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Celebrating 125 Years of Knowledge Changing Life

hroughout 2018, the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) has been celebrating 125 years as a cornerstone institution in the region and the state. During this time, MCW has created new knowledge that has changed lives through training the next generation of physicians, scientists and other healthcare professionals, through biomedical research, clinical excellence, specialty expertise and transformative clinical breakthroughs, and through bidirectional interaction with the communities we serve.

At the core of everything we do is academic medicine, which brings together scientists, clinicians, students and community members to solve challenges in health and society. Every study we conduct, every patient we see, every student we teach, leads to new learning and a continuous cycle of life-changing knowledge.

Today, MCW educates and trains 50 percent of the practicing physicians in Wisconsin. We have the largest specialty physician practice in the state, and one of the largest in the country. Our graduate medical education program is recognized annually for its quality and excellence, and received the distinguished Dewitt C. Baldwin, Jr. Award in 2016. As the largest private research institution in Wisconsin, we conduct more than 4,000 studies each year that advance new knowledge to improve health. Our more than 18,000 alumni are carrying forward our legacy by practicing medicine and science across Wisconsin, the nation and world. And, along with our partners, we have an \$8 billion economic impact on the state.

The vision and commitment of our alumni, donors, faculty and faculty leaders, staff, students and community partners have enabled MCW and its predecessor institutions to discover and deliver new treatments and cures, prepare healthcare and scientific leaders of the future, transform healthcare delivery

ABOUT THIS ISSUE

This publication is a hybrid – joining together some of the content of a fall magazine with the broader focus of an annual report. Inside, you will find stories that highlight important philanthropic support for MCW across our missions of education, patient care, research and community engagement. We also highlight September's Anniversary Week events and 2018 Alumni Weekend featuring class photos and award recipients. The final five pages of the publication are devoted to sections on Alumni News and In Memoriam (including five special remembrances).



Message From Leadership



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and quality, and support community health improvement initiatives.

As our anniversary year comes to a close, we especially want to thank all of you for helping us to celebrate our outstanding legacy. You have facilitated our growth, helped us remain generative in our thinking, and kept us continually looking to the future. Our ability to become a world leader in the generation of new knowledge is made possible through philanthropic gifts from alumni, patients, foundations, corporations, faculty and staff members, and donors in communities across the

country. Philanthropy is truly a partnership that can be a powerful force to ensuring that we continue to be a leader in these areas and to improving the health of our communities.

We look forward to a future where everyone has access to healthcare, where disease is no longer diagnosed but prevented, and where people of all backgrounds live in safe homes and safe neighborhoods. We believe this is a future that we can create together – through shared ideas, meaningful collaboration and thoughtful investments.

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ON THE COVER: Joseph E. Kerschner, MD '90, FEL '98, celebrates with students during the 125th anniversary gala event, *An Evening at MCW*, on September 21, 2018.

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Crushing Cancer

The *MCW Cancer Crush* challenge, which kicked off on June 22, culminated on September. 22, when more than 1,500 participants completed the last one/five miles together at a race/walk which began and finished at the MCW-Milwaukee campus. The event raised nearly \$300,000 to help science crush cancer.

125th Anniversary Celebration Events

hroughout 2018, the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) has been celebrating the 125th anniversary of the founding of its first predecessor institution, the Wisconsin College of Physicians and Surgeons - which was incorporated on May 20, 1893. Classes began a few months later, on September 26, 1893, with 22 faculty members and 42 students. The following year, the Milwaukee Medical College and School of Dentistry opened. These two entities merged to become the Marquette University School of Medicine in 1913. The Medical School separated from Marquette in 1967 and became a private, freestanding institution - renamed the Medical College of Wisconsin in 1970.

The spirit of celebration reverberated across MCW's three campuses throughout 2018, underscored by a number of special events. May was designated as *Founders' Month* and on May 22, history came to life during *Founders' Day*. Attendees at MCW-Milwaukee enjoyed a unique program with "historical guests" making an appearance, dessert and beverages, a history

display, caricature artist, digital trivia, MCW pop-up store and more. Faculty, staff and students at the regional campuses hosted their own local celebrations.

MCW's inaugural *Cancer Crush* (in partnership with the Froedtert & MCW health network), a summer-long run, walk and bicycle challenge combining fitness and fundraising to fuel cancer research at the MCW Cancer Research Center, kicked off on June 22.

Anniversary Week (September 17–24) was celebrated with a number of major events.

More than 300 alumni attended *Alumni Weekend* events held on and around the Milwaukee campus from September 21–23.

The 125th Anniversary Medicine & Science Summit on September 21 featured "Great Minds. Hot Topics." — during which several MCW faculty members explored today's challenges and tomorrow's approaches in confronting cancer, cardiovascular disease and accidental injury. This was followed by "Leaders of Academic Medicine: Challenges and Solutions," featuring a panel discussion of five deans from prestigious academic medical centers





around the country who addressed the current state of medical education, the ever-evolving healthcare environment, faculty/physician well-being, enhancing research endeavors, diversity and inclusion, and more.

An Evening at MCW – a gala event celebrating MCW's 125th anniversary

with donors and special guests — also was held on September 21.

The Cancer Crush race/walk was followed immediately by the daylong outdoor MCW Fest, which included popular Milwaukee bands, family-friendly games and activities, artists and entertainers, local foodtrucks and more. A

highlight of the *Fest* was the dunk tank, where MCW employees had an opportunity to send their bosses cascading into a large vat of cold water!

Anniversary Week concluded on September 24 with Research Day and Convocation. And on September 26 — exactly 125 years since the original first day of classes for the Wisconsin College of Physicians and Surgeons, students, faculty and staff at all campuses were treated to morning refreshments.

"Anniversary Week enabled us not only to celebrate the story of who we are today, but to generate pride in how we became a cornerstone institution in the region. We are excited about the next 125 years!" says Joseph E. Kerschner, MD '90, FEL '98, dean of the MCW School of Medicine, and provost and executive vice president of MCW.

