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Processional and Recessional Music

Provided by the MCW Orchestra
Led by Dr. Alexander Mandl

Degrees Awarded

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.

Doctor of Public Health (DrPH)

The Doctor of Public Health degree is a professional doctoral degree awarded by MCW in recognition of expertise in evidence-based public health practice and research. Students participate in a three-year curriculum that includes coursework, an applied practice experience, and a dissertation. Candidates for the DrPH degree must complete a dissertation that generates a field-based product consistent with advanced practice designed to influence programs, policies or systems addressing public health.

Master of Science (MS)

The Master of Science degree is awarded by 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 by 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 of Medical Physiology (MMP)

The Master of Medical Physiology degree is awarded by 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.

Master of Public Health (MPH)

The Master of Public Health degree is awarded by MCW for completing curricula focused on public health practice. The online program allows students to learn and apply evidence-based strategies for prevention and community health improvement initiatives. The program takes a broad approach to public health and graduates are prepared to work in leadership positions in a variety of settings such as governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, healthcare systems, community-based organizations, academic institutions, and other industries. Candidates for the MPH degree complete an applied practice experience and capstone project as culminating experiences to demonstrate mastery of public health competencies.

Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)

The Doctor of Pharmacy degree attests to general knowledge in all fields of pharmacy. The degree is awarded by 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.



**President
Chief Executive Officer**

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, which includes the nation’s third-largest private medical school. Under his leadership, MCW continues to be a leader of innovation as Wisconsin’s largest private research institution. 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 nearly \$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 served as Co-chair of the 2020 United Way Campaign. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin’s Blood Research Institute. Dr. Raymond is the Past President of the Board of the American Heart Association of Metro Milwaukee. He recently was named as a 2025 *Wisconsin Titan 100*, which recognizes the state’s most accomplished business leaders in their respective industries.



Provost

Cheryl A. Maurana, PhD, is the Provost, Stephen and Shelagh Roell Endowed Chair, Professor of Bioethics and Medical Humanities, Founding Director of the Kern National Network for Flourishing in Health, and Senior Vice President for Strategic Academic Partnerships. In her role as Provost, Dr. Maurana serves as the principal academic officer of the Medical College of Wisconsin and is responsible for the development, administration and execution of the academic and professional programs of the institution, as well as the education and welfare of MCW’s learners. Additionally, she is leading a restructuring of the Provost’s Office and chairs a task force to develop a plan for MCW as a flourishing health sciences university of the future. The Deans of the MCW School of Pharmacy and School of Graduate Studies, and the Director of the Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment (AHW), report directly to Dr. Maurana. Since joining MCW in 1995, Dr. Maurana has been responsible for expanding MCW’s interinstitutional academic efforts and fostering collaboration among existing and new partners. She provided collaborative leadership for the development of MCW’s regional medical education campuses and the creation of the MCW School of Pharmacy, launched the PhD program in Public and Community Health, and served as the first Senior Associate Dean for Public and Community Health, Founding Director of the Institute for Health & Society (now the Institute for Health & Humanity), and Founding Director of AHW.



Dean, School of Medicine

Deborah M. Costakos, MD, MS, serves as Dean of the School of Medicine. She also serves as Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences and was the Chair of that Department from January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2024, following 11 months in the Interim Chair role. As Dean of the School of Medicine (SOM), Dr. Costakos is responsible for the conduct and advancement of the programs of the SOM; maintaining the highest standards of excellence in the academic affairs of the SOM; fostering competitive biomedical research programs; and ensuring high-quality patient care and engagement of communities to advance health for all. Dr. Costakos serves as the chief administrative and academic officer of the SOM and oversees the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) accreditation. She recommends primary or secondary faculty appointments for individuals requesting appointments in the SOM and recommends appointments and reappointments to a named or endowed chair/professorship. Additionally, Dr. Costakos oversees MCW’s Senior Associate Deans, Clinical and Basic Science Department Chairs, Institute and Center Directors, and the Dean of MCW’s regional campuses in Central Wisconsin and Green Bay. Dr. Costakos received her MD from MCW in 1998. Following completion of her ophthalmology residency and fellowship in pediatric ophthalmology, she entered private practice. Since joining MCW in 2009, Dr. Costakos has developed a nationally recognized program for the care of infants with Retinopathy of Prematurity, started a pediatric ophthalmology fellowship, and prior to taking the chair role, served as Medical Director for Pediatric Ophthalmology.



**Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration
Chief Operating Officer**

Matthew Lester, MBA, MHA, CPA, was appointed as Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration, and Chief Operating Officer, effective August 1, 2022. He serves as the principal administrative officer of the Medical College of Wisconsin and is a member of the institution’s leadership team. Mr. Lester is responsible for MCW’s financial functions as well as the planning, organizing, evaluating and monitoring of all administrative and facilities functions. He oversees strategic financial and administrative planning, budget development and implementation, policy formulation, facilities and organizational development. Additionally, he has oversight of facilities, central purchasing, information services and other institutional functions as required to support MCW’s missions. Mr. Lester possesses almost 30 years of management experience leading and advising healthcare and higher-education organizations. He is a highly collaborative executive, combining strategic planning, operational acumen and business development expertise to develop actionable solutions for a broad array of challenges. Additionally, he brings a robust background of management consulting and financial leadership at two medical schools and experience working closely with hospital leadership to design and execute an aligned affiliation and joint strategy.



Senior Associate Dean for Education, School of Medicine

José Franco, MD, Professor of Medicine (Gastroenterology and Hepatology), was named Senior Associate Dean for Education in the School of Medicine in April 2022. He previously served as Interim Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the School of Medicine from April 2021 through April 2022. He also currently serves as Standardized Teaching and Assessment Resource (STAR) Center Director and holds the Kerschner Family Chair in Medical Education. Dr. Franco’s extensive service to the education mission also includes his past roles as Discovery Curriculum Director and Associate Dean for Educational Improvement. Dr. Franco has witnessed and/or been involved in curriculum reform, innovation and excellence in teaching at MCW for more than 30 years. Dr. Franco is a member of MCW’s Society of Teaching Scholars and received the institution’s *Distinguished Service Award* in 2013.



**Founding Dean, Medical College of Wisconsin-Green Bay
Interim Dean, Medical College of Wisconsin-Central Wisconsin**

Matthew L. Hunsaker, 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 2014. Dr. Hunsaker provides overall leadership and management of MCW’s regional medical school campus in Green Bay and serves as the primary liaison for MCW’s health system, academic and community partners in Northeast Wisconsin, as well as with MCW’s Milwaukee campus. Dr. Hunsaker was named to the additional role of Interim Dean of the Medical College of Wisconsin-Central Wisconsin on June 1, 2025. In his new position, Dr. Hunsaker is leveraging the valuable foundation that was built by retired Central Wisconsin Founding Dean, Dr. Lisa Grill Dodson, and is ensuring seamless continuity for MCW’s regional campuses. Dr. Hunsaker continues to serve as a national and international resource for medical education, Human Resources in Health (HRH), particularly in the design and scale-up of medical education, primary care and community-based medical teaching models.



Founding Dean, School of Pharmacy

George E. MacKinnon III, PhD, DMSc (Hon.), 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 & Humanity in the Graduate School. Dr. MacKinnon 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. He 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. Dr. MacKinnon is a Fellow of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, a Distinguished Scholar Fellow of the National Academies of Practice and was a recipient of an honorary Doctor of Medical Sciences degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin in 2022. Dr. MacKinnon serves on the board of the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin and was installed as Chair of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) Council of Deans (COD) in July 2024. Dr. MacKinnon will serve concurrently on the COD and the AACP board of directors through 2026.



Dean, School of Graduate Studies

Daisy Sahoo, PhD, was named Dean of the Medical College of Wisconsin School of Graduate Studies and the inaugural holder of the Women in Science Endowed Professorship effective February 1, 2024. She also currently serves as Professor of Medicine with secondary appointments in the Departments of Biochemistry and Pharmacology and Toxicology. As Dean of the School of Graduate Studies, Dr. Sahoo oversees all aspects of the Graduate School, which includes 41 different academic programs comprising doctorate, Master’s and certificate programs. Dr. Sahoo joined the MCW faculty in 2007 as Assistant Professor of Medicine and rose through the ranks to Professor with Tenure in 2018. She served as Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Medicine from 2014-2024, and as President of the MCW Faculty Council from 2020-2021. Dr. Sahoo’s work has been supported by the NIH with continuous R01 funding since 2007, and she has directly generated more than \$7.1 million in total research funding to study cholesterol transport and cardiovascular disease. She received MCW’s *Women in Science Pioneer Research Award* in 2021. Dr. Sahoo has mentored numerous undergraduate, medical and graduate students as well as postdoctoral fellows and faculty. Her mentoring efforts were recognized with the Department of Medicine’s *Mentorship Award*, by MCW’s graduate students with the 2023 *Mentor of the Year award*, and at the national level with a mentoring award from the American Heart Association.

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John Donofrio is executive vice president and general counsel of Johnson Controls. Previously, Donofrio was vice president, secretary and general counsel of Mars, Incorporated. Prior to Mars, Donofrio held the general counsel and secretary role at the Shaw Group, Inc. and Visteon Inc.

