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# Class of 2025 Commencement

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### Welcome

John R. Raymond, Sr., MD  
President and CEO  
Elizabeth "Betsy" Brenner  
Chair, MCW Board of Trustees  
Cheryl A. Maurana, PhD  
Interim Provost

### 50-Year Alumni Recognition (1975)

Christopher B. Gitter  
School of Medicine, Class of 2025

### Presentation of Honorary Degrees

William Edward Finlayson, MD  
Joseph J. Fins, MD, MACP, FRCP  
Ellen M. Gilligan  
Robert N. Golden, MD

### Commencement Address

Joseph J. Fins, MD, MACP, FRCP

### The School of Pharmacy

George E. MacKinnon III, PhD, DMSc (Hon.),  
MS, RPh,  
Founding Dean, School of Pharmacy

The Oath of a Pharmacist

Candidate Degree Presentation  
Doctor of Pharmacy Candidates

Candidates announced by:  
Abir El-Alfy, PhD  
Assistant Dean for Student Affairs,  
School of Pharmacy

### The School of Graduate Studies

Daisy Sahoo, PhD  
Dean, School of Graduate Studies

The School of Graduate Studies Oath

Candidate Degrees Presentation  
Doctor of Philosophy Candidates  
Doctor of Public Health Candidates  
Master of Science Candidates  
Master of Arts Candidates  
Master of Medical Physiology Candidates  
Master of Public Health Candidates

Candidates announced by:  
Neil Hogg, PhD  
Associate Dean of Student Affairs,  
School of Graduate Studies

### The School of Medicine

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

The Medical School Oath

Candidate Degrees Presentation  
Doctor of Medicine and Master of Science  
Candidates  
Doctor of Medicine Candidates

Candidates announced by:  
Raj Narayan, MD  
Associate Dean for Student Affairs

### Closing Remarks

John R. Raymond, Sr., MD

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



Interim Provost

**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.



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.



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 possess more than 25 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. 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

**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 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.



Sentry Dean and Founding Dean, Medical College of Wisconsin-Central Wisconsin

**Lisa Grill Dodson, MD**, Professor of Family and Community Medicine, joined the Medical College of Wisconsin as Founding Dean for the Medical College of Wisconsin-Central Wisconsin in August 2014. She was named the Sentry Dean, MCW-Central Wisconsin, in December 2019. Dr. Dodson provides overall leadership and management of MCW’s regional medical school campus in Central Wisconsin and serves as the primary liaison for MCW’s health system, academic and community partners in that locale, as well as with MCW’s Milwaukee campus. Dr. Dodson advocates for innovation in both medical education and care delivery to ensure the availability of high-quality care to rural and other non-urban populations. Her leadership has been recognized by the receipt of several awards, including the Oregon Family Physician of the Year in 2009 and the MCW *President’s Community Engagement Award* in 2017.



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 & 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.





William Edward Finlayson, MD

Doctor of Medical Science



William E. Finlayson, MD, who turned 100 years old in September 2024, has had a long and distinguished history of service in Milwaukee that dates back to his arrival in the city in 1958. He practiced obstetrics and gynecology for nearly 40 years, and was the first Black OB-GYN at what was then St. Joseph’s Hospital and Mount Sinai Hospital – during which time he delivered approximately 10,000 babies. A street between West Capitol Drive and West Walnut Street – formerly North 5th Street – bears his name in honor of his service to Milwaukee.

Dr. Finlayson served in the Army for three years during WWII, achieving the rank of First Lieutenant. He received his BS degree from Morehouse College in 1948, where he was a classmate and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity brother of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Finlayson earned his MD degree in 1953 from Meharry Medical College and completed his residency at the University of Minnesota in 1958 – after which he settled in Milwaukee with his wife and young sons.

Dr. Finlayson quickly became aware of the more subtle forms of segregation in Milwaukee and made it his business to break down barriers and open doors for those less fortunate than himself. He was most interested in the city’s institutions, particularly those with little to no Black representation. Dr. Finlayson served on the Board of the Medical College of Wisconsin and as a member of its Admissions Committee, was instrumental in increasing the diversity of the student body.

Dr. Finlayson is a Past President of the Milwaukee Gynecological Society and the Past National Chair of

the section of Obstetricians-Gynecologists for the National Medical Association. He earned Fellowships in both the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American College of Surgery, and as a member of the American Medical Association, served as a delegate to the state and county Medical Societies and lobbied for the passage of Medicare.

Medicine was far from Dr. Finlayson’s only interest, however. He also was concerned for the economic health of his community. Noting that it was underserved by financial institutions, he was instrumental in the founding in 1971 of North Milwaukee State Bank – the first Black-owned bank in Wisconsin – and served as its Chairman of the Board for 26 of the more than 40 years of the bank’s existence. Dr. Finlayson’s social conscience prompted him to push for the establishment of a state-of-the-art YMCA facility on Milwaukee’s near northside in the mid-1960s, and served as its President of the Board of Directors through groundbreaking and construction. In 1964, as President of the local alumni chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Dr. Finlayson successfully led the effort to bring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to Milwaukee.

Dr. Finlayson is a Golden Heritage life member of the NAACP and was a founding member of the Milwaukee African American Council. More recently, he organized the W.E.B. DuBois Club, which provides mentoring and guidance to young African American high school males. He also received Milwaukee’s 2019 *Living Legend Award*.

Joseph J. Fins, MD

Doctor of Medical Science



Joseph J. Fins, MD, is *The E. William Davis, Jr. M.D. Professor of Medical Ethics* and Chief of the Division of Medical Ethics at Weill Cornell Medical College, where he also serves as a Tenured Professor of Medicine, Professor of Medicine in Psychiatry, Professor of Medical Ethics in Neurology, Professor of Medical Ethics in Rehabilitation Medicine, and Professor of Health Care Policy and Research. He is the Founding Chair of the Ethics Committee of New York-Presbyterian Weill Cornell Medical Center, where he is an Attending Physician and Director of Medical Ethics.

A member of the Adjunct Faculty of Rockefeller University and Senior Attending Physician at The Rockefeller University Hospital, Dr. Fins co-directs, the Consortium for the Advanced Study of Brain Injury (CASBI) at Weill Cornell Medicine and Rockefeller. He also is the *Solomon Center Distinguished Scholar in Medicine, Bioethics and the Law* at Yale Law School and a Visiting Professor of Law. Dr. Fins has held visiting professorships at Princeton, Johns Hopkins, and Wesleyan University. Dr. Fins is the immediate Past President of the International Neuroethics Society, Past President of the American Society for Bioethics and Humanities, and current Chair of the Hastings Center Board of Trustees.