— SARA L. WILKINS







Graduates Honor Their Preceptors

n June 1, 2018, as 15 young men and women crossed the stage to be hooded as new physicians (and the first graduates of the Medical College of Wisconsin-Green Bay), they represented the culmination of years of planning, development and community support, including \$7 million in donations. In early 2012, MCW shared a vision for this new regional campus - a threeyear curriculum with an emphasis on producing physicians who would practice in areas of the state needing greater access to healthcare providers. And with eight of these pioneering medical students staying in Wisconsin for their residencies - and all continuing their medical training in the targeted areas of family medicine, pediatrics, internal medicine and psychiatry - the vision has, in many ways, come to fruition.

While the days surrounding Commencement focused on the success of these graduates, they presented a special class gift – a plaque dedicated to the "pioneering preceptors" of MCW-Green Bay – to acknowledge those mentors who had made their success possible.

"We felt a huge debt of gratitude to the Green Bay community which came around us and gave their support to our program – specifically the preceptors who sacrificed their time and energy to teach us," says Martha Grace Courtright, MD '18. "Not only did they take on the task of teaching us – when many of them had not worked with medical students since their residencies – but they also committed to teaching us very early in our training. That takes a lot of patience and flexibility to balance, in addition to the already demanding work of being a physician."

The plaque, in the shape of Wisconsin, is filled in with the names of all the preceptors who taught members of the inaugural class during their clinical experiences. Stars on the plaque desig-

nate the towns where the students hail from or had ties.

For Dr. Courtright, a resident in the MCW-established Fox Valley Family Medicine Program in Appleton, the class gift was one way to recognize the collective effort that makes MCW-Green Bay possible. "We aren't big, and we don't have the luxury of large teaching hospitals nearby. Rather, we rely on community physicians and donors to make many of the learning opportunities we have possible. I am realizing more and more how truly special our campus has been in its support of students, commitment to primary care and desire to approach medical education innovatively while also producing a high caliber of students. Now that I am officially an alumna of the program, I am excited to see how we can continue to improve the experiences of the students and further meet the needs of the community."

- KARRI STOCK



Front row (I-r) Matthew Krueger Jenson; Joanna Elizabeth Buck; Emily Catherine Dolan; Andre Theuerkauf; Matthew Paul Wheeler; Ryan Michael Berns; Martha Grace Courtright; Kyle Fischer. Back row (I-r) Julia Rose Reshma Shariff; Christine Elizabeth Prill; Allison Renee Meyer; Alexander Lee Sliwicki; Jared Taylor Metropulos; Ashley Ann Engel; Storm Alexandra Dorrough.

WBCS: Investing in Potential

ichael J. Flister, PhD, MCW assistant professor of physiology, came up with the idea five years ago of developing a tool to measure how genetic risk factors influence the nonmalignant portion of breast tumors. These non-malignant cells form a microenvironment that supports the growth of the tumors, and the tool would allow him to study how the cells impact cancer risk, progression and resistance to treatment. Leaders at WBCS, Inc. (Wisconsin Breast Cancer Showhouse), the top philanthropic donor for adult cancer research at the Medical College of Wisconsin Cancer Center, saw the potential of his idea and provided Dr. Flister with a twoyear seed grant to develop data. From there, he published collaborative papers, received a National Institutes of Health grant to fund his research longer-term, and continues to evolve his efforts regarding how this work can improve cancer care.

"We are so fortunate at MCW to have an organization like WBCS that is willing to invest in our untested, unique ideas early on, when the potential exists – but perhaps the hard data does not," says Dr. Flister. "I couldn't have done it without WBCS seed funding, which definitely opened doors."

Efforts such as these can have a synergistic effect. Carmen R. Bergom, MD '08, PhD '06, MCW assistant professor of radiation oncology, studied Dr. Flister's model and believed she could use it to identify biomarkers within the same microenvironment to determine how well a patient would respond to radiation therapy. She applied for and received a WBCS seed grant to collect the data and refine her approach.

"I am devastated when one of my patients doesn't respond to treatment, and I'm determined to figure out why



Dr. Carmen R. Bergom (right), shown here with graduate student Rachel Schlaak, collaborated with Dr. Flister to determine how well a patient would respond to radiation therapy. Their research was supported by WBCS, Inc. funding.

this happens and someday develop a personalized radiation plan for each of them," remarks Dr. Bergom. "Dr. Flister's model allowed me to start down this road, and I could never have collaborated with him or expanded the scope of my work without WBCS investing in the potential of my idea."

"The partnership between WBCS and MCW Cancer Center researchers is impacting research in ways neither could have achieved alone," says Jan Lennon, WBCS scientific review chair. "WBCS is proud to be helping facilitate collaborations among researchers and clinicians that are transforming novel ideas into potentially lifesaving discoveries for patients fighting these diseases."

The data Dr. Bergom collected as part of her WBCS-funded research has led to

her receipt of grants from Susan G.
Komen, the Mary Kay Foundation and
the Michael H. Keelan Jr. Research
Foundation, and she recently presented
at the Radiation Research Society's
annual meeting. She has applied for a
National Institutes of Health grant and
is planning additional animal model
studies to expand upon her efforts.

WBCS, Inc. is an all-volunteer group that has raised \$6.8 million since its formation in 1998 — all of which has supported seed grants at MCW in breast and prostate cancer research and an endowment for a research professorship. Collectively, the organization's seed grant award winners have received an additional \$69 million in external research funding, submitted countless papers and improved care for breast and prostate cancer patients.
— TONY BRAZA

Walking the Walk Building a culture of giving back

hen the late David S. Haskell, MD '67, GME '72, spoke with his fellow alumni of the Medical College of Wisconsin and the orthopaedic residency program about the importance of giving back to their alma mater, they listened closely. They deeply respected him as a role model about the importance of philanthropy, which he demonstrated in word and deed throughout his career in many ways – including as a mentor, philanthropist and leader of MCW's Alumni Association.

