# Commencement

Doctorate of Medicine Green Bay, Wisconsin COLLEGE June 5, 2025 OF WISCONSIN



# Welcome



"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-Green Bay, welcome and thank you for joining us on this extraordinary occasion. I extend my personal congratulations and deep gratitude to each of you as we celebrate MCW-Green Bay's Commencement and Hooding Ceremony. Each graduate has earned the degree of Medical Doctor that we will confer today. I am proud of each one of you for your determination, resilience, and dedication to humanity. The entire MCW-Green Bay team and community honor and celebrate the physicians you have become.

Congratulations to each of the graduates and their families. Doctors, as you heal, comfort, and serve your patients, we wish you every success in your career. You will always have a "home" here in Green Bay.

Matthew L. Hunsaker, MD, FAAFP Founding Campus Dean, Medical College of Wisconsin-Green Bay

# Order of Exercise

#### Processional

Music by Dan Weaver Led by Allison Ebert, PhD President, Faculty Council

#### Welcome

Matthew Hunsaker, MD Founding Campus Dean, MCW-Green Bay

John R. Raymond, Sr., MD President and CEO, MCW

Elizabeth Brenner Chair, MCW Board of Trustees

Collin Hess, MD '18 MCW/Marquette Medical Alumni Association Representative

### **Keynote Address**

Brian Burnette, MD Green Bay Oncology

Student Speaker Hannah Wheeler, Class of 2025

#### Remarks

Matthew Hunsaker, MD

#### **Remarks and Conferral of Degrees**

Deborah M. Costakos, MD '98, MS Interim Dean, School of Medicine

Doctor of Medicine Candidates Candidates announced by Sunny Debelak, MBA Campus Administrator MCW-Green Bay

#### Faculty Charge

Jacob Meyer, MD

Closing Remarks Matthew Hunsaker, MD



# Leadership

#### President and Chief Executive Officer, Medical College of Wisconsin

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 2024 *Wisconsin Titan 100*, which recognizes the state's most accomplished business leaders in their respective industries.



Cheryl A. Maurana, PhD, is the Interim Provost, Stephen and Shelagh Roell Endowed Chair, Professor of Bioethics and Medical Humanities, Founding Director of the Kern National Network for Flourishing in Medicine, and Senior Vice President for Strategic Academic Partnerships. In her



role as Interim Provost – which she assumed on January 1, 2025 – 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 will lead a restructuring of the Provost's Office and chair 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

#### Interim 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 Interim 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 Deans 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.

#### Founding Campus Dean, Medical College of Wisconsin-Green Bay

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 our health system, academic and community partners in Northeast 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.

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#### Chair of the Board, Medical College of Wisconsin

Elizabeth "Betsy" Brenner is an active volunteer in the Milwaukee community. Along with her service as a Medical College of Wisconsin trustee and member of its executive committee, she sits on the executive committees of the Greater Milwaukee Committee.



and has held leadership roles in Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, The Boys & Girls Club and Milwaukee Film.

Ms. Brenner stepped down in 2016 after more than three decades in the newspaper industry. She was named Publisher and President of the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* in January 2005, and also served as Executive Vice President of Journal Communications and its spinoff company, Journal Media Group. During her tenure at Wisconsin's largest newspaper, the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* won three Pulitzer Prizes, including one awarded in 2011 that told the story of groundbreaking genomic research conducted at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Prior to coming to Milwaukee, Ms. Brenner was President and Publisher of *The News Tribune* in Tacoma, WA and *The SUN* in Bremerton, WA. She had earlier leadership responsibilities at the *Denver Rocky Mountain News*, *The Miami Herald* and *The New York Times*. She began her career as a business news reporter at *The Chicago Tribune*.

Ms. Brenner attended Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in journalism in 1976 and Master of Business Administration degree in 1978.

# Keynote Speaker

#### Brian Burnette, MD

Brian Burnette, MD, is a boardcertified hematologist and medical oncologist with Green Bay Oncology. Since completing his internal medicine residency and hematology/oncology fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in 2013, he has cared for patients throughout Northeast Wisconsin and his native Upper Peninsula of Michigan.



