



# Central Wire

## News from MCW-Central Wisconsin

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### Happy Holidays!

'Tis the season to celebrate the many milestones of the year and look forward to the bright future ahead. 2018 has been an incredible year at MCW-Central Wisconsin, as we achieved full enrollment with over 70 students pursuing their Medical Doctorate degree. In 2019, the highly anticipated day will come when MCW will graduate our first physicians from the local campus. I can hardly wait! Together, we are preparing future community physicians for Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Lisa Grill Dodson, MD, Founding Campus Dean



*Pictured: MCW-Central Wisconsin ugly holiday sweater competition. (Dr. Fritz wins again!)*



## Shaping the Future of Medicine

For Stephanie Strohbeen and Patricia Toro-Perez, members of our inaugural class, they could immediately see the allure of Wausau and its surrounding communities for their medical education. “When I drove up for my interview, I was immediately captured by the city,” shared Toro-Perez. “The medical school’s small class size, and the fact that I would be able to work side-by-side with faculty, staff, and practicing doctors intrigued me. I was immediately sold.”

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## Ultrasound Education

MCW-Central Wisconsin is incorporating ultrasound into the medical education curriculum at the regional campus. Ultrasound has long been recognized as an extremely useful diagnostic imaging modality because of its real time capability, non-invasive nature, portability, and relatively low cost.

In addition, imaging with ultrasound does not carry the risks associated with the administration of intravenous contrast material or the potential hazards of ionizing radiation. Many medical and surgical sub-specialties are increasingly embracing the use of ultrasound as an extension of the physical examination. In addition, this technique is useful as an aid to teaching anatomy, physiology, pathology, and physical diagnosis to medical students.



*Pictured: Dr. Jacob Prunuske, Assistant Dean of Clinical Learning, teaches ultrasound techniques to first-year medical student Joe Novak.*

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## Coming Soon: Our First Match Day

The third Friday in March is a major milestone in the life a graduating medical student. Referred to as [Match Day](#), medical students across the country will find out where they “match” for residency.

This annual ritual is celebrated by every allopathic medical school in the US, during which graduating medical students learn from the National Resident Matching Program where they have “matched” for their respective residency training programs. This is a rite of passage that is

ingrained in every medical student's mind, and is a day filled with anticipation, excitement, exhilaration, friends, family, relief and many other emotions. After months of suspense and anticipation, at exactly 11 a.m. Central Daylight Time on March 15, thousands of medical students all over the country will begin opening their envelopes and learning their residency matches. Just call this "March Madness, medical school style!"

This year, Match Day will take on a special meaning, as it marks a significant milestone for MCW: the participation of the graduating medical students from our inaugural class at MCW-Central Wisconsin. We wait in hopeful anticipation of their results!

## **UW-Stevens Point Pre-Med Club**

In December, Dr. Jeff Fritz had the privilege of welcoming students from the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point pre-med club. He presented a brief overview of the MCW admissions process and discussed unique aspects of MCW-Central Wisconsin such as small class size, three-year curriculum, unique clerkships and community partnerships. Additionally, activities were presented in the anatomy lab at Northcentral Technical College, one of our education partners in central Wisconsin.

## **Gold Humanism Honor Society**

Congratulations to Connor Harmann and John Frawley from the MCW-Central Wisconsin inaugural class as inductees into the Gold Humanism Honor Society. The award is given by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation in recognition of the vital role of humanism in excellent medical care.

The Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS) recognizes medical students, residents and faculty who are exemplars of compassionate patient care and who serve as role models, mentors, and leaders in medicine. GHHS members are peer nominated and are the ones that others say they want taking care of their own family.



*Pictured: Connor Harmann*



*Pictured: John Frawley*

## **Milestones: Important Upcoming Dates**

**Match Day: March 15, 2019**

The graduating Class of 2019 learns where they obtained residency positions and in what fields of medicine.

**Class of 2019 Commencement: May 30, 2019**

The Medical College of Wisconsin confers MCW-Central Wisconsin's first Doctorate of Medicine degrees.

**Community Student Welcome Picnic: July 11, 2019**

The ball keeps rolling as another class of medical students join our community.

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