THE 41ST ANNUAL
WALTER ZEIT
Fellowship Recognition Dinner
Friday, October 14, 2022
AN EVENING OF GRATITUDE - YOUR GENEROSITY IS CHANGING LIVES
“We first met in band practice at Pius High School,” says John Konkel, MD ‘77, GME ‘82, smiling at his wife of 48 years, Patt. “We went to senior prom together and then dated throughout college.”

John went on to study pre-med at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for three years before starting medical school, specializing in orthopedic surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW). Patt pursued a physical therapy degree at Marquette University.

In 1982, John joined a multispecialty clinic in Menomonee Falls. Within a few years, he had taken up a leadership role as president of the clinic, managed several mergers with groups in Milwaukee, and grew the practice from 12 physicians to 250. The practice has continued to grow ever since.

While John worked long hours as a surgeon, Patt stayed home to raise their four children: David, Katherine, Emma, and Lane. “John was incredibly busy, but always made time for the kids,” says Patt. Between appointments, John would drive to the baseball field to watch the kids during their little league practices. He also coached their basketball and volleyball teams. When he was on-call over the weekend, Patt brought the kids to the hospital cafeteria so they could eat lunch as a family.

As the kids grew older, John and Patt established a Donor Advised Fund through the Greater Milwaukee Foundation and invited them to participate in charitable giving. Together, they established goals, a vision statement, and a framework for designating support. “We felt it was really important to model philanthropic giving for our children,” says Patt.

Prioritizing education and the arts, the Konkels contributed to projects ranging from community playgrounds to endowed scholarships at MCW, which support students in perpetuity.

“We think there is something to be said for giving money that an organization can count on,” says John. “By giving now and into the future, we can see our donation in action; we really want to give others the chance to succeed.”
Endowed scholarships at MCW allow students, especially those with significant financial need, to receive a top-notch education from the third largest private medical school in the nation.

Patt recalled how tight money was while John attended medical school and feels fortunate they are now in a position to give back. Each year, they are struck by the sincere letters of gratitude they receive from the scholarship recipients. John also feels a sense of comradery with the students as he reflects on the long, arduous hours during his residency.

The Konkels believe strongly in the quality of education provided by MCW. “One of the wonderful things about being in this business, is that you’re associated with incredibly dedicated people,” says John.

John and Patt’s endowed scholarship, the John K. Konkel, MD and Patricia Konkel Scholarship, has made a significant impact in the lives of students such as Jessica Liu, MCW-Milwaukee Class of 2026. “Medicine is something I have been pursuing for the past eight years and is finally coming to fruition with the help of this generous donation,” shares Jessica. Due to her experiences with people with muscular dystrophy and the elderly, Jessica is interested in the physical medicine and rehabilitation specialty and hopes to practice in an urban setting in Wisconsin.

Jessica’s gratitude for the generous scholarship is echoed by the many students at MCW who are fortunate to receive scholarship support. As she enthusiastically shares with the Konkels, “Thank you again for supporting my journey to become an MD!”
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DISCOVERY WORLD
500 N. Harbor Dr.
Milwaukee, WI 53202

5:30 pm | Reception (cash bar)
6:30 pm | Program
7:00 pm | Dinner

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Dr. Michael J. Dunn
Mrs. Susan I. Fox
Mr. Frederic G. Friedman
Dr. Peter T. Hansen
Ms. Suzanne T. Haskell
Dr. Thomas J. Imray
Dr. Roger P. Johnson
Mr. Herbert V. Kohler

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Dr. James A. Larson
Mrs. Caroline M. Laubenheimer
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Mrs. Carol A. Wuesthoff
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Professor Karen J. MacKinnon
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Ms. Lisa A. Wesley
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Mr. Nelson E. Williams
Dr. D. Maclean Willson and
Mrs. Margaret M. Willson
Mr. William E. Wuesthoff and
Mrs. Carol A. Wuesthoff
The late Derward Lepley, Jr., MD ‘49 formed the Walter Zeit Fellowship in 1980 to honor and permanently recognize the many contributions of Dr. Walter Zeit. Few individuals have been as closely associated with The Medical College of Wisconsin or have contributed as much to its growth as Dr. Walter Zeit.

In 1921, when Dr. Zeit first joined the Anatomy Department of what was then the Marquette University School of Medicine as a student assistant, the institution was in its infancy. It had been formed just eight years earlier through a merger of the Wisconsin College of Physicians & Surgeons and the Milwaukee Medical College. He went on to become a triple alumnus of Marquette University, receiving a BS in 1925, an MS in 1927 and a PhD in 1939.

Throughout his distinguished career as a teacher of anatomy, with faculty appointments ranging from student assistant to associate dean, Dr. Zeit instructed well over 4,500 medical students and thousands of other health care profession students. He was known for bringing a keen vitality to his teaching, raising anatomy from an academic discipline to a fresh and dynamic educational experience. He is best remembered by his students for the personal attention and understanding he shared with them.

Dr. Zeit witnessed a half-century of phenomenal growth at MCW and he was also an integral part of that growth. He was a gifted research scientist whose published work involved studies of nerve endings, and the structure and function of the junction between nerve fibers and muscle bodies. His affiliation with the Medical College of Wisconsin ultimately spanned six decades, three buildings and five deans.

“It gratifies me to know that the school is in good hands and its future as a quality academic school is assured.”

Walter Zeit, PhD
Megan Barthels is a fourth year student on the MCW-Green Bay campus and plans to apply to a residency program in Emergency Medicine this fall. She is a member of the sixth class to matriculate at MCW-Green Bay and has been exceptionally involved in the improvement of the campus and community.