A dedicated advocate for clinical research, Dr. Burnette serves as principal investigator for the HSHS St. Vincent Hospital Regional Cancer Center's Cancer Research Institute. He plays a national leadership role in community-based cancer clinical trials as a community co-chair for several National Cancer Institute-sponsored studies and as a member of the ECOG-ACRIN breast cancer committee. His efforts have earned him annual recognition from the NCI for exceptional patient enrollment in clinical trials.

Beyond the clinic, Dr. Burnette leads branding initiatives for Green Bay Oncology and regularly participates in the organization's Cancer Covered podcast. He also teaches a "Breaking Bad News" communication seminar for first-year students at the Medical College of Wisconsin–Green Bay, mentors medical students and residents, and regularly has medical students on rotation with him in clinic.

At the core of Dr. Burnette's work is a deep commitment to human connection. He is inspired by the courage of his patients and appreciates the privilege of walking alongside them through life's most challenging moments.

# Alumni

# Graduates of 2025:

On behalf of our MCW/Marquette Medical Alumni Association, I congratulate you on all of your accomplishments during your education at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Your Commencement ceremony is a recognition of your hard work, your dedication to advanced learning, and your commitment to future service in our communities.

We welcome you to our proud, accomplished and growing alumni community, now greater than 20,000 in number. Like your interprofessional studies that saw you learning with other types of students to improve health, your future involvement with our alumni community promises to provide additional opportunities to interact with, inspire, and support students and each other.

We will follow your progress and success with great admiration, anticipation and pride. As MCW will always be a part of you, you will always be part of MCW. Be sure to register with or update your information on Engage (mcwengage.com), our online directory and connection platform. We are grateful for your active support of MCW.

Congratulations and best wishes,

Thomas E. Palmer MD '71, GME '76, FEL '85 President, MCW/Marquette Medical Alumni Association



#### Alumni Association Board of Directors

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# MCW 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.

<sup>-</sup>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.



# Elizabeth F. Abegglen

Reedsville, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree** Bachelor of Science University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

## **Community Project** Healthy Start – Nutrition at Zero: A Computational Analysis of Nutritional Risk Factors among Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Participants in Northeastern Wisconsin

### Residency

Family Medicine WiNC GME Consortium-WI Green Bay, WI

# Matthew V. Barthel

Winneconne, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree** Bachelor of Science University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Community Project** Concussions in NCAA versus Recreational College Athletes

### Residency

Anesthesiology University Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Iowa City, IA





# Jeffrey B. Bushnell

St. George, Utah

**Conferred Degree** Bachelor of Science Southern Utah University

**Community Project** Healthcare Disparities in Cancer Care: Understanding Rural Patient Perspectives on Clinical Trials

## Residency

Transitional Year Sunrise Health GME Consortium Las Vegas, NV

Radiation Oncology Oregon Health and Science University Portland, OR

# Allison C. Eierman

Oshkosh, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree** Bachelor of Science University of Wisconsin-Madison

### **Community Project**

Influence of the Altrusa Hospitality House on Rates of Postpartum Depression in Mothers with NICU Infants

### Residency

Family Medicine University of Nebraska Medical Center Omaha, NE





# Emma N. Ellis

Seymour, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree** Bachelor of Science University of North Alabama

**Community Project** Perceptions of Breastfeeding in the Workplace

**Residency** General Surgery Ascension St. Vincent Hospital Indianapolis, IN

# Mannat Gill

Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree** Bachelor of Science University of Wisconsin-Madison

## **Community Project**

Effects of Providing Recipes on Cooking Confidence of Food Pantry Users

### Residency

Internal Medicine University of Minnesota Medical School Minneapolis, MN





# Elizabeth A. Glynn

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

**Conferred Degree** Bachelor of Science Marquette University

## **Community Project** The Significance of Trust in Healthcare: Exploring the Patient-Provider Relationship and Its Effects