Dr. Fins graduated from Wesleyan in 1982 and received his MD degree from Cornell University Medical College in 1986. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine and his Fellowship in General Internal Medicine at The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, and has served as Associate

for Medicine at The Hastings Center. Dr. Fins is a Diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

The author of more than 500 papers, chapters, essays, and books, Dr. Fins’ most recent volume is *Rights Come to Mind: Brain Injury, Ethics and The Struggle for Consciousness* (Cambridge University Press, 2015). He also is the author of *A Palliative Ethic of Care: Clinical Wisdom* at Life’s End and was co-author of the 2007 *Nature* paper describing the first use of deep brain stimulation (DBS) in the minimally conscious state. Dr. Fins served as a co-investigator on an NIH BRAIN Initiative grant studying DBS in severe to moderate traumatic brain injury and was principal investigator on a BRAIN Initiative grant entitled, "Cognitive Restoration: Neuroethics and Disability Rights." He is currently MPI on a R01 entitled, “Post-trial Access, Clinical Care, Psychosocial Support, and Scientific Progress in Experimental Deep Brain Stimulation Research.”

Dr. Fins is an elected Member of the National Academy of Medicine, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Association of American Physicians, and, by Royal Appointment, is an *Academico de Honor* (Honored Academic) of the Royal National Academy of Medicine of Spain. In 2022, Dr. Fins was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, from Wesleyan University, and he received the *Weill Cornell Medical College Alumni Association Award of Distinction* in 2024. Dr. Fins is currently working on a biography of the physician-humanist, Dr. Lewis Thomas.

Ellen M. Gilligan  
Doctor of Humanities



Ellen M. Gilligan, a champion for strong communities and racial equity, has dedicated her entire career to driving resources to underserved communities and advancing equitable outcomes in education, housing, and economic development.

As President and Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation (GMF) – a role she held from 2010 to 2024 – Gilligan joined Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) President and CEO Dr. John R. Raymond, Sr., in a groundbreaking collaboration focused on the social determinants of health, and bringing to life GMF’s generational commitment to advance racial equity in the region. Both GMF and MCW had historic ties to the Brewers Hill, Halyard Park, and Harambe neighborhoods. This was an opportunity for them to invest deeply while embedding their institutions to catalyze long-term change.

With a shared vision for a Milwaukee that is equitable, healthy, and thriving for all, the CEOs of GMF and MCW assembled a visionary and collaborative team that homed in on the former Schuster’s Department store building in Milwaukee’s Bronzeville neighborhood to create a national model called ThriveOn King – a unique partnership of a private health sciences university, a community foundation, and an innovative, visionary African-American developer. The team steered deep involvement and engagement across multiple partners and throughout the community, bringing the vision to life. Most importantly, the collaboration was guided at every step by the vision, voices, and priorities of the area’s residents.

ThriveOn King launched as a comprehensive community hub in June 2024, bringing together early childhood education, health and wellness, new housing and economic opportunity, and new business under one roof. Fulfilling residents’ vision,

ThriveOn King is a community gathering place and showcase celebrating the history and culture of Bronzeville and renewing a long-dormant, iconic community asset for positive change.

Gilligan earned her Bachelor’s degree from the University of Colorado, and postgraduate certificates from Northwestern University (strategic leadership) and the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy (major giving). She has held executive leadership roles spanning more than 30 years with national and local nonprofits that invest in community development, including the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, The Milton S. Eisenhower Foundation, and United Way Worldwide – all in the Washington, DC area. She held executive roles with United Way of Greater Cincinnati and The Greater Cincinnati Foundation prior to joining the GMF.

Gilligan has brought her leadership skills as a catalyst and convener of community around shared vision to national and community boards, including the Greater Milwaukee Committee, the City of Milwaukee’s Black Male Achievement Advisory Council; and United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County, and recently joined the board of Wisconsin Watch.

One of Gilligan’s proudest career accomplishments was overseeing the GMF’s growth in assets from \$458 million in 2010 to more than \$1 billion in 2024. During her tenure, GMF also completed one of the nation’s first community foundation campaigns, generating \$726 million to support GMF’s vision of a Milwaukee for All. The campaign engaged thousands of donors in support of the “building blocks of a better life” – educational opportunity, health equity, economic inclusion, and housing security.

Robert N. Golden, MD  
Doctor of Medical Science



Robert N. Golden, MD, is Dean Emeritus of the School of Medicine and Public Health, Vice Chancellor Emeritus for Medical Affairs, the Robert Turell Professor in Medical Leadership, and Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is also Past Chair of the Board of UW Health, the university’s academic health system.

Dr. Golden received his BA *cum laude* with honors in psychology from Yale University, and his MD degree from the Boston University School of Medicine. He completed an internship, residency, and chief residency in psychiatry at the University of North Carolina (UNC), followed by a fellowship in pharmacology research at the National Institute of Mental Health. He returned to UNC in 1985 and over time, served as the Associate Director of both the General Clinical Research Center and the Mental Health Clinical Research Center, Chair of the Department of Psychiatry, and Vice Dean for the School of Medicine.

In July 2006, Dr. Golden became the 9th Dean of the UW School of Medicine and Public Health. Upon stepping down as Dean in May 2025, he was the longest serving dean at UW-Madison and the second-longest serving medical school dean in the United States. He remains on the faculty as a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry.

During his leadership tenure at UW-Madison, Dr. Golden led the transformation of the medical school into the nation’s first School of Medicine and Public Health, which included the integration of public and population health principles into its education, research, and service missions. He also played a

critical leadership role in the integration of the academic group practice and the academic health system into a single physician-led organization, UW Health. Over the course of his service as Dean, National Institutes of Health (NIH) research funding grew from \$135 million to more than \$315 million; specialized training tracks in rural and urban medicine were created for medical students; multiple new centers were launched, including the Native American Center for Health Professions and the Institute for Clinical and Translation Science; and greater diversity was achieved among students, faculty, and institutional leaders.

Dr. Golden has published more than 250 academic papers and has served on several editorial boards, review panels, and advisory committees. His national appointments have included Chair of the Board of the Association of Academic Health Centers; President of the American College of Psychiatrists; Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology; and Associate Editor for *Psychosomatic Medicine* and *Neuropsychopharmacology*.

