The Order of Exercises

Processional
Ceremonial Brass
   *Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1 in D Major*  
   Sir Edward Elgar

Led by John D. Imig, PhD  
Grand Marshal  
President, Faculty Council

Welcome
John R. Raymond, Sr., MD  
President and CEO  
Cory L. Nettles  
Chair, MCW Board of Trustees  
Joseph E. Kerschner, MD  
Provost and Executive Vice President  
Dean, School of Medicine

Citation to Fifty-Year Graduates
Mawusi E. Kamassah  
Class of 2019

Conferral of Honorary Degrees
Dr. John R. Raymond, Sr.:  
   Virginia K. Bolger  
   Robert David Curry  
   Bruce (Bj) Miller, MD  
   Stephan A. Roell and Dr. Shelagh M. Roell

Commencement Address
Dr. Bj Miller

The Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
The Oath of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences  
Ravi P. Misra, PhD  
Dean, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

Conferral of Degrees  
Doctor of Philosophy Candidates  
Master of Science Candidates  
Master of Arts Candidates  
Master in Medical Physiology Candidates  
Master of Public Health Candidates

Candidates announced by:  
Neil Hogg, PhD  
Assistant Dean of Students, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

The School of Medicine
Declaration of Geneva  
Joseph E. Kerschner, MD  
Provost and Executive Vice President  
Dean, School of Medicine

Conferral of Degrees  
Doctor of Medicine Candidates

Candidates announced by:  
Carol I. Ping Tsao, MD, JD  
Associate Dean, Student Affairs

Military Oath of Commissioned Officers  
Kenneth Lee, MD  
Colonel (Ret.), State Surgeon, Wisconsin Army National Guard  
Associate Professor, Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Medical College of Wisconsin

Closing Remarks
Dr. John R. Raymond, Sr.

Recessional
*Triumphal March from Aida*  
Giuseppe Verdi

To the Families/Guests of Our Graduates:
In order to conduct a dignified ceremony in keeping with the magnitude of the graduates’ achievements, we respectfully request that families and guests remain seated during the ceremony. In particular, we request that guests do not leave their seats to take photographs or make video recordings.

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Professional photos of all graduates will be taken as they receive their diplomas, and proofs will be sent to all graduates or their parents.

At the end of the ceremony, we request that guests not leave their seats until the Recessional of graduates has cleared the hall. Thank you.
Degrees Awarded

Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

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. Candidates are full-time students who function as research assistants and must pass a qualifying examination to demonstrate overall proficiency in the discipline. To earn the PhD degree, a student must submit a dissertation representing an original research contribution and complete a public defense of that dissertation. All degree requirements must be completed within seven years, but the average is five years.

Master of Science (MS)
The Master of Science degree is awarded at MCW for postgraduate study in a specific field of biomedical or translational science. A master’s thesis that gives evidence of marked scholarly attainment in the student’s major subject is required. Candidates for the MS degree must either complete a public defense of their thesis or pass a comprehensive examination based on their total graduate program. The MS program accommodates accelerated or part-time schedules. All degree requirements must be completed within four years, but the average is two years.

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

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

Medical School

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.

MCW’s Discovery Curriculum is a dynamic model that features multifaceted learning modalities, including classroom experiences led by nationally-recognized faculty, clinical experiences guided by expert mentors, peer-based small group interactions and opportunities for individualized career pursuits. This curriculum is geared toward producing exceptional and compassionate physicians prepared to practice medicine in the 21st century.
Leadership

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Cory L. Nettles is the Founder and Managing Director of Generation Growth Capital, Inc., a private equity fund focused on buyouts and providing growth capital to small businesses and lower-middle market companies in the upper Midwest. Mr. Nettles is formerly of counsel at Quarles & Brady LLP in the Corporate Services and Government Relations groups. Mr. Nettles also served as Secretary for the Wisconsin Department of Commerce.

As Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Nettles was the “point man” on business and economic development for the state of Wisconsin. Mr. Nettles managed a wide range of duties, including negotiating a $500 million venture capital package, negotiating banking and commercial lending legislation and negotiating regulatory reform legislation. Mr. Nettles currently serves as a board member for several corporate and nonprofit organizations, including Weyco Group, Inc., Robert W. Baird’s Baird Funds, Inc., United Way of Greater Milwaukee, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, Partners for Schools that Can, Teach For America, Greater Milwaukee Foundation, University of Wisconsin Foundation, Usher’s New Look Foundation and Associated Bank, among others.
Leadership

President and CEO

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 with an operating budget of approximately $1.1 billion, faculty and staff numbering 6,200 and more than $200 million in grant awards for research, teaching, training and related purposes.

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 more than $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 the Versiti/BloodCenter of Wisconsin’s Blood Research Institute. He is the Past President of the Board of the American Heart Association of Metro Milwaukee.

Provost and Executive Vice President, Dean of the School of Medicine

Joseph E. Kerschner, MD, became Dean of the School of Medicine and Executive Vice President of the Medical College of Wisconsin in November 2011. Dr. Kerschner assumed the additional role of Provost in June 2017. His past executive positions include CEO of Children’s Specialty Group and Executive Vice President of Children’s Hospital and Health System. He remains Professor in the Departments of Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences, and Microbiology and Immunology.

An alumnus of MCW, Dr. Kerschner joined the faculty in 1998. As a physician at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, his clinical focus is on otitis media (ear infections), voice disorders and vascular anomalies in children. Dr. Kerschner’s research includes studies to identify causes of and potential new treatments for pediatric ear infections. Dr. Kerschner has published more than 145 articles, book chapters and reviews in professional journals and has presented extensively on his clinical and research areas of expertise at scientific meetings.

Dr. Kerschner is Chair of the Council of Deans for the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC), an organization that represents more than 160 medical schools in the United States and Canada. In November 2018, he was named Chair-elect of the AAMC’s Board of Directors.

