



# Commencement

Master of Science in Anesthesia  
Thursday, December 19, 2019

*“The advances of  
the unsung heroes in  
anaesthesia are ignored  
or forgotten by others  
who plough the same  
ground as if they were  
the first”*

– David Gaba, MD  
Stanford University  
Medical School



To our graduates,

Today, we honor your accomplishments in completing the Master of Science in Anesthesia degree. All Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants can attest to the tremendous effort required to achieve this goal. The past 28 months were filled with hundreds of lectures, thousands of hours in patient care, and countless time committed to advancing your knowledge and skill. These efforts will serve you and your future patients well for years to come. While Commencement marks the end of your training, it also signifies the beginning of your journey as anesthesia professionals.

I hope you remain honored by the opportunity to care for others. Your service will alleviate suffering, aid in the treatment of disease and disability, and ultimately make surgical care possible. Remain committed to lifelong learning. Grow as healthcare providers and evolve with the advancements in our field. Remain as supportive of each other and your coworkers as we have been of you. Today, I welcome you as my future colleagues and wish you many years of success in delivering safe, physician-led anesthesia care.

Sincerely,

Michael Stout, EdD, CAA



# Order of Exercise

## Processional

Music by Jessi Kolberg

## Welcome

John R. Raymond, Sr., MD  
President and CEO  
Medical College of Wisconsin

## Remarks

Matthew I. Goldblatt, MD '97, GME '04  
President-Elect  
MCW/Marquette Medical Alumni Association

## Keynote Address

Deborah Rusy, MD, MBA  
Department of Anesthesiology  
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine  
and Public Health

## Conferral of Degrees

### Remarks

Joseph E. Kerschner, MD  
Dean, MCW School of Medicine  
Provost and Executive Vice President  
Medical College of Wisconsin

### Master of Science in Anesthesia Candidates

Candidates announced by  
Michael Stout, EdD, CAA  
Assistant Professor, Program Director  
MSA Program  
Medical College of Wisconsin

## Closing Remarks

John R. Raymond, Sr., MD

## Recessional



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John R. Raymond, Sr., MD, joined the Medical College of Wisconsin as its sixth President and CEO in July 2010. He previously served as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), where he had been a faculty member since 1996.



Dr. Raymond leads Wisconsin's only private health sciences university with an operating budget of approximately \$1.2 billion, faculty and staff numbering 6,200 and more than \$225 million in grant awards for research, teaching, training and related purposes.

A practicing nephrologist with active roles in clinical care, teaching and faculty mentorship, Dr. Raymond also is a medical researcher studying the basic mechanisms of kidney cell function. He has published more than 140 full-length manuscripts and earned more than \$40 million in funding in his career. He is a member of the Association of American Physicians and the American Society for Clinical Investigation.

Dr. Raymond is a member of the Board of Directors of the United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County, and the Versiti/BloodCenter of Wisconsin's Blood Research Institute. He is the Past President of the Board of the American Heart Association of Metro Milwaukee.

## Provost and Executive Vice President, Dean of the School of Medicine

Joseph E. Kerschner, MD, became Dean of the School of Medicine and Executive Vice President of the Medical College of Wisconsin in November 2011. Dr. Kerschner assumed the additional role of Provost in June 2017.

His past executive positions include CEO of Children's Specialty Group and Executive Vice President of Children's Hospital and Health System. He also serves as Professor in the Departments of Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences, and Microbiology & Immunology.

An alumnus of MCW, Dr. Kerschner joined the faculty in 1998. As a physician at Children's Wisconsin, his clinical focus is on otitis media (ear infections), voice disorders and vascular anomalies in children. Dr. Kerschner's research includes studies to identify causes of and potential new treatments for pediatric ear infections. Dr. Kerschner has published more than 150 articles, book chapters and reviews in professional journals and has presented extensively on his clinical and research areas of expertise at scientific meetings.

Dr. Kerschner is Chair of the Board of Directors for the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), an organization that represents more than 170 medical schools in the United States and Canada. He previously served as Chair of the AAMC's Council of Deans.



