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May 19, 2023
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Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
The Doctor of Philosophy degree is awarded by MCW in recognition of marked ability and achievement in a particular field of biomedical science or public and community health. To earn the PhD degree, a student must submit a dissertation representing an original research contribution and complete a public defense of that dissertation.

Master of Science (MS)
The Master of Science degree is awarded at MCW for postgraduate study in a specific field of biomedical or translational science. A master’s thesis that gives evidence of marked scholarly attainment in the student’s major subject is required. Candidates for the MS degree must either complete a public defense of their thesis or pass a comprehensive examination based on their total graduate program.

Master of Arts (MA)
The Master of Arts degree is awarded at MCW in the field of bioethics. A comprehensive examination is required following completion of core coursework. Students may choose between a thesis option and a non-thesis option. A master’s thesis providing evidence of high scholarly achievement in the student’s area of study must also undergo a public defense. The non-thesis option requires a final paper of publishable quality followed by an oral public defense. The MA program accommodates accelerated or part-time schedules. All degree requirements must be completed within four years, but the average is two years.

Master in Medical Physiology (MMP)
The Master in Medical Physiology degree is awarded at MCW for completion of a one-year program that is closely integrated with the first-year medical student curriculum at MCW. The program provides an experience comparable to that of a medical student, including examinations. It is designed to give students a deeper understanding of human physiology and for college graduates looking to strengthen their academic credentials in preparation for applying to US medical schools.

Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)
The Doctor of Pharmacy degree attests to general knowledge in all fields of pharmacy. The degree is awarded at MCW for completion of the accelerated, three-year program comprised of comprehensive didactic education, robust skills development, and extensive clinical training related to pharmacy practice. The PharmD degree offers opportunities in clinical practice, research, teaching, pharmaceutical industry, manufacturing, judicial, and a multitude of other areas. Successful passing of the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination, Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination, and other state specific requirements are necessary for practice as a registered pharmacist.

Doctor of Medicine (MD)
The Doctor of Medicine degree attests to general knowledge in all fields of medicine as well as the foundational skills required for the practice of medicine. An MCW graduate is prepared to demonstrate problem-solving skills, knowledge of normal and abnormal states, the ability to acquire and utilize information in the clinical management of patients, and the empathic values and caring attitudes critical to the practice of medicine. All medical students are required to take and pass the United States Medical Licensing Examination Step 1 and Step 2: Clinical Knowledge, which are administered by the National Board of Medical Examiners.
Founding Dean, Medical College of Wisconsin-Central Wisconsin

Lisa Grill Dodson, MD, Professor of Family Medicine and Community Medicine joined the Medical College of Wisconsin as Founding Dean for the Medical College of Wisconsin-Central Wisconsin in August 2014. She was named the Sentry Dean, MCW—Central Wisconsin, in December 2019. Dr. Dodson provides overall leadership and management of MCW’s regional medical school campus in Green Bay and serves as the primary liaison for our health system, academic and community partners in Northeast Wisconsin, as well as with MCW’s Milwaukee campus.

Prior to joining the MCW faculty, Dr. Dodson was Director of the Oregon Area Health Education Center and Associate Professor of Family Medicine at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland. Dr. Dodson advocates for innovation in both medical education and care delivery to ensure the availability of high-quality care to rural and other non-urban populations. Her leadership has been recognized by the receipt of several awards, including the Oregon Family Physician of the Year in 2016.

Founding Dean, School of Pharmacy

George E. MacKinnon III, PhD, MS, RPh, joined the Medical College of Wisconsin in 2015 as Founding Dean and Professor of the School of Pharmacy. He also serves as Professor of Family and Community Medicine in the School of Medicine and Institute for Health & Equity in the Graduate School.

He leads the MCW School of Pharmacy to deliver a dynamic and innovative Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum and to expand pharmacist care models in collaborative approaches to team-based care. Dr. MacKinnon has held academic appointments in medicine and pharmacy engaging in clinical practice, research, teaching, and academic administration, where he has helped to successfully establish four new academic pharmacy programs across the United States. His non-academic appointments have included Vice President of Academic Affairs with the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, and Director of Global Health Economics & Outcomes Research at Abbott Laboratories. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (FSHP) and Distinguished Scholar Fellow of the National Academies of Practice (NAP). He is also a recipient of an honorary Doctor of Medical Sciences from The Medical College of Wisconsin in 2022. Dr. MacKinnon also serves on boards of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin.