His honors include the *Eugene Hargrove Mental Health Research Award* and the *American College of Psychiatrists Mood Disorders Research Award*; appointment as the inaugural Stuart Bondurant Distinguished Professor at UNC-Chapel Hill; recipient of the *Distinguished Medical Alumnus Award* from the UNC School of Medicine and the *Distinguished Alumnus Award* from the Boston University School of Medicine; and the *UW Slesinger Award for Excellence in Mentoring* of women faculty.



It is a sobering experience to contemplate the scope and magnitude of medical knowledge that has accrued in the past 50 years. Those who can best appreciate the astonishing discoveries that have converted medicine into a highly complex science are these 114 physicians who entered the profession decades ago.

They have a special vantage point from which to observe what has transpired. Among this select group are physicians who completed their studies in 1975 at this medical school. The Medical College of Wisconsin is pleased to honor these esteemed alumni for contributions to the field of medicine during an era which continually challenged their talents.

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**Jacob W. Adelman**  
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**Cell and Developmental Biology**  
**Dissertation:** Evaluating Human Cytomegalovirus–induced Structural and Functional Effects in an iPSC–derived Model of the Human Forebrain  
**Mentor:** Allison D. Ebert, PhD  
September 30, 2024



**Kaelin A. Akins**  
Chicago, IL  
BS University of Iowa 2019  
**Cell and Developmental Biology**  
**Basic and Translational Science Concentration**  
**Dissertation:** The Roles of Runx1 in Cardiac Development and Cardiac Disease  
**Mentor:** Michaela Patterson, PhD  
April 30, 2025



**Garrett M. Bates**  
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MPH Kansas University Medical Center 2019  
**Public and Community Health**  
**Dissertation:** The Disproportionate Effects of COVID–19 on Rural Wisconsin: An investigation of factors contributing to the impact of COVID–19 on rural health outcomes and pandemic preparedness  
**Mentor:** John Meurer, MD, MBA  
April 30, 2025



**Amber M. Brandolino**  
MS Medical College of Wisconsin 2019  
**Public and Community Health**  
**Dissertation:** "Stop the Shooting. Stop the Violence.": Evidence to Inform Safer and Healthier Communities  
**Mentor:** Terri A. deRoon Cassini, MS, PhD  
April 30, 2025



**Ashley K. Brown**  
Rochester, MN  
MS Boston College 2016  
**Microbiology & Immunology**  
**Dissertation:** Metabolism supports CD8 T cell differentiation in chronic inflammation  
**Mentor:** Weiguo Cui, MD, PhD  
May 31, 2024



**Alfredo S. Colina**  
Gaithersburg, MD  
BA Grinnell College 2017  
**Microbiology & Immunology**  
**Basic and Translational Science Concentration**  
**Dissertation:** Functional signatures of bispecific CAR–T cells define clinical response in B cell malignancies  
**Mentor:** Anthony E. Zamora, PhD  
January 31, 2025



**Joseph M. Crecelius**  
Philadelphia, PA  
BS University of Scranton 2019  
**Biochemistry**  
**Dissertation:** The role of G protein–coupled receptor kinase phosphorylation on  $\beta$ –arrestin–independent modes of GPCR internalization and signaling  
**Mentor:** Adriano Marchese, PhD  
April 30, 2025



**Savannah R. Duenweg**  
**Biophysics**  
**Dissertation:** Non–Invasive Tracking of Prostate Cancer Risk Assessment Using Radio–Pathomic Mapping  
**Mentor:** Peter LaViolette, PhD  
July 31, 2024



**Rachel L. Fehrman**  
Watertown, WI  
BS University of Wisconsin–Whitewater 2018  
**Cell and Developmental Biology**  
**Dissertation:** Feasibility of large transgene delivery to the mouse retina: Eyeing the potential for gene therapy applications  
**Mentor:** Daniel M. Lipinski, MSc, DPhil  
April 30, 2025



**Olivia D. Franklin**  
Indianapolis, IN  
MS Idaho State University 2018  
**Cell and Developmental Biology**  
**Basic and Translational Science Concentration**  
**Dissertation:** Transcriptional Reprogramming by GATA4 Activation in Human Squamous Esophageal Epithelial Cells: Implications for Barrett's Esophagus and Esophageal Adenocarcinoma  
**Mentor:** Michele Battle, PhD  
July 31, 2024



**Linda Fraunhofer**  
Gurnee, IL  
MS University of Wisconsin–Madison 2010  
**Public and Community Health**  
**Dissertation:** Examining Kidney Disease Indicators and Care Gaps in Socially Vulnerable Populations  
**Mentor:** Liliana E. Pezzin, PhD  
April 30, 2025



**Matthew A. Hadiono**  
**Microbiology & Immunology**  
**Dissertation:** Modulation of gut microbial metabolism and anaerobic energy expenditure by xenobiotics and bacterial metabolites  
**Mentor:** John Kirby, PhD  
May 31, 2024



**Christopher P. Hansen**  
**Biomedical Engineering\***  
**Dissertation:** Dynamic Multi–spectral NIR/SWIR Fluorescence Imaging for in vivo Lympho–vascular Architectural and Functional Quantification  
**Mentor:** Amit Joshi, PhD  
December 31, 2024  
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**Lishu He**  
Shenzhen, China  
BS Syracuse University 2018  
**Physiology**  
**Dissertation:** Regulatory RNA and genetic mechanisms of podocyte injury in hypertension  
**Mentor:** Mingyu Liang, MB, PhD  
April 30, 2025



**Mengming Hu**  
Milwaukee, WI  
**Cell and Developmental Biology**  
**Dissertation:** The Role of Mevalonate/Cholesterol Synthesis and Trafficking on Retinal Ganglion Cell Axon Regeneration  
**Mentor:** Matthew B. Veldman, PhD  
November 27, 2024



**Tendai Hungengiwa**  
MS Andrews University 2019  
**Cell and Developmental Biology**  
**Dissertation:** Obesity in Angiogenesis during Adipose Tissue Remodeling and Regenerative Lung Growth  
**Mentor:** Akiko Mammoto, MD, PhD  
September 30, 2024



**Kevin C. Jennings**  
**Microbiology & Immunology**  
**Dissertation:** When Commensals Become Pathogens: Using an Enterococcus dissemination model to understand mechanisms of opportunistic infection  
**Mentor:** Nita H. Salzman, MD, PhD  
June 28, 2024