## Residency

Family Medicine Fort Wayne Medical Education Program Fort Wayne, IN

# Isaias A. Jauregui

Green Bay, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree** Bachelor of Science University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

### **Community Project**

Health Characteristic Trends Among COVID-19-Associated Hospitalizations

### Residency

Orthopaedic Surgery Corewell Health Royal Oak, MI





# Rebecca R. Mastey

Pulaski, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree** Bachelor of Science University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

**Community Project** Assessing Sleep Quality and Burnout in First Responder Providers

**Residency** Ophthalmology Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals Milwaukee, WI

# Derek M. Olson

Glenville, Minnesota

**Conferred Degrees** Bachelor of Science Winona State University

Doctor of Physical Therapy The College of St. Scholastica

### **Community Project**

The Impacts of Individual Exercise Versus Large and Small Group Exercise in Community–Dwelling Adults

### Residency

Transitional Year Gundersen Lutheran La Crosse, WI

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation University of Wisconsin Hospital & Clinics Madison, WI





# Zoe T. W. Patrick

Nashville, Tennessee

**Conferred Degree** Bachelor of Biomedical Engineering University of Minnesota–Twin Cities

**Community Project** Physician Perspective on Drug Addiction

**Residency** Obstetrics and Gynecology Ohio State University Medical Center Columbus, OH

# Logan R. Pearson

De Pere, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree** Bachelor of Science University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

### **Community Project**

Assessing Sleep Quality and Burnout in First Responder Providers

### Residency

Pediatrics Phoenix Children's Hospital Phoenix, AZ





# Molly J. Perry

Suamico, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree** Bachelor of Science University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Community Project** Mental Health Improvement for Rapid Rehousing

### Residency

Pediatrics Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals Milwaukee, WI

# Samuel T. Schaeffer

Oregon, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree** Bachelor of Science University of Notre Dame

### **Community Project**

Determining the Psychosocial Impact of Participation in Fitness Programming for Individuals Diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease

### Residency

Family Medicine Ascension St. Joseph Hospital Chicago, IL





# Allison L. Sedmak

Whitewater, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree** Bachelor of Science Marquette University

**Community Project** Narrative Gerontology's Impact on Resilience in Older Adults: Can Storytelling Make One More Resilient?

## Residency

Family Medicine ProHealth Waukesha Memorial Hospital Waukesha, WI

# Dylan T. Sturtevant

Appleton, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree** Bachelor of Science University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

### **Community Project**

Burnout in Public Health Workers during the Covid-19 Pandemic

### Residency

General Surgery Corewell Health Royal Oak, MI





# Breanna L. Von Der Heide

Marathon, Wisconsin

**Conferred Degree** Bachelor of Science University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

## **Community Project**

Effects of Equine Assisted Services and Therapies on the Physical Health of Patients with Mild to Moderate Stages of Alzheimer's and Forms of Dementia

## Residency

General Surgery Broward Health Medical Center Fort Lauderdale, FL

# Hannah R. Wheeler

Bozeman, Montana

**Conferred Degree** Bachelor of Science Montana State University-Bozeman

### **Community Project**

Community Health Intervention Programs' Impact on Self-Efficacy in Managing a Chronic Medical Condition

### Residency

Family Medicine Kootenai Health Coeur d'Alene, ID



















# Awards

### DISTINGUISHED CLINICAL FACULTY

This award is presented annually by the MCW-Green Bay graduating medical students to a community physician who distinguishes himself/ herself by exemplary clinical teaching and serves as an exceptional role model for medical students.

#### David Rentmeester, MD

### DISTINGUISHED BASIC SCIENCE FACULTY

This award is presented annually by the MCW-Green Bay graduating medical students to a faculty member who distinguishes himself/herself by exemplary teaching of the basic sciences and commitment to medical student education.