Senior Vice President, Healthcare Partnerships and Strategy

Kurt L. Janavitz, MBA, is Senior Vice President, Healthcare Partnerships and Strategy, at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Since joining MCW in April 2017, Mr. Janavitz has been responsible for ensuring the execution of MCW’s strategic initiatives through healthcare partnerships. He is establishing influential relationships with strategic healthcare partners, including clinical affiliates, payers, employers, brokers, emerging clinical enterprises and alliances – all of which are supporting and creating opportunities for MCW’s long-term growth. Additionally, Mr. Janavitz is developing and supporting strategic alliances related to new clinical and academic opportunities for MCW’s Health Sciences University initiative and advises senior leadership in the identification of new business, community, regional and national partnerships.

Mr. Janavitz has more than 25 years of experience in healthcare finance, strategy, operations and marketing with payers, providers and management consulting organizations. Prior to joining MCW, Mr. Janavitz served as Chief Executive Officer for Integrated Health Network of Wisconsin (IHN) from January 2015–April 2017. During his tenure, IHN – the state’s first clinically integrated accountable care organization – grew to become a network of eight independent health systems, 52 hospitals and 8,400 physicians that touched 3.1 million lives.
Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Operating Officer

Christopher P. Kops, CPA, MBA, is Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Operating Officer at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Mr. Kops serves as the principal administrative officer of MCW and is a member of the institution's senior leadership team. He is responsible for MCW's financial functions as well as the planning, organizing, evaluating and monitoring of all administrative and facilities functions. More specifically, Mr. Kops oversees strategic financial and administrative planning, budget development and implementation, policy formulation, facilities and organizational development. Additionally, he has oversight of human resources, faculty affairs, facilities, central purchasing, information services and other institutional functions required to support MCW's missions. Mr. Kops joined MCW as Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration and COO in February 2016 and was promoted in September 2017.

From 2011–2015, Mr. Kops served as Vice President and Associate Dean for Administration and Finance in the University of Chicago's Division of Biological Sciences. Mr. Kops possesses 25 years of experience providing leadership and direction, with demonstrated success in motivating and managing people. He has extensive experience in financial and administrative management, strategic planning, process improvement, faculty recruitment and program development.

Stephen and Shelagh Roell Endowed Chair, Professor and Founding Director, Robert D. and Patricia E. Kern Institute for the Transformation of Medical Education; Senior Associate Dean and Founding Director, Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment; Senior Vice President for Strategic Academic Partnerships

Cheryl A. Maurana, PhD, is Chair of the MCW Consortium on Public and Community Health, a public oversight body that guides the $470 million Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin (AHW) Endowment and its statewide investments in community health, research and education. Dr. Maurana leads the Robert D. and Patricia E. Kern Institute for the Transformation of Medical Education and the Kern National Network for Caring and Character in Medicine, resulting from a generous gift of $38 million from the Kern family and Kern Family Foundation. The Kern National Network is a collaboration of seven medical schools: MCW, Dell Medical School at the University of Texas at Austin, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth, Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine, University of California–San Francisco School of Medicine, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, and Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. These schools are advancing changes in medical education based on the Triple Aim of Medical Education: character, competence and caring. Dr. Maurana has served as Senior Associate Dean in the MCW School of Medicine and Founding Director of the AHW Endowment for nearly 20 years.

Senior Vice President and General Counsel

John T. (Jack) Newsome, MBA, JD, is Senior Vice President and General Counsel for the Medical College of Wisconsin. Mr. Newsome is the chief legal officer and serves as a member of the institution’s senior leadership team. He provides overall strategic and ethical leadership and direction for all legal matters involving MCW, including trustee, faculty, student and staff affairs; regulatory matters; labor and employment litigation; and financial and research concerns. He also works collaboratively with risk assessment and compliance. Mr. Newsome advises on sponsored programs and contract matters, including intellectual property, copyright, patent law and research compliance. Additionally, he advises administrators, faculty and staff on all matters having legal implications for MCW, as necessary. Mr. Newsome joined MCW as Vice President and General Counsel in June 2015 and was promoted in September 2017.

Mr. Newsome has more than 20 years of experience as a practicing attorney representing healthcare entities, as well as more than 25 years of healthcare leadership experience in private, public, not–for–profit and governmental entities. He has successfully undertaken strategic legal planning and organization on behalf of academic medical centers, a public university, and large, complex and highly regulated healthcare businesses.
Senior Vice President, Strategic Alliances and Business Development

Gregory M. Wesley, JD, is Senior Vice President, Strategic Alliances and Business Development, at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Since joining MCW in November 2016, Mr. Wesley has acted as a key strategic leader, ambassador and advisor for MCW, and is responsible for ensuring the execution of MCW’s strategic initiatives and projects through established and emerging partnerships. Mr. Wesley seeks to deepen, nurture and create relationships with strategic partners, burgeoning enterprises and alliances, and others that support and create opportunities for MCW’s long-term growth.

Mr. Wesley has worked with MCW leadership to develop a new partnership with the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, which will include a shared location in the Halyard Park neighborhood of Milwaukee. With a local real estate developer, Royal Capital Group, MCW and GMF will redevelop the historic Schuster’s Department Store building. Together, GMF and MCW will work to better understand and address the underlying social and economic factors that shape health and equity under the joint vision of “A Milwaukee that is Equitable, Healthy and Thriving for all.”

Mr. Wesley earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana University–Bloomington and his law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School.

Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

Ravi P. Misra, PhD, Professor of Biochemistry, was appointed Dean of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at the Medical College of Wisconsin in May 2010.

Since joining the faculty in 1993, Dr. Misra has been significantly involved in nearly all aspects of graduate education at MCW, as well as having extensive participation in medical education.

Dr. Misra’s scientific research interests revolve around understanding the molecular and genetic mechanisms involved in cardiac function and heart formation, focusing on the molecular genetic basis for the development of the coronary vascular system.