Earlier, Donofrio was a partner and trial attorney at Kirkland & Ellis and went in-house to become Honeywell's vice president of intellectual property and deputy general counsel. He later became vice president and general counsel of Honeywell Inc.'s Aerospace division.

Donofrio has a degree in chemical engineering from Rutgers College of Engineering in New Brunswick, NJ, and has a Juris Doctor and a Master of Laws in trade regulation from George Washington University Law Center in Washington, DC.

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Monica M. Bertagnolli, MD

Doctor of Medical Science



Monica M. Bertagnolli, MD, is a surgical oncologist and cancer researcher currently serving as the Richard E. Wilson Professor of Surgery Emerita at Harvard Medical School and a Senior Fellow in Healthcare Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School.

Dr. Bertagnolli was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2021 and in 2025 was chosen to be the Academy's 11th President – a position she will assume in July 2026. From November 2023 – January 2025, Dr. Bertagnolli was the 17th Director of the National Institutes of Health. Prior to this, she was the director of the National Cancer Institute and Chief of Surgical Oncology at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Throughout her career, Dr. Bertagnolli has been at the forefront of the field of translational oncology. Her clinical practice of surgery focused on caring for people with hereditary cancer predisposition syndromes, particularly those involving gastrointestinal cancers and soft tissue sarcomas. Her research laboratory examined the relationship between tissue inflammation and tumorigenesis, leading her to pursue clinical trials demonstrating the effects of anti-inflammatory drugs for cancer prevention and treatment.

From 2011-2022, Dr. Bertagnolli served as the Group Chair of the Alliance for Clinical Trials in Oncology, a nationwide network addressing the

needs of people with cancer by conducting clinical and translational research across many cancer types. Over the past decade, she has championed collaborative initiatives to enable a learning healthcare system by transforming the data infrastructure for clinical research, and currently serves as CEO of GHDE, a nonprofit foundation engaging health systems in collaborative research using data obtained from clinical care settings.

Dr. Bertagnolli is a Past President of the American Society of Clinical Oncology and has been a member of the Board of Directors of the National Cancer Society, Prevent Cancer Foundation, Natera and Friends of Cancer Research. She also is a member of the Accademia Nazionale de Lincei and the American Academy of Achievement, and in 2023, was awarded the title of Cavaliere, Ordine al Merito Della Repubblica Italiana.

Dr. Bertagnolli graduated from Princeton University with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree and attended medical school at the University of Utah. She trained in surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital and was a research fellow in tumor immunology at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Roger Caplinger, ATC/LAT

Doctor of Humanities



Roger Caplinger, ATC/LAT, is a nationally respected athletic trainer, health and safety executive, educator and cancer advocacy leader whose career spans more than three decades in professional baseball. Amplified through a 33-season tenure with the Milwaukee Brewers, Caplinger's influence has shaped not only the organization's medical operations, but also the broader landscape of athletic training, player health, and cancer awareness across the country.

Caplinger earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education with an emphasis in Athletic Training from Metropolitan State University of Denver in 1991, followed by graduate studies in Education Administration at the University of Colorado-Boulder. He joined the Brewers full-time in the mid-1990s and received successive promotions: Minor League Medical Coordinator (1994-97); Assistant Major League Athletic Trainer (1998-2001); and Head Major League Athletic Trainer (2002-2011).

In 2012, Caplinger transitioned into executive leadership with the Brewers, ultimately serving as Vice President of Medical Operations, Health & Safety from 2021-2023. In this role, he oversaw all aspects of player medical care, psychological services, organizational health policies and safety initiatives.

Throughout his career, Caplinger has been recognized with numerous honors, including the *PBATS Major League Athletic Training Staff of the Year Award*, the *Dick Martin Award for Best MLB Medical Staff*, two *PBATS Presidential Distinguished Service Awards*, and induction into the Wisconsin Athletic Training Hall of Fame. Additionally, the Brewers named their home athletic training room in his honor.

Caplinger's professional accomplishments, however, tell only part of his story. In November 2017, he began experiencing persistent stomach pains that were ultimately diagnosed as Stage 1 pancreatic cancer. With characteristic resolve, he chose to undergo treatment at the Medical College of Wisconsin under the care of Dr. Douglas Evans. Supported by a multidisciplinary MCW team, Caplinger navigated extensive surgery and chemotherapy with determination and optimism. On October 30, 2018, he heard the words that would mark a new chapter in his life: "Roger, you are cured."

His experience transformed him into a passionate advocate for pancreatic cancer research and patient support. Caplinger became deeply engaged with MCW's LaBahn Pancreatic Cancer Program and the We Care philanthropic initiative – leveraging his platform to promote early detection, treatment innovation and awareness. Alongside his wife Jackie, he has helped raise tens of thousands of dollars for the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and forged philanthropic opportunities amongst the Brewers community. His relationships with figures such as MLB Commissioner Emeritus Bud Selig, the late Bob Uecker and the Seena Magowitz Foundation have propelled transformative advancements in research and patient care at MCW through philanthropy, including the establishment of the Bob Uecker Chair in Pancreatic Cancer Research.

The Caplingers also have become devoted supporters of Kathy's House, a nonprofit providing housing and community for patients and families traveling to Milwaukee for lifesaving treatments.

Caplinger's life's work – on and off the field – continues to elevate the health, safety and hope of countless individuals and families.

Michael T. Coakley

Doctor of Humanities



Michael “Mike” Coakley spent his life carrying forward a legacy of entrepreneurship, stewardship and civic responsibility that spans more than a century in Milwaukee. As President and Chief Executive Officer of C.H. Coakley & Co., Coakley leads a family-owned commercial and industrial relocation, warehousing, logistics and third-party supply chain company. The Coakley family roots trace back to 1888 with the founding of the Coakley Lightning Messenger and Express Company. The CH Coakley & Co name remains synonymous with integrity, reliability and service to Milwaukee’s business community.

Coakley’s commitment to discipline and perseverance began early. A two-time Wisconsin high school state champion wrestler, he would define his professional life by his strong work ethic, dedication and resilience. He continued his successful wrestling career at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and Winona State University while earning a degree in Business Administration.

Coakley built a strong foundation in global transportation and logistics that took him beyond Milwaukee, holding leadership roles with Canadian Pacific Railroad and the Soo Line Railroad, ultimately serving as Director of Marketing – Intermodal/International. He later served as Regional Sales Manager – Mid-America for NLS (USA) Inc., a Japanese steamship company, gaining international business experience while deepening his expertise in global supply chain and logistics.

In 1991, Coakley returned to Milwaukee to join the family business, bringing a global perspective and strategic vision for the future of logistics and warehousing. Under his leadership, C.H. Coakley & Co. expanded relocation services, warehousing capabilities and integrated supply chain solutions, strengthening its reputation as one of the region’s most trusted logistics providers.

Coakley’s leadership would extend beyond business success, when in 1992 C.H. Coakley & Co. purchased the historic former Schuster’s/Gimbels department store building on North Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. When investors abandoned the corridor, he saw long-term promise in the surrounding Halyard Park and Brewers Hill neighborhoods. For decades, Coakley served as a steward of the property – preserving its historic integrity while maintaining optimism that his building would one day serve as a catalyst for community investment.

Coakley’s 30-year service on the Historic King Drive Business Improvement District #8 Board of Directors deepened his understanding of King Drive’s importance to Milwaukee’s economic and cultural future. He was an early believer in building the “Best King Drive in the Nation” and Bronzeville, understanding his building’s reuse would be transformative for generations to come.

When the vision emerged for ThriveOn King (a partnership including the Medical College of Wisconsin, the Greater Milwaukee Foundation and Royal Capital), Coakley embraced the opportunity with enthusiasm. His patience, collaboration, and willingness to work with the development team helped bring the project to life, prioritizing community benefit and the needs of neighborhood residents.

Today, ThriveOn King stands as a national model for health equity, early childhood development, economic opportunity and community gathering – an outcome made possible in part by Coakley’s decades-long commitment to stewardship, partnership and faith in the future of Milwaukee’s historic King Drive corridor.

Patricia Brash McKeithan

Doctor of Humanities



Patti Brash McKeithan began her career at Miller Brewing Company, where she held a variety of leadership roles in marketing, government affairs, corporate communications and distributor services. She ultimately became a Vice President and officer of the company. As Vice President of Corporate/Public Affairs, she was responsible for overseeing corporate and public affairs operations at Miller’s Milwaukee headquarters and six breweries across the US. She retired from Miller after 25 years of service.

Prior to joining Miller Brewing Company, Ms. McKeithan worked for Congressman Bob Kasten.

Born in California, Ms. McKeithan has lived throughout the world with her family and continues to travel extensively. She earned a liberal arts degree from St. Norbert College and a Master’s degree from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee.

Ms. McKeithan has served on numerous nonprofit and civic boards, including the Milwaukee Public Museum (past board Chair); United Performing Arts Fund (campaign Co-Chair); World Festivals, Inc. (Summerfest); Wisconsin State Fair Park; The Milwaukee Repertory Theater (past board Chair);

Wisconsin AIDS Fund (past board Chair); and the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, among others.