**Kyle A. Johnson**  
Columbus, GA  
BA Oglethorpe University 2018  
**Biomedical Engineering\***  
**Dissertation:** Advancing Pre–Clinical Multi–Echo fMRI with Inductively Coupled Surface Coils  
**Mentor:** Jason W. Sidabras, PhD  
November 27, 2024  
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**Kara J. Kallies**  
La Crosse, WI  
MS University of Minnesota–Twin Cities  
**Public and Community Health**  
**Dissertation:** Traumatic Injuries in Wisconsin: Mechanisms, Severity, Patterns of Injury, and Outcomes for Rural versus Urban Patients  
**Mentor:** Laura D. Cassidy, MS, PhD  
November 27, 2024



**Thomas J. Kelly**  
**Pharmacology and Toxicology**  
**Dissertation:** Cortico–striatal modulators of anxiety–like behavior  
**Mentor:** Qing–song Liu, PhD  
February 28, 2025



# Doctor of Philosophy



## Ulrich Kemmo Tsafack

### Biostatistics

**Dissertation:** Statistical learning algorithms for high dimensional multi-omics data  
**Mentor:** Kwang Woo Ahn, PhD  
August 30, 2024



## Mohamed Khalil

Chicago, IL

### Microbiology & Immunology

**Dissertation:** Defining Memory NK Cell Development and Functions Following Cytomegalovirus Infection  
**Mentor:** Subramaniam Malarkannan, PhD and Scott Terhune, PhD  
June 28, 2024



## Shana T. Lara

### Public and Community Health

**Dissertation:** Social emotional learning in urban elementary schools: Educator experiences, impacts on student social emotional health, and the role of race, ethnicity, and gender  
**Mentor:** Kirsten Beyer, PhD, MPH, MS  
April 25, 2025



## Joseph LeSueur

Northfield Center, OH  
BS Trine University 2020

### Biomedical Engineering\*

**Dissertation:** The Mechanical Behavior of Skin in Puncture and Ballistic Impact  
**Mentor:** Frank A. Pintar, PhD  
October 31, 2024

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## Siying Lin

Rockville, MD

### Microbiology & Immunology

**Dissertation:** SATB1 is a key regulator of quiescence in stem-like CD8+ T cells  
**Mentor:** Weiguo Cui, MD, PhD  
April 25, 2025



## Jerrell J. Lovett

Milwaukee, WI  
BS Marquette University 2018

### Physiology

### Basic and Translational Science Concentration

**Dissertation:** Deletion of the polarity factor Llg1 impairs cardiomyocyte intercalated disc integrity and promotes cardiomyocyte proliferation during development and following injury  
**Mentor:** Caitlin O'Meara, PhD  
April 30, 2025



## Wan Yu Shermaine Low

Singapore  
BS Nanyang Technological University 2019

### Cell and Developmental Biology

**Dissertation:** Decorin's role in the retina  
**Mentor:** Shyam S. Chaurasia, MSc, PhD  
February 28, 2025



## Nicholas J. Malcolm

### Cell and Developmental Biology

**Dissertation:** Investigating The Molecular Determinants Of Superagonism At The Mu-Opioid Receptor  
**Mentor:** John D. McCorvy, PhD  
July 31, 2024



## Stephen F. Mazurchuk

### Biophysics

**Dissertation:** An Experiential Account of Semantic Category Organization in the Brain  
**Mentor:** Jeffrey R. Binder, MD  
June 28, 2024



## Chandler J. McElrath

Waunakee, WI  
BS Carroll University

### Biochemistry

**Dissertation:** The role of linear ubiquitin in GPCR signaling and trafficking  
**Mentor:** Adriano Marchese, PhD  
November 27, 2024



## Nathan J. Meinhardt

MS University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee 2018

### Microbiology & Immunology

**Dissertation:** Unraveling the complexity of the human peripheral blood B cell compartment through multiomic CITE-seq analyses  
**Mentor:** Bonnie N. Dittel, PhD  
May 31, 2024



## Alexander R. Mikesell

### Cell and Developmental Biology

**Dissertation:** Keratinocyte Piezo1 mediates touch sensation and touch hypersensitivity  
**Mentor:** Cheryl L. Stucky, PhD  
May 31, 2024



## Melissa L. Neal

Milwaukee, WI  
MPH University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee 2012

### Public and Community Health

**Dissertation:** Exploring Racism, Resilience, Stress and Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes among African American Women: A Mixed Methods Study  
**Mentor:** Kirsten Beyer, PhD, MPH, MS  
April 30, 2025



## Madison E. Nelson

Greenwood, WI  
BS University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire 2019

### Microbiology & Immunology

**Dissertation:** The role and regulation of peptidoglycan synthases in cephalosporin resistance of Enterococcus faecalis  
**Mentor:** Christopher J. Kristich, PhD  
April 30, 2025



## Mir Hadi Razeghi Kondelaji

### Biomedical Engineering\*

**Dissertation:** Computational and Experimental Studies on Vascular Targeted Plasmonic Thermal Ablation of Solid Tumors  
**Mentor:** Amit Joshi, PhD  
May 31, 2024

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## Valeria L. Robleto Montealegre

Managua, Nicaragua  
BS University of the Ozarks-Clarksville 2018

### Biochemistry

**Dissertation:** The Role of Sorting Nexin 9 Family in G Protein-Coupled Receptor Regulation  
**Mentor:** Adriano Marchese, PhD  
June 28, 2024



## Tyler F. Rooks

Buena Vista, CO  
MS Boise State University 2011

### Biomedical Engineering\*

**Dissertation:** Regional brain strain responses of anatomically accurate human and non-human primate brain finite element models  
**Mentor:** Narayan Yoganandan, PhD  
July 31, 2024

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## Allison L. Scarbrough

Waukesha, WI  
MS Milwaukee School of Engineering 2019

### Biomedical Engineering\*

**Dissertation:** Designing a Practical Optical Spectroscopy Device for Cervical Cancer Detection in Low-Resource Settings  
**Mentor:** Bing Yu, PhD  
January 31, 2025

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## Roman R. Schlimgen

West Salem, WI  
BS University of Wisconsin-La Crosse 2019

### Biochemistry

**Dissertation:** New Perspectives into Chemokine Receptor Signaling and Selectivity with Llama-Derived Antibodies and Computational Models  
**Mentor:** Brian F. Volkman, PhD  
August 30, 2024



## John D. Seifert

Lisle, IL  
BS South Dakota School of Mines and Technology 2019

### Biomedical Engineering\*

**Dissertation:** Experimental and Computational Characterization of Annulus Fibrosus Damage  
**Mentor:** Brian D. Stemper, PhD  
March 31, 2025