He has served as a charter member of the National Institutes of Health Cardiovascular Differentiation and Development Study Section, a reviewer for numerous scientific journals, and as an ongoing ad hoc member of various other national and international scientific review panels, including the American Heart Association and the NIH Physiology and Pathobiology of Cardiovascular and Respiratory Systems Fellowship Study Section. He also is a member of the AAMC GREAT Group Steering Committee, and a designated Peer Reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission.

Dr. Misra is an elected faculty member of Alpha Omega Alpha.

Founding Dean of the School of Pharmacy

George E. MacKinnon III, PhD, MS, RPh, joined the Medical College of Wisconsin in October 2015 as Founding Dean of the School of Pharmacy. He also serves as Professor of Family and Community Medicine and in the Institute for Health & Equity, and is an internal advisory board member of the MCW Genomic Sciences and Precision Medicine Center. Dr. MacKinnon leads the MCW School of Pharmacy to create and deliver a dynamic and innovative Doctor of Pharmacy curriculum that will produce the pharmacist of the future. The School of Pharmacy continues to change the healthcare landscape to include the pharmacist role within the interdisciplinary care team in order to improve patient outcomes and develop new models of care. Dr. MacKinnon currently serves on the board of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin and Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin.
Associate Provost for Education and Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education

William J. Hueston, MD, joined the Medical College of Wisconsin as Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Family and Community Medicine in November 2013. He was appointed Associate Provost for Education in 2018. Dr. Hueston provides leadership in the recruitment, admissions, education and graduation of medical students. He coordinates integration of MCW medical school programs in Green Bay and Central Wisconsin with the Milwaukee campus, and participates in exploring collaborations with the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Prior to joining the faculty, Dr. Hueston served as Chair of Family Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina for 15 years. He previously was Residency Program Director of the Eau Claire Family Medicine Residency Program, and Assistant Professor and Associate Chair of Family Medicine at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. An authority on medical education best practices, Dr. Hueston has published nearly 150 peer-reviewed articles and nearly 60 books, chapters and reviews.

Founding Dean for the Medical College of Wisconsin-Central Wisconsin

Lisa Grill Dodson, MD, joined the Medical College of Wisconsin as Founding Dean for the Medical College of Wisconsin-Central Wisconsin in August 2014. Dr. Dodson provides overall leadership and management of MCW’s regional medical school campus in Central Wisconsin and serves as the primary liaison for our health system, academic and community partners in that locale, as well as with MCW’s Milwaukee campus.

Prior to joining the faculty, Dr. Dodson was Director of the Oregon Area Health Education Center and Associate Professor of Family Medicine at Oregon Health & Science University in Portland.

Dr. Dodson advocates for innovation in both medical education and care delivery to ensure the availability of high-quality care to rural and other non-urban populations. Her leadership has been recognized by the receipt of several awards, including the Oregon Family Physician of the Year in 2009 and the MCW President’s Community Engagement Award in 2017.

Founding Dean for the Medical College of Wisconsin-Green Bay

Matthew L. Hunsaker, MD, joined the Medical College of Wisconsin as Founding Dean for the Medical College of Wisconsin-Green Bay and Professor of Family and Community Medicine in January 2014. Dr. Hunsaker provides overall leadership and management of MCW’s regional medical school campus in Green Bay and serves as the primary liaison for our health system, academic and community partners in the Green Bay area, as well as with MCW’s Milwaukee campus. Dr. Hunsaker has served as a national and international resource for community-based medical education, particularly in the design and scale-up of community-based medical teaching models.
Our Schools

Medical School
MCW’s School of Medicine began on May 20, 1893, as the Wisconsin College of Physicians and Surgeons, Wisconsin’s first medical school. The Milwaukee Medical College began on September 26, 1894. On January 14, 1913, the two private medical schools merged to become the Marquette University School of Medicine.

In 1967, Marquette University ended its sponsorship of the medical school due to financial constraints. The medical school continued as a private, freestanding institution. The name was changed in 1970 to the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW). In 1978, MCW relocated to new facilities on the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center campus.

New medical school campuses were established in Green Bay (2015) and Central Wisconsin (2016) to help provide physicians for communities across the state, particularly in areas where doctors are needed the most.

Graduate School
MCW’s Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences traces its beginnings to June 1936 with the conferral of the first non-MD graduate degrees from medical departments in the Marquette University School of Medicine. The medical school and its graduate programs were separated from Marquette University in 1967, and on December 10, 1970, the biomedical graduate degree programs were transferred from Marquette to the Medical College of Wisconsin.

In January 1995, MCW’s Board of Trustees established the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences as a separate academic school.

Pharmacy School
MCW’s School of Pharmacy was established in 2015 and matriculated its inaugural class of students in 2017. With an innovative three-year Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) curriculum, the School of Pharmacy is transforming pharmacy education and preparing the next generation of pharmacists to be healthcare providers, ready to engage in patient-centered care in a multitude of practice settings, including primary care.

A goal of the MCW School of Pharmacy is to address the growing need for primary care services, particularly in medically underserved communities. The MCW School of Pharmacy intends to not only produce the pharmacy graduates of the future, but also to create team-based practice models that leverage the role of the pharmacist to deliver cost-effective care and achieve better health outcomes for patients.
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 94 physicians who entered the profession in the last three decades.

They have a special vantage point from which to observe what has transpired. Among this select group are physicians who completed their studies in 1969 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.

