

# Central Wire

News from MCW-Central Wisconsin



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Dear friends,

Full enrollment looks good on us! Three full classes - totaling over 70 students - are pursuing the MD degree locally at the Medical College of Wisconsin - Central Wisconsin campus. 80% of the students accepted to our campus are Wisconsin residents - many from the surrounding five county area.

I could not be more proud of the combined efforts of our dedicated community and pioneering medical students. In a few short months, we will graduate our first community physicians for Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

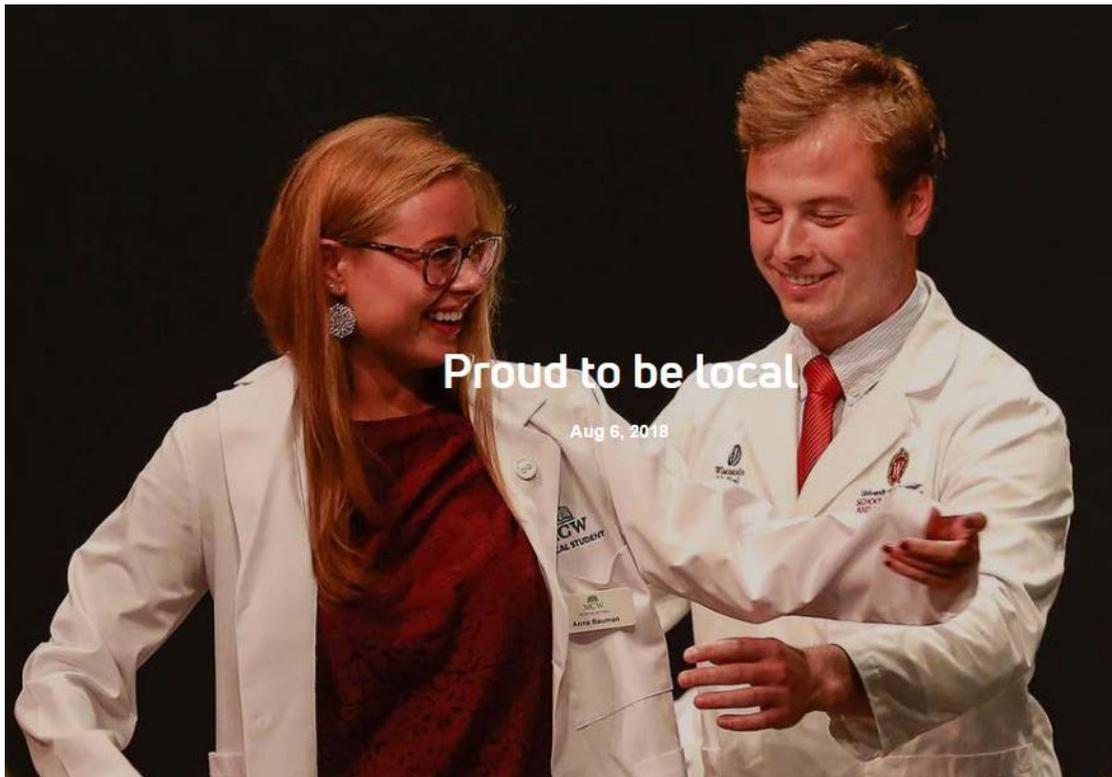
Lisa Grill Dodson, MD, Founding Campus Dean



*Pictured: MCW-Central Wisconsin students at the Class of 2021 Student Welcome Picnic*

