with the Veterans Administration and the faculty of the University of Miami School of Medicine, where he was a Professor of Rheumatology. Dr. Brown is survived by his wife, Marjorie; four children; and eight grandchildren.

Richard K. Winkelmann, MD ’48, of Rochester, Minn., died Aug. 16, 2012. He was 88 years old. Dr. Winkelmann was a member of the Mayo Clinic staff from 1956-94. He served as Chairman of Dermatology and helped found the Society of Dermatopathology. He also served as president of the Society of Investigative Dermatology and on the International Committee of Dermatology. At age 65, Dr. Winkelmann joined the Department of Dermatology at Mayo Clinic Arizona (Scottsdale). He retired in 1994 to Fountain Hills, Ariz. and Marine on St. Croix, Minn. He began studying algae and served as a Research Professor at Arizona State University and a Visiting Scientist at the St. Croix Watershed Station/Science Museum of Minnesota. He is survived by his wife, Anne; four children; and four grandchildren.

George J. Owens, MD ’51, of Santa Fe, N.M., died June 15, 2012. Dr. Owens served in the U.S. Army before attending medical school. Following his residency in radiology he moved to Los Angeles, Calif. where he became certified in nuclear medicine. In 1974, he joined Roswell Radiology Associates in Roswell, N.M., where he practiced medicine before retiring to Santa Fe. Survivors include his wife, Barbara, and three children.

Gerald T. Havey, MD ’52, of Lake Forest, Ill., died April 30, 2012. He was 83 years old. Dr. Havey was a Commissioned Officer in the Medical Corp of the U.S. Army in Germany. He later served on the staffs of Victory Memorial Hospital and St. Therese Medical Center in Waukegan and Condell Medical Center in Libertyville, specializing in gastroenterology. Dr. Havey also had a private practice in Lake Forest. He is survived by five children and two grandchildren.

Paul T. Niland, MD ’52, of Gainesville, Fla., died June 1, 2012. He was 86 years old. Dr. Niland served as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army in the invasion of Italy, where he was awarded the Bronze Star for bravery. After medical school and a radiology residency in Milwaukee, Dr. Niland moved to Lansing, Mich., where
he spent 47 years with St. Lawrence Hospital and X-Ray Associates, P.C., which he helped found. Dr. Niland was an adjunct Professor of Radiology at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine and served as Chief of Radiology at St. Lawrence Hospital until his retirement in 1991. He was a Fellow of the American College of Radiology. Dr. Niland was preceded in death by his wife, Martha, and a son. He is survived by two children and four grandchildren.

James D. O’Brien, MD ’54, of Hilton Head, S.C., formerly of Grand Rapids, Mich., died Oct. 1, 2012. He was 83 years old. Dr. O’Brien served as an Army lieutenant before opening a private family medical practice in Grand Rapids. He was the staff physician for Kent Community Hospital for 22 years until his retirement in 1994. Survivors include his wife, Irene; six children; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by a daughter.

Richard H. Mabie, MD ’55, of Claremont, Calif., died Jan. 26, 2013, following a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 82 years old. Dr. Mabie served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy in Japan. He practiced pediatrics in Claremont for 40 years. Dr. Mabie received recognition from President Clinton for providing free medical care to immigrant families in Los Angeles County. He served on the local chapter of the Red Cross, the Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center Foundation and the Children’s Advocacy Center. Two children preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife, Kathleen; eight children; 16 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

James R. Stabenau, MD ’55, of La Jolla, Calif., died March 1, 2013. He was 82 years old. Dr. Stabenau trained at Johns Hopkins Hospital, the National Cancer Institute and Strong Memorial Hospital Department of Psychiatry. He worked at the National Institutes of Health from 1961-69. Dr. Stabenau then became the first Chairman of Psychiatry at the newly opened University of Connecticut Health Center, where he worked until his retirement. He won many awards for his sculptures and was a published author. Survivors include his second wife, Barbara; two children; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