E. James Aiman, MD*   Santiago F. Hernandez, MD*   John R. Rasmussen, MD
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John D. Bruno, MD   Larry W. Kincer, MD   Richard B. Smith, MD*
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Stephen C. Elliott, MD   Joseph F. Nicastro, MD   James Q. Whitaker, MD
James R. Fonk, MD   Andrew J. Nickels, MD   D. Maclean Willson, MD
Sheldon R. Forman, MD   Peter T. Nigri, MD   John J. Woods, MD
Thomas E. Freeman, MD   Godwin C. Ogbuokiri, MD   Ronald J. Zegerius, MD
James A. Game, MD   Sister S. Alice O’Shaughnessy, MD   *Deceased
Luis A. Garcia, MD   John A. Picconatto, MD
Francis C. Golier, MD*   Godfrey C. Pinder, MD
Robert C. Gomez, MD   J. Timothy Propsom, MD*   Andrew T. Przoiomski, MD
Lawrence J. Greenberg, MD

*Deceased
Honorary Degrees

Virginia K. (Ginny) Bolger
Doctor of Humanities

As “first lady” of the Medical College of Wisconsin for 20 years, Virginia (Ginny) Bolger was an active contributor to enhancing the institution’s missions and legacy. During the two decades that her late husband, T. Michael Bolger, JD, served as President and Chief Executive Officer of MCW (1990–2010), Mrs. Bolger was an ambassador for the institution, traveling around the country for alumni dinners, the annual clinical conference and myriad fundraising events.

She is a founding member of MCW’s Women in Science program and, as a member of the Cancer Center Advisory Board since 1995, actively participates in increasing awareness and financial support of the Center. During Mrs. Bolger’s tenure as President of the Friends of the Medical College of Wisconsin, the organization raised the largest amount from a single event in its history to increase the endowment that focuses on medical and graduate student scholarships. In 2010, in recognition of her important contributions to strengthen ties with the MCW’s alumni, Mrs. Bolger was named an Honorary Alumna by the MCW/Marquette Medical Alumni Association.

As a two–time breast cancer survivor, Mrs. Bolger has helped guide others through diagnosis and treatment – often leading them to care at the Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin health network – and is an active mentor for the ABCD, a breast cancer support group. A dedicated and enthusiastic philanthropist for MCW, Mrs. Bolger has been extremely effective in encouraging donations to MCW’s cancer research programs and in helping steward major donors, and was a major fundraiser for the inaugural Cancer Crush in 2018 to support cancer research at MCW. Additionally, she established the Virginia K. and T. Michael Bolger Cancer Research Fellowship Fund and supported her husband in the establishment of the T. Michael Bolger Endowed Parkinson’s Disease Research Fund at MCW.

Mrs. Bolger has worked on the Wisconsin Breast Cancer Showhouse Board and remains very active in the community, particularly concerning environmental issues. She has served on the City of Mequon Park Board and the Mequon Preservation of Rural Open Space Commission, and is a Trustee Emerita of both the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust and The Nature Conservancy. She was a volunteer–teacher–naturalist and a board member of the Riveredge Nature Center. She was a charter member of the Ozaukee Land Trust, of which she also served as President during the Trust’s merger with Washington County. Mrs. Bolger has been a member of the Marquette University Women’s Council since 1990. In 2004, the Bolgers were recognized by COA Youth & Family Centers as Parents of the Year. Mrs. Bolger and her husband received the Warren P. Knowles Humanitarian Award from the MCW Digestive Disease Center in 2010, in recognition of their dedication to public service and education.

Mrs. Bolger graduated from the University of Florida and taught junior high school English in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., before moving to New York and Chicago, where she worked as a flight attendant for United Airlines. Friends since childhood, the Bolgers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 24, 2018 – shortly before Mike’s passing on November 29, 2018. They have a son, John Michael (Kerry) and a daughter, Jennifer Bolger Breceda (Enrique), and four grandsons.
Robert David (Bob) Curry

Doctor of Humanities

As a Vietnam veteran, Milwaukee native Robert (Bob) Curry saw the opportunity to help out a new generation of soldiers when the Afghanistan War and War in Iraq began. In 2008, he founded Dryhootch of America, a non-profit organization with the goal to give veterans a safe, alcohol-free, drug-free environment to deal with the posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) they might be feeling after returning home. The idea revolved around the creation of a retail coffee shop run by and for veterans, which also would support an extended network of veterans’ families and encourage veteran interaction with the community as a whole.

“Hootch” is military jargon for a hut or safe place to sleep during combat. The term “dry” denotes the organization’s mission to provide a social gathering place for veterans that is free of alcohol – one of the major problems plaguing veterans of all eras. To that end, the concept behind Dryhootch was to “help veterans who survived the war, survive the peace.” Over the past decade, Dryhootch has served thousands of US military veterans through veteran-to-veteran peer support, and grown to include locations in Milwaukee, Madison, Chicago, Lake County (Ill.), Atlanta and Mobile, Ala.

Mr. Curry sought support from faculty members at the Medical College of Wisconsin and the Zablocki VA Medical Center early in the process of founding Dryhootch, and through these partnerships has been awarded funding from the Healthier Wisconsin Partnership Program, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Clinical and Translational Institute of Southeast Wisconsin, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Bob Woodruff Foundation and numerous other sources. His efforts have resulted in several million dollars of investment in innovative, community-driven veteran services, including peer mentor training materials designed by and tailored for veterans, support for the Milwaukee County Veteran Treatment Court program and a mobile mental health support app developed in collaboration with MCW and Marquette University. He also collaborates with faculty at MCW, Marquette, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the Zablocki VA through the Dryhootch Community-Academic Partnership for Veteran Health, which has resulted in a number of peer reviewed publications and presentations.

Prior to forming Dryhootch, Mr. Curry served with the US Army from 1969-1972 as co-pilot of an OV-1 Grumman Mohawk, flying more than 250 combat missions for reconnaissance and hunter killer teams in Vietnam and Laos with Top Secret Clearance. After his military service, he had a 30-year career in mid-level technology management for firms such as IBM and AT&T. In 2003, he was diagnosed by the Veterans Administration as 100% Permanently Disabled from combat for PTSD.