Thomas G. Kempken, MD '65, GME '73, recalls, "It was a day of great fortune when I reported to [Dr. Haskell's]

orthopaedic service as a junior resident at the VA hospital in Milwaukee...surgical excellence was paramount with David. To be successful, he believed you must commit to a lifetime of learning."

Dr. Haskell felt that participating in the annual meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons was a critical piece of lifelong learning. He attended this and other related meetings with MCW residents and alumni each year, and brought them together in the evenings to discuss advances in the field and instill his belief in giving back to medicine, orthopaedic surgery and MCW. Dr. Haskell showed his colleagues how they could make a

difference through the donation of time, talent and resources.

Through his generosity, he became a member of MCW's Walter Zeit Fellowship. He also established the David S. Haskell, MD, Endowed Chair in Orthopaedic Education in 2013, about which he said, "As a graduate of the MCW orthopaedic residency program in 1972, I want to ensure that the program can continue to have financial support in its effort to recruit, reward and retain the best faculty for the program and to attract the best and brightest students to one of the top programs in the country." Carole Street Vetter, MD '93, GME '98, MCW professor of ortho-



The late David S. Haskell, MD '67, GME '72 (center), spoke with fellow alumni at his 50-year Commencement anniversary in 2017.

paedic surgery, was appointed to hold this Chair in 2014; she enhances graduate medical education efforts in the department with support of the endowment funds.

This gift reflected Dr. Haskell's career-long interest in education. He served as an associate clinical faculty member at MCW for many years to stay connected to the teaching of medical students and resident physicians. In addition, Dr. Haskell, who died on July 6, 2018, demonstrated the significance of alumni involvement and leadership in the MCW/ Marquette Medical Alumni Association, including serving as a past president of the Association, the alumni representative to the MCW board of trustees from 1999-2002 and chairing his 40th, 45th and 50th reunion committees. In 2001, the Association recognized Dr. Haskell with its Distinguished Service Award.

As part of MCW's 125th anniversary, many alumni took advantage of the opportunity to "honor a mentor" with a gift

"It was a day of hospital in

and a written testimony. The Kempkens embraced the Honor a Mentor program and then raised the bar higher by creating The David S. Haskell, MD, Endowed Scholarship Fund established by Dr. Thomas Kempken and Ms. Susan Kempken in honor of Dr. Haskell's commitment to teaching and learning. The Fund, which received additional support from friends, family and peers, will provide need-based scholarship awards to medical students at all three MCW Medical School campuses.

Dr. Kempken says that the goal of the fund is to "honor our dear friend and colleague, so that his commitment to learning can inspire and assist students and residents at MCW for vears to come." ■

- GREG CALHOUN

MACC Fund's Hope and Healing Garden Re-dedicated



FEL '98, provost and executive vice president and dean, MCW School of Medicine; Jon McGlocklin, co-founder and president of the MACC Fund.

eadership, faculty and staff from MCW and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin gathered with volunteers and members of the MACC Fund board to re-dedicate the Hope and Healing Garden on the first full day of summer in June 2018. The sun-drenched ceremony provided the attendees with an opportunity to reflect on all that has been accomplished for children with cancer, and all that still needs to be done.

At the ceremony, John R. Raymond, Sr., president and CEO of MCW, noted, "MCW is privileged to have the MACC Fund and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin as partners in the fight against pediatric cancer and related blood disorders. Together, we have witnessed transformative advancements in the research and patient care of pediatric cancer and blood disorders. And together we have expanded to serve children and their families as we search for new treatments and cures."

- MICHAEL MATHIAS

Philanthropy at the "Heart" of Progress in Cardiovascular Care

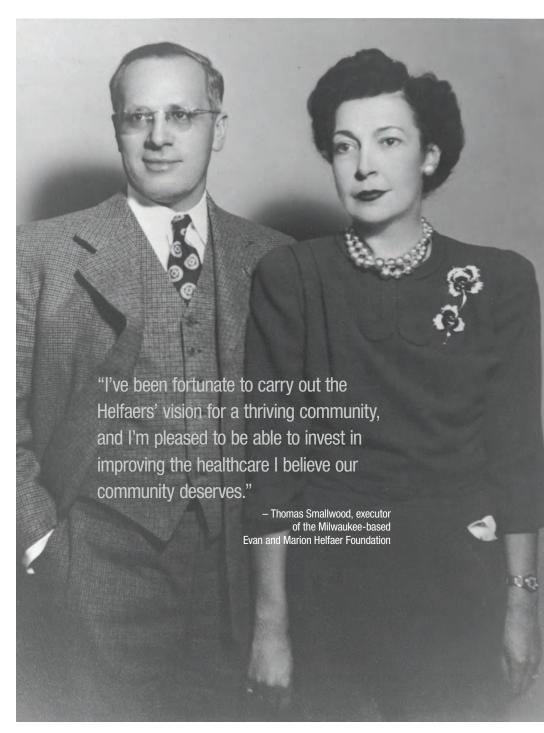
homas Smallwood understands the power of philanthropy to transform the health of patients and families in Wisconsin. For decades, as executor of the Milwaukee-based Evan and Marion Helfaer Foundation, he has supported initiatives and programs at the Medical College of Wisconsin and Froedtert Hospital that have improved patient care and advanced medical discovery.

In 2011 and 2018, Smallwood designated gifts from the Helfaer Foundation totaling \$1 million to expand the Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin Adult Heart Transplant Program into a world-class destination for adults with advanced heart failure. Funds from the grant were designated for MCW's department of medicine to recruit medical and surgical specialists in advanced heart failure and heart transplant to grow the program to become a leader regionally and nationally.

"It's incredibly important to have top talent here in the region to care for patients and conduct research," Smallwood says. "Cardiovascular diseases are a leading cause of death in Wisconsin, and in many cases, early diagnosis and treatment is all that stands between a chance for a long and healthy life and a preventable tragedy."

With support from the Helfaer Foundation, MCW and Froedtert Hospital have significantly moved the

> Evan and Marion Helfaer and the Helfaer Foundation have provided support to MCW since 1969 to improve patient care and advance medical discovery.