Megan has taken multiple leadership roles that have helped expand community outreach on campus. As Student President of the Northeastern Wisconsin Free Psychiatry Clinic, she is responsible for coordinating patient registration, ensuring adequate staffing by her fellow students, and maintaining smooth daily clinic operations. Her participation as Co-President for the Medical School Section of the Brown Country Medical Society Executive Board focused on events to inform local public policies and improve educational programs. And as a volunteer at St. Mary’s Hospital, she managed a therapy dog team to visit patients and provide emotional support.

As an excellent representative of MCW, Megan has been highly engaged with promoting medical education throughout the community and on our campus. She served as a volunteer Interview Day panelist providing a student perspective on candidates during our admissions interviews, and volunteered as a Near Peer Coach in the Kern Institute 4C (Coaching for Character, Competence and Caring) program. This program facilitates small group discussions between first and second year medical students and a physician coach. Additionally, she is Co-President of the Northeastern Wisconsin Doctors Ought to Care student organization focusing on outreach to middle and high school students and helping distribute anatomical specimens to serve as teaching tools.

Ms. Barthels exemplifies the description of the Walter Zeit Leadership Award as a community-focused, altruistic, and hard-working leader. Her attitude of leadership is essential as a physician and strongly suggests her as an excellent representative of MCW, upholding the standards, values, and traditions of the Walter Zeit Leadership Award.
Past Walter Zeit Leadership

**Award Recipients**

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Past Founding Dean Award Recipients

**MCW–Green Bay Matthew Hunsaker, MD, Founding Dean Award**

- Brittany Rupp ‘21
- Lindsay Finn ‘20
- Lauren E. Thomas ‘19

**MCW–Central Wisconsin Lisa G. Dodson, MD, Founding Dean Award**

- John Feemster ‘21
- Elizabeth Wendt ‘20
- Kyle D. Olson ‘19

**MCW–Milwaukee Medical School Louis F. Jermain, MD, Founding Dean Award**

- Peter Nguyen ‘21
- Daniel Kadden ‘20
- Kieran E. McAvoy ‘19
Emma Lankey is a third-year student on the MCW-Green Bay campus and plans to apply to a residency program in Pediatrics this fall. Emma has provided creative leadership and tapped into her previous training as a registered dietitian to improve the health of her community and support educational opportunities for area youth. Serving and volunteering for several organizations focused on science and medical education, Emma provides guidance and promotes these careers paths, with a focus on being a leader for young females interested in science careers. Within the local community and as President of the Lifestyle Medicine group, Emma encourages healthy behaviors and the role of good nutrition in health maintenance. Emma is an excellent representative of MCW-Green Bay and her passionate advocacy and leadership will serve her well as a physician.

Margaret (Meg) Lieb is a fourth-year student on the MCW-Central Wisconsin campus and is on-track for a residency in plastic surgery. Meg has been instrumental in establishing and supporting several programs benefitting the MCW community and her peers. She founded Seeking Peer Outreach (SPO), an integrated-tiered approach to developing a suicide prevention program designed specifically for medical education. Additionally, Meg was instrumental in establishing the faculty-student coaching program on the MCW-Central Wisconsin campus and has served as a mentor and tutor for her peers. Alongside her service activities, Meg has been involved in numerous research projects, represents MCW as a member of several medical organizations, and received the MCW Women in Science Student Award. Meg is an exemplary leader and her compassion toward her peers and MCW embody this award.
Chase LaRue is a fourth-year student on the Milwaukee campus, repeatedly described as one of the best students at MCW. His prior career as a teacher is the spark for his passion for medical education and educational research. As a Navy Medical Corps Member he is an excellent leader on campus and runs curriculum development focusing on veterans’ health. Chase is passionate about education design and bringing together faculty, staff, and students to optimize the learning process and environment. He brings this to the community through his involvement in Launch Program, an initiative to get high school students interested in STEM careers, and within the MCW student community leading several student committees/groups, notably President of Student Assembly, and serving as a peer coach. Chase displays all that MCW values in the attributes of future physicians, known for his compassion, ability to connect with patients, and his ability to lead.
Purpose of Fellowship
A recognition society designed to promote and support the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Purpose of Annual Event
Provide the Medical College of Wisconsin with an opportunity to thank the membership for their vision and generosity, which has helped to advance new knowledge and turn hope into health for our communities and beyond. Also promote fellowship among the membership. This annual event is made possible thanks to the income generated by a donor established endowed fund.

Walter Zeit Leadership Award
The award is presented to a senior student who has consistently displayed superior qualities of leadership, loyalty, selfless service, initiative and compassion toward his or her peers and to the Medical College of Wisconsin. These criteria identify those characteristics exemplified by members of the Walter Zeit Fellowship, MCW’s oldest donor recognition society. The Walter Zeit Leadership Award is possible thanks to contributions from the Walter Zeit Fellows.

Founding Dean Awards
As the Medical College of Wisconsin has expanded with two regional campuses at MCW-Green Bay and MCW-Central Wisconsin, the Walter Zeit Fellowship has an opportunity to recognize leadership on all campuses. Last year, May 16, 2018, the Executive Committee of the Walter Zeit Fellowship approved three new Founding Dean Awards, recognizing dedication and service to the campus and the community.

Walter Zeit Fellows

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- Wm. David Jones, MD
- Gary L. Kolesari, MD
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- Kenneth B. Simons, MD
- Victoria A. Vollrath, MD
- Stuart D. Wilson, MD

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