George F. Flynn, MD ’56, of Mequon, Wis., died April 10, 2013. He was a trustee of the Medical College of Wisconsin and Emeritus Professor of Surgery at MCW. Dr. Flynn was a past Chair of Surgery at Columbia Hospital. He had a private surgical practice for more than 40 years and founded the Blumound Medical Center, Teamsters Clinic and MATD, now the Wisconsin Health Fund. Dr. Flynn was past president of the Milwaukee Surgical Society and the Milwaukee Academy of Surgery. He was a World War II veteran. Dr. Flynn was preceded in death by his wife, Rose Marie, and a daughter. Survivors include five children, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Richard F. Jackanich, MD ’56, of Santa Rosa, Calif., died Dec. 13, 2012. He was 82 years old. Dr. Jackanich established his anesthesiology practice at St. Mary’s Hospital in San Francisco, where he worked for nearly 40 years. He served for many years as the hospital’s Chief of Anesthesiology before retiring in 1995. Survivors include his wife, Victoria; four children; and four grandchildren.

Rudolph J. Scrimenti, MD ’58, of Mequon, Wis., died March 22, 2013. He was 80 years old. Dr. Scrimenti served in the U.S. Navy and helped evacuate Guantanamo Bay’s civilians during the Cuban missile crisis of 1962. He was a volunteer Associate Clinical Professor of Dermatology at the Medical College of Wisconsin and also served as Acting Medical Advisor to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission. Dr. Scrimenti was a pioneer in the treatment of Lyme disease, using intramuscular penicillin to treat a patient with symptoms in 1968. He is survived by his wife, Annerose, and two children.

Ralph J. Alfidi, MD ’59, of Santa Fe, N.M., died Aug. 31, 2012. He was 80 years old. After serving in the U.S. Army in France, Dr. Alfidi practiced at the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio and at University Hospitals as Department Director and Professor, specializing in Radiology. Dr. Alfidi co-founded the Steris Corporation and discovered renal splanchnic steal syndrome: aka Alfidi’s Syndrome. He retired in 2000. Dr. Alfidi was preceded in death by a son. Survivors include his second wife, Mariella; first wife, Rose; five children; and eight grandchildren.

Harlan Robert Thering, MD ’60, of El Paso, Texas, died Sept. 29, 2012, from cancer. He was 77 years old. After being commissioned in the U.S. Army Senior Medical School Program and completing his training, Dr. Thering became Chief of Plastic Surgery at William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, where he also donated time and expertise to the Cleft Palate Clinic of El Paso. In 1980, he retired as a full colonel and worked in private practice as a plastic surgeon until his retirement in 2005. Survivors include his wife, Jane; four children; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Henry M. Goldberg, MD ’62, of Houston, Texas, died March 23, 2013. He was 76 years old. Dr. Goldberg served as a combat surgeon in Vietnam before joining his father’s medical practice in Milwaukee. He was a clinical professor at the Medical College of Wisconsin and also served on the MCW Board of Trustees. Dr. Goldberg founded several companies including Occupational Medical Clinics of America; Substance Abuse Management Inc., which became the world’s largest drug testing company; and RAIR Technologies, which provided electronic data management to the trucking industry. He was preceded in death by a son. Survivors include his wife, JoAnn; six children and 19 grandchildren.

Robert J. Mollerus, MD ’62, of Seattle Wash., died March 31, 2012, after a battle with multiple myeloma. He was 76 years old. Dr. Mollerus began his medical career as a surgeon in the U.S. Navy and served in the Vietnam War. He became a physician partner with the Vancouver Clinic in Vancouver, Wash., specializing in general, thoracic and micro-vascular surgery. Dr. Mollerus was active in the Navy Reserve and achieved the rank of commanding officer before he retired in 1998. He is survived by his wife, Thea; first wife, Jane; three children; and four grandchildren.