Transplant surgeons Lyle Joyce MD, PhD (right), and his son, David Joyce, MD (left), were recruited in early 2017 to bolster the heart transplant and heart surgery programs.

heart program forward by recruiting a team of pioneering cardiovascular and cardiothoracic surgical specialists — thus positioning Milwaukee and the state of Wisconsin as a hub for some of the top such talent in the country.

"Tom's enthusiasm for growing our program has been critical to our recent growth," notes Roy Silverstein, MD, the Linda and John Mellowes Professor and chair of the MCW department of medicine. "The gifts from the Helfaer Foundation have helped elevate our program and attracted some eminent candidates to join us."

Mitchell Saltzberg, MD, professor of medicine (division of cardiology) was one of the first faculty recruitments to the program. Dr. Saltzberg is a nationally-known expert in advanced heart failure and transplant, and brought a large portfolio of sponsored clinical trials to MCW.

In March 2017, Paul Pearson, MD,

PhD, a Mayo-trained heart surgeon, joined MCW as professor of surgery and chief of the department's division of cardiothoracic surgery. Since coming onboard, he has been a catalyst for expanding the program's team of transplant surgeons. Dr. Pearson was instrumental in recruiting Lyle Joyce, MD, PhD, an international expert in transplant and heart failure, and his son, David Joyce, MD, a rising star in the same field.

In July 2018, Jorge Saucedo, MD, MBA, joined MCW as professor of medicine, chief of the division of cardiovascular medicine and an MCW Eminent Scholar. "Dr. Saucedeo is an accomplished and highly productive cardiologist," Dr. Silverstein shares.

Support from the Helfaer Foundation dates back to 1969, when Evan Helfaer made grants in urological research to MCW's predecessor institution, the Marquette University School of Medicine. The Helfaer Foundation has provided contributions to MCW in each succeeding decade.

Smallwood also has played a substantial leadership role at both MCW and Froedtert Hospital, where he served on both boards and has been deeply involved in establishing sound business practices aimed at ensuring patients and families with the highest quality care.

"I've been fortunate to carry out the Helfaers' vision for a thriving community, and I'm pleased to be able to invest in improving the healthcare I believe our community deserves. I'm looking forward to seeing Dr. Silverstein and his team achieve new heights in cardiovascular care," Smallwood adds.

- ALEX KROUSE

Paying it Forward Through Planned Gift

oger W. Byhardt, MD '68, was an aspiring scientist with a burning desire to attend medical school, but his pockets were empty. In 1964, the \$1,500 annual tuition to attend MCW's predecessor institution (the Marquette University School of Medicine) was far beyond his reach. "It sounds like peanuts now," Dr. Byhardt recalls, "but it was a major chunk of money then."

He met with then-director of admissions, Bessie Casey, who told him about a scholarship that would pay his tuition as long as he maintained good grades and was financially in need. "She saw the dust in my pockets and I got the scholarship. If I wouldn't have had access to that money, I never would have been able to become a doctor," notes Dr. Byhardt.

A longtime faculty member before retiring in 2013, Dr. Byhardt joined MCW in 1975 as lead physician in the department of radiation oncology at what is now the Zablocki VA Medical Center. He served as chief of radiation oncology there for 34 years.

Dr. Byhardt was renowned internationally as an expert in lung cancer treatment. He helped shape the direction of clinical lung cancer research in the US, and developed and imple-

Roger W. Byhardt, MD '68

"If, because of my gift, just one new doctor is able to positively impact as many patients as I have seen over my career, it would be a great start in paying back the investment that was made on my behalf from 1964 to 1968."

- Roger W. Byhardt, MD '68

mented pioneering clinical trials regarding the use of radiation therapy in lung cancer. Dr. Byhardt was highly involved in the education of medical students and residents, and was a role model for junior faculty and budding clinical researchers. He received MCW's Distinguished Service Award in 2010.

In 2018, in honor of his 50th class reunion, Dr. Byhardt joined MCW's Legacy Society by making a substantial planned gift to support medical student scholarships to pay forward the assistance he once received. "I came back to MCW as a faculty member, and while serving on the Admissions Committeee, I was

shocked by what the tuition had climbed to. I thought to myself, 'I've got to pay this back somehow. I've got to make sure that needy students like myself have a chance to be admitted'"

He continues, "I was able to set up a trust so that when I pass from this life, there will be an endowment that will go to one needy MCW student in order to defer some of the tuition cost. That to me is very important, because there may be a student out there who is really bright and would make a very good doctor — but is not able to do it financially. If, because of my gift, just one new doctor is able to positively impact as many patients as I have seen over my career, it would be a great start in paying back the investment that was made on my behalf from 1964 to 1968. The scholarship I received paved my way to medical school. I encourage other MCW grads to pay it forward and make it possible for worthy but needy students to have a smooth road to an MD degree."

Dr. Byhardt's legacy is a gift that will continue to "pay it forward" by supporting scholarships. \blacksquare — SARA L. WILKINS

THINKING OF MAKING A GIFT?

To learn how to leave a legacy that will rewrite someone's tomorrow, contact Stephen Davis, director of planned giving, at (414) 805-3308 or legacyinfo@mcw.edu.

Finance Report

Fiscal year ended June 30, 2018	(\$ in millions)
Clinical revenue**	\$858.4
Grants and contracts	156.4*
Tuition and fees	50.7
Investment income	23.2
Contributions	13.3*
Other	41.9*
Total revenues	\$1.143.9

Total All Funds

Total All Funds
(\$ in millions)
\$855.5
207.6
40.5

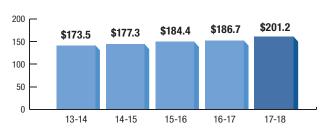
Total expenses	\$1,103.6
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$40.3

^{*} Excludes nonoperating revenue and expense, including realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments.