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## Master of Science in Anesthesiology Program Leadership

Cynthia A. Lien, MD  
**John P. Kampine Professor  
and Chair, Department of Anesthesiology**

Lois A. Connolly, MD  
**Professor and Medical Director**

Michael Stout, EdD, CAA  
**Assistant Professor and Program Director**

Kyle Goham, MHSc, CAA  
**Faculty Instructor and Assistant Program Director**

## Keynote Speaker

Deborah A. Rusy, MD,  
is a board-certified  
Anesthesiologist with sub  
specialization in neuro and  
pediatric anesthesiology at  
the University of Wisconsin  
American Family Children's  
Hospital/UW Health where  
she serves as Director of  
Perioperative Services. Dr.  
Rusy serves as a Board  
Examiner, Question Writer, and Editor for the American  
Board of Anesthesiologists. She received her MD degree  
at the University of Wisconsin and earned an MBA at the  
American College of Physician Executives/UMass Amherst.



As the former two-term president of the Wisconsin Society of Anesthesiologists (WSA), she led the WSA Board of Directors in advocating for CAA practice in Wisconsin. At the national level, Dr. Rusy is currently serving as a Delegate to the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA), is an active member of several ASA committees, and is currently Chair of the Committee for Anesthesiologist Assistant Education and Practice. To further support CAA education, Dr. Rusy is currently Commissioner for the CAA national certifying body—the National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologists Assistants (NCCAA).

One of her passions is providing anesthesia care abroad. She has completed over 30 humanitarian trips where she was responsible for the training of anesthesia personnel and organization of supplies for several surgical teams. She has recently returned from a trip to Ecuador.

# Alumni

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## To the Class of 2019:

Congratulations on your graduation from the Master of Science in Anesthesia program, and welcome to the healthcare profession! We are excited to welcome you to our ever-growing and increasingly diverse alumni community. The education and training you have received has provided you with an amazing gift to society that you will use to not only heal but also to advance knowledge and teach others. We hope you will stay connected to the Medical College of Wisconsin through engagement with our Alumni Association and with your fellow classmates. We are proud to call you a Medical College of Wisconsin alumna/alumnus!

Sincerely Yours,

Barbara B. Calkins, MD '96  
President, MCW/Marquette Medical Alumni Association

# Graduates



**Matthew Baker**

Fitchburg, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree**

Bachelor of Science - 2012

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire



**Addie Marie Berens**

Elm Grove, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree**

Bachelor of Health and Science - 2015

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse



**Austin Robert Chriske**

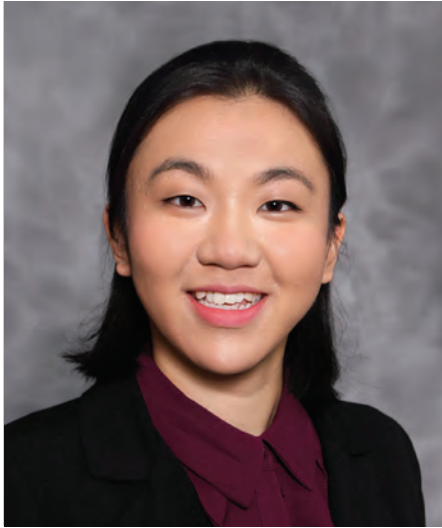
Wind Lake, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree**

Bachelor of Science - 2016

University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

# Graduates



**Becky Qianyi Chu**

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree**

Bachelor of Science - 2016  
University of Rochester



**Katie Evelyn Fink**

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree**

Bachelor of Science - 2016  
Carroll University



**Riley Anne Kruel**

Horicon, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree**

Bachelor of Science - 2017  
Upper Iowa University



# Graduates



**Molly Sue Neubauer**

Oshkosh, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree**

Bachelor of Science - 2017

University of Wisconsin-Madison



**Kelsey Jean Pohlmann**

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree**

Bachelor of Science - 2014

University of Wisconsin-Madison



**Steven Erich Kenneth Pollack**

Muskego, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degrees**

Bachelor of Science - 2013

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh

Master in Medical Physiology - 2016

Medical College of Wisconsin

# Graduates



**Lance David Rank**

Muskego, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree**

Bachelor of Science - 2014  
University of Wisconsin-Parkside



**Leiming Tang**

Stilwell, Kansas

**Conferred Degree**

Bachelor of Science - 2015  
Kansas State University



**Ruturaj Vikramsinh Vala**

Hartford, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree**

Bachelor of Science - 2017  
University of Wisconsin-Madison

# Graduates



**Lea Van Heule**

Tessin, Germany

**Conferred Degree**

Bachelor of Science - 2007  
Grand Valley State University



**Kara Joy Zeman**

Hortonville, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree**

Bachelor of Science - 2017  
Augsburg University



**Joel A. Zembles**

Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree**

Bachelor of Science - 2017  
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities















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