Michael C. Collopy, MD ’63, GME ’65, of Milwaukee, died April 16, 2013 of cancer. He was 75 years old. Dr. Collopy served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He
Then joined his father's private orthopaedics practice, which grew to become Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons. Dr. Collopy was a Professor of Anatomy and Clinical Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin. He served as Chief of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center, Chief of St. Luke's Orthopaedic Department and Team Physician for the Milwaukee Admirals. In 1990, Dr. Collopy returned to active duty with the U.S. Army, caring for American and Iraqi casualties in Saudi Arabia. He received the Meritorious Service Medal and a Bronze Star. He was active in the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgery and the American College of Sports Medicine. At the time of his death, he was Acting Chief of Orthopaedics at the Zablocki VA Medical Center. Dr. Collopy was inducted into the Old Time Player's Baseball Association Hall of Fame in 2000. Dr. Collopy is survived by his wife, Sheila; three children; and three grandchildren.

Richard J. Weymouth, MD '63, of Columbia, S.C., died Sept. 8, 2012. He was 84 years old. Dr. Weymouth was a Professor of Medical Education in the Anatomy Department at the Medical College of Virginia before moving to South Carolina to assist in the establishment of the University of South Carolina School of Medicine. There, he served as a Professor and Chairman of the Department of Anatomy, Assistant Dean for Admissions and Student Affairs and Curriculum until retiring in 1992. Dr. Weymouth was a Fulbright Professor at Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey from 1985-86. Survivors include his wife, Beverly; one daughter; and one grandson.

John S. Nystrom, MD '70, of Boston, Mass., died Jan. 29, 2013, of a heart attack. He was 67 years old. Dr. Nystrom served as a naval flight surgeon with the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam. He was a plastic and reconstructive surgeon at Methodist Hospital outside Minneapolis, Minn., until retiring. Dr. Nelson was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce. Survivors include his life partner, Susan, three children and five grandchildren.

Julian E. Ferstenfeld, MD, Fel, '73, of Brookfield, Wis., died Feb. 1, 2013, of metastatic melanoma. He was 71 years old. Dr. Ferstenfeld served in the U.S. Army in Korea before completing his residency and fellowship in infectious diseases. He served as Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin until 1978, then moving into private practice specializing in infectious diseases. Dr. Ferstenfeld continued to teach as Assistant and Associate Clinical Professor of Family Medicine based at Waukesha Memorial Hospital. He was President of the Infectious Disease Society of Milwaukee from 1980-81. Dr. Ferstenfeld is survived by his wife, Sharon; two children; and four grandchildren.

Ben Handelsman, MD '74, of Ogdensburg, N.Y., died Jan. 20, 2013, following a long battle with multiple myeloma. He was 66 years old. A gastroenterologist for his entire career, Dr. Handelsman practiced medicine in Ogdensburg for more than two decades, until 2012.

Thomas J. Grade, MD '76, GME '88, of Gilbert, Ariz., formerly of Elm Grove, Wis., died April 18, 2013. He was 62 years old. Dr. Grade practiced pain medicine. Survivors include his wife, Emily, and four daughters.

Robert Earle Holzgrafe, MD, MA '95, of Tucson, Ariz., died March 2, 2013. He was 88 years old. Dr. Holzgrafe served eight years active duty in the U.S. Army before opening a practice in anesthesiology at Elmbrook Memorial Hospital in Brookfield, Wis. Following his retirement in 1995, Dr. Holzgrafe earned his MA in Bioethics from the Medical College of Wisconsin. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Jean, and his second wife, Dorothy. Survivors include two children and two stepchildren.

Jose C. Ang-Rabanes, MD, MPH ’95, of Virginia Beach, Va., died May 10, 2012. He was a retired U.S. Navy commander and provided medical services at Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Oceana, Sewells Point and was the Medical Director of the Boone Clinic. Dr. Ang-Rabanes recently worked with the National Guard, managing the care of wounded soldiers. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine, and three children.