Mr. Curry was recognized by the White House in May 2012 as a Champion of Courage for his innovative work in founding Dryhootch. He serves as a member of the US Department of Veteran Affairs Round Table on NGO partnerships and on the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board.
Honorary Degrees

Bruce (BJ) Miller, MD

Doctor of Medical Science

Dr. BJ Miller is a longtime hospice & palliative care physician and educator. He’s been on faculty at his alma mater, UCSF, since 2007, where he’s worked in all settings of care: hospital, clinic, residential facility, and home. He now sees patients and families at the UCSF Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Dr. Miller’s interests are in working across disciplines to affect broad-based culture change and in cultivating a civic model for aging and dying. He invites us to think about and discuss the end of our lives through the lens of a mindful, human-centered model of care, one that embraces dying not as a medical event but rather as a universally shared life experience. For his work, he has been featured as an invited speaker to numerous events including the 2015 TED conference, and has been the subject of multiple interviews and podcasts including Oprah Winfrey, Tim Ferriss, the New York Times and Krista Tippett.

Informed by his own experiences as a patient, Dr. Miller powerfully advocates the roles of our senses, community and presence in designing a better ending. He brings a unique blend of training, experience and commitment to furthering the message that suffering and dying are fundamental and intrinsic aspects of life and is widely recognized for his efforts in cultivating a larger dialogue about this universal human experience.

Dr. Miller speaks nationally and internationally, on the intersection of perspective making, aesthetics, design and palliative care, and serves in leadership capacities at the national level. He sits on the board of directors for the Coalition to Transform Advanced Care and also advises numerous organizations ranging from for-profit and non-profit enterprises to policy lobbies to academic research centers.

Following undergraduate studies in art history at Princeton, Dr. Miller received his MD from University of California San Francisco as a Regents’ Scholar and completed his internal medicine residency at Cottage Hospital in Santa Barbara, California, where he served as chief resident. He completed a fellowship in hospice and palliative medicine at Harvard Medical School, with clinical duties split between Massachusetts General Hospital and Dana–Farber Cancer Institute.

Dr. Miller completed an internship in internal medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin in 2003.
Honorary Degrees

Stephen A. Roell and Dr. Shelagh M. Roell

Doctor of Humanities

Stephen and Dr. Shelagh Roell have been pillars of the Milwaukee community for decades. They are long-time philanthropists and champions of higher education, equitable healthcare, community service, innovation and more, and have given generously of their time, expertise and resources to better the region.

Mr. Roell earned a BA in accounting from St. Ambrose University in 1971. In 1982 he joined Johnson Controls Inc., a global diversified technology and industrial leader serving customers in more than 150 countries. He was elected Chief Executive Officer in 2007, Chair of the Board in 2008 and President in 2009. Mr. Roell retired from Johnson Controls in 2013.

Dr. Shelagh Roell holds an MS in nursing education and earned a PhD in educational psychology from Marquette University in 1982. She is a licensed clinical psychologist and served as a tenured Associate Professor of Nursing at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Nursing in the 1980s.

The Roells have a strong commitment to the Milwaukee community and education. Mr. Roell served as a member of the Medical College of Wisconsin Board of Trustees from 2008–2018, during which he held many leadership roles, including Chair (2016–2018). Additionally, he has served as a Director of Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare and as a member of the board of directors of the Hunger Task Force and the Board of Trustees of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee. Mr. Roell currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Kern Family Foundation and the Board of Trustees for St. Ambrose University. Dr. Roell served for more than ten years on the board of Bethany Christian Services, an adoption and family services organization, and has held volunteer leadership roles with LifeStriders and St. John Vianney Church.

In 2010, the Roells were recognized by COA Youth & Family Centers as Parents of the Year, and in 2013 they received the St. Francis Children’s Center Humanitarian Award.

Because of their deep commitment to education and innovation, the Roells provided a generous gift to MCW to establish the Stephen and Shelagh Roell Endowed Chair of the Kern Institute for the Transformation of Medical Education, and they participate frequently in Institute lectures and discussions. They have served as mentors to many and exemplify medical education’s Triple Aim of character, competence and caring.

Among many other generous philanthropic gifts to educational institutions, the Roells created the Stephen and Shelagh Roell Scholarship for students enrolled in the Lubar School of Business at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and provided major support for the Wellness Center at St. Ambrose University. They also are longstanding donors to the United Way of Greater Milwaukee, United Performing Arts Fund, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, Waukesha Catholic Memorial High School, and many other charitable, arts-related and civic organizations.
Graduates of 2019:

Congratulations on this momentous occasion! On behalf of the MCW/Marquette Medical Alumni Association, I welcome you to our proud and accomplished community.

It wasn’t all that long ago – or at least it feels that way – that I sat where you are seated today. For over 125 years, MCW has celebrated this major milestone. You join the ranks of a distinguished group and certainly have earned this coveted spot. I hope you take great pride in being an alumnus or alumna of the Medical College of Wisconsin.

While today marks the end of one journey, it also initiates a new one. Regardless of what your degree may be, your work will improve and better humankind.

As an alumnus/alumna, your experience and connection to the Medical College of Wisconsin has not ended. MCW will always be your alma mater – whether you live down the road or across the globe. I encourage you to continually seek out opportunities to connect with MCW and your fellow alumni (there are over 18,000 of us!).

Congratulations and best wishes,

Neil Guenther, MD '83, GME '88
President, MCW/Marquette Medical Alumni Association
It’s Time.
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Stay connected to fellow classmates and keep your bond to MCW strong by registering with ENGAGE, our new, exclusive online community for alumni.

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1. Visit mcwengage.com
2. Register using your preferred email, Facebook, Google or LinkedIn account. (Once your alumni status is verified, you will be granted access to MCW ENGAGE.)
3. Explore ENGAGE and start connecting with other alums!