Sentry Dean and Founding Dean, Medical College of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Matthew L. Huisman, MD, joined the Medical College of Wisconsin as the Founding Campus Dean for the Medical College of Wisconsin-Green Bay and Professor of Family and Community Medicine in January 2018. Dr. Huisman provides overall leadership and management of MCW’s regional medical school campus in Green Bay and serves as the primary liaison for our health system, academic and community partners in Northeast Wisconsin, as well as with MCW’s Milwaukee campus.

Prior to joining the MCW faculty, Dr. Huisman was a research scientist and investigator at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. He began his academic career as an investigator in the laboratory of his father, Dr. Robert Huisman, in 1968. Dr. Huisman is an internationally recognized epidemiologist and bioethicist who has contributed to the medical community with his work on the genetic and environmental causes of disease.

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Dr. Huisman’s research includes an ongoing longitudinal study of the genetic basis for the development of the coronary vascular system. He is a fellow of the American Heart Association as well as with MCW’s Milwaukee campus.

His non-academic appointments have included Vice President of Academic Affairs with the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, and Director of Global Health Economics & Outcomes Research at Abbott Laboratories. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (FSHP) and Distinguished Scholar Fellow of the National Academies of Practice (NAP). He is also a recipient of an honorary Doctor of Medical Sciences from The Medical College of Wisconsin in 2022. Dr. MacKinnon also serves on boards of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy and the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin.
Senator Alberta Darling was elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly in 1990 and to the State Senate in 1992. A resident of River Hills, she represented Wisconsin’s 8th Senate District before retiring on December 1, 2022.

Senator Darling entered public service with a commitment to protecting, educating, and improving the lives of children. Milwaukee Magazine named Senator Darling one of the “Most Influential People” in Milwaukee, declaring her as “arguably the most powerful woman in state government.”

For more than a decade, Senator Darling served as the Co-chair of the State’s Joint Committee on Finance. Her leadership helped turn the Wisconsin’s finances around from a multi-billion-dollar deficit to a multi-million-dollar surplus. Senator Darling remains dedicated to creating an economic climate that retains and attracts high-quality job opportunities for Wisconsin workers and their families while remaining fair and responsive to taxpayers. She most recently chaired the Senate Education Committee, where she continued to be a leader in helping students succeed.

A former teacher, Senator Darling is a leader in education reform. She helped create the first school choice program and created a turnaround school model for failing Milwaukee schools—a program which will create a better learning environment and improve standards for children. Senator Darling also was a leader in healthcare reform and public safety reform.

On a personal level, her husband, Dr. William Darling, passed away in the spring of 2015. She and Dr. Bill have two children, Liza and Will, and three grandchildren, Charlie, Andie and Liam.

Julie A. Freischlag, MD, is in the Chief Academic Officer and Executive Vice President of Advocate Health, Chief Executive Officer of Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist, and Executive Vice President for Health Affairs at Wake Forest University. As Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Freischlag oversees research and discovery for the entire Advocate Health system, including all educational and research programs at Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Atrium Health Cabarrus College of Health Sciences and Atrium Health Carolinas College of Health Sciences. As CEO of Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist, Dr. Freischlag has the overall responsibility for the health system’s clinical, academic and innovation enterprises and its annual operating budget of more than $4 billion.

Dr. Freischlag served as the Dean of Wake Forest University School of Medicine from 2018 until February 2023 and previously was Vice Chancellor for Human Health Sciences and Dean of the School of Medicine at UC Davis.

Dr. Freischlag has helped to drive change in academic medicine with a deep commitment to diversity and inclusion. For more than 15 years, she has led education and training programs at top medical schools in her role as Professor and Chair of Surgery and Vascular Surgery departments.

Dr. Freischlag also has more than 30 years of experience leading patient-care services as Chief of Surgery or Vascular Surgery at nationally ranked hospitals. She served as Professor, Chair of the Surgery Department and Surgeon-in-Chief at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions. She led initiatives to expand research, add specialty clinical services, improve patient-centered care and patient safety, redesign the surgical training program and enhance academic career paths for faculty. Her national leadership includes serving as a former Governor and Secretary of the Board of Governors and a Regent and Past Chair of the Board of Regents of the American College of Surgeons. Additionally, Dr. Freischlag is the immediate Past President for the American College of Surgeons, Past President of the Society for Vascular Surgery and the Society for Vascular Surgery Foundation, and Past President of the Association of VA Surgeons and the Society of Surgical Chairs. Currently, she serves on the Board of Directors of the Association for American Medical Colleges and will become Chair-elect in November 2023.

Dr. Freischlag was the editor of JAMA Surgery for ten years and currently is a member of the JAMA Oversight Committee and the editorial boards of the Annals of Vascular Surgery, Journal of the American College of Surgeons, British Journal of Surgery and the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Freischlag is an internationally recognized expert in the treatment of thoracic outlet syndrome, which can require a specialized surgical procedure. She continues to evaluate and treat thoracic outlet syndrome patients and evaluates their results in a registry. Dr. Freischlag has received numerous teaching and achievement awards, including an Achievement Award from the Department of Veterans Affairs. She was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2015, and in October 2021, was inducted into the Academy of Master Surgeon Educators.

Dr. Freischlag mentors students, residents and young faculty, and is a frequent speaker on topics ranging from her expertise in vascular diseases, teamwork and patient safety, leadership and work-life balance, to women succeeding in health professions.

Dr. Freischlag has dedicated her career to serving as a role model for her students, a respected colleague across health professions, a strong community leader and a national voice for improving health and healthcare.
Geneva Johnson
Doctor of Humanities

Geneva Johnson is a volunteer, philanthropist and former Trustee of the Medical College of Wisconsin, Froedtert Hospital and the Froedtert Hospital Foundation, and former Co-chair of the MCV Cancer Center Advisory Board. Ms. Johnson also is the former President and Chief Executive Officer of Family Service America, Inc. and Families International, Inc., and served as Senior Vice President for Strategic Long-Range Planning and Public Policy at the United Way of America and as Executive Director of the Women’s Leadership Institute at Mount Mary College. Ms. Johnson began her career in the human services field as Program Director at the Houston (Texas) YMCA and was a psychiatric social worker at the State Hospital in Wernersville, Pennsylvania. She held supervisory positions with the Children’s Aid Society of Berks County (Pa.) and the Children’s Services of Berks County, and then became Assistant Executive Director of the United Way of Berks County – the first in a series of local and national positions in the United Way organization. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Albright College (Reading, Pa.) a Master’s degree in Social Administration from Case Western Reserve University and a Certificate in Executive Management from the Harvard Business School. Ms. Johnson also received an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from Albright College and an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Alvernia College (Reading, Pa.).

Ms. Johnson was elected a Fellow in the Wisconsin Academy of Arts, Science and Letters and a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. She has received numerous recognitions and awards and has served on many local, regional and national boards including the Wisconsin Energy Board; Wisconsin Electric and Power, Vitas Healthcare; US Bank, PAVE, Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Drucker Foundation; and Volunteers of America. In 1985, Savvy magazine named her one of the top 12 nonprofit executive women in America, and in 1990, Business Week magazine named Ms. Johnson as one of the top five best managers in the United States in the social services field. Ms. Johnson has served as a consultant to the Council of Jewish Federations; YMCA; United Auto Workers of America; National Fellows Program of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation; National Urban League; Big Brothers and Big Sisters; and NAACP. She served as the keynote speaker, along with Archbishop Desmond Tutu, on Ethics in Higher Education at the Stellenach University in Capetown, South Africa; and as a keynote speaker in Seoul, South Korea, for the establishment of the Peter Drucker Society of Asia.

Recent recognition for Ms. Johnson’s broad body of work has included the Medical College of Wisconsin’s President’s Diversity and Inclusion Award; the Greater Milwaukee Foundation’s President’s Leadership in Philanthropy Award; and a Woman of Influence Award from the Milwaukee Business Journal.

David Lubar
Doctor of Humanities

David Lubar, MBA, joined Lubar & Co. in 1983 and currently serves as President and CEO. Lubar & Co. is a family office for the Lubar family and a private investment firm that invests in middle market operating companies with a focus on building private businesses over the long term. Prior to joining Lubar & Co., Mr. Lubar was with Wells Fargo Bank (formerly known as Norwest Bank N.A.) in Minneapolis, Minnesota for five years, serving in the Commercial Banking Department.

Mr. Lubar is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Medical College of Wisconsin and the Board of Directors of Janisit Bank, Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club, Baird Funds and many private companies. Additionally, he is a former director of BMO Financial Corp. and the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Lubar is, or has served on, the Boards of several not-for-profit organizations, including Froedtert Health System (Past Chair); Greater Milwaukee Committee (Past Chair); Greatl Milwaukee Foundation (Past Vice-Chair); Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce, Milwaukee Jewish Federation (Past Chair); United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County (Past Chair); University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Business Advisory Council (current Chair); University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Foundation; and others. Mr. Lubar received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bowdoin College (Brunswick, Maine) and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Minnesota.

He and his wife, Madeline, reside in Milwaukee.
Randle E. Pollard, MD, was the first Black resident at the Marquette University School of Medicine – the Medical College of Wisconsin’s predecessor institution – from which he received his graduate medical degree in 1958. Dr. Pollard was a pioneering Black urologist who, as a physician, entrepreneur and philanthropist, was dedicated to the betterment of his community. Dr. Pollard died peacefully in Milwaukee on October 13, 2022, at the age of 96.

Dr. Pollard was born in Evanston, Illinois, on March 28, 1925. As a young student, he showed an early interest in science and math. His college career at Prairie View A&M University (a public historically Black land-grant university in Prairie View, Texas) was interrupted when he was drafted into the Army during World War II, during which he served as a combat medic in Italy and was awarded two Bronze Stars and three Battle Stars. Dr. Pollard earned his MD degree from Meharry Medical College in 1951 and moved to Milwaukee in 1954 to begin his graduate medical training.

Dr. Pollard went into private practice in Milwaukee in 1958, becoming the first Black urologist in Wisconsin. The medical establishment that he encountered was a far different one for Black doctors than the one he left behind when he retired 38 years later – a credit to the efforts of Dr. Pollard and others like him.

Dr. Pollard opened an office in an area where most of his patients were Black men, many of whom likely had never seen a urologist before. Dr. Pollard recognized a need that he could fulfill – that Black men historically had the highest incidence of prostate cancer of any group in the country and therefore would most benefit from his services.

Early on, he understood the importance of taking on leadership roles in medical organizations in bringing about change. He was twice elected President of the medical staff at Good Samaritan Hospital and served as President of the Milwaukee Urological Society, Cream City Medical Society and Wisconsin Urological Society. Dr. Pollard also was a founder of what became the R. Frank Jones Urological Society of the National Medical Association.

Teaching also afforded Dr. Pollard the opportunity to “give forward” to future generations. Among his many notable academic posts were Chief of Urology at Deaconess Hospital and Clinical Professor of Urology at MCW for 30 years. Dr. Pollard’s accomplishments extended far beyond medicine. He invested in many Black-owned businesses, including a pharmacy and a nursing home. He co-founded the North Milwaukee State Bank – the city’s first full-service, minority-owned bank. His philanthropic interests ranged from the Milwaukee Urban League and NAACP to board membership of the Bradley Center and Second Harvest.

In 2002, Dr. Pollard established the Randle E. Pollard, MD, FACS, GME ’58 Endowed Urological Prize at MCW, which is awarded annually to a fourth-year medical student who displays an interest and aptitude in urology. Dr. Pollard’s contributions to the profession and to his patients, especially his work to raise awareness about urologic disease among Black men, cannot be underestimated.
It is a sobering experience to contemplate the scope and magnitude of medical knowledge that has accrued in the past 50 years. Those who can best appreciate the astonishing discoveries that have converted medicine into a highly complex science are these 1973 Graduates who entered the profession decades ago.

They have a special vantage point from which to observe what has transpired. Among this select group are physicians who completed their studies in 1973 at this medical school. The Medical College of Wisconsin is pleased to honor these esteemed alumni for contributions to the field of medicine and for the way in which they continually challenged their talents.

1973 Graduates

Stephen N. Adler, MD
Richard C. Ahnens, MD
George W. Ballou, MD
David L. Bannister, MD
Mark A. Bauer, MD
Judith H. Baudry, MD
Jeffrey D. Blatt, MD
James P. Bilt, MD
Anthony J. Bechina, MD
Michael L. Bonin, MD
Richard E. Brown, MD
Sandra J. Brown, MD
Robert W. Casey, MD*
Roberta M. Case, MD
Alvin A. Chang, MD
James A. Chermak, MD
Richard M. Cohen, MD*
Thomas A. Collantine, MD, MPH
Nicholas V. Custriz, MD, L. Ronald Cresswell, MD, PhD*
Janet S. Cudahy, MD
Philip W. Dean, MD
Charles A. DiCoco, MD
Anthony P. Diltsa, MD
David A. Dillon, MD
Ralph M. Eastman, MD*
I. Alan Fein, MD
Kenneth H. Fraden, MD
Paul F. Fryo, MD
Frederick J. Gale, MD
Jack D. Glauser, MD
John L. Goodman, MD
C. Gerald G. Gavrin, MD
Terry S. Garro, MD
Jane Haible, MD
Gloria M. Halverson, MD
Paul B. Halverson, MD
Timothy J. Hark, MD
Michael S. Hinzman, MD
William D. Hutt, MD
J. David Karlin, MD
Lawrence G. Kassis, MD
Paul J. Kochie, MD*
Lawrence G. Kassis, MD
David L. Kofler, MD
Paul J. Kolin, MD
Lawrence G. Kassis, MD
James P. Kerley, MD
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Congratulations of 2023:

Congratulations on this momentous occasion! On behalf of the MCW/Marquette Medical Alumni Association, I welcome you to our proud, accomplished, and growing community, a network that can uplift and be an incredible resource.

You have all worked so hard for this day. I hope your experience at MCW provided a robust learning environment where collaboration among our scientists, clinicians, students, and healthcare professionals promoted persistent curiosity and provided you with unique and powerful educational opportunities. We know you will do incredible things in the communities you serve.

We will follow your progress and success with great anticipation and admiration, because just as MCW will always be a part of you, you will always be a part of MCW. I encourage you to continually seek opportunities to connect with MCW and your fellow alumni (there are over 19,000 of us!). I hope to see you at MCWengage.com.

Congratulations and best wishes,
Jessica M.G. Olson, PhD ’15, MPH ’17
President, MCW/Marquette Medical Alumni Association

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Dissertation: Placental and Syncytiotrophoblast-Specific Gαq Signaling in the Pathogenesis of Preeclampsia
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Biomedical Engineering
Dissertation: Investigating Neurodegeneration in Hereditary Amyloid Patients using Functional Cerebrovascular and Structural MRI
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Dissertation: An Embedding Account of Event Concept Representation in the Brain
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Dissertation: Characterization of Achromobacter xylosoxidans Virulence Characterization
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Microbiology and Immunology
Dissertation: Resolution of Hypertension: A link between gut bacteria, Na+ homeostasis, and body mass
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Dissertation: Alterations to the surface glycoproteome of T cells during HIV-1A infection
Advisor: Amy W. Hudson, PhD
July 29, 2022

Doctor of Philosophy
Master of Science

Muhammad Bilal Abid
Clinical and Translational Science
Thesis: A Comparison of Outcomes Following HLA-Matched Allogeneic Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation from Young and Matched Unrelated Donor Verus Older Sibling Donor for ANHL
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Thesis: Racial Disparities in Clinical Outcomes in Children, Adolescent, and Young Adult Patients with Blasfected/refactory B-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia Receiving Commercial Thalidomide
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Thesis: Methylation Signatures as Biomarkers for Non-Invasive Early Detection of Breast Cancer: A Systematic Review of the Literature
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Genetic Counseling
Thesis: Validations of a Knowledge-Edge Scale in Cancer Genetic Counseling
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Thesis: Patient and Caregiver Perceptions of Illness Related to Cystic Fibrosis
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Clinical and Translational Science
Thesis: Risk Stratification using Machine Learning to Infer High-Risk Infant Follow-Up Enrollment of Term and Late Preterm Infants
Advisor: Susan Cohen, MD

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Thesis: Generation and characterization of a JPT2 knockout mouse model
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Graduate Student Awards

Friends of MCW Doctor of Philosophy Outstanding Dissertation Award Recipients

Mosijata Y. Kasmani
Microbiology and Immunology

Dissertation: T cell receptor structure and signaling impact CD8 T cell fate decisions in chronic inflammatory settings

Megan L. D. Yee
Los Angeles, CA

BA University of California, Berkeley 2017

Internal Medicine

Olive View-UCLA Medical Center

Sylmar, CA

Outstanding Contribution to Advancing Health Equity Award Recipients

Iwalola A. Awoyinka
Public and Community Health

Dissertation: Placental and Syncytiotrophoblast-αq Signaling in the Global Health Equity Analysis

Trevar K. Ziemer
Rockford, IL

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Barnes-Jewish Hospital St Louis, MO

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Graduate Student Award for Outstanding Mentor

Daisy Sahas, PhD

The recipient of this award is recognized as an outstanding mentor by the graduate students.

Graduate Student Award for Outstanding Teacher

Ern Syverson, MGC, CGC

The recipient of this award is recognized for outstanding teaching of graduate students.

Pharmacy Student Awards

Interprofessional Education Student Pharmacist Award

Gabrielle Hope Marchese

The Interprofessional Education Student Pharmacist Award recognizes a Medical College of Wisconsin student pharmacist who embodies the School of Pharmacy core value of interprofessional collaboration in education, scholarship, and/or practice.

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Alberto Aranda (PY1, PY2)

Ami Leigh Schmidt (PY1, PY2)

Andrew Yetka (PY1, PY2)

Kaitlin Ledvina (PY1)

Rachael Koch (PY2)

Vanessa Sanchez (PY1, PY2)

The Outstanding Academic Achievement Award recognizes Medical College of Wisconsin student pharmacists who placed first, second, and third in the total number of Honors final course grades earned in the first year (PY1) or the second year (PY2) of the program, respectively.

Viatris Excellence in Pharmacy Award

Alberto Aranda

The Viatris Excellence in Pharmacy Award recognizes the high academic achievement and personal motivation of top students in pharmacy schools throughout the U.S. Recipients achieve academic excellence, demonstrate high personal motivation, and possess a unique ability to communicate drug information.

Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Certificate of Merit

Kaitlin Ledvina

Isabelle Mahaffy

Emily Wendland

Rachel Schneider

The APPE Certificate of Merit recognizes Medical College of Wisconsin student pharmacists who consistently earned high levels of distinction during their clinical rotations.

American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists Senior Recognition Certificate

Payeng Lor

The APHA-ASP Senior Recognition Certificate is awarded to a student pharmacist who has made the greatest contribution to their institution’s APHA-ASP chapter. The recipient is honored through APHA’s national publications.
Pharmacy Student Awards (cont.)

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Student Society Officer Recognition Award

Anas Abozoor

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Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Cords

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Teaching Awards

MCWAH Housestaff Award for Excellence in Teaching

Christine Pando, MD (required rotations)

Isaac Melin, MD (elective rotations)

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Awards and Honors

Student Pharmacist Research Dissemination Award

Megan Mills

The Student Pharmacist Research Dissemination Award recognizes a Medical College of Wisconsin student pharmacist who has contributed significantly to the scholarly field during their time in the program.

Diversity and Inclusion Pharmacy Student Award

Paying Lor

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Norah J. Brostowitz  
Radek Buss  
Maxwell C. Cardwell  
Pinar D. Dorantes  
Jamie J. Foster  
Samuel R. Halama  
Elise V. Kahn  
Austin Connor Kassels  
Hannah E. A. Kieffer  
Cassandre R. Hauer  
Maahum Mehdi  
Sophia G. Musacchio

Awards and Honors

The Hiram B. Benjamin Award in Anatomy

Margaret M. Tailmadge

The Brooker Award in Orthopaedic Surgery

James J. Smith, MD

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The J.J. Smith Award in Physiology

Allan Hodge (2022 Recipient) 
Margaret M. Tailmadge

This award is presented annually to a member of the senior class planning to pursue a career in family medicine in the State of Wisconsin. Commendation of the principles of family medicine, academic-standing, community service, leadership and potential are considered in making this award. The award is supported by an endowment established by the late Jack F. Hanus, a major benefactor of MCW.