She currently serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees for St. Norbert College and is a board director for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, the International Crane Foundation, and the Wisconsin Museum of Nature and Culture – which is scheduled to open in 2027. Ms. McKeithan also serves as board Chair for the Wisconsin Museum of Nature and Culture.

A deeply committed community volunteer, Ms. McKeithan has received numerous awards recognizing her distinguished service. In 2009, she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from St. Norbert College. She also was inducted into the YWCA Academy of Achievers in New York City.

Ms. McKeithan and her husband, Jack, have long been advocates for the Medical College of Wisconsin. She is a past member of MCV’s Women in Science Advisory Committee.

Ms. McKeithan resides in River Hills, Wisconsin. She has three daughters, twelve grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



Mark A. Mone, PhD

Doctor of Humanities



Mark Mone is Chancellor Emeritus and Professor of Management in the Lubar College of Business at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM).

During his 11 years as Chancellor (2014-2025), the university was named a top-tier research institute by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education four times. In 2015, UWM was named one of the nation's top universities for community engagement as classified by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Under his leadership, UW-Milwaukee was recognized as a top employer: Forbes Best Employers by State 2024 List - Best Companies to Work For.

Prior to his service as Chancellor, Dr. Mone spent 25 years as a business school faculty member, consultant, and coach, as well as leading executive education programs.

Dr. Mone co-created and served as founding chair of the Higher Education Regional Alliance – a partnership with 17 colleges and universities plus 10 economic development and community partner organizations – to increase the number of college graduates and address the growing need for highly-skilled talent in the state. He co-founded and co-led M-Cubed – a critical initiative of the three major public education institutions – to close the achievement gap.

As a founding partner in the Moon Shot for Equity's inaugural launch in the Milwaukee region, he is a collaborative leader in eliminating student equity gaps in education. He expanded UWM's innovation through the Lubar Entrepreneurship Center, co-created the Northwestern Mutual Data Sciences Institute and launched the Connected Systems Institute.

Chancellor Mone co-led the creation of the UW System-wide Freshwater Collaborative of

Wisconsin to solve the world's water challenges. The collaborative, led by UWM, connects the 13 Universities of Wisconsin institutions through shared curricula and research. Dr. Mone oversaw significant capital renovations and expansions. The student, research and capital projects support was enabled by Chancellor Mone's leadership of the Made in Milwaukee, Shaping the World comprehensive campaign, doubling the previous campaign, achieving over \$251 million and continuing with record fundraising years. In 2024, Chancellor Mone led the campus's largest fundraising year, raising \$46 million.

Chancellor Mone served on the boards of the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities' Coalition of Urban Serving Universities, Horizon League Athletic Conference, The Water Council, Employ Milwaukee, Bradey Tech Commission, Milwaukee Succeeds, Milwaukee Film, and BizStarts Milwaukee. He remains an active member of the Greater Milwaukee Committee and Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce. Dr. Mone has been named multiple times as one of "100 Milwaukee-area power brokers" by the *Milwaukee Business Journal*, and one of "Wisconsin's 275 most influential people" by *Milwaukee's Biz Times*.

A first-generation graduate, Chancellor Mone earned his B.A. in Organizational Management from Central Washington University during his initial career as a chef, food and beverage director and senior leader in hospitality operations. He earned an M.B.A. from Idaho State University, and a Ph.D. in Organizational Behavior and Organization Theory from Washington State University. Chancellor Mone enjoys cycling, swimming, walking, reading, and cooking. He is married to Dr. Sara Swanson, and they have two adult children.

It's remarkable to reflect on the advancements in health that have evolved over the past 50 years. Few understand that progress more deeply than these 114 MCW alumni, who began or advanced their careers during a time of extraordinary change.

Through their respective disciplines and specialties, they have witnessed and positively impacted this transformational point in history with a deep commitment to improving lives. Today, the Medical College of Wisconsin is proud to recognize and celebrate these alumni for the contributions they have made on their professions, their communities, and this institution.

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On behalf of our MCW/Marquette Medical Alumni Association, it is my pleasure to congratulate you as you celebrate this incredible milestone at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Today marks not only the completion of your studies, but the beginning of the many ways you will contribute your knowledge, compassion, and expertise to the health of our communities.

With this commencement, you join a vibrant global network of more than 21,000 alumni who share a commitment to advancing science and medicine. Throughout your career, this community will serve as a source of connection, mentorship, collaboration, and lifelong learning.

We look forward to following your journeys with admiration, anticipation, and pride. Wherever your paths lead, know that your relationship with MCW is lifelong. As MCW will always be a part of you, you will always be a part of MCW.

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Congratulations again, and welcome to the MCW alumni community.

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"I do hereby promise to conduct myself in a manner deserving of inclusion in the community of scholars that I join today by fostering collegiality and engagement. I will disavow prejudice, never allowing financial gain, competition, or ambition to cloud my judgment in the ethical conduct of my craft. I will act with honesty, integrity and objectivity in the pursuit of constructive knowledge that furthers my discipline and benefits society as a whole. Finally, I will honor the foundation of knowledge that has come before me and the promise of new discoveries to come."

- This Oath was written by 2014 graduate Jessica Priestley and members of MCW's Graduate Student Association

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Students have the option to self-report hometown, previous degree(s) and institution(s).



Chima M. Anyanwu
Public and Community Health
Dissertation: Geospatial Factors in Lung Cancer Screening Accessibility and Disparities
Mentor: Kirsten Beyer, PhD, MPH, MS
May 30, 2025



Angela K. Beltrame
Brookfield, WI
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Microbiology and Immunology
Dissertation: Characterization of the chemotactic mechanisms defining splenic IgD Low B cell localization and their functional effects on immune tolerance
Mentor: Bonnie Dittel, PhD
December 31, 2025



Emma M. Bonniwell
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Cell and Developmental Biology
Dissertation: Decoding Psychedelic Medicine: Pharmacological Profiling and Receptor Engineering of Biased Signaling at 5-HT₂ Receptors
Mentor: John D. McCorvy, PhD
April 30, 2026



Emily K. Boyd
Monrovia, CA
MS Columbia University 2018
Cell and Developmental Biology
Dissertation: PACSIN2 as a Regulator of Membrane-Cytoskeleton Interactions in Platelet and Red Blood Cell Development
Mentor: Herve Falet, PhD
April 30, 2026



Lukas Brandt
Physiology
Dissertation: Modulation of Telomerase Reverse Transcriptase Prevents Doxorubicin-Induced Cardiotoxicity: An Investigation on Endothelial and Cardiac Function
Mentor: Andreas M. Beyer, PhD
January 30, 2026



Patrick C. Brennan
Milwaukee, WI
University of St. Thomas 2018
Biophysics
Dissertation: On the Molecular Mechanisms Underlying B₂-Adrenergic Receptor Activation
Mentor: Michael Lerch, PhD
April 30, 2026



Allison N. Brezinski
Physiology
Dissertation: Targeted Neuro-modulation of Excitatory Spinal Interneurons for Respiratory Recovery in Chronic Cervical Spinal Cord Injury
Mentor: Matthew R. Hodges, PhD
September 30, 2025



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BS The Catholic University of America 2019
Biochemistry
Dissertation: Chromatin reader missense variant impacts in cancer and rare disease
Mentor: Brian C. Smith, PhD
December 31, 2025



Nicholas P. Cina
Kenosha, WI
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Biophysics
Dissertation: Conformational and Structural Analysis of the E. coli LPS Transport Complex LptB2FGC using EPR Spectroscopy and Complementary Biophysical Techniques
Mentor: Candice S. Klug, PhD
November 25, 2025



Laura C. Danner
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Biochemistry
Dissertation: Sucralose Inhibition of Multidrug Efflux Transporters: A Novel Modulator of Drug Pharmacokinetics
Mentor: Stephanie Olivier-Van Stichelen, PhD
June 30, 2025



Donovan G. Drouillard
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Microbiology and Immunology
Dissertation: Targeting Chemokine Signaling and Regulatory T Cells in Cancer
Mentor: Michael B. Dwinell, PhD
April 10, 2026



Madeline M. Dzikowski

Pharmacology and Toxicology
Dissertation: Investigating Interactions between G9a and the ATM/ATR Pathways to Assess Synthetic Lethality Strategies in ATM-deficient Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma
Mentor: Gwen Lomberk, PhD
April 10, 2026



Melissa A. Eilbes
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Physiology
Dissertation: Unique Features of Seizure-Induced Cardiorespiratory Failure and Mortality in SSKcnj16^{-/-} Rats
Mentor: Matthew Hodges, PhD
November 25, 2025



Vladislav Friedman
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Pharmacology and Toxicology
Dissertation: T-type calcium channels in the paraventricular thalamus contribute to somatic signs of opioid withdrawal
Mentor: Qing-Song Liu
October 31, 2025



Alexander M. Garces
Wilmette, IL
BS Marquette University 2018

Biophysics
Dissertation: Development and Application of Novel EPR Technologies for Studying Protein Conformational Landscapes
Mentor: Michael T. Lerch, PhD
September 30, 2025