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Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Oath

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

— This Oath was written by 2014 graduate Jessica Priestley and members of MCW’s Graduate Student Association.

Richard M. Lewis Armstrong
Mount Pleasant, Michigan
BS Alma College 2012
Microbiology and Immunology
Dissertation: PspA regulates lipid droplet homeostasis and bacterial persistence in mycobacterium, and is a model for studying protein–lipid droplet interaction in prokaryotes
Advisor: Thomas C. Zahrt, PhD
September 21, 2018

Amber L. Bakkum
Winthrop Harbor, Illinois
BA Carthage College 2012
Biochemistry
Dissertation: Structural studies of the human mitochondrial fission protein, Fis1
Advisor: Ronald Blake Hill, PhD
September 21, 2018

Leou Ismael Banla
Lome, Togo
BS Minnesota State University 2012
Microbiology and Immunology
Dissertation: Investigation of the determinants of intestinal colonization by Enterococcus faecalis
Advisor: Nita H. Salzman, MD, PhD
September 21, 2018

Amin Bemanian
Naperville, Illinois
BS Washington University 2013
Public and Community Health
Dissertation: Investigating the relationship between racial residential segregation and liver cancer outcomes and disparities
Advisor: Kirsten M. Beyer, PhD
September 21, 2018

Dawid S. Chabowski
Warsaw, Poland
BA Saint John’s University 2011
Pharmacology and Toxicology
Dissertation: Modulation of flow-induced dilation by lysophosphatidic acid in the human microcirculation
Advisor: David D. Gutterman, MD

Rajrupa Chakraborty
Kolkata, India
MS University of Calcutta 2008
Microbiology and Immunology
Dissertation: Ceftriaxone–mediated host–enterococci dynamics in the gastrointestinal tract
Advisor: Nita H. Salzman, MD, PhD
September 21, 2018
Ashley M. Cowie  
Mequon, Wisconsin  
BS Marquette University 2013  
Cell and Developmental Biology  
**Dissertation:** Uncovering the roles of sensory neurons, innate immunity, and sex in neuroinflammatory pain models  
**Advisor:** Cheryl L. Stucky, PhD

Zachary J. Gerbec  
River Falls, Wisconsin  
BS University of Wisconsin–Madison 2010  
Microbiology and Immunology  
**Dissertation:** Mitochondrial regulation downstream of the transcriptional coactivator PGC-1a is required for NK cell function during an immune response  
**Advisor:** Subramaniam Malarkannan, PhD

Ryan E. Hillmer  
Mukwonago, Wisconsin  
BS Carroll University 2012  
Cell and Developmental Biology  
**Dissertation:** Examining a role of the notch and hippo signaling pathways in neural progenitor cells during developmental neurogenesis  
**Advisor:** Brian A. Link, PhD  
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Oak Creek, Wisconsin  
BS University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh 2011  
Physiology  
**Dissertation:** A new relationship between the angiotensin II receptor type I and the angiotensin-(1-7) receptor, Mas 1, in physiological and therapeutic angiogenesis  
**Advisor:** Andrew S. Greene, PhD  
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Meredith Halling  
Hyde Park, Utah  
MS University of Connecticut 2013  
Public and Community Health  
**Dissertation:** Investigating the role of socio-environmental stressors and biological vulnerability in PTSD development among ethnic/racial minorities after traumatic injury  
**Advisor:** Terri A. deRoon Cassini, PhD

Benjamin D. Holmes, DC  
Sheboygan, Wisconsin  
DC University of Western States 2005  
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**Advisor:** Laura Cassidy, PhD

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Princeton, Illinois  
MS Northern Illinois University 2011  
Cell and Developmental Biology  
**Dissertation:** The Hippo pathway’s role in zebrafish cardiac development and regeneration  
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Cell and Developmental Biology  
**Basic and Translational Science**  
**Dissertation:** Axenfeld-Rieger syndrome: Insights from the zebrafish model  
**Advisor:** Elena V. Semina, PhD

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BS Marquette University 2005  
Biochemistry  
**Dissertation:** Investigating the modulation of the E3 ligase CHIP in SCAR16 and Niemann–pick disease type C  
**Advisor:** K. Matthew Scaglione, PhD
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BS Duke University 2011
Biochemistry
Dissertation: Signal discrimination and signal transduction at chemokine G protein-coupled receptors
Advisor: Brian F. Volkman, PhD

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Public and Community Health
Dissertation: The relationship between informal employment and health in Myanmar
Advisor: Julia Dickson-Gomez, PhD

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Eagan, Minnesota
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Microbiology and Immunology
Dissertation: Beyond the liver: A novel antiviral role for LXRα
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Functional Imaging*
Dissertation: Understanding water diffusion in experimental spinal cord injury remote from injury epicenter
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Microbiology and Immunology
Dissertation: Structural studies on the extended C-terminus of the chemokine CCL21 provide insight into its role in modulating activity
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Biophysics
Dissertation: Accelerating data acquisition for advanced diffusion MRI models
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Public and Community Health
Dissertation: From vacant lots to community gardens: Health and well-being in the neighborhood
Advisor: Kirsten M. Beyer, PhD

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West Allis, Wisconsin
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Physiology
Basic and Translational Science
Dissertation: miR-146b and sex-specific renocardiac pathology in the nephrectomized rat
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Cell and Developmental Biology
Dissertation: Assessing photoreceptor structure in cone-dominant animal models
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**Biochemistry**  
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**Microbiology and Immunology**  
**Dissertation:** The developmental heterogeneity of NK cells and its alteration in mice with conditional Raptor–or Rictor–deficiency and a patient with GATA2<sup>T354M</sup> mutation  
**Advisor:** Subramaniam Malarkannan, PhD

Madison E. Zuverink  
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**Microbiology and Immunology**  
**Dissertation:** Mechanisms of tetanus toxin translocation in neurons  
**Advisor:** Joseph T. Barbieri, PhD  
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Master of Science