Amanda Nelson, PhD

### DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTION TO MEDICAL EDUCATION

This award is presented annually by the MCW-Green Bay graduating medical students to a member of the MCW-Green Bay educational community whose impact on students transcends the classroom, and who distinguishes himself/herself by surpassing expectation in his/her commitment to medical education and inspiration of future generations of physicians by participating in their medical education.

Elizabeth Menzel, MD

### GOUTHRO AWARD FOR THE PROMOTION OF MENTAL WELLNESS

In recognition of the importance of wellbeing in one's life, this award is presented annually to a graduating student at MCW-Green Bay who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the promotion of mental wellness in his/her peers or the community throughout his/her education. **Allison Eierman** 

### EXCELLENCE IN HUMANISM

This award is presented annually to a graduating student at MCW-Green Bay who has distinguished himself/herself in providing compassionate patient care and exhibiting an excellent bedside manner. This award reinforces MCW-Green Bay's commitment to training physicians dedicated to building caring, trusting, and collaborative relationships with patients.

Mannat Gill

### EXCELLENCE IN MENTORSHIP

This award is presented annually by the student body of MCW-Green Bay to a graduating student in recognition of extraordinary efforts in teaching and guidance to his/her colleagues in the basic sciences and/or clinical rotations.

Dylan Sturtevant

### EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONALISM AND LEADERSHIP

Excellence in Professionalism and Leadership This award is presented annually to a graduating student at MCW-Green Bay who has demonstrated exceptional professionalism and leadership even in times of challenge. This award reinforces MCW-Green Bay's commitment to training physicians who exhibit compassion and grace, even under pressure, and who willingly and selflessly rise to the occasion when leadership opportunities arise.

Hannah Wheeler

### EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH

This award is presented annually to a graduating student at MCW-Green Bay who has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the populations of Northeast Wisconsin. Examples of this commitment may include outreach projects, volunteerism, and scholarship. This award recognizes MCW-Green Bay's mission of training physicians who are not only healthcare professionals, but also leaders in the communities in which they practice. **Zoe Weller** 

### **OUTSTANDING GRADUATE**

This award is presented annually to a graduating student who has consistently displayed superior qualities of leadership, loyalty, selfless service, initiative, and compassion toward his or her peers and the MCW community, as well as an ability to recognize humor in his/her life. The recipient should have demonstrated excellence in the fields of ethics, medicine, and community engagement, and is considered to be the outstanding candidate for the degree of Doctor of Medicine.

### Rebecca Mastey

#### 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 122nd 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.

Dylan Sturtevant

#### **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.

Rebecca Mastey, Zoe Weller, Hannah Wheeler

#### MATTHEW HUNSAKER, MD FOUNDING DEAN AWARD

This award is presented annually by the Walter Zeit Fellowship to a graduating student at MCW-Green Bay to recognize their dedication and service to MCW and the community. The award is named after MCW-Green Bay's founding dean, and is made possible thanks to contributions from the Walter Zeit Fellowship, MCW's premier donor recognition society.

Molly Perry



knowledge changing life



Congratulations Class of 2025! #MCWKNOWLEDGE #MCWGrads25 #MCW25

## Dear Doctors,

Ahead of you, wonderful days may lift your spirit and tough ones may challenge your drive. The road to becoming a physician is not easy; neither is the life of one. Just as we have supported you during your medical education, please know that our collective care and concern for your well-being continues into residency and beyond. The team at MCW-Green Bay will continue to cheer for you, always believe in your potential, and be available if/when you need us. We are proud to have shared in your journey and confident you will make a profound impact on your patients, community, and the world. You are our best hope for the future of medicine.

> -MCW-Green Bay Faculty and Staff Matthew Hunsaker, MD Sunny Debelak, MBA Kelly King Dana Daggs Craig Hanke, PhD Sousie Lee, MA Erin Green. MD Marissa Popp Vince Schiebel Janet Anderson Danielle Burton Jennise Reynolds Christopher Kolar, MD Molly Kleiman, MD Dan Daniels Emily Murphy-Hendircks

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