Alyssa L. Gehant

Biochemistry
Dissertation: NO good deed goes unpunished: Mechanistic insights into a β -cell-selective antiviral pathway mediated by the inhibitory actions of nitric oxide
Mentor: John A. Corbett, PhD
January 30, 2026



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Biophysics
Dissertation: A Multimodal Study of Concussion, Contact Sport Exposure, and Hormonal Factors in Female Athletes
Mentor: Timothy B. Meier, PhD
April 10, 2026



Julian D. Grosskopf
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Biophysics
Dissertation: Advancing EPR methodology: experimental and computational innovations to study protein thermodynamics, kinetics, and conformations
Mentor: Michael Lerch, PhD
December 31, 2025



Cristhian A. Gutierrez Huerta

Physiology
Dissertation: Endothelial DRP1 as a Central Regulator of Microvascular Function and Mitochondrial Homeostasis: Implications for Vascular and Cardiac Dysfunction
Mentor: Andreas M. Beyer, PhD
December 31, 2025



Hengrui Hu

Biostatistics
Dissertation: Information Borrowing under Biomedical Data Heterogeneity: Distributed and Privacy Preserving Learning and Bayesian Hierarchical Modeling
Mentor: Anjishnu Banerjee, PhD
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David H. Hughes
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BS Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology 2020

Biomedical Engineering*
Dissertation: Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Machine Learning Elucidate Core Attention Shifting Network and Context Specific Neural Mechanisms
Mentor: Adam S. Greenberg, PhD
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Cell and Developmental Biology
Dissertation: Investigating the role of shroom3 in cardiac function and pathology
Mentor: Brian A. Link, PhD
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Microbiology and Immunology
Dissertation: Hijacking the host: Exploring how B cell-intrinsic host factors support chronic gammaherpesvirus infection
Mentor: Vera L. Tarakanova, PhD



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MS Rutgers University 2020

Biostatistics
Dissertation: Machine Learning Methods and R Packages for Addressing Dropout Events in scRNA-Seq Data
Mentor: Chien-Wei (Masaki) Lin, PhD
June 30, 2025



Sritejasvinithi Karimikonda

Microbiology and Immunology
Dissertation: Intestinal Inflammation: A Fibroblast-Mediated Host Response and Induction of Reg3
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Lexi B. Kazen
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Microbiology and Immunology
Dissertation: Investigating the role of the microbiome as a manipulable powerhouse of the gut
Mentor: John R. Kirby, PhD
April 30, 2026



Haily B. Kazik

Biomedical Engineering*
Dissertation: Delineating the Mechanisms of Early-Onset Calcification in Bicuspid Aortic Valve Disease
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Microbiology and Immunology
Dissertation: The Role and Regulation of MltG in the Cell Wall Homeostasis and Antibiotic Resistance Mechanisms of Enterococcus faecalis
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October 31, 2025



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BS Carnegie Mellon University 2021

Cell and Developmental Biology
Dissertation: Non-cell autonomous regulation of neurodegeneration during aging: advancing the C. elegans PVD neuron model
Mentor: Lezi E, PhD
April 30, 2026



Priscilla Kyj

Cell and Developmental Biology
Dissertation: The Role of Blood and Lymphatic Endothelial Cells in Pulmonary Hypertension
Mentor: Akiko Mammoto, MD, PhD
September 30, 2025



Janelle K. Lanham
Carthage, MO
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Cell and Developmental Biology
Dissertation: Structure-Activity Relationships and Functional Polypharmacology of Classical Psychedelic and Antipsychotic Compounds Across Aminergic GPCRs
Mentor: John D. McCorvy, PhD
December 31, 2025



Qinghua Lian

Biostatistics
Dissertation: Statistical methods for multiple time-to-event endpoints
Mentor: Kwang Woo Ahn, PhD and Michael Martens, PhD
August 29, 2025



Cesar E. Martinez Ramirez

Pharmacology and Toxicology
Dissertation: Gestational exposure to cannabidiol (CBD) induces behavioral dysregulation in mice via G protein-coupled receptor 55
Mentor: Cecilia J. Hillard, PhD
 May 30, 2025



Rachel N. Mazorow
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Biomedical Engineering*
Dissertation: Enhancing reach-to-grasp movements in two and three dimensions using supplemental vibrotactile kinesthetic feedback: information encoding, extended training, and effects of sensorimotor and neuropsychological function
Mentor: Robert A. Scheidt, PhD
 April 30, 2026

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Christina M. Mecca
 Moosic, PA
 BS The University of Scranton 2019

Cell and Developmental Biology
Dissertation: Keratinocytes are essential for mechanical and cold hypersensitivity after peripheral nerve injury
Mentor: Cheryl L. Stucky, PhD
 November 25, 2025



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Microbiology and Immunology
Dissertation: Human Natural Killer Cell States in Disease: Single-Cell Dissection of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Pediatric Chronic Graft-versus-Host Disease, and Supercharged NK Cell Therapy
Mentor: Subramaniam Malarkannan, PhD
 February 27, 2026



Josiah D. Murray
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 BS University of Minnesota 2018

Cell and Developmental Biology
Dissertation: Cohesin Positioning Alters Gene Regulation and BRD4-Compensation in Acute Myeloid Leukemia
Mentor: Sid Rao, MD, PhD
 April 10, 2026



Damaris D. Nieves Torres
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 BS University of Puerto Rico at Ponce 2020

Pharmacology and Toxicology
Dissertation: Critical Role of Proline-Rich 7 in Amyloid Beta-Induced Excitatory Synapse Loss and Cognitive Impairment
Mentor: Sang H. Lee, PhD
 March 31, 2026



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Pharmacology and Toxicology
Dissertation: Characterizing the neurobiology of cocaine choice in rats: behavioral, pharmacological, and cellular contributions
Mentor: John R. Mantsch, PhD
 March 31, 2026



Raymundo Nunez
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 MS University of Scranton 2019

Biochemistry
Dissertation: Bromodomain Binding to Metabolically-Derived Histone Lactylation and the Development of Targeted Inhibitors
Mentor: Brian C. Smith, PhD
 July 31, 2025



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Cell and Developmental Biology
Dissertation: Identification and characterization of novel drivers of endocrine resistance in the TME of ER+ Breast Cancer using an integrated multi-omic approach
Mentor: Victor X. Jin, PhD
 April 30, 2026



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Public and Community Health
Dissertation: Ending the HIV Epidemic among Males in the Rural Southern United States: An Analysis of Implementation Determinants, Behavioral Profiles, and Boolean Difference-Makers
Mentor: Katherine G. Quinn, PhD
 December 31, 2025



Maria Poimenidou
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 BA Lawrence University 2020

Microbiology and Immunology
Basic and Translational Science Concentration
Dissertation: Metabolic Reprogramming of Tumor and Immune Cells in Cancer
Mentor: Michael B. Dwinell, PhD
 April 30, 2026



Alexandra L. Purdy
Cell and Developmental Biology
Dissertation: Leveraging the Hybrid Rat Diversity Panel to Identify Genetic Regulators of Cardiomyocyte Ploidy
Mentor: Michaela Patterson, PhD
 August 29, 2025



Anusha Rengarajan
 Chennai, India
 BS SRM Institute of Science and Technology 2019

Cell and Developmental Biology
Dissertation: The endo-lysosomal system drives lumen formation in a human epiblast model
Mentor: Kenichiro Taniguchi, PhD



Sarah R. Rine
Public and Community Health
Dissertation: Social Determinants of Cervical Cancer Prevention among Female Sex Workers and their children in Kampala, Uganda
Mentor: Kirsten Beyer, PhD, MPH, MS
 June 30, 2025



Perrin M. Schubach
Microbiology and Immunology
Dissertation: Regulation of Vascular Smooth Muscle Calcium Channels by Adaptor Protein p66Shc in Hypertension
Mentor: Andrey Sorokin, PhD
 October 31, 2025



Viren Shah
Biomedical Engineering*
Dissertation: Computational Modeling of CAR-T Cell Signaling and Function
Mentor: Ranjan K. Dash, PhD
 July 31, 2025

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Seyedeh Pardis Taheri
Biomedical Engineering*
Dissertation: Unraveling Mechanisms in Hyperoxia-Induced Acute Lung Injury: An Experimental and Computational Study
Mentor: Said Audi, PhD
 October 31, 2026

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 MS University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh 2021

Microbiology and Immunology
Basic and Translational Science Concentration
Dissertation: Understanding the Emergence and Reactivity of Autoantibodies During Severe COVID-19
Mentor: Renren Wen, PhD
 April 30, 2026



Justin A. Womack
Biomedical Engineering*
Dissertation: Advancing Systems Biology: An Accessible Computational Platform and Integrated Model for Human Cell Cycle Regulation
Mentor: Ranjan K. Dash, PhD
 December 31, 2025

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Robert T. Wujek
Biomedical Engineering*
Dissertation: Distinguishing Tumor Infiltration from Peritumoral Edema in Non-Contrast Enhancing Lesion of Glioma Using Machine Learning and Multiparametric MRI
Mentor: Kathleen M. Schmainda, PhD
 August 29, 2025

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Physiology
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Dissertation: The Impact of Time-Restricted Feeding of a High Salt Diet in the Dahl Salt-Sensitive Rat: From Whole-Animal Physiology to Molecular Mechanisms in the Kidney
Mentor: Alison Kriegel, PhD
 November 25, 2025



Samuel J. Zorn
Cell and Developmental Biology
Dissertation: The role of cell-free heme in painful sickle cell neuropathy
Mentor: Cheryl L. Stucky, PhD
 December 31, 2025



Casey J. Zoss
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 BS Briar Cliff University 2020
Biophysics
Dissertation: Gallium maltolate for treatment of glioblastoma: cellular mechanisms and clinical biomarkers
Mentor: Chris Chitambar, MD and Kathleen Schmainda, PhD
 December 31, 2025

Doctor of Public Health



Sarah Curup Callif

Dissertation: Investigating PSC Partners Seeking a Cure's Community-Engaged Research (CEnR) Priorities for Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis (PSC) Research

Mentor: Tarakee M. Jackson, DrPH, MPH
March 31, 2026



Ashley L. Loveless

Broomfield, CO
MPH University of New England
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Dissertation: Understanding the Needs of People Who Use Drugs (PWUDs) and the Delivery of an Advanced Drug Checking Program: A Quantitative Study
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MS Metropolitan State
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Dissertation: Leading for Resistance: How Black Women Succeed in Healthcare Leadership
Mentor: Jessica Olson, PhD, MPH



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Jordan
MS Wright State University 2018

Dissertation: Smoking, Mental Health, and Physical Activity Among Jordanian Youth: A Cross-Sectional Analysis of Behavioral Health Intersections
Mentor: Christopher J Simenz, PhD, MS
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South Hill, VA
MSc London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine 2019

Dissertation: #Brunswick-Strong: A Lefebvrian Analysis of Post-Pandemic Belonging and School Space
Mentor: David Nelson, PhD, MS
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MPH University of Kansas 2009

Dissertation: Evaluating the Landscape of Community Health Improvement in Snohomish County, Washington: A Quality Improvement Case Study
Mentor: Julie A. Willems Van Dijk, PhD
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Dissertation: When Asking Isn't Enough: A Phenomenological Study of Social Needs in Trauma Recovery
Mentor: David Nelson, PhD, MS
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MS Campbell University 2001

Dissertation: Food Insecurity and Educational Experiences Among Single Parent College Students
Mentor: David Nelson, PhD, MS
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Dissertation: Relationship Between Postpartum Depression and Tobacco Use During Pregnancy in Low-Income Individuals: A Study with Implications of Social Determinants of Health
Mentor: David Nelson, PhD, MS
July 31, 2025



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MS Medical College of Wisconsin 2013

Dissertation: Improving guidance for State Medicaid Agencies and Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans to support Transition of Care: A qualitative policy analysis
Mentor: John Meurer, MD, MBA
March 31, 2026



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MPH University of Puerto Rico
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Dissertation: Familismo and Fall Prevention: A Mixed-Method Study Exploring the Impact of Hispanic Cultural and Familial Dynamics on Older Adult Fall Prevention Strategies Adoption
Mentor: Zeno Franco, PhD
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Master of Science



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Global Health Equity
Thesis: Race and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factor Control in Cardiovascular-Kidney-Metabolic Syndrome: A Cross-sectional Study
Mentor: Laura Hawks, MD, MPH
December 31, 2025



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Biomedical Engineering*
Thesis: Cardiac and Coronary Hemodynamics: Using an Integrated Ex-vivo Beating Heart Experiments and Computational Modeling
Mentor: Lei Fan, PhD
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Global Health Equity
Thesis: Voices from the Field: Frontline Providers' Insights on Prehospital Trauma Care in Hawassa, Ethiopia
Mentor: Katherine Iverson, MD, MPH
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Pharmacology and Toxicology
Thesis: A PARADOX IN PLAT-INUM Oxaliplatin Treatment Accelerates Metastasis by Triggering Timp-1 Secretion
Mentor: Nikki Lytle, PhD
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Genetic Counseling

Thesis: Reproductive and Parenting Considerations of Adults with Spinal Muscular Atrophy
Mentor: Melissa Gibbons, MS, LCGC



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Thesis: Cationic Liposome Nanoparticles for Drug Delivery to the Inner Ear
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Thesis: Krabbe Disease Newborn Screening in Wisconsin and Beyond: U.S. State Laboratory Experiences Following RUSP Inclusion
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Thesis: Utilization of Genetic Services for Diagnosis of Familial Hypercholesterolemia: A Needs Assessment within a Large Academic Medical System
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Thesis: Cultivating Community: Perspectives of a Food Access Program for Immigrant and Refugee Populations
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Thesis: The Development of a Patient-Centered Disease Concept Model for Koolen-de Vries Syndrome
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Thesis: Evaluating the ULF MRI (0.64T) image quality through In Vivo test-retest
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Thesis: Identification of Sex Chromosomes in the Genus Lepidodactylus
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Clinical and Translational Science
Thesis: A Functional Challenge of the Esophagus: Mechanical Modulation of Outflow Resistance to Reveal Contractile Reserve
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Precision Medicine
Thesis: Evaluating the Contribution of Large-Scale Biobanks to Pharmacogenomic Research: A Comparative Rapid Review of the Million Veteran Program, UK Biobank, and All of Us Research Program
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Thesis: Addressing the Medical Geneticist Workforce Crisis: A Qualitative Analysis of the 2019 US Medical Genetics Workforce
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Genetic Counseling
Thesis: Mission Readiness? Assessing the Counseling Provided by Newly Graduated Genetic Counselors to Active-Duty Service Members
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Thesis: Reliability and validation of a game-based assessment of upper limb movement in children with unilateral cerebral palsy
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Thesis: Black Community Members' Perspectives on the Utility of Genetic Counseling to Address Impacts of Domestic Violence on Biological Health Outcomes
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Thesis: The Missing Link: Barriers to Genetic Counselor Involvement in Somatic Testing
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Thesis: Exploring the Impact of Ablating Postnatal Heart Valve Endothelial Cell Subpopulations on Valve Maturation
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Precision Medicine
Thesis: Evaluating Medically Focused AI Versus Statistical HPO-Driven Diagnostic Tools in Rare Disease: A Comparative Analysis of OpenEvidence and SimulConsult for Clinical Use
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Thesis: Exploring the Hispanic Community's Perspectives on Ethnicity Concordance in Genetic Counseling: The Influence of Trust, Comfort, and Rapport
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Biostatistics
Thesis: Direct Binomial Model for Composite Endpoint of Recurrent and Terminal Events
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Biochemistry
Thesis: Pressure-dependence of Fold Switching Using Xcl1 as a Metamorphic Archetypal Protein Model
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Precision Medicine
Thesis: Radiation therapy results in preferential tumor antigen-specific lymphodepletion in head and neck cancer
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Global Health Equity
Thesis: Health-related quality of life of children with hemophilia in low- and middle-income countries: A systematic review
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Master of Arts



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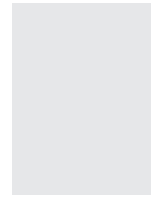
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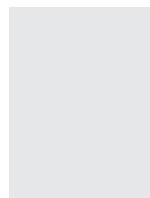
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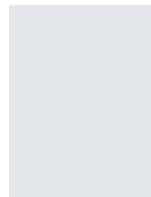
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Oath of a Pharmacist

"I promise to devote myself to a lifetime of service to others through the profession of pharmacy. In fulfilling this vow: I will consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns. I will promote inclusion and belonging, respect differences in all individuals, and address health disparities to advance health equity for all people. I will apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for all patients. I will respect and protect all personal and health information entrusted to me. I will accept the responsibility to improve my professional knowledge, expertise, and self-awareness. I will hold myself and my colleagues to the highest principles of our profession's moral, ethical and legal conduct. I will embrace and advocate changes that improve patient care. I will utilize my knowledge, skills, experiences, and values to prepare the next generation of pharmacists. I take these vows voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public."

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Doctor of Medicine and Master of Science



Medical School Oath

"As a member of the medical profession:
I pledge to dedicate myself to the service of
humanity through the art and science of
medicine; The health and well-being of my
patients will be my first consideration;
I will respect the autonomy and dignity of my
patients; I will value the individuality of my
patients and care for all of them to the best
of my ability; I will safeguard the confidentiality
of my patients; I will practice my profession
with conscience and integrity and in accordance
with medical standards; I will share my medical
knowledge for the benefit of the community
and the improvement of health care; I will give
to my teachers, colleagues, and students the
respect and gratitude that is their due; I will
attend to my own health, well-being, and
abilities so that I am able to provide the
best care for my patients; I will engage in
honest self-reflection upon my character,
acknowledging both my strengths and
limitations; I will not use my medical knowledge
to violate human rights or civil liberties, even
under threat. I make these promises solemnly,
freely, and upon my honor."