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Medical Informatics *
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Clinical and Translational Science
Thesis: Outcomes of allogeneic transplantation in patients with age greater than or equal to 70 years
Advisor: Parameswaran Hari, MD
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Clinical and Translational Science
Advisor: Thomas Clark Gamblin, MD

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Healthcare Technologies Management *
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St. Louis, Missouri
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Clinical and Translational Science
Thesis: The mutational landscape in a dyad of familial acute lymphoblastic leukemia
Advisor: Sridhar Rao, MD, PhD

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Muskego, Wisconsin
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Clinical and Translational Science
Thesis: Reliability of procedural internists in determining the presence of sonographic pleural fluid loculations
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Clinical and Translational Science
Thesis: Personal and professional challenges faced by professional medical interpreters in discussions of end of life
Advisor: Kathryn E. Fletcher, MD
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BS University of Wisconsin–Parkside 2013
Biochemistry
Thesis: Kinetic mechanism and inhibitor characterization of AcG-palmitoyl diaminopropionate-VKIKK (DAP1) for palmitoyl protein thioesterase-1 (PPT1)
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Sussex, Wisconsin
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Master of Science

Master of Arts – Bioethics
History of the Graduate School

MCW’s Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences traces its beginnings to June 1936 with the conferral of the first non-MD graduate degrees from medical departments in the Marquette University School of Medicine. The medical school and its graduate programs were separated from Marquette University in 1967, and on December 10, 1970, the biomedical graduate degree programs were transferred from Marquette to the Medical College of Wisconsin.

In January 1995, MCW’s Board of Trustees established the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences as a separate academic school. The Graduate School encompasses 18 doctoral and master’s degree programs and has approximately 2,350 alumni.
Master of Medical Physiology

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
BS University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee 2018

Maciej S. Gracz
New Berlin, Wisconsin
BS Marquette University 2016

Tyler S. Laib
Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin
BS University of Miami 2018

Jack K. Bullis
Whitewater, Wisconsin
BS University of Wisconsin-Whitewater 2017

Morgan L. Hill
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
BS University of Wisconsin-Madison 2018

Lauren E. Lauterbach
Hartland, Wisconsin
BS Wake Forest University 2017

Miguel O. Garcia
Racine, Wisconsin
BS University of Wisconsin-Parkside 2015

Taylor R. Holewinski
Hortonville, Wisconsin
BS University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh 2017

Aysha T. Muhammad
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
BS University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee 2017

McKenzie L. Ritter
Geneva, New York
BS Cornell University 2015
Genesis Tapestry
The Genesis tapestry, located on the third floor of the Health Research Center outside the MCW Todd Wehr Library, represents the art of science. Produced by local artist Sheila Held, the tapestry portrays the human cell and all its components. Like the complex components of a cell, Genesis is composed of wool, silk, cotton and metallic yarns.
Master of Public Health

Joshua L. Hass
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
BA University of Minnesota–Twin Cities 2013

Morgan C. Ludington
Onalaska, Wisconsin
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Paramus, New Jersey
BS Rutgers University 2012

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University Heights, Ohio
MD University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey 2012
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MSW Temple University 1998

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BDS Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences 2009

David H. Ravneberg
Columbus, Ohio
MS Ohio State University 2009
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin
BSN University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee 2002
September 21, 2018

Alexis J. Woerishofer
Appleton, Wisconsin
BA Mount Mary University 2018
Doctor of Medicine and Master of Science

Medical School Oath

“As a member of the medical profession:
I solemnly pledge to dedicate my life to the service of humanity; The health and well-being of my patient will be my first consideration; I will respect the autonomy and dignity of my patient; I will maintain the utmost respect for human life; I will not permit considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing or any other factor to intervene between my duty and my patient; I will respect the secrets that are confided in me, even after the patient has died; I will practice my profession with conscience and dignity and in accordance with good medical practice; I will foster the honor and noble traditions of the medical profession I will give to my teachers, colleagues and students the respect and gratitude that is their due; I will share my medical knowledge for the benefit of the patient and the advancement of healthcare; I will attend to my own health, well-being and abilities in order to provide care of the highest standard; I will not use my medical knowledge to violate human rights and civil liberties, even under threat; I make these promises solemnly, freely and upon my honor.”

– At the Medical College of Wisconsin, medical school graduates take the Declaration of Geneva – The Physician’s Pledge, during the Commencement ceremony.

About the Medical Student Information
Students have the option to self-report hometown, previous degree(s) and institution(s), as well as the option for MCW to report residency match information in the Commencement program.
Doctor of Medicine

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BS University of Wisconsin-Madison 2015
Pediatrics
University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics
Madison, WI

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BS Emory University 2014
Emergency Medicine
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BS University of California-San Diego 2013
Surgery-General
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Obstetrics and Gynecology
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Internal Medicine
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BS The University of Arizona 2011
Obstetrics and Gynecology
University of Arizona College of Medicine at Tucson
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MS Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science 2015; BS University of Wisconsin, La Crosse 2012  
**Internal Medicine**  
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education  
Scottsdale, AZ

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Suamico, Wisconsin  
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**Internal Medicine**  
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education  
Scottsdale, AZ

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Wrightstown, Wisconsin  
BS Concordia University of Wisconsin 2013  
**Family Medicine/Preventive Medicine**  
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BS University of Wisconsin-Madison 2014  
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**Radiation Oncology**  
Medical College of Wisconsin  
Affiliated Hospitals  
Appleton, WI

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BA Northwestern University 2014  
**Pediatrics**  
Medical College of Wisconsin  
Affiliated Hospitals  
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BS University of California - Los Angeles 2014  
**Internal Medicine**  
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**Doctor of Medicine**

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**Internal Medicine**  
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Affiliated Hospitals  
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**Dermatology**  
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**Internal Medicine**  
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MS George Washington University Graduate School of Political Management 2011;  
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Transitional Year  
Aurora St. Lukes Medical Center  
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Dermatology  
University of Minnesota Medical School  
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Family Medicine  
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Kenosha, Wisconsin  
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Pediatrics  
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Surgery-General
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Internal Medicine
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Medical Student Awards & Honors

Alpha Omega Alpha
Members of the Wisconsin Beta Chapter of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society have achieved scholastic excellence and have earned the approbation of members of the faculty and the student body for qualities of integrity, leadership, compassion and fairness. Celebrating its 117th 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.