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## Shayan Shafiee

MS University of Illinois Chicago 2018

### Biomedical Engineering\*

**Dissertation:** Remodeling the Tumor Landscape: Dll4, BACH1, and the Quest for Effective Breast Cancer Therapies  
**Mentor:** Amit Joshi, PhD  
September 30, 2024

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## Gage M. Stuttgen

Trempealeau, WI  
BS University of Wisconsin-La Crosse 2019

### Biochemistry

**Dissertation:** Investigating the Novel Roles of FFAR4 in Foam Cell Formation and Atherosclerosis  
**Mentor:** Daisy Sahoo, PhD  
February 28, 2025



## Dandan Wang

### Microbiology & Immunology

**Dissertation:** A GATA2-TGF-b1-TAL1 axis is essential for human NK cell development  
**Mentor:** Subramaniam Malarkannan, PhD  
September 30, 2024



## Yu Wang

Guangshan, CN  
MS Missouri State University 2018

### Biostatistics

**Dissertation:** Machine learning approaches for single-cell RNA-seq study design and composite endpoint data  
**Mentor:** Chien-Wei Lin, PhD  
July 31, 2024

# Doctor of Philosophy



**Adaysha C. Williams**  
La Crosse, WI  
MSc Dublin City University 2019  
**Physiology**  
**Basic and Translational Science Concentration**  
**Dissertation:** Hyperphosphatemia and microRNA-21 as mediators of chronic kidney disease-related cardiac dysfunction  
**Mentor:** Alison J. Kriegel, PhD  
July 31, 2024



**Ruth E. Woehlke**  
Milwaukee, WI  
BS University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire 2020  
**Biomedical Engineering\***  
**Dissertation:** Exploring Novel Optical Elements to Improve Retinal Imaging in Adaptive Optics Scanning Light Ophthalmoscopy  
**Mentor:** Robert F. Cooper, PhD  
April 30, 2025  
*\* Joint Doctor of Philosophy program with Marquette University*



**Ching Tzu Yu**  
Taoyuan, Taiwan  
BS Wisconsin Lutheran College 2018  
**Cell and Developmental Biology**  
**Dissertation:** Development of disease, therapy, and functional assessment in cone-dominant animal models  
**Mentor:** Joseph J. Carroll, PhD  
March 31, 2025



**Peter K. Zhang**  
Ann Arbor, MI  
BS University of Michigan 2018  
**Biostatistics**  
**Dissertation:** Group Sequential Designs and Sample Size Determination for Comparing Covariate-adjusted Survival Probabilities and Restricted Mean Survival Times  
**Mentor:** Michael J. Martens, PhD and Brent R. Logan, PhD  
June 28, 2024

# Doctor of Public Health



**Jazzmyne Azure Adams**  
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MPH University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee 2018  
**Dissertation:** Impact of Neighborhood Diversity, Residential Mobility, and Financial Toxicity on Black Women's Breast Cancer Survivorship Experiences in Southeastern Wisconsin  
**Mentor:** Kirsten Beyer, PhD, MPH, MS  
April 30, 2025



**Myranda E. Baumgartner**  
Athens, TX  
MPH Cornell University 2020  
**Dissertation:** The Experience of Trust in Public Health: A Henderson County, Texas Phenomenological Study  
**Mentor:** Leslie Ruffalo, PhD  
March 31, 2025



**Kersten F. Hammond-Reich**  
McKinney, TX  
MPH University of Massachusetts Amherst 2019  
**Dissertation:** Investigating the Association Between Health Inequity and Diabetic Retinopathy in the Milwaukee Area: A Quantitative Study  
**Mentor:** Joni S. Williams, MD, MPH  
March 31, 2025

# Doctor of Public Health



**Carlos A. Litovich**  
Chicago, IL  
MPH University of Puerto Rico 2016  
**Dissertation:** Strategies to mitigate disparities impacting representation in cellular therapy research  
**Mentor:** Rachel Cusatis, PhD  
April 30, 2025



**Jean Mallett**  
MBA Averno College 2008  
**Dissertation:** Exploring the Sense of Belonging amongst Underrepresented in Medicine (URiM) Students: A Novel Approach Utilizing Photovoice  
**Mentor:** Zeno Franco, PhD  
March 31, 2025



**Obiageli T. Nwabuzor**  
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MBA Cardinal Stritch University 2017  
**Dissertation:** The relationship between investment patterns, gentrification, displacement, and racial mortality disparities in the U.S.  
**Mentor:** Kirsten Beyer, PhD, MPH, MS  
April 30, 2025



**Lisa M. Sanders**  
Seattle, WA  
MS University of California-Santa Cruz 2011  
**Dissertation:** An Evaluation of the Washington State Department of Health HIV Peer Navigation Programs  
**Mentor:** Staci A. Young, PhD  
June 28, 2024



**Lia Scalzo**  
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MPH Thomas Jefferson University 2017  
**Dissertation:** Identifying the Psychological Effects of Undocumented Immigration to the United States Among Latinx Adults: A Qualitative Research Study  
**Mentor:** Leslie Ruffalo, PhD  
April 30, 2025



**Heidi W. Steinecker**  
Sacramento, CA  
MA California Polytechnic University 2003  
**Dissertation:** Challenges and Strategies of Implementing the World Health Organization Infection Control Protocols in Rural Ugandan Hospitals  
**Mentor:** Christopher Simenz, PhD, MS  
March 31, 2025



**Annika Swenson**  
Mineral Point, WI  
MPH Medical College of Wisconsin 2011  
**Dissertation:** Living with Cancer in Rural America: a Phenomenological Study in Iowa County, Wisconsin  
**Mentor:** Jessica Olson, PhD, MPH  
March 31, 2025



# Master of Science



Noor A. Ahmed

**Bioinformatics\***

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Victor T. Baidoo

**Biostatistics**

**Thesis:** Causal Inference in Observational Studies: A comprehensive overview of Methods for Survival and Binary Outcome Analysis

**Mentor:** Kwang Woo Ahn, PhD



Nathan T. Balthazor

**Biomedical Engineering\***

January 10, 2025

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Aisha Batool, MD

Milwaukee, WI  
MD King Edward Medical University 2009

**Clinical and Translational Science**

**Thesis:** Prevalence of Albuminuria Among US Adults with Obesity and its possible Impact on Chronic Kidney disease screening: A Cross-Sectional Analysis of NHANES 2003–2020

