

# Central Wire

News from MCW-Central Wisconsin



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Dear friends,

The Wisconsin Office of Rural Health details that 62 of 72 Wisconsin counties contain health professional shortage areas for primary care. Moreover, Wisconsin has the capacity to meet only 25% of mental health care needs, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation in 2016. The shortage has a state-wide impact, particularly acute in rural areas.

Your support of MCW-Central Wisconsin is a critical step to address the worsening physician shortage and maldistribution in northern Wisconsin. Thank you for your partnership and confidence in our campus.

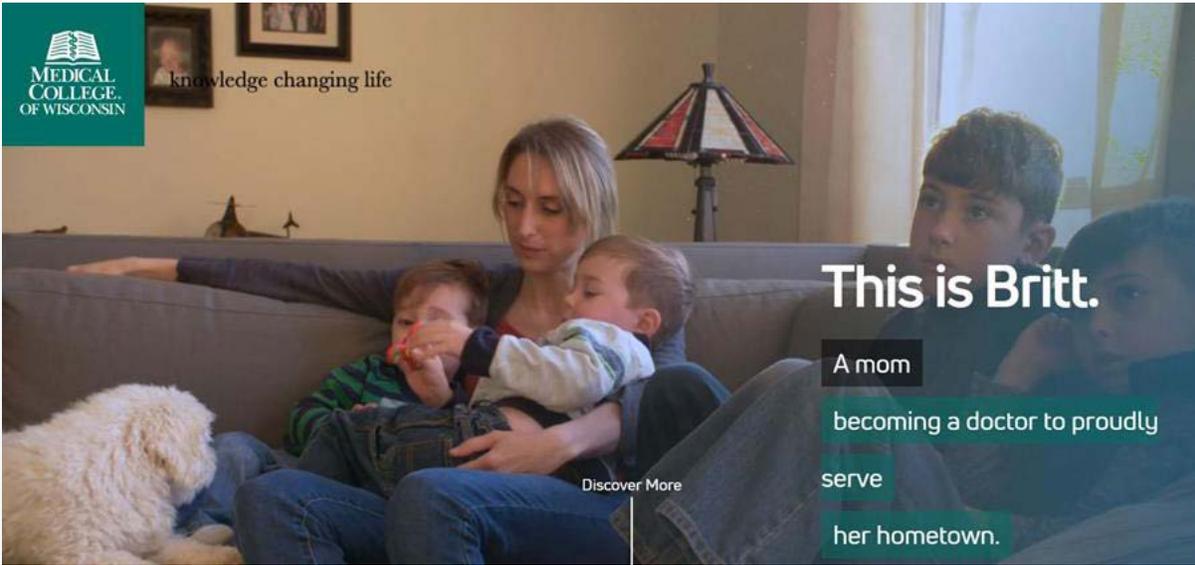
Sincerely,

Lisa Grill Dodson, MD, Founding Campus Dean

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[Britt's Story](#)



This is Britt.

A mom

becoming a doctor to proudly

serve

her hometown.

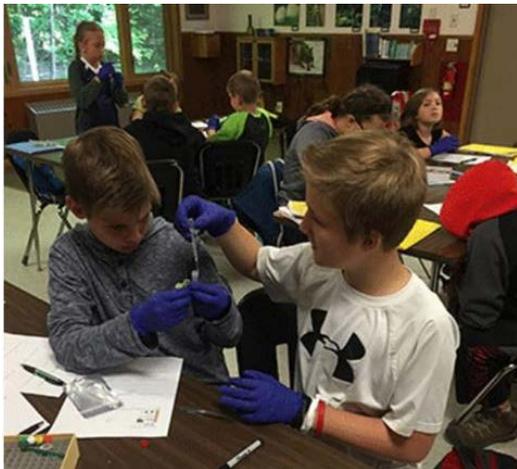
Discover More

As we reach full enrollment with 75 medical students in July 2018, more than 85 percent of our students are Wisconsin residents and 56 percent are female. MCW-Central Wisconsin is helping students like Britt DeRuyter, a former nurse from Stevens Point and mother of four boys. As apparent in this video, MCW is helping Britt to rewrite her family's future.

[See More MCW Stories>](#)

## Kids Make Great Citizen Scientists

11-year old Owen and friends help his mom Amy Prunuske, PhD collect data for a local research project. Dr. Prunuske teaches microbiology and immunology at MCW-Central Wisconsin, as well as studies diseases that ticks carry. This article talks about the important role Owen, and citizen scientists of all ages, provide to scientific discovery.



[Kids make great citizen scientists>](#)

## Community Projects

100% of our medical students are required to complete a scholarly project in partnership with a community partner, linking their medical education with the needs of the local community to promote health. Student projects include areas such as:

- Early childhood education
- Youth mentoring
- Teen homelessness
- Walking for wellness
- High school sexual assault prevention
- Chronic disease in the Hmong community
- Senior wellness
- Job opportunities for chronically unemployed
- Community approaches to substance abuse

We are grateful for the area individuals and organizations partnering with medical students. Some of our community partners include:

- Marathon County Child Development Agency
- Wausau & DC Everest Public Schools
- Enrich Excