
MCW
 Central Wisconsin

Commencement
 Doctorate of Medicine—MCW-Central Wisconsin

Friday, May 22, 2026



“I don’t know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.”

—Albert Schweitzer

On behalf of MCW-Central Wisconsin, welcome and thank you for joining us on this extraordinary occasion to celebrate the accomplishment of these young physicians. I extend my personal congratulations to each of the graduates as we celebrate MCW-Central Wisconsin’s Commencement and Hooding Ceremony. Each graduate has earned the degree of Medical Doctor that we will confer today through commitment, determination, resilience, and dedication to humanity. The entire MCW-Central Wisconsin team and community honor and celebrate the physicians you have become.

Congratulations to each of the graduates and their families on this milestone. As our newest physicians, you embody our hopes for the future as you heal, comfort, and serve your patients. We wish you every success in your career. You will always have a “home” here in Central Wisconsin.

Matthew L. Hunsaker, MD, FAAFP
Interim Campus Dean, Medical College of Wisconsin-Central Wisconsin

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Leadership

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.



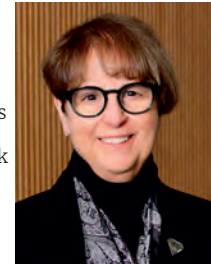
Dr. Raymond leads Wisconsin's only private health sciences university, which includes the nation's third-largest private medical school. Under his leadership, MCW continues to be a leader of innovation as Wisconsin's largest private research institution.

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.

Leadership

Dean, School of Medicine

Deborah M. Costakos, MD, MS, assumed the position of Interim Dean of the School of Medicine on January 1, 2025. 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.



Interim Campus 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 campuses and serves as the primary liaison for our health system, academic and community partners in Northern Wisconsin, as well as with MCW's Milwaukee campus. 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. He is currently serving as the Interim Dean of MCW-Central Wisconsin upon the Founding Dean, Lisa Grill Dodson's retirement. We also honor her dedication to the training and education of these young physicians being recognized today.

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Chair of the Board:

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.



Keynote Speaker

Kevin O'Connell, MD

Kevin O'Connell, MD, has been involved in Family Medicine for over 40 years, 25 of which as Program Director of the Wausau Family Medicine Residency Program. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health in 1979, did his residency in Family Medicine at the Wausau Program, and has practiced his entire career in Wausau at the Residency. He was the inaugural Chair of the UW Department of Family Medicine and Community Health's Graduate Medical Education Committee from 1996 to 2006. He is passionate about medical education and learning, as well as serving his community, especially those who may have been marginalized or underserved.





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Graduates of 2026:

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.

We encourage you to stay connected by registering or updating your information on Engage (mcwengage.com), our online student and alumni networking platform.

Congratulations again, and welcome to the MCW alumni community.

Mark W. Bosbous, MD '05, GME '11

President, MCW/Marquette Medical Alumni Association

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 written in 2019 by MCW students:
Alexandra Cohn, Clara Bosco, Erica Woertz, Jamie Jasti, Maraika Robinson, Mohamed Khalil and Sarah Brink

Paige M. Biesterfeld

Wausau, WI

Conferred Degree

Bachelor of Science, 2020
University of Minnesota-Rochester

Community Project

Period Poverty Within John Muir Middle School

Residency

Family Medicine
ProHealth Waukesha Memorial Hospital





Marin M. Burkle

La Valle, WI

Conferred Degree

Bachelor of Arts, 2023
Wartburg College

Community Project

Identifying Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus
and Hypertension in Rural Communities

Residency

Anesthesiology
University Iowa Health Care Medical Center

Mack A. Christianson

Cottage Grove, MN

Conferred Degree

Bachelor of Arts, 2021
Gustavus Adolphus College

Community Project

Qualitative Analysis of Shopping
Model for Food Pantry

Residency

Pediatrics
University of Missouri School of Medicine





Charles B. Flaskrud

Fall Creek, WI

Conferred Degree

Bachelor of Science, 2021
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Community Project

H2N
(Hmong and Hispanic Communication Network)

Residency

Internal Medicine
Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals

Lauren R. Harrison

Hayward, WI

Conferred Degree

Bachelor of Science, 2021
Northland College

Community Project

Stop the Bleed - Hemorrhage Control
Training in Rural Wisconsin

Residency

Family Medicine
North Colorado Medical Center





Payton M. Jorgenson

Owatonna, MN

Conferred Degree

Bachelor of Science, 2023
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Community Project

Quality Improvement at the Wausau Free
Psychiatry Clinic

Residency

Internal Medicine-Pediatrics
Indiana University School of Medicine

Liane Kee

Wausau, WI

Conferred Degree

Bachelor of Science, 2022
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Community Project

Assessing the Health Needs of Northcentral
Wisconsin's Transgender Population

Residency

Internal Medicine
Garnet Health Medical Center New York





Makaya K. King

Verona, WI

Conferred Degree

Bachelor of Science, 2023
University of Michigan

Community Project

Caring for our Community Kids

Residency

Family Medicine
University of Wisconsin School
of Medicine and Public Health

Carson S. Klug

Spring Valley, WI

Conferred Degree

Doctor of Pharmacy, 2016
Drake University

Community Project

Improve Your Balance - Working to
Reduce Falls in Central Wisconsin

Residency

Anesthesiology
Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals





Matthew D. Lukasik

Weston, WI

Conferred Degree

Bachelor of Science, 2021
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Community Project

Analysis of Private Well Owners Perceptions on
the Health and Safety of Well Water

Residency

Internal Medicine
University of Minnesota Medical School

Mike Mathieu

Miami, FL

Conferred Degree

Bachelor of Science, 2016
University of Florida

Community Project

My Choice

Residency

Family Medicine
Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals





Mae R. Moris

White Bear Lake, MN

Conferred Degree

Bachelor of Arts, 2019
St. Olaf College

Community Project

Cranium Crew

Residency

Family Medicine
University of Minnesota Medical School

Luke M. Mueller

Mequon, WI

Conferred Degrees

Master of Science, 2022
University of Illinois Chicago

Bachelor of Science, 2020
Colorado State University

Community Project

Assessing Barriers to Care in Rural
Hispanic Populations

Residency

Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation
University of New Mexico School of Medicine





Bradley D. Nagel

Pewaukee, WI

Conferred Degree

Bachelor of Science, 2018
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Community Project

Improving Anaphylaxis Preparedness

Residency

Psychiatry
Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals

Natasha M. Neumann

Wausau, WI

Conferred Degree

Bachelor of Science, 2022
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Community Project

Exploring Gender Differences in Early Language
Development: A LENA® Start Analysis of
Caregiver-Child Interactions

Residency

Family Medicine
Aspirus Wausau Family Medicine





Dylan S. Pierce

Rudolph, WI

Conferred Degree

Bachelor of Science, 2018
University of Wisconsin Stevens Point

Community Project

Understanding Healthcare Barriers in Central
Wisconsin: A Community Based Analysis

Residency

Family Medicine
Utah Valley Hospital

Megan Schleusner

Colfax, WI

Conferred Degree

Bachelor of Science, 2021
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Community Project

Stop the Bleed: Enhancing Emergency
Preparedness in Central WI

Residency

Emergency Medicine
Cooper Medical School of Rowan University





Carolyn J. Storch Bornbach

Stevens Point, WI

Conferred Degree

Bachelor of Science, 2021
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Community Project

Empowering Women's Health

Residency

Internal Medicine
University of Iowa Health Care Medical Center

Jessica D. Weiss

Fountain City, WI

Conferred Degree

Bachelor of Science, 2018
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Community Project

LENA Start: Using Validated Screening Tools
to Compare Early Childhood Development
Interventions Implemented
In-Person Versus Online

Residency

Family Medicine
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education





Theodore C. Yang

Lawrenceville, GA

Community Project

The Importance of Pathway Programs on Helping Disadvantage Students Matriculate into Medical School

Residency

Orthopaedic Surgery
Wayne State University Detroit Medical Center





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Be part of the MCW community that grows, mentors, and inspires together.

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mcw.edu/alumni

Dear Doctors...

Your journey toward this very special day has included many ups and downs, and you have successfully navigated many challenges and difficult decisions along the way. You have worked hard to earn the privilege of becoming a physician. We know you will have many uplifting and rewarding days ahead of you, as well as days that will be difficult and overwhelming. Our team at MCW-Central Wisconsin will continue to cheer for you, believe in you and think of you often. Our care and concern for your well-being will continue into residency and beyond, and we will be available when you need us. Remember to take time for yourself along the way. Be proud of what you have achieved and enthusiastic about the opportunities ahead! We wish you the best and hope to hear from you often. - **MCW-Central Wisconsin Faculty and Staff**

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We provide cutting-edge, collaborative patient care of the highest quality.

We improve the health of the communities we serve.

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