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Jacob P. Nelson
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The Randle E. Pollard MD, FACR, GME ’58 Endowed Urological Prize
Sydney A. Narveson
This prize is awarded annually to a fourth-year medical student who displays an interest and aptitude in urology. The recipient is selected by the faculty of the Department of Urology. This prize was established by Randle E. Pollard, MD, FACR, GME (’58).

The American Academy of Neurology Student Prize for Excellence in Neurology
Jesse D. Maguire
This award is made annually by the American Academy of Neurology to a graduating medical student who exemplifies outstanding scientific achievement and clinical acumen in neurology or neuroscience and demonstrates potential to become an outstanding clinician.

The Department of Surgery Achievement Award
Ronald E. Cox, Jr.
This award is given by the faculty of the Department of Surgery to a senior student for outstanding performance and achievement in surgery.

The Department of Pathology Student Achievement Award
Catherine A. Bodnar
This award recognizes a senior medical student pursuing a career in pathology who demonstrates exceptional interest, effort, and aptitude pathology-based clinical work, research, education, leadership, and/or community service.

The Dr. Marvin Wagner Clinical Mentorschip Award
TBD
The Junior Class gives this award to a senior student in recognition of extraordinary efforts in teaching with clinical rotations.

Friends of MCW Service Award
Chase W. LaRue
Morgan N. Lockhart
The Friends of the Medical College of Wisconsin, established in 1935, is a dynamic, philanthropic organization that supports the educational, scientific and charitable activities of MCW. Its members recognize that a sacrifice of time, a personal commitment and a selfless dedication are components necessary to enhance the lives of others. This award is presented by the Friends to senior students in appreciation for outstanding service to the MCW community.

Louis F. Jermain, MD Founding Dean Award
Chase W. LaRue
This award is presented annually by the Walter Zill Fellowship to a graduating student at MCW–Milwaukee to recognize their dedication and service to MCW and the community. The award is named after the medical school’s founding dean, and it made possible thanks to contributions from the Walter Zill Fellowship, MCW’s premier donor recognition society.

The Stabenau Award
Eric B. Desjarlais
The award, endowed by the late Dr. James D. Stabenau and his wife, is presented to a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha honor medical society who demonstrates scholarly activity of independent thought and who shows promise toward a career in academic medicine or research.

The Morris and Lee Zuckerman Clinical Proficiency Award
Abiye Agbeh
This award is presented to a senior student whose present level of clinical judgment is indicative of future performance as a clinician. The award is given by Janet L. and Joseph D. Zuckerman, MD (’78), in honor of his parents.

The Millmann Award
Andrew S. Melby
This award is given to the senior student who, through thoughtful care of patients and enthusiastic acquisition of skills and knowledge, best exemplifies the characteristics of the ideal physician. These qualities prevailed throughout the short career of William H. Millmann, MD, a 1943 graduate of the Marquette University School of Medicine who died in World War II. The recipient is selected by vote of the graduating class and is considered for the outstanding candidate for the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

The Michael J. Dunn, MD, Class of 1962 Achievement Award
Sydney A. Narveson
This award, established by members of the Class of 1962 to honor their classmate, Michael J. Dunn, who served as Dean of MCW from 1957-2001, recognizes the senior student graduating with the most distinguished academic record.

The Patrick E. Bolger Memorial Award in the Ethical Practice of Medicine
Paul Behnoff
Originally established by members of MCW’s Executive Committee, this award is now endowed by the late MCW President Emeritus, T. Michael Bolger, his wife, Gerty, and his late sister, Bernardette, in memory of their father. It is presented to a graduating senior who has demonstrated excellence in the field of ethics and medicine. The recipient is selected by vote of the graduating class.

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The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award
British L. Fields
This award, given by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, is awarded to a graduating senior who has consistently demonstrated the attitudes and behaviors predictive of an individual destined to become an outstanding clinician. These include compassion, empathy, selflessness, respect, sensitivity, cooperation, and professionalism.

Houghton Award
British L. Fields
This award recognizes a senior medical student pursuing a career in medicine who died in World War II. The recipient of the award is selected by the members of the graduating class and is considered for the outstanding candidate for the degree of Doctor of Medicine.
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We provide cutting-edge, collaborative patient care of the highest quality.

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