Revenues*

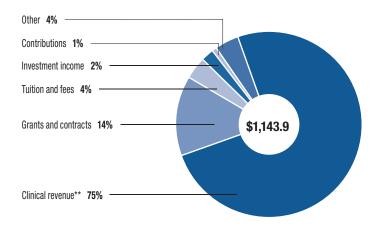
Externally Funded Expenditures***

July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2018 Total Externally Funded Expenditures for Research, Teaching, Training, and Related Purposes (\$ in millions)

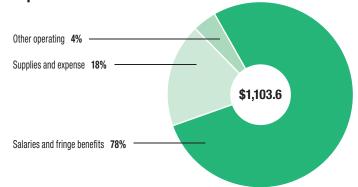


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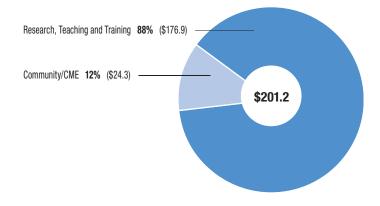


Expenses Fiscal Year 2018



Externally Funded Expenditures by Purpose Fiscal Year 2018

(\$ in millions)



^{**} Includes adult and pediatric revenues.

2018 Alumni Weekend Celebration







































Alumni Association Awards

ach year, the Medical College of Wisconsin/Marquette Medical Alumni Association selects several alumni for its highest honors in acknowledgment of their contributions to medicine, science and the community. Award nominations are submitted by colleagues, friends, family and even patients. Award categories include:



Distinguished Service

This award is presented to an individual or individuals who have demonstrated outstanding service to their profession, the Medical College of Wisconsin/ Marquette Medical Alumni Association and MCW.

Humanitarian

This award is presented to an alumnus/ alumna who throughout his/her career has demonstrated a significant humanitarian commitment in medical practice and/or volunteer activities.

Medical School Alumnus/ Alumna of the Year

The medical school alumnus/alumna selected for this award has achieved success in his/her profession that has led to recognition by their peers. This could be in the area of clinical teaching, academic medicine, research and/or through leadership in professional societies at the state or national level. Other criteria could be used as the aforementioned are only examples. Volunteer work and financial support of MCW are not criteria for this award.

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

ROBERT NIRSCHL, MD '58



An internationally renowned orthopaedic surgeon, Dr. Nirschl's patient-centered approach to care, research contributions to the treatment of sports injuries, and educational fellowship programs in ortho-

paedics and family practice sports medicine have helped generations of patients worldwide. "It's important to get to know your patients on a personal level. Asking people about things provides information that proves useful in their treatment."

HUMANITARIAN AWARD

BETH BLODGETT, MD '78 (AKA SISTER ALEGRIA)



For the past 19 years, Dr. Blodgett (since 2009, known as Sister Alegria) has been providing needed medical care to the povertystricken inhabitants in the hills of Honduras. Once a week, she volun-

teers at a rural clinic providing lifesaving medicines and treatment to patients of all ages. "You can do a lot more good in this world if you don't need credit for it."

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

PAUL HANKWITZ, MD '74, GME '78



Dr. Hankwitz attends every MCW clinical conference, symposium for senior physicians and class reunion – and nearly every Alumni Association board meeting as director emeritus. He also serves as

the Association's representative to the MCW board of trustees and encourages all alumni to stay connected and to give back. "Look at your talents and how you can be an influence. You never know where it will take you."

50-Year Alumni Class Reunion

he Class of 1968 graduated from the Marquette University School of Medicine (MCW's predecessor institution) some 50 years ago. Each year, the 50th anniversary reunion class is recognized in conjunction with the current year's Commencement festivities – a storied tradition that goes back decades.



It is a difficult task at best to try to contemplate the scope and magnitude of medical knowledge that has accrued in the past half-century. Many of today's medical students can only imagine the dramatic changes that have transformed the practice of medicine.

Those who truly can appreciate the advance of medicine are physicians who entered the profession decades ago. They have a special vantage point from which to observe what has transpired — and thus we celebrate their legacy and their contributions to enhancing patient care and science throughout the years.





Front row (I-r) John P. Thomas, Jr.; Philip A. Fraterigo; Kevin J. Farrell; Michael B. Peters; Edeltraud A. Hondl; Thomas M. Kidder, Kenneth G. Amend; James J. Regali; C. Arthur Sciaroni. Middle row (I-r) Robert J. Wetzler; Richard M. Lampe; Benjamin P. Fiorica; James J. Ansfield; Joseph T. Maier; C. Robert Stanhope; Thomas H. Halgren; Terence V. Roth; Ronald J. Ruszkowski; Roger C. Wargin; J. P. Keenan. Back row (I-r) Joseph A. Latina; John B. Kurtin; William J. Listwan; John N. Bentwood; Bruce F. Mize; Robert L. Warth; Roger H. Strube; Clyde C. Lawnicki; Gary G. Poehling; Gary J. Delorit; Ronald T. Benz; Robert J. Starshak.

2018 ALUMNI WEEKEND







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THANK YOU! to all our alumni who attended this year's Alumni Weekend festivities and who made a lasting impact through class gifts! Below is an overview of the class giving campaign as of November 23, 2018. Giving participation increased for all classes that celebrated milestone years.

1958\$141,165	1988\$56,250
1963\$26,345	1993\$91,994
1968\$467,109	1998\$44,446
1973\$65,713	2003\$39,164
1978\$155,700	2008\$24,440
1983\$126,492	
TOTAL OF ALL CLASS GIFTS:	\$1.2 Million
IN ADDITION,	
PLANNED GIFT	A4 = 841111
COMMITMENTS:	\$1.7 Million





ALUMNI NOTES

1960s

Philip A. Fraterrigo, MD '68, MS '67, served for many years as chief of ophthalmology at St. Clare's Hospital (now the McClellan Street Health Center) in Schenectady, N.Y., and currently operates a specialty practice with two of his children. He met his wife, Barbara, during medical school and they recently celebrated 50 years of marriage.

1970s

Alan A. Wartenberg, MD '72, GME '80, retired from full-time clinical practice in March 2015. He enjoys spending time with his two grandchildren and loved seeing his classmates at his 45-year graduation anniversary in May 2017.