**Mentor:** Ashraf El-Meanaway, PhD, MD



Emilie M. Blair

Westland, MI  
BA University of Michigan–Ann Arbor 2020

**Genetic Counseling**

**Thesis:** Neurocognitive Manifestations of OTC Deficiency in Female Heterozygotes

**Mentor:** Erin Syverson, MGC, CGC



Emma M. Farson

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BS University of Nebraska–Lincoln 2023

**Genetic Counseling**

**Thesis:** The Impact of Peer Consultation on Genetic Counselor Well-Being

**Mentor:** Jennifer Geurts, MS, CGC



Kevin F. Folivi

Baton Rouge, LA  
BS Louisiana State University 2022

**Global Health Equity**

**Thesis:** Perceived Effectiveness of a Novel, Community-based Care Program for Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus in Dhulikhel Municipality

**Mentor:** Laura Cassidy, MS, PhD  
December 31, 2024



Alyssa R. Frelka

Brookfield, WI  
BS University of Wisconsin–Madison 2018

**Global Health Equity**

**Thesis:** An Evaluation of the Use of a Perioperative Antibiotic Checklist in Facilitating Antibiotic Administration in the General, Urological, and Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery Departments at a Tertiary Care Facility in Dhulikhel, Nepal  
**Mentor:** Constance Shumba, PhD



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Milwaukee, WI  
BS University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee 2021

**Biochemistry**

**Thesis:** The Role of Wild-Type RAS in Regulating Intrinsic Resistance to KRAS G12C Inhibitors

**Mentor:** Thomas McFall, PhD  
August 30, 2024



Autumn J. Hamilton

BS University of Wisconsin–Parkside 2019

**Physiology**

**Thesis:** Investigating the Role of  $\beta$ -arrestin2 in Sodium Intake Behavior

**Mentor:** Curt D. Sigmund, PhD  
February 28, 2025



Hamza Hassan, MD

Grand Rapids, MI  
MD Allama Iqbal Medical College 2016

**Clinical and Translational Science**

**Thesis:** Utilizing Swallowing against Resistance as a potential rehabilitation tool for Dysphagia in Parkinson's disease: A Pilot Study

**Mentor:** Reza Shaker, MD



Nicole N. Holzhauer

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BS University of Minnesota–Twin Cities 2022

**Genetic Counseling**

**Thesis:** Trends of Variant Reclassification in a Large Cardiogenetic Testing Cohort

**Mentor:** Alison La Pean Kirschner, CGC



Taylor Jaraczewski

**Global Health Equity**

**Thesis:** Building better outcomes: A grounded theory approach to understanding creation and management of surgical registries in Ethiopia  
**Mentor:** Christopher M. Dodgion, MD, MSPH, MBA  
August 30, 2024



Jacob C. Kaufman

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BS Marquette University 2022

**Clinical and Translational Science**

**Thesis:** Enhancing Congenital Heart Disease: Investigating the Influence of Patient-Specific 3D-Models on Surgical Planning and Patient Education

**Mentor:** John F. LaDisa, PhD



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BS University of Alabama at Birmingham 2022

**Genetic Counseling**

**Thesis:** Evaluating the Impact of Updated NCCN Guidelines on Clinical Management and Risk Communication for CHEK2 p.I157T Variant in Breast Cancer

**Mentor:** Jennifer Geurts, MS, CGC



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**Biomedical Engineering\***

**Thesis:** Understanding Neural Mechanisms of Force Steadiness During a Fatigue Task Post-Stroke

**Mentor:** Allison Hyngstrom, PT, PhD and Brian Schmit, PhD

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**Thesis:** Revisiting Germline SDHA-Related Tumor Risks: A Cohort of 558 SDHA Positive Patients from a Single Reference Laboratory

**Mentor:** Amanda Jacquart, MS, CGC



Maxwell L. Mantych

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BS Marquette University 2019

**Global Health Equity**

**Thesis:** Retrospective analysis of trauma patients transported by dispatch monitored type B ambulances to Dhulikhel Hospital, Kavre, Nepal, 2019–2023

**Mentor:** Laura Cassidy, MS, PhD  
August 30, 2024



Margaret M. Mayer

Salt Lake City, UT  
BS Marquette University 2024

**Biomedical Engineering\***

**Thesis:** Attenuation Characteristics of Military Boots

**Mentor:** Frank A. Pintar, PhD

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Kathrina Mpala

**Biomedical Engineering\***

**Thesis:** Molecular Imaging for Predicting Survival in Subjects Early Following Radiation Exposure

**Mentor:** Said Audi, PhD

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Sambhavi K. Patel

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Msc Gujarat Forensic Sciences University 2019

**Bioinformatics\***

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Abigail M. Riley

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**Genetic Counseling**

**Thesis:** "I can't keep fighting by myself anymore": The Prevalence, Impact, and Management of Moral Distress Among Genetic Counselors

**Mentor:** Alison La Pean Kirschner, CGC



Reagan Stultz

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**Genetic Counseling**

**Thesis:** Stakeholder perspectives on the nomenclature revision from Neurofibromatosis Type 2 (NF2) to NF2-related Schwannomatosis (NF2-SWN)

**Mentor:** Heather Radtke MS, CGC



Carlie Wyckoff

Green Bay, WI  
BS University of Wisconsin–Madison 2022

**Global Health Equity**

**Thesis:** An Evaluation of Menstruation Knowledge, Attitudes, Beliefs, and Practices among Adolescent Girls in Dhulikhel, Nepal

**Mentor:** Laura Cassidy, MS, PhD  
December 31, 2024

# Master of Engineering




**Zoe Marmitt**  
**Biomedical Engineering\***  
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# Master of Arts




**Nathan W. Cummins, MD**  
Rochester, MN  
MD University of Kentucky  
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**Bioethics**


# Master of Medical Physiology




**William R. Bergersen**  
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BS Wisconsin Lutheran College  
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# Master of Public Health




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**Ryan A. Pogodzinski**  
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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 treat all patients with dignity and respect and will not discriminate against any patient. 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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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 confidential-  
ity 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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Graduate Student Awards

Friends of MCW Doctor of Philosophy Outstanding Dissertation Award Recipients

First Place  
**Gage M. Stuttgen**  
**Biochemistry**  
**Dissertation:** Investigating the Novel Roles of FFAR4 in Foam Cell Formation and Atherosclerosis

Second Place  
**Mohamed Khalil**  
**Microbiology & Immunology**  
**Dissertation:** Defining Memory NK cell development and functions following cytomegalovirus infection

Second Place  
**Ashley K. Brown**  
**Microbiology & Immunology**  
**Dissertation:** Metabolism supports effector CD8 T cell differentiation in chronic inflammation

Outstanding Contribution to Advancing Public Health Award

**Melissa L. Neal**  
**Public and Community Health**  
**Dissertation:** Exploring Racism, Stress, Resilience, and Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes among African American Women: A Mixed Methods Study

**Taylor Jaraczewski**  
**Global Health Equity**  
**Thesis:** Building better outcomes: A grounded theory approach to understanding creation and management of surgical registries in Ethiopia

Graduate Student Award for Outstanding Mentor

**Jennifer J. Tuscher, PhD**  
The recipient of this award is recognized as an outstanding mentor by the graduate students.