## Anna's Story

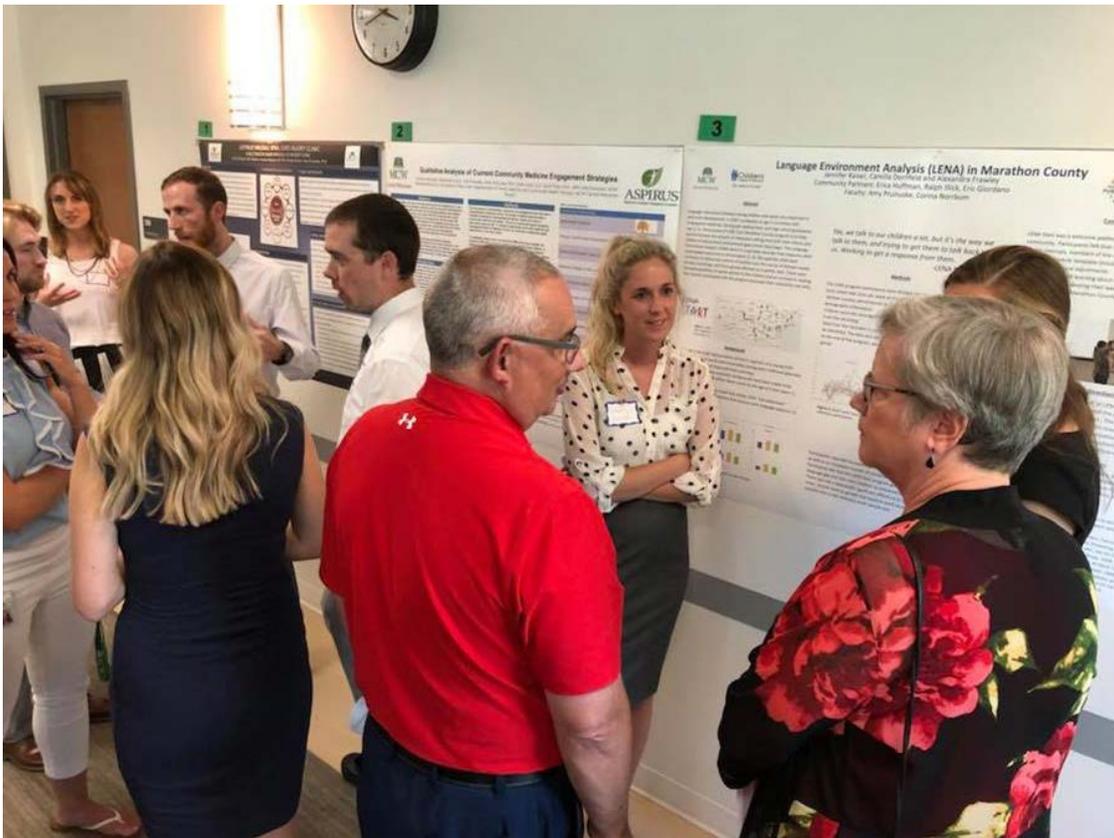
Anna Bauman of Wausau, Wisconsin, was a UW-Marathon County sophomore in 2014 when she first learned about an innovative new campus that MCW was establishing in her hometown. Now she is achieving her dream to become a doctor ... right in her hometown. [Read full story.](#)



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## Community Projects Showcase

In August, MCW-Central Wisconsin held its first annual Physician in the Community Pathway Showcase. Our inaugural class shared the results of their scholarly projects completed with support from their community mentors at a wide range of area organizations. There were posters and presentations on topics ranging from early childhood speech development, diabetes in the Wausau Hmong population and factors influencing domestic violence situations. We extend extra special thanks to the community partners who attended and to those who mentored the students.



*Pictured: Third-year medical students discuss their scholarly projects with faculty and community members at our August poster presentation.*

## Future Projects Receive Funding

Congratulations to five second-year medical students who received funding to support their community projects, thanks to the generosity of Dr. David and Mary Ann Lillich. Future awards will also be funded through the generosity of the River Valley Bank Foundation.

- Yer Thor, **Concerns and Priorities of the Hmong Community** with mentor Dr. Kevin Thao of Aspirus Wausau Family Medicine
- Joshua Shupe, **Health Management Psychology** with mentor Dr. Brad Peck of Wausau East High School
- Hilary Steltenpohl, **Teen Mental Health Wellness Day** with mentor Brooke Davis of DC Everest Junior High School
- Elizabeth Wendt, **Providers and Teens Communicating for Health in Central Wisconsin** with mentor Erica Koepsel of PATCH
- Joshua Denk, **Effect of Mentoring and Guidance on Academic Performance and Behaviors in Adolescents** with mentor Patty Zemke, My Choice Program, John Muir Middle School



*From left to right: Medical students Yer Thor, Joshua Shupe, and Hilary Steltenpohl, along with supporters Mrs. Mary Ann Lillich and Dr. David Lillich.*

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## Conversations with Scientists Presents....