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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.

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Graduate Student Awards

Friends of MCW Doctor of Philosophy Dissertation Award Recipients

Ashley M. Cowie (Cell & Developmental Biology)
Dissertation: Uncovering the roles of sensory neurons, innate immunity, and sex in neuroinflammatory pain models

Andrew B. Kleist (Biochemistry)
Dissertation: Signal discrimination and signal transduction at chemokine G protein-coupled receptors

Stephanie Santarriaga (Biochemistry)
Dissertation: Investigation into the Dictyostelium protein quality control network

Graduate Student Award for Outstanding Mentor

Melinda R. Dwinell, PhD
The recipient of this award is recognized as an outstanding research mentor by the graduate students.

Graduate Student Award for Outstanding Teacher

Leonard E. Egede, MD
Rebekah Walker, PhD
The recipient/s of this award are recognized for outstanding teaching of graduate students.

Teaching Awards

MCWAH Housestaff Award for Excellence in Teaching

Lauren Kurtz, MD (Obstetrics & Gynecology)
Robert Medairos, MD (Urology)
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 2017–2018 and 2018–2019 academic years.

The Milwaukee Academy of Medicine Award for Excellence in Teaching

Brett Linzer, 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

Todd M. Hoagland, PhD
Selection is made by the Senior Class.

Ernest O. Henschel Clinical Teaching Award

Thomas Carver, MD
Selection is made by the Senior Class.
Awards and Honors

Honors in Community Engagement
Sara E. Beltrán Ponce
Donald L. Kennedy
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 during the students’ medical school careers.

Honors in Research
Nathan J. Alcasid
Sean M. Anderson
Scott C. Blaszak
Ariea J. Davani
Isabella T. Eiler
Halle E. Foss
Michael B. Gehring
Adam J. Goldenberg
Rachel E. Henning
Miles J. Klimara
Daniel J. Lee
Ryan M. Lee
Nicholas D. Meyers
Alexander W. Nielsen
Merrill E. Rubens
Ashley Stoeckel

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.

The Hiram B. Benjamin Award in Anatomy
Dustin J. Richter
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
Brian T. Gooley
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
Kristen N. Winsor
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
Steven M. Blinka
Nicholas Gannon
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
Sean M. Anderson
Jonathan C. Jeschke, PhD
This award is presented to medical students by the faculty of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology in recognition of high scholarship and research in microbiology.

The J.J. Smith Award in Physiology
Alexander R. Dayton
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.
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The Brooker Award in Pharmacology
Dustin J. Richter
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
Kathryn M. Wolff
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.

Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Annual Award for Excellence in Emergency Medicine
Katherine S. Kuefler
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
Hannah R. Tumilty
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
Zachary T. Carlson
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
Christopher E. Stoming
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
David E. Casillas Plazola
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
Eric J. Bauer
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 Keelan-Tresch Award for Scholarship in Cardiovascular Medicine
Michael A. Apolinario
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.
Awards and Honors

The Joseph A. Bartos, MD Endowed Student Award
Lucia D. Notardonato
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 Engstrom Award in Internal Medicine
Drumil P. Bhatt
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
Lindsey J. Krawchuk
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
Haverly J. Snyder
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
Jacqueline M. Powell
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
John F. McKeon
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 Dr. John J. and Joan M. Brennan Endowed Award in Obstetrics/Gynecology
Haverly J. Snyder
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 Bruce J. Brewer, MD Endowed Student Award in Orthopaedic Surgery
Nicholas P. Gannon
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
Miles J. Klimara
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.

Robert J. Toohill Award in Otolaryngology
Zachary M. Helmen
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.
Awards and Honors

The J.C. Peterson Pediatrics Award
Katherine D. Umhoefer
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
Samuel J. Kortes
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
Chelsea R. Younghans
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
Sara E. Beltrán Ponce
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.

Department of Surgery Achievement Award
Katherine D. Umhoefer
This award is given by the faculty of the Department of Surgery to a senior student for outstanding performance and achievement in surgery.

Randle E. Pollard MD, FACS, GME ’58 Endowed Urological Prize
Halle E. Foss
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).

Dr. Marvin Wagner Clinical Mentorship Award
Vanica Guignard
The Junior Class gives this award to a senior student in recognition of extraordinary efforts in teaching and guidance with clinical rotations.

Friends of the Medical College of Wisconsin Service Award
Emily A. Navarrete
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.

Lawrence R. Goodman, MD Outstanding Student in Radiology Award
Alyssa R. Zimny
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.
Awards and Honors

The Walter Zeit Fellows
Leadership Award
Emily A. Navarrete
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 1,186 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.

Louis F. Jermain, MD Leadership Award
Kieran E. McAvoy
This award is presented annually by the Walter Zeit Fellowship to a graduating student at MCW-Milwaukee to recognize him or her for their dedication and service to MCW and the community. The award is named after the Medical School’s founding dean, the Walter Zeit Fellowship is MCW’s oldest donor recognition society.

The Stabenau Award
Zachary M. Helmen
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
Luke C. Addesso
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
Joseph W. Hodapp
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
Kristen N. Winsor
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
Meghan C. Wallner
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
Joseph W. Hodapp
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
Jacqueline M. Powell
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.