Graduate Student Award for Outstanding Teacher

**Jennifer M. Freiheit, PhD**  
The recipient of this award is recognized for outstanding teaching of graduate students.

Pharmacy Student Awards

Interprofessional Education Student Pharmacist Award

**Sophia M. Schulte**  
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

**Zoe E. Green**  
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

**Liliana E. Galvan**  
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

**Liliana E. Galvan**  
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

**Kaitlin F. Larson**  
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.

Children’s Wisconsin Pediatric Student Achievement Award

**Sarah A. Graham**  
The Children’s Wisconsin Pediatric 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 organization involvement who is pursuing post-graduate residency training.

Clement J. Zablocki Veterans Affairs Student Achievement Award

**Adam M. Crouse**  
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

**Sarah A. Graham (PY1, PY2)**  
**Riley Q. Hall (PY1, PY2)**  
**Madelyn P. Heikkila (PY2)**  
**Anna M. Little (PY1, PY2)**  
**Sage L. Orlowski (PY2)**  
The Outstanding Academic Achievement Award recognizes Medical College of Wisconsin student pharmacists who placed first, second, and third in the total number of Honors final course grades earned in the first year (PY1) or the second year (PY2) of the program, respectively.

Viatrix Excellence in Pharmacy Award

**Sarah A. Graham**  
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.

Pharmacy Student Awards (cont.)

Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience Certificate of Merit

**Jennifer J. Erickson**  
**Sarah A. Graham**  
**Madelyn P. Heikkila**  
**Kaitlin F. Larson**  
**Anna M. Little**  
**John Lyneis**  
**Michael S. Quaranta**  
**Kathleen Soter**  
**Jordan J. Weber**  
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

**Morgan Dufer**  
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

**Anna M. Little**  
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

**Ariane D. Aidedji**  
**Liliana E. Galvan**  
The Diversity and Inclusion Pharmacy Student Award recognizes a Medical College of Wisconsin School of Pharmacy student pharmacist accomplishments in contributing to diversity and inclusion through exemplary leadership.

American Pharmacists Association Academy of Student Pharmacists Graduation Honor Cords

**Morgan Dufer**  
**Elena M. Hofbauer**  
**Sage L. Orlowski**  
**Soriene N. Ruf**  
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

**Brianna M. Albee**  
**Adrienne L. Bartolini**  
**Adam M. Crouse**  
**Liliana E. Galvan**  
**Sarah A. Graham**  
**Riley Q. Hall**  
**Kaitlin F. Larson**  
**Megan E. Oliver**  
**Sage L. Orlowski**  
**Soriene N. Ruf**  
**Seyed K. Sahraeian**  
**Kathleen Soter**  
**Jordan J. Weber**  
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

**Jennifer J. Erickson**  
**Sarah A. Graham**  
**Riley Q. Hall**  
**Madelyn P. Heikkila**  
**Elena M. Hofbauer**  
**Brandon B. Johnson**  
**Kaitlin F. Larson**  
**Anna M. Little**  
**Sage L. Orlowski**  
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

**Liliana E. Galvan**  
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

**Jennifer J. Erickson**  
**Riley Q. Hall**  
**Anna M. Little**  
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

**Adam M. Crouse**  
**Jennifer J. Erickson**  
**Liliana E. Galvan**  
**Zoe E. Green**  
**Riley Q. Hall**  
**Elena M. Hofbauer**  
**Kaitlin F. Larson**  
**Sage L. Orlowski**  
**Sophia M. Schulte**  
**Aaron N. Stange**  
Membership in the Phi Lambda Sigma Society if 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.



# Awards and Honors

## 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 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.

Mohamed T. Abdelrahim  
Ryan F. Amidon  
Deepali M. Bhalla  
Simon Francis Blaine-Sauer  
Miryea I. Cisneros  
Reilly A. Coombs Turunen\*  
Mark Ehioghae  
Christopher B. Gitter  
Cheyenne L. Greenhouse  
Lauren A. Hilt  
Elisha E. Jaeke  
Alexandra L. Johnson  
Devesh Kumar  
Morgan I. Lucero  
James S. MacLeod  
Ellie Mallek\*  
Morgan E. Maring

Ryan G. McQueen  
Ashin D. Mehta  
Sarah J. H. Melin  
Buruj W. Mohammed  
Sophia Neman  
Marissa S. O'Hair\*  
Cailey D. O'Neill  
Wasif A. Osmani  
Breanna A. Palmen  
Amelia Papadimitriou  
Bryce B. Patin  
Jessica L. Prom  
Abraham Nagayoshi Razzak  
Isabel N. Reedy  
Christine C. Rogers  
Vienne C. Seitz  
Terry Q. Smith-Roberts

Natalie Stratton  
Dylan T. Sturtevant\*\*  
Ali Syed  
Molly K. Thapar  
Renata G. M. Vallecillo  
Naisarg B. Vanani  
Haley J. VanBeek  
Parsia Vazirnia  
Danica F. Vendiola  
Nathaniel B. Verhagen  
Nicholas S. Weiler\*  
Jacob M. Welsch  
Ethan S. Wen  
Grace F. Wittenberg\*  
Jennifer L. Woodworth\*  
Maie Zagloul

### 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.

Mohamed T. Abdelrahim  
Iniya K. Adhan  
Jeffrey B. Ai  
Saba K. Anwer  
Jennifer A. Backus\*  
Hamid G. Bangura  
Leopoldo Bello Luna  
Lauren J. Beranek\*  
Kole S. Binger  
Matida Bojang  
Maximilian C. Casey  
Brianna M. Celix  
Justin T. Chu  
Miryea I. Cisneros  
Adrienne P. Davis  
Alexandra J. D. Dove  
Madeline R. Ebert