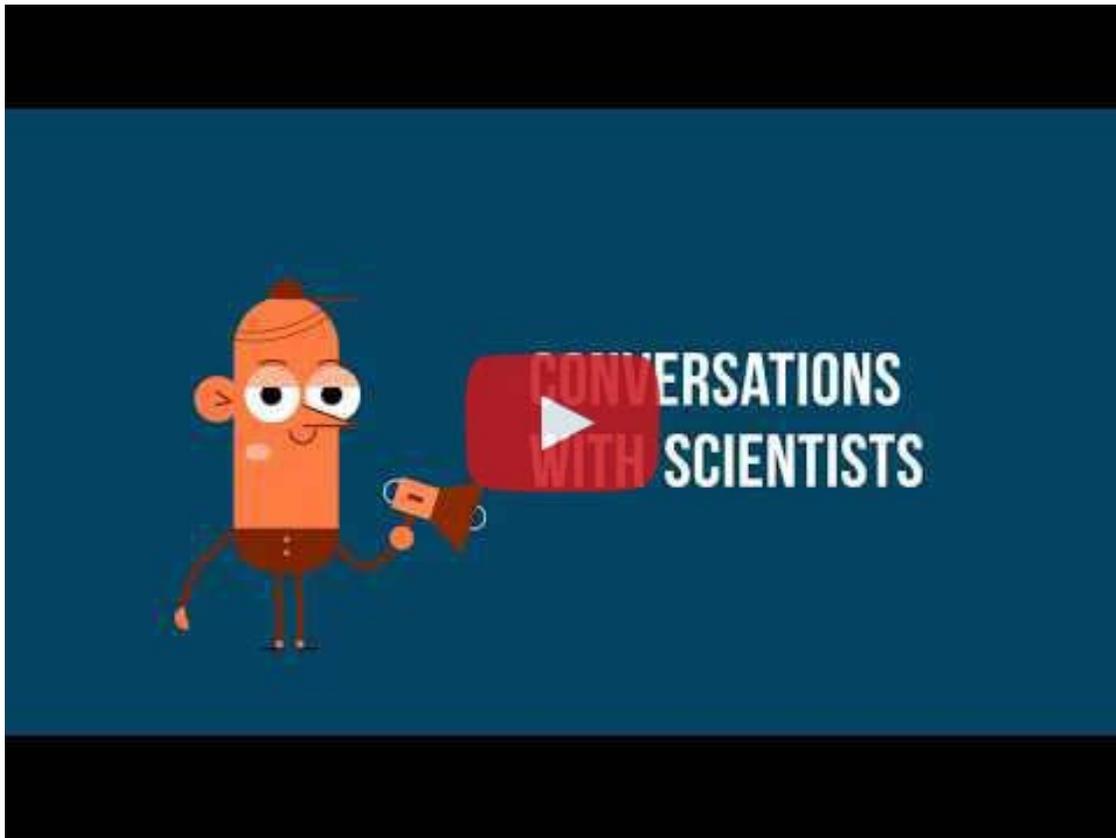
### *Immunology: The best offense is a good defense*

Join us **Tuesdays, Oct. 16 - 30** as MCW experts explore the study of the immune system and how it interacts with the world around us (and in us!). For this three-part series, the new MCW Center for Immunology will bring you insights, discoveries and innovative research in immunology.

Build a deeper understanding of your immune system, what happens when immune responses go wrong, and how scientists and physicians are using people's own immune systems to fight diseases like cancer.

This free, public learning series will be presented by the Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment to all MCW campuses in October.

[Register Now](#)



### Teddy Bear Check-Ups

On **Saturday, Sept. 22**, our campus will be participating in the **United Way's Community Fest** at Marathon Park from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Bring your child's favorite stuffed friend for a health wellness check with one of our medical students!

The event includes United We Can food sculpture competition, free kids' activities, music and photo ops with costumed characters and mascots.



### 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 joins our community.

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