Gloria Hnida Halverson, MD '73, GME '77, received the Wisconsin Medical Society's *Physician of the Year* award for 2018. She also serves as president-

elect for the board of trustees of the Christian Medical and Dental Association, a national organization with approximately 18,000 members.

Paul B. Halverson, MD '73, GME '76, FEL '78, received the 2018 *Laureate Award* from the Wisconsin chapter of the American College of Physicians.



Carlyle H. Chan*, MD '75, was appointed to the National Board of Medical Examiners. He also was named senior consultant for graduate medical education for

the Association of American Medical Colleges.



Stephen W. Hargarten*, MD '75, MPH, was appointed to the executive committee of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine's Transpor-

tation Research Board (TRB). His threeyear appointment will begin in January 2019. The executive committee of the TRB is responsible for recommending policy and providing administrative oversight for all activities and programs.

Randall M. Levin, MD '76, was named chair of the wellness section of the American College of Emergency Physicians in October 2018 and will serve a two-year term. He served as chair-elect of the wellness section from 2016–2018, and as editor for the section's newsletter from 2012–2016.

1980s



William G. Buchta, MD, GME '88, MS, MPH '90, was appointed president of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM),

the nation's largest medical society dedicated to promoting the health of workers through preventive medicine, clinical care, research and education. He has been a member of ACOEM since 1992 and a fellow since 2001. Prior to becoming president, Dr. Buchta served as president–elect, vice president, member of the board of directors and speaker of the house of delegates. He is vice president and chief medical officer of Logistics Health, Inc., in La Crosse, Wis.



Paul A. Hemmer, MD '88, accepted a lifetime achievement award from his alma mater, the University of Wisconsin– Milwaukee, at the Univer–

sity's 2018 Alumni Association Awards in October 2018. He is a retired Air Force colonel and serves as professor and vice chair of educational programs in the department of medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md.

1990s



William R. Drobyski*, MD, FEL '90, was named associate editor of *Biology* of *Blood and Marrow Transplantation*, the official journal of the American

Society of Blood and Marrow Transplantation. Dr. Drobyski also serves on the Society's board of directors and is the Society's director of laboratory science.



Joseph E. Kerschner*, MD '90, FEL '98, was named chair-elect of the board of directors of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)

for a one-year term, effective November 2018. He will serve as chair of the board of directors beginning November 2019. Dr. Kerschner's appointment as chair-elect further underscores his recognition as an international thought leader in the field of academic medicine, as he currently serves as chair of the AAMC's Council of Deans (COD). The COD strives to continue to improve the

* MCW faculty member

nation's medical schools, identify issues affecting academic medicine, and develop strategies to achieve the various medical school missions. The AAMC represents more than 173,000 full-time faculty members, 89,000 medical students, 129,000 resident-physicians and more than 60,000 graduate students and postdoctoral researchers in the biomedical sciences.



Benson T. Massey*, MD, FEL '90, served as a course co-director for the 13th annual post-graduate course, *Gastrointestinal* Motility and Neuro-gastro-

enterology in Clinical Practice, which was hosted by MCW and sponsored by the American Neurogastroenterology and Motility Society. The program attracted nearly 400 registrants from across the country.



Monica R. Vandivort, MD, GME '92, FEL '94, has been named The American Academy of Home Care Medicine House Call Physician of the Year for

2018. This award recognizes a home care physician who provides the highest quality of services and innovative programs and who demonstrates excellent and continued dedication to the field of home care medicine. Dr. Vandivort serves as assistant professor of medicine in the division of geriatrics, general internal medicine and palliative medicine in the College of Medicine at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Dr. Vandivort is a board-certified internal and geriatric medicine physician and a certified medical director in long-term care.

Judy E. Kim*, MD, GME'96, was elected by her peers to lead a 2018 American Academy of Ophthalmology Council advisory board meeting held in Washington, DC, where Council advisory recommendations were discussed and voted upon. The meeting was preceded by advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill for eye health, vision research and patient safety. The American Academy of Ophthalmology Council advises the Academy's board of trustees on matters that are important to ophthalmologists.



Ashok N. Rai, MD '97, was appointed chair of the board of directors of AMGA (formerly known as the American Medical Group Association), which is a

Washington, DC-based trade association focused on the transformation of healthcare in the US. He has been involved in AMGA since 2006 and a member of the AMGA CEO council since 2009. He also has served the AMGA board as treasurer, secretary and chair-elect. Dr. Rai is the president and CEO of Prevea Health, which operates more than 80 locations in northeast Wisconsin and the Chippewa Valley region in western Wisconsin.

2000s

Michael J. Uihlein*, MD '00, GME '03, served as team doctor for the US sled hockey team at the 2018 Paralympic Games in South Korea. The sled hockey team won its third consecutive gold medal at the Games in an overtime win over Canada. Dr. Uihlein has served as the team's doctor for more than six years.



Braden Hexom, MD '05, is the founding director for the Rush University Medical Center Emergency Medicine residency program in Chicago. This

is the first new emergency medicine residency program in Chicago in more than 20 years. The program accepted its first class of residents in July 2017. Dr. Hexom has been an associate professor of emergency medicine at Rush Medical College since 2016.

Julie K. Freed*, MD '11, PhD '08, GME '16, FEL '17, was named as the recipient of the 2018 Steve Cullen Healthy Heart Scholar Award to fund her research on the treatment of life-threatening low blood pressure. A total of \$50,000 will fund her project, which will test the effectiveness of using vitamin B12 to treat dangerously low blood pressure caused by blood infections. Established in 2015, the Steve Cullen Healthy Heart Scholar Award is a competitive annual research grant for cardiovascular research within MCW's Cardiovascular Center.

2010s



Maria Pechacek, MPH '15, received a certificate of completion from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Public Health Associate Program.

She completed this two-year training program at the CDC's Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support. She assumed a new position with the CDC's National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases in Atlanta on October 15, 2018.