-This oath, based on the Declaration of Geneva, was
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Thesis: An Analysis of Temporal
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Thesis: Uncovering Risk
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Carcinoma

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2020

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Thesis: Mesenteric Near
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Physiology
Basic and Translational Science
Concentration

Dissertation: The Impact of Time-Restricted Feeding of a High Salt Diet in the Dahl Salt-Sensitive Rat: From Whole-Animal Physiology to Molecular Mechanisms in the Kidney

Second Place

Karina L. Bursch
Biochemistry

Dissertation: Chromatin reader missense variant impacts in cancer and rare disease

Second Place

Erika R. Johansen
Microbiology and Immunology

Dissertation: Hijacking the host: Exploring how B cell-intrinsic host factors support chronic gammaherpesvirus infection

Leadership & Service Award

This award recognize students who demonstrate impactful leadership, service, and community engagement through meaningful contributions to institutional initiatives, inclusive environments, collaboration and mentorship, and ongoing professional development.

Maria Poimenidou
Microbiology and Immunology
Basic and Translational Science
Concentration

Dissertation: Metabolic Reprogramming of Tumor and Immune Cells in Cancer

Alyssa L. Gehant
Biochemistry

Dissertation: NO good deed goes unpunished: Mechanistic insights into a β -cell-selective antiviral pathway mediated by the inhibitory actions of nitric oxide

Outstanding Contribution to Advancing Public Health Award

This award recognizes a doctoral dissertation student and master's thesis student that demonstrates innovation, scientific rigor, and clear, impactful contributions to improving population health through prevention, policy, or system-level solutions.

Andrew M. O'Neil
Public and Community Health

Dissertation: Ending the HIV Epidemic among Males in the Rural Southern United States: An Analysis of Implementation Determinants, Behavioral Profiles, and Boolean Difference-Makers

Zoë K. Culshaw-Klein
Global Health Equity

Thesis: Krabbe Disease Newborn Screening in Wisconsin and Beyond: U.S. State Laboratory Experiences Following RUSP Inclusion

Graduate Student Award for Outstanding Mentor

Julia Dickson-Gomez, PhD

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

Graduate Student Award for Outstanding Teacher

Chelsea Weaver, PhD

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

Pharmacy Student Awards

Interprofessional Education Student Pharmacist Award

Maura Keenan

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.

Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin Student Achievement Award

Maura Keenan

Each year, the PSW presents the Student Achievement Award to one student from each Wisconsin pharmacy school who has made a significant contribution to the professional development of fellow students, been an integral part of student organizational leadership activities, and served as a role model of high achievement in the graduating pharmacy class.

United States Public Health Service Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Award

Monica Micoliczkyk

The USPHS Excellence in Public Health Pharmacy Award was established to recognize a student pharmacist who makes significant contributions to public health. This includes advancing the objectives of Healthy People 2030, the Surgeon General's priorities, and the pharmacy profession.

Fostering Healthy Communities Award

Madelyn Lechmaier

The Fostering Healthy Communities Award recognizes a Medical College of Wisconsin student pharmacist who embodies the School of Pharmacy vision of advancing the health of our communities through innovative pharmacy education, continuous public and professional service, and diverse scholarly collaborations.

Froedtert & Medical College of Wisconsin Advancing Pharmacy Practice Award

Maura Keenan

The Froedtert & Medical College of Wisconsin Advancing Pharmacy Practice Award is presented to one student from the Medical College of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy who has excelled academically in the classroom and on rotation, through professional organization involvement, and who is pursuing post-graduate residency training.

Clement J. Zablocki Veterans Affairs Student Achievement Award

Brendan Ryan

The Clement J. Zablocki Veterans Affairs Student Achievement Award is presented to one student from the Medical College of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy who has excelled both academically and through professional involvement who is pursuing post-graduate residency training.

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award

Anastasia Boutris (PY2)
Maura Keenan (PY1, PY2)
Brendan Ryan (PY1, PY2)
Troy Thompsen (PY1)

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.

Viatrix Excellence in Pharmacy Award

Maura Keenan

The Viatrix 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

Anastasia Boutris
Abby Cruz
Bailey Dusso
Chance Eiting
Allyson Hencke
Amanda Kerkman
Madelyn Lechmaier
Kalan Narance
Yerandy Rosas-Garcia
Sukna Sawah
Janel Underwood

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

Madelyn Lechmaier

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.

Student Pharmacist Research Dissemination Award

Anastasia Boutris

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.

Inclusive Excellence Award

Abby Cruz

The Inclusive Excellence Award recognizes a Medical College of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy student pharmacist's accomplishments in exemplifying MCW's values of being inclusive, caring for others, and treating all with respect, while consistently demonstrating behaviors that positively impact MCW or external communities.

Pharmacy Student Awards (cont.)

American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists Graduation Honor Cords

Noemi Cervera Evangelista
Madelyn Lechmaier
Monica Micoliczky
Hannah Odekirk

The APhA-ASP Graduation Honor Cords recognize student pharmacists whose commitment to active involvement and contributions have made their chapter a success. Recipients receive blue and silver twisted honor cords to wear with their academic regalia.

Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists Graduation Cords

Anastasia Boutris
Christina Choi
Abby Cruz
Noemi Cervera Evangelista
Maura Keenan
Madelyn Lechmaier
Monica Micoliczky
Ammar Mousa
Kalan Narance
Hannah Odekirk

The SSHP Graduation Cords are bestowed upon student members of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists who have demonstrated involvement, health-systems interest, and dedication to professional development at the local, state, and national level. Recipients receive royal blue and orange twisted honor cords to wear with their regalia.

Rho Chi Honor Cords

Sejud Assad
Anastasia Boutris
Christina Choi
Allyson Hencke
Maura Keenan
Madelyn Lechmaier
Kaitlyn Martin
Brendan Ryan
Sukna Sawah
Troy Thompsen
Rickie Yang

Membership in the Rho Chi Society is a privilege accorded to those who distinguish themselves by their academic and professional achievements. The Medical College of Wisconsin student pharmacists who are in the top 20% of the class are initiated into the Society in recognition of their academic excellence. Members are awarded purple/white cords to wear with their academic regalia.

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

Maura Keenan

The ASHP Student Society Officer Recognition Award recognizes the student pharmacist that served as the president of their institution's ASHP Student Society of Health-System Pharmacists chapter. The award honors the recipient's hard work and contribution to fulfilling the recognition requirements provided by the national affiliate.

Friends of MCW Service Award

Noemi Cervera Evangelista
Hannah Odekirk
Janel Underwood

The Friends of the Medical College of Wisconsin, established in 1969, 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 selfless dedication are components necessary to enhance the lives of others. This award is presented by the Friends to graduating students in appreciation for outstanding service to the MCW community.

Phi Lambda Sigma Leadership Cords

Anastasia Boutris
Noemi Cervera Evangelista
Christina Choi
Abby Cruz
Bailey Dusso
Maura Keenan
Madelyn Lechmaier
Kalan Narance
Hannah Odekirk
Sukna Sawah
Janel Underwood
Owen Zaskowski

Membership in the Phi Lambda Sigma Society is a privilege accorded to those who are actively involved in advancing the pharmacy profession through their leadership. The Medical College of Wisconsin student pharmacists are nominated by their faculty and peers for their demonstrated pharmacy leadership, service, and professional activities, with initiation occurring after an application process and election by the current Epsilon Rho Chapter body. Members are awarded green/gold cords to wear with their academic regalia.

Medical Student Awards & Honors

Alpha Omega Alpha

Members of the Wisconsin Beta Chapter of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society have earned the approbation of members of the faculty and the student body for qualities of integrity, leadership, compassion, fairness and educational achievement. Celebrating its 123rd year, Alpha Omega Alpha holds a position of honor and respect in the medical world for furtherance of scholarship and research and encouragement of high standards of character and conduct among medical students and graduates. Alpha Omega Alpha recipients receive green and gold twisted honor cords to wear with their academic regalia.

Leena Abu-Zahra
Zynab Adewusi
Mungunzul Amarbayan
Precious Anyanwu
Alenna Beroza
Morgan Blaser
Ashley Brown
Paige Bruggink**
Chanté Butler
Abbey Chervenyy**
Mutsa Chiromo
Cameron Collins
Emily Daly
Mark Ehioghae
Cordelia Elaiho
Madelyn Fahhoum
Eniola Fatade
Stephen Gebbia

Domonique Gordon
Stephen Halada
Ryan Hodge
Karolina Kalata
Mohamed Khalil
Fatima Zohra Khamissi
Mingee Kim**
Rachel Knoebl
Andrew Labott
Bryce Laurin**
Michael Lee
Oliwia Mlodawska
Christopher Monti
Julia Nowik
Kassandra Ogbodu
Chiemerie Ogbonnaya
Hannah Olson**
Nikita Piryani

Adam Plotkin
Breeanna Psaris
Hope Reecher
Maureen Schick
Gopika SenthilKumar
Ipsit Shah
Jerilyn Simons
Sonia Slusarczyk
Nitin Somasundaram
Abbey Stollenburg
Adalyn Strand**
Margaret Summerside
Oscar Villarreal Espinosa
Alexa Weber
Elizabeth Welsch
Theodore Yang*
Peter Zhang

Gold Humanism Honor Society

The Arnold P. Gold Foundation Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) recognizes students who are exemplars of compassionate patient care and who serve as role models, mentors and leaders in medicine. GHHS members are peer-nominated as those one would want to care for one's own family members. GHHS recipients receive white and gold twisted honor cords to wear with their academic regalia.