Michael K. Esson  
Thomas M. Geissler  
Christopher B. Gitter  
Sean G. Hernandez  
Bryce T. Hrudka  
Elisha E. Jaeke  
Alexandra L. Johnson  
Kennedy D. Key  
Jeffrey Liu  
Morgan I. Lucero  
Rebecca R. Mastey\*\*  
Cameron S. Mattison  
Ryan G. McQueen  
Christopher J. Naas  
Sophia Neman  
Cailey D. O'Neill  
Breanna A. Palmen

Amelia Papadimitriou  
Milan R. Patel  
Zoe T. W. Patrick\*\*  
Jessica L. Prom  
Mackenzie S. Rabas  
Devon C. Riegel  
Vienne C. Seitz  
Ali Syed  
Morgan M. Tents  
Molly K. Thapar  
Danica F. Vendiola  
Nathaniel B. Verhagen  
Nicholas S. Weiler\*  
Hannah R. Wheeler\*\*  
Maie Zagloul

## Teaching Awards

### MCWAH Housestaff Award for Excellence in Teaching

**Mitchell Depke, MD (required rotations)**  
**Alexander Yoxall, 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 in the course of the 2023–2024 and 2024–2025 academic years.

### The Milwaukee Academy of Medicine Award for Excellence in Teaching

**Daniel P. Duffy, MD**  
This award is presented annually 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. Selection is made by the Senior Class.

### Harry Beckman Basic Science Teaching Award

**Ryan Hillmer, 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

**Caitlin R. Patten, MD, FACS**  
This award is presented to the faculty member considered by the senior class to be the most outstanding teacher in the clinical departments.

### Honors in Research

Mohamed T. Abdelrahim  
Iniya K. Adhan  
Elsie G. Antuna Valencia  
Kole S. Binger  
Simon Francis Blaine-Sauer  
Samantha R. Boettcher  
David Yin Cao  
Kaylynn M. Carew  
Nickolas M. Chen  
Elizabeth M. Cinquegrani  
Kayleigh R. Cook  
Sophia R. E. Ditrich  
Adrianna M. Doucas  
Erin T. Earll-Woehlert  
Madeline R. Ebert  
Katrina N. Erickson  
Max R. Fisher  
Thomas M. Geissler  
Laura B. Grogan  
Alexandra A. Harris

Sean G. Hernandez  
Lauren A. Hilt  
Caitlin K. Hoffman  
Bryce T. Hrudka  
Amalia J. Jereczek  
Alexandra L. Johnson  
Muhammad H. Khokhar  
Annie Kleynerman  
Akshayaa Lakshmanan  
Victoria M. Le  
Phoebe Jung-Bin Lim  
Jeffrey Liu  
James S. MacLeod  
Nicole M. Manfredonia  
Ryan G. McQueen  
Buruj W. Mohammed  
Christopher J. Naas  
Heidi R. Nocka  
Milan R. Patel  
Hannah R. Peck

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

**Amelia Papadimitriou**  
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

Elizabeth D. Dominguez  
Emily M. Lambert  
Elyssa R. Marmolejo  
Molly K. Thapar

The Honors in Medical Education is intended to encourage, support and recognize medical students who exceed typical expectations in their aspirations to pursue careers in Academic Medicine and/or to be purposeful Medical Educators. This Honors reinforces excellence in teaching, highlighting students' demonstration of the educational theories and practice that a clinician will come to depend on in a career in Academic Medicine. Recipients are awarded light blue and purple twisted cords to wear with their academic regalia.

### Honors in Global Health

Alexandra J. D. Dove  
Michael K. Esson

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.

# Awards and Honors

### The Hiram B. Benjamin Award in Anatomy

**Hannah R. Peck**  
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

**Elisa E. Jaeke**  
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

**Brittany S. Pace**  
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

**Kelsey A. Nolden**  
**Hayley R. Powers**  
**Simon F. Blaine-Sauer**  
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

**Simon F. Blaine-Sauer**  
**Elizabeth M. Cinquegrani**  
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.

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\*\* Green Bay

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## The J.J. Smith Award in Physiology

**Maya J. Guenther**

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

**Josiah J. Wolf**

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

**Kayleigh R. Cook**

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

**Kennedy D. Key**

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

**Stephanie A. Armstrong**

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

**Neil V. Dixit**

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

**Juanadrian B. Lezama Morales**

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

**Emily L. Reimer**

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

**Buruj W. Mohammed**

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

**Natalie Stratton**

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.

## The Keelan-Tresch Award for Scholarship in Cardiovascular Medicine

**Hannah Lee**

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

**Annie Kleynerman**

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

**Rasika R. Viswanathan**

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

**Elisa E. Jaeke**

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

**Vienne C. Seitz**

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.

## The Walter P. Blount Award in Orthopaedic Surgery

**Alexandra L. Johnson**

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

**Drake Giese**

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

**Sarah J.H. Melin**

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

**Nathaniel B. Verhagen**

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

**Alexis N. Geich**

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

**Maureen M. Winkoski**

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

**Maya Subramanian**

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

**Emily A. Kolyvas**

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

**Emily R. Koller**

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

**Andrew T. Allen**

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

**Devon C. Riegel**

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.

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## The Department of Surgery Achievement Award

**Ryan G. McQueen**

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

**Emily R. Wendel**

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

**Christopher B. Gitter**

**Kenrick A.D. Manswell**

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

**Adrienne P. Davis**

**Elisa E. Jaeke**

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 selfless dedication are components necessary to enhance the lives of others. This award is presented by the Friends to senior students in appreciation for outstanding service to the MCW community.

## Louis F. Jermain, MD Founding Dean Award

**Amelia Papadimitriou**

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.



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## The Walter Zeit Fellows Leadership Award

**Mark Ehioghae**  
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

**Nathaniel B. Verhagen**  
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

**Christopher B. Gitter**  
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

**Morgan I. Lucero**  
This award, given by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, is awarded to a graduating senior who has consistently demonstrated the attitudes and behaviors predictive of an individual destined to become an outstanding clinician. These include compassion, empathy, selflessness, respect, sensitivity, cooperation and professionalism.

## Houghton Award

**Hamid G. Bangura**  
The recipient of this award shows high promise of successfully blending the art and science of medicine, an accomplishment necessary 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, both deceased.

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

**Vienne C. Seitz**  
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.

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

**Colin R. Liphart**  
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

**Nathaniel B. Verhagen**  
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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