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IN MEMORIAM

1940s

Harry R. Foerster, Jr., MD '48,

of Tucson, Ariz., died on October 12, 2017, at the age of 93. He practiced dermatology in Milwaukee for 50 years and loved the outdoors, canoeing and sailing wooden boats. Survivors include his wife, Shirley, three children and two grandchildren.

1950s

Joseph A. Cella, MD '52,

of Minneapolis-St. Paul, died on December 25, 2017, at the age of 90. He practiced obstetrics and gynecology in the Twin Cities for more than 40 years, including serving as chief of staff at St. Mary's Hospital (now part of the University of Minnesota Medical Center's Fairview campus). He loved to read. He is survived by his wife, Pam, six children, 15 grand-children and a great-granddaughter.

Emil M. Lichina, MD '52,

of Altadena, Calif., died on February 26, 2018, at the age of 92. He practiced family medicine in the South Bay region of Los Angeles for more than 50 years. Survivors include his wife, Barbara, and a son.

Melvin M. Askot, MD '53, GME '56,

of Milwaukee, died on October 30, 2017, at the age of 88. He was a pediatrician in Milwaukee. Dr. Askot is survived by his wife, Jacquelyn, five children, eight grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

John E. Cordes, MD '54,

of Elm Grove, Wis., died on February 19, 2018, at the age of 88. He practiced in Milwaukee and loved art and golf. He is survived by four children and nine grandchildren.

Richard J. Kitz, MD '54,

of Westwood, Mass., died on September 19, 2017, at the age of 88. He served as chair of anesthesia, critical care and pain medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston for more than 25 years. He was a pioneer and advocate in the field of patient safety and played a crucial role in the founding of the Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation. As a leader and mentor, his recruits went on to become chairs of more than 20 anesthesia departments at US and international medical schools. In 2009, he received the Alumni Association's Alumnus of the Year award. Dr. Kitz is survived by his wife, Jeanne, and a daughter.

Thomas M. O'Connor, MD '55, MBA,

of Elm Grove, Wis., died on December 12, 2017, at the age of 86. He worked in private practice as a general surgeon for more than 30 years. Survivors include five children, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Newton D. Scherl, MD '55,

of Hackensack, N.J., died on October 20, 2017, at the age of 86. He practiced gastroenterology in New York City and New Jersey, including 40 years at Englewood Hospital in Englewood, N.J., where he served as president of the medical staff and chief of gastroenterology. Dr. Scherl is survived by his wife, Sheila, four children and 10 grandchildren.

Paul W. Sutherland, MD '55,

of Nampa, Idaho, died on February 27, 2017, at the age of 85. After serving as a Navy physician in Morocco and as a medical missionary in Swaziland and South Africa, he returned to Nampa to practice gastroenterology. Survivors include his wife, Leonie, three children and five grandchildren.

John M. Coffey, MD '57,

of Albuquerque, N.M., died on April 18, 2018, at the age of 85. He practiced obstetrics and gynecology in Milwaukee and dedicated himself to volunteer service and international travel. He is survived by his wife, Kristine, seven children and 10 grandchildren.

1960s

Gerald H. Klomberg, MD '60, GME '64,

of Beaver Dam, Wis., died on August 19, 2017, at the age of 83. He worked in private practice in the Beaver Dam area for 30 years, including as director of medicine at Clearview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Juneau, Wis. He loved skiing and sailing. Survivors include his wife, Mary, four children and seven grandchildren.

Mark A. Butzer, MD '61,

of Portland, Ore., died on December 14, 2017, at the age of 87. He was a pediatrician in Portland for more than 25 years, and loved traveling, gardening, tennis and reading. He is survived by his wife, Karen, eight children and 14 grandchildren.

Salvatore J. De Francesco, MD '61,

of Phoenix, Ariz., died on September 14, 2017, at the age of 82. He practiced obstetrics and gynecology in Phoenix. Survivors include his wife, Ann, five children and their grandchildren.

Richard B. Sheridan, MD '62,

of Sonoma, Calif., died on January 25, 2018, at the age of 85. He practiced obstetrics and gynecology for more than 30 years and also was a certified addiction medicine specialist for more than 10 years. He loved singing, writing and community theater. Dr. Sheridan is survived

*MCW is grateful to these alumni for their Legacy Society memberships.

by his wife, Margaret, three children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Edward J. Buerger, MD '63, GME '67, of Waukesha, Wis., died on April 22, 2018, at the age of 87. He practiced obstetrics and gynecology in Waukesha for 20 years. He also owned and operated Wisconsin Wood Laminates, a company specializing in custom architectural panels and doors, for more than 20 years. In retirement, he volunteered with Doctors Without Borders. Survivors include four children, eight grand-children and eight great-grandchildren.

John D. Riesch, MD, GME '63,

of Germantown, Wis., died on March 26, 2018, at the age of 87. He practiced medicine in Menomonee Falls, Wis., for nearly 60 years. He is survived by three children, 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Sam P. Nesemann, MD '64, GME '71,

of Indiatlantic, Fla., died on November 6, 2017, at the age of 79. He worked in private practice as an orthopaedic surgeon for more than 30 years. He loved skiing, sailing and boating. Dr. Nesemann is survived by his wife, Nancy Jo, two children and eight grandchildren.

David S. Haskell, MD '67, GME '72,

of Elm Grove, Wis., died on July 6, 2018, at the age of 76. See pages 8-9 for more information on Dr. Haskell.

James M. Roach, MD '67,

of El Centro, Calif., died on November 24, 2017, at the age of 86. He practiced urology in El Centro for more than 30 years and served three terms as chief of staff at the El Centro Regional Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Cecilia.

James E. Ricciardi, MD '68,

of New Orleans, died on November 22, 2017, at the age of 75. He worked in private practice as an orthopaedic surgeon for many years before conducting a spine surgery fellowship at age 50 and transitioning into academic medicine. Dr. Ricciardi is survived by his wife, Pamela, two children and five grandchildren.

Palmer G. Tibbetts, MD, GME '68,

of Franklin, Wis., died in November 2017. He was a dermatologist and world traveler. He is survived by a daughter.