Jessica Angel-Gonzalez
Evanka Annyapu
Sara Bertan
Daphne Blount
Abbey Chervenyy**
Mutsa Chiromo
Mack Christianson*
Cameron Collins
Emily Daly
Sara Daneshjoo
Anna Dibs
Sharon Edamala
Madeline Edgerly

Cordelia Elaiho
Stephen Gebbia
Leah Hawksford
Alyssa Jobe
Payton Jorgenson*
Karolina Kalata
Mohamed Khalil
Fatima Zohra Khamissi
Rachel Knoebl
Ginger Kwak
Mingee Kim**
Rehaan Machhi
Hannah McBride

Oliwia Mlodawska
Hannah Olson**
Nicholas Parks
Adam Plotkin
Gopika SenthilKumar
Maria Sgro
Adalyn Strand**
Margaret Summerside
Nathan Tunell
Alexa Weber
Jessica Weiss*

Teaching Awards

MCWAH Housestaff Award for Excellence in Teaching

William Graft, MD (required rotations)
Erie Gonzalez Gutierrez, MD (elective rotations)

The recipients of this award are residents of the Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals, Inc. (MCWAH), who have been recognized by the senior class and graduate medical education program directors for their outstanding contributions to the education of medical students at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

The Milwaukee Academy of Medicine Award for Excellence in Teaching

Craig Leach, DO

This award is presented by the Milwaukee Academy of Medicine to a community physician in private practice who distinguishes himself/herself by exemplary teaching and serves as an outstanding role model for medical students.

Harry Beckman Basic Science Teaching Award

Teresa Patitucci, PhD

This award is presented to the faculty member considered by the senior class to be the most outstanding teacher in a basic science department.

Ernest O. Henschel Clinical Teaching Award

Hari Paudel, MD

This award is presented to the faculty member considered by the senior class to be the most outstanding teacher in the clinical departments.

* Central Wisconsin

** Green Bay

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Medical Student Awards & Honors (cont.)

Honors in Research

Waylon Alvarado	Ethan Hollar	Nikita Piryani
Mungunzul Amarbayan	Alyssa Jobe	Breeanna Psaris
Christopher Bach	Nismeta Kabilovic	Hope Reecher
Mara Bajic	Fatima Zohra Khamissi	Seth Roge
Callie Bednarek	Carlene Kranjac	Maureen Schick
Morgan Blaser	Janet Le	Nathan Schimpf
Anna Burneske	Claire Lo	Natalie Schmidt
Chanté Butler	Rehaan Machhi	Tessa Shankey
Megan Coughlan	Caitlin Magro	Jerilyn Simons
Evan Cox	Audrey Makope	Samantha Sinopole
Anna Dibbs	Alexis Malovec	Alexander Strunets
Madeline Edgerly	Hannah McBride	Kimberlee Suenkens
Cordelia Elaiho	Cara McCarthy	Shakirah Tumusiime
Helina Feleke	Riley McCarty	Sheyenne Tung
Samuel Gray	Beatrice Mumm	Oscar Villarreal Espinosa
Margaret Hackett	Anjna Nair	Elizabeth Weber
Ahmad Hamdan	Kassandra Ogbodu	Elias Wojahn
Edward Harwick	Chiemerie Ogbonnaya	Hasanat Yusuf
Ryan Hodge	Elliott Paintsil	

The Honors in Research Program is an optional research training opportunity that enables medical students to extend their Medical Student Summer Research Training Program experience throughout their education at MCW. The goals are to explore additional aspects of their research project that potentially may generate new data or add knowledge to their investigation and further enhance the student’s overall research exposure. Recipients are awarded gold honor cords to wear with their academic regalia.

Honors in Community Engagement

Abbey Stoltenburg
Alexa Weber

The Honors in Community Engagement program is intended to encourage, support and recognize medical students who work extensively with medically underserved, marginalized and vulnerable populations within the local community during the students’ medical school careers. Students commit to and sustain close collaboration with a community partner during their work towards Honors distinction. Recipients are awarded white honor cords to wear with their academic regalia.

Honors in Medical Education

Zachary Gratz
Taylor Kaldenberg
Noah Miller
Nicholas Parks

The Honors in Community Engagement program is intended to encourage, support and recognize medical students who work extensively with medically underserved, marginalized and vulnerable populations within the local community during the students’ medical school careers. Students commit to and sustain close collaboration with a community partner during their work towards Honors distinction. Recipients are awarded white honor cords to wear with their academic regalia.

Honors in Global Health

Alenna Beroza
Mutsa Chiromo
Eniola Fatade
Hailey Ruplinger

The Honors in Global Health encourages, supports and recognizes medical students who work extensively with medically vulnerable global populations during their medical school careers. The distinction is recognition of students who sustain commitment, excellence and impact over and beyond usual expectations. Recipients are awarded royal blue cords to wear with their academic regalia.

The Hiram B. Benjamin Award in Anatomy

Claire Lo

This award is given annually by the faculty members of the Department of Cell Biology, Neurobiology and Anatomy to a medical student who achieves a high level of scholarship in anatomy. It honors the late Hiram B. Benjamin, MD, scientist, surgeon, anatomy department faculty member and alumnus. For many years, he shared his enthusiasm for applied anatomy and scientific investigation with students of this institution.

The Lowell A. Sether Memorial Award in Anatomy

Jerilyn Simons

This award is presented annually to a senior medical student demonstrating exceptional enthusiasm and skill in clinical human anatomic dissection. Given in his memory by the Sether family and the faculty of the Department of Cell Biology, Neurobiology and Anatomy, this award honors the memory of Lowell A. Sether, PhD, scientist, teacher and faculty member, who for many years shared his enthusiasm for applied anatomy and scientific investigation with the students of MCW.

The Ben and Ella Wagner Memorial Award in Anatomy

Jacob Ballard

Given in memory of Ben and Ella Wagner by Marvin Wagner, MD, Adjunct Professor of Cell Biology, Neurobiology and Anatomy, Clinical Professor of Surgery and alumnus. This award is given to the senior student whose participation in the senior elective in Advanced Clinical Human Anatomy reflects an exceptional understanding of anatomy and its importance to clinical medicine.

The Quick Award in Biochemistry

Mohamed Khalil

This award honors the memory of Armand J. Quick, MD, PhD, Chairman of the Department of Biochemistry from 1944–64. Dr. Quick was an internationally recognized contributor to knowledge concerning basic mechanisms of blood clotting and to techniques involving the diagnosis and treatment of hemorrhagic disorders. The Quick Award is given to honor senior students who, in the opinion of the faculty of the Department of Biochemistry, have demonstrated outstanding scholarship in biochemistry and have carried on the tradition of research of Dr. Quick.

The Pasteur Award in Microbiology

Helen Files
Elizabeth Welsch

This award is presented to senior medical students by the faculty of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology. The Pasteur Award is given in recognition of high scholarship and research in microbiology, immunology, or a related field of study.

The J.J. Smith Award in Physiology

Gopika SenthilKumar

James J. Smith, MD, Chairman of the Department of Physiology from 1952 to 1980, through his academic and administrative skills, significantly enhanced the level of scholarship in Physiology that continues to be maintained at MCW. This award is given in Dr. Smith’s honor to the senior medical student who has best exemplified scholarship in physiology through both academic and research achievements during his or her undergraduate medical training.

The Brooker Award in Pharmacology

Ahmad Hamdan

Given in memory of the late William Douglas Brooker, MD, PhD, by his wife, Doris C. Brooker, MD, and their friends. This award is given to students who have demonstrated exceptional skill and scholarship in pharmacology. Dr. William Brooker received both his PhD degree in pharmacology and his MD degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin.

The Wilson Phillips Award in Anesthesiology

Maureen Schick

This award is presented to a member of the senior class who is pursuing a career in anesthesiology and is recognized for his/her teamwork and compassionate care, as well as outstanding academic and clinical achievement.

The Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Annual Award for Excellence in Emergency Medicine

Geet Pandya

This award is given to the senior medical student who, through academic and personal pursuits, has demonstrated excellence in emergency medicine.

The Ralph G. Burnett Memorial Award

Brendan Koxlien

This award is presented to a member of the senior class who has been accepted into an MCW Family Medicine Residency Program and whose academic excellence and commitment best exemplify Dr. Burnett’s personal dedication to family medicine. This award honors the memory of Ralph G. Burnett, MD, an alumnus of MCW, who founded the Family Practice Residency Program formerly based at St. Catherine’s Hospital in Kenosha and now located at All Saints Healthcare System in Milwaukee. This award is supported by an endowed fund originally created by St. Catherine’s Hospital and many colleagues and friends in Southeastern Wisconsin.

The Founders Award of the Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians

Alexa Weber

This award is given by the faculty of the Department of Family and Community Medicine to the senior student who has demonstrated outstanding performance in forwarding the concepts of family medicine.

The Hanus Family Practice Award

Mutsa Chiromo

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. Commitment to the principles of family medicine, academic standing, community service and leadership 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.

The Victoria A. Vollrath, MD and Christopher Vollrath Schumacher, MD Award in Family Medicine

Madeline Edgerly

Established by her parents, the late Mr. Walter Vollrath and Mrs. June Vollrath, this award is presented to an outstanding senior student pursuing a family medicine residency in one of Wisconsin’s family medicine programs and who intends to practice in Wisconsin. Dr. Vollrath, a 1977 graduate of MCW, is a family medicine practitioner in Madison, Wisconsin. Her son, Christopher Vollrath Schumacher, is a 2011 graduate of MCW.

The Donald J. Welter Memorial Award

Madison McGuire

This award is given in recognition of a senior student’s commitment to family medicine as evidenced by academic performance and service. This award honors the memory of Donald J. Welter, MD, founding Chairman of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at MCW.

The Joseph A. Bartos, MD Endowed Student Award

Jenna Loewus

This award, established by Dr. Joe’s family and friends, honors Joseph A. Bartos, MD (’41). The recipient of this award is determined by faculty in the Department of Medicine and acknowledges a senior student who has exhibited: excellent history-taking and examination skills; a caring bedside manner; an appreciation of other cultures and languages; and an ability to recognize humor in one’s life.

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The Keelan-Tresch Award for Scholarship in Cardiovascular Medicine

Nismeta Kabilovic

This award, endowed by former cardiology fellows of the Medical College of Wisconsin, is given to a senior student who has embraced the humanitarian ideals of the profession and has demonstrated an exceptional interest and expertise in cardiovascular medicine.

The Engstrom Award in Internal Medicine

Ashley Brown

This award honors the memory of William W. Engstrom, MD, the first full-time Professor and Chairman of the Department of Medicine. The award is presented by the faculty of the Department of Medicine to a senior student who has displayed exceptional proficiency and scholarship in internal medicine.

The Dyke Award in Neurology

Eniola Fatade

Cornelius G. Dyke, MD, was a pioneer neuroradiologist whose family resides in Milwaukee. The Dyke Book Collection, a gift of the family, is housed in the Department of Neurology at MCW. The award is given in memory of Dr. Dyke by the faculty of the Department of Neurology to a senior student who has best exemplified thoroughness, excellence and concern in caring for patients with neurological disease.

The Dr. John J. and Joan M. Brennan Endowed Award in Obstetrics/Gynecology

Paige Bruggink

This award is presented to a fourth-year medical student who has demonstrated a high degree of proficiency in medical school and is planning to pursue a career in obstetrics/gynecology. The award is given by Anna D. and Michael J. Brennan, MD (’79), in honor of his parents.

The Dr. and Mrs. Jack A. Klieger Endowed Award in Obstetrics and Gynecology

Rachel Knoebl

Jack A. Klieger, MD, was a Clinical Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and a distinguished member of the MCW faculty for more than 50 uninterrupted years. Established by the late Dr. and Mrs. Klieger, this award is given to a senior student who, in the opinion of the faculty of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, has demonstrated superior proficiency in this discipline.

Awards and Honors

Medical Student Awards & Honors (cont.)

The Walter P. Blount Award in Orthopaedic Surgery

Tyson Kauffman

This award is given in honor of the late Dr. Blount to the senior student who has demonstrated unusual interest in and superior comprehension of musculoskeletal disease and injury during the senior orthopaedic surgery rotation.

The Bruce J. Brewer, MD Endowed Student Award in Orthopaedic Surgery

Sonia Slusarczyk

Established by the late Kathryn Brewer in memory of her late husband and former Chairman of MCW’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, this award honors outstanding achievement by a graduating senior who is pursuing a career in orthopaedics.

The Thomas W. Grossman Award in Otolaryngology

Otiwia Młodawska

As a student, resident and for over 30 years, as a faculty member at our institution, Thomas W. Grossman, MD, had a unique understanding of the needs of medical students. This award, honoring the image and spirit of Dr. Grossman, is presented to a senior student who has demonstrated an exceptional eagerness to learn, excellent knowledge of otolaryngology and concern for quality patient care during a rotation in otolaryngology.

The Robert J. Toohill Award in Otolaryngology

Lisbeth Brooks

Dr. Toohill, former Chief of Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences, was lauded by colleagues for his clinical skills, leadership in his specialty and work in building a department with a national reputation. This award, honoring the late Dr. Toohill’s energy, enthusiasm and intellectual curiosity, is given to a senior student who has demonstrated outstanding intellect, an eagerness to learn and exceptional care for patients during a rotation in otolaryngology.

The J.C. Peterson Pediatrics Award

Hannah McBride

Presented by the faculty of the Department of Pediatrics, this award recognizes the senior student whose knowledge and skill in the treatment of infants and children is exceptional.

The N. Muni Reddy, MD Endowed Student Award in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Mary Meyers

The senior student who receives this award demonstrates a unique understanding of and compassion for individuals with disabilities and exceptional skill in the diagnosis and management of their functional limitations.

The Irwin I. Rosenfeld, MD Endowed Award for the Outstanding Student in Psychiatry Award

Karolina Kalata

Presented by the faculty of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, this award recognizes a senior student who has demonstrated academic and clinical excellence in psychiatry.

The Maurice Greenberg Memorial Award

Claire Lo

This award is given to medical students who have shown the most promise in clinical oncology and have demonstrated exemplary compassion and sensitivity in the care of cancer patients, as well as a dedication to research. This award is presented by the Department of Radiation Oncology in honor of the late Maurice Greenberg, MD, whose professional career was characterized by these qualities. Dr. Greenberg (’41), the first radiation oncologist in Wisconsin, was an active member of the department for over forty years.

The Lawrence R. Goodman, MD Outstanding Student in Radiology Award

Tessa Shankey

This award is presented to a senior student who has displayed outstanding interest and ability in the field of radiology. The award honors Dr. Lawrence Goodman, who dedicated his distinguished career to thoracic radiology and the education of future generations of students, residents and fellows in the Department of Radiology for 35 years.

The Randle E. Pollard MD, FACS, GME ’58 Endowed Urological Prize

Elizabeth Welsch

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, FACS, GME (’58).

The American Academy of Neurology Student Prize for Excellence in Neurology

Stephen Mazurchuk Kailey Tooke

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 outstanding personal qualities of integrity, compassion and leadership.

The Department of Surgery Achievement Award

Gopika SenthilKumar

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

Janet Le

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 Mentorship Award

Jacob Ballard

The Junior Class gives this award to a senior student in recognition of extraordinary efforts in teaching and guidance with clinical rotations.

Friends of MCW Service Award

Adam P. Plotkin Abbey Stoltenburg Natalie Schmid

The Friends of the Medical College of Wisconsin, established in 1969, 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 self less dedication are components necessary to enhance the lives of others. This award is presented by the Friends to senior students in appreciation for out standing service to the MCW community.

Friends of MCW Spirit of Medicine Award

Carson Gehl

The Spirit of Medicine Award recognizes a graduating medical student who best exemplifies the professional qualities patients value most in their physician. Strong consideration is given to students pursuing a career in primary care or serving a rural community.

Louis F. Jermain, MD Founding Dean Award

Adam P. Plotkin

This award is presented annually by the Walter Zeit 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 is made possible thanks to contributions from the Walter Zeit Fellowship, MCW’s premier donor recognition society.

The Walter Zeit Fellows Leadership Award

Theodore C. Yang (CW)

This 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 MCW. These criteria are exemplified by members of the Walter Zeit Fellowship, MCW’s premier donor recognition society. Begun in 1980 by the late Derward Lepley, MD (’49), the Fellowship has grown to more than 1,300 members. The Fellowship is named in honor of the late Walter Zeit, PhD (’39), an anatomy professor who became a part of MCW’s heritage during his 50-year teaching career. This group promotes and acknowledges substantial individual philanthropy. Support by the Walter Zeit Fellows underpins MCW’s four-fold mission of medical education, biomedical research, patient care and community service.

The Stabenau Award

Gopika SenthilKumar

The award, endowed by the late Dr. James R. 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

Adam P. Plotkin

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 R. and Joseph D. Zuckerman, MD (’78), in honor of his parents.

The Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award

Anna Dibbs

This award, given by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, is awarded to a graduating senior who had 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

Rachel K. Knoebl

The recipient of this award shows high promise of successfully blending the art and science of medicine, an accomplishment neces sary to become a “complete physician.” The award is given by the Wisconsin Medical Society and was established by John H. Houghton, MD, a physician in general practice and a past president of the state medical society, and by William J. Houghton, MD, a surgeon and counselor to the Society.

The Michael J. Dunn, MD, Class of 1962 Achievement Award

Fatima Zohra Khamissi

This award, established by members of the Class of 1962 to honor their classmate, Michael J. Dunn, who served as Dean of MCW from 1995–2008, recognizes the senior student graduating with the most distinguished academic record.

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The Patrick E. Bolger Memorial Award in the Ethical Practice of Medicine

Jacob Ballard

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, Ginny, and his late sister, Bernadette, 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.

The Millmann Award

Adam P. Plotkin

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 of the award is selected by the members of the graduating class and is considered to be the outstanding candidate for the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

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