Jack Leon Dilts, DO, MPH ’08, of Carson City, Mich., died Sept. 20, 2012. He was 66 years old. Dr. Dilts was working as both Medical Director of Occupational Health at Milford Memorial Hospital in Milton, Del., and as a panel physician of the Wound Care and Hyperbaric Center at Nanticoke Hospital in Seaford, Del., before his death. He previously served as Director of Medical Education/Intern Training at Carson City Hospital, President of the Central Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Chairman of Carson City Hospital’s Department of Surgery. Dr. Dilts is survived by his wife, Deborah; two children; and a grandson.
**Remembrances**

**Joseph Battocletti, PhD**, of Fox Point, Wis., died Jan. 22, 2013. He was 87 years old. Dr. Battocletti was Professor Emeritus of Neurosurgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin and a Biomedical Engineer at the Zablocki VA Medical Center, where he still worked part time almost daily until his death. Dr. Battocletti taught electrical engineering at Loyola University of Los Angeles and was an Adjunct Professor of Biomedical Engineering and Electrical Engineering at Marquette University before joining MCW as a research associate in 1970. His research included blood flow measurement using nuclear magnetic resonance (now MRI), transcutaneous electromagnetic techniques, and magnetic stimulation of peripheral nerves in the arm and of nerves in the head. Dr. Battocletti is survived by his wife, Rosemary; seven children; and numerous grandchildren.

**Gretchen Mandel, PhD**, of Minoqua, Wis., died Feb. 10, 2013. She was 66 years old. Dr. Mandel was a 29-year member of the Medical College of Wisconsin Department of Medicine faculty. She also served as Co-Director of the Crystal Identification Center at the Zablocki VA Medical Center, a role she held until her retirement in 2009. Dr. Mandel made seminal contributions to the understanding of crystal growth mechanisms in crystal-associated arthritic diseases.

**John McGiff, MD**, of Patchogue, N.Y., died Feb. 2, 2013. Dr. McGiff was Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology at the Medical College of Wisconsin from 1971-75. A Korean War veteran, he was known internationally as a leading cardiovascular and renal researcher. In 1998, Dr. McGiff founded the International Winter Eicosanoid Conference, an annual forum for the exchange of new developments in the field of eicosanoids with a focus on cancer, inflammation and cardiovascular disease. He retired in 2010 after serving as Chair of Pharmacology at New York Medical College, a position he had held since 1979. Dr. McGiff was preceded in death by his wife, Sara, and a daughter. Survivors include four children.

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**Alumni Events**

**Specialty receptions**
- American Society of Anesthesiologists
  - San Francisco, Calif.
  - Oct. 12, 2013
- American Society of Plastic Surgeons
  - San Diego, Calif.
  - Oct. 12, 2013
- American Academy of Ophthalmology
  - New Orleans, La.
  - Nov. 17, 2013

**Symposium for Senior Physicians**
- October 2013

**2014 Reunions**

**Alumni Weekend**
- May 2-3, 2014


Events will include the Alumni Banquet at the Pfister Hotel, presentation of awards, tours, CME and special class dinners.

**50-Year Reunion**
- May 16-17, 2014

Class of 1964 reunion will be held in conjunction with the The Medical College of Wisconsin’s 2014 Commencement weekend.

**On the Radar**

**Alumni Golf Classic**
- Aug. 26, 2013

The 18th annual Medical College of Wisconsin Alumni Scholarship Golf Classic will take place at Broadlands Golf Club in North Prairie, Wis.

Proceeds from this event fund medical student scholarships at the College. Since 1995, the golf classic has provided $275,000 in scholarships to 151 medical students.

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**Clinical Conference**
- Feb. 24-28, 2014

The Alumni Association is sponsoring its 2014 Clinical Conference at the Hawks Cay Resort on the island of Duck Key, part of the Florida Keys.

Educational sessions for CME credit are planned, and a variety of recreational activities, including boating, tennis, fishing, swimming, watersports, biking and even a dolphin encounter are available. Social receptions are also planned. Register now.

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**Graduate School Alumnus of the Year**

The person selected for the 2014 award will be recognized for their career achievements in science, industry, medicine or health. Areas may include, but are not limited to, research, education, academia, leadership, policy or public health.

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