Gerald L. Harned, MD, GME '69,

of Hartland, Wis., died on January 22, 2018, at the age of 80. He practiced orthopaedic surgery in Hartland and was a past president of the Waukesha County Medical Society. He enjoyed travel and skiing. Survivors include three children and four grandchildren.

1970s

John T. Horney, MD '71,

of Atlanta, Ga., died on June 11, 2017, at the age of 71. He practiced gastroenter-ology in Atlanta for more than 45 years. In September 2016, he joined his former University of Notre Dame football teammates in South Bend, Ind., to celebrate the 50-year anniversary of their 1966 national championship victory. Dr. Horney is survived by his wife, Alice, four children and 13 grandchildren.

Edward J. Johnson, MD '71, GME '74,

of Green Bay, Wis., died on March 25, 2018, at the age of 72. He practiced psychiatry in northeast Wisconsin for 40 years and sought to make mental

healthcare available to rural communities in the region. Dr. Johnson was an avid sailor, fisherman and photographer. He is survived by his wife, Mary, three children and nine grandchildren.

Philip D. Szold, MD '72, GME '75,

of San Diego, Calif., died on February 24, 2018, at the age of 72. He was a pediatrician and a past president of the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce and East County Boys and Girls Club. He loved sailing, skiing, cars, planes and motorcycles. Survivors include his wife, Cindy, three children and four grandchildren.

Marlen F. Junck, MD, GME '75, FEL '76,

of Oregon, Wis., died on February 1, 2018, at the age of 75. He was a radiologist and had a love of nature, which led him to operate a dairy farm in Oregon and to take up wildlife photography. He is survived by his wife, Arlene, five children and 15 grandchildren.

Robert E. Shanahan, MD, GME '76,

of Sylvania, Ohio, died on December 25, 2017, at the age of 86. He was a plastic surgeon and an accomplished Dixieland jazz trombonist and trumpeter. Survivors include four children and seven grand-children.

Rasma B. Gilis, MS '78,

of Milwaukee, died on January 26, 2018, at the age of 88. She was a medical technologist and supervisor. She enjoyed skiing and photography.

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Correction:

In the print edition of the *In Memoriam* section of this Annual Report, we erroneously listed **James R. Pawlak, MD, GME '78.** We apologize for this error and are pleased to report that Dr. Pawlak is alive and well, and continues to practice family medicine in Sheboygan, Wis.

IN MEMORIAM

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1980s

Michael C. Mather, MD '84, GME '87, of Brookfield, Wis., died on November 25, 2017, at the age of 60. He worked in Milwaukee in the fields of urgent care

Milwaukee in the fields of urgent care and occupational health. He is survived by his partner, Frank, two children and four grandchildren.

Stephen B. Wilson, MD '84, GME '89,

of Neenah, Wis., died on April 28, 2017, at the age of 62. He practiced pulmonary and sleep medicine in Oshkosh, Wis., for more than 20 years and was an avid fisherman. Survivors include his wife, Judy, and two children.

1990s

Melvin P. Siedband, PhD '94,

of Madison, Wis., died on February 1, 2018, at the age of 89. He served on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin in Madison and specialized in medical physics. He is survived by two children, four grandchildren and a great-grandson.

2000s

James J. Mozzillo, MD, MS, MPH '01,

of Plainfield, Ind., died on October 12, 2017, at the age of 68. He worked as a medical director for the General Motors Company for more than 15 years. Dr. Mozzillo enjoyed scuba diving, ham radio and collecting pens and watches. Dr. Mozzillo is survived by his wife, Zandra, three stepchildren, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Special Remembrances

Hugh L. Davis, MD,

of Milwaukee, died on April 14, 2018, at the age of 89. He was a pioneering medical oncologist who served on the MCW faculty for more than 10 years beginning in 1992. Dr. Davis was an outstanding clinician and teacher who will be remembered for his gentle but quick wit, kindness, insatiable curiosity, storytelling and his passion for classical music and playing the piano. Survivors include his wife, Heidi, four children, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Joan Cox Gill, MD '76,

of Milwaukee, died on May 9, 2018, at the age of 74. She was a longtime faculty member in pediatrics (hematology, oncology and blood and marrow transplant). Dr. Gill served as director of the Hemophilia Treatment Center in Milwaukee for 30 years and was an outstanding scientist with funding from the National Institutes of Health — even after her official retirement. Her key contributions were in HIV, von Willebrand disease diagnosis and treatment, and hemophilia treatment. She trained numerous hematologists and was a consultant throughout Wisconsin and around the world. Dr. Gill is survived by a daughter.

David K. Wagner, MD, FEL '84,

of Shorewood, Wis., died on August 31, 2018, at the age of 64. He served for 29 years on MCW's faculty and specialized in infectious diseases. Dr. Wagner practiced at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee. He loved outdoor adventures and walking on the beach at Doctors Park in Fox Point, Wis. He is survived by his partner and best friend, Mary Palesse, and two children.

Marvin Wagner, MD '44, MS '51,

of Fox Point, Wis., died on November 22, 2018, at the age of 99. He was a beloved faculty member in the Medical School's department of cell biology, neurobiology and anatomy (where he taught gross anatomy to first-year students), and a clinical professor of surgery for more than 60 years. He also was president of St. Michael's Hospital and practiced medicine in the Wheaton Franciscan and Ascension healthcare systems. Dr. Wagner was the author of a major anatomy textbook and received MCW's Distinguished Service Award in 1980. He is survived by three children, six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

James R. Zeller, MD '59, GME '69,

of Wauwatosa, Wis., died on February 22, 2018, at the age of 83. He served for 31 years as an MCW faculty member in the department of medicine. Just before retiring, MCW medical students in the Class of 2000 presented him with an award for teaching excellence in internal medicine. He is remembered for his positive influence on a generation of medical students and internal medicine residents. Dr. Zeller treated patients at Froedtert Hospital and the Zablocki VA Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, Doreen, three children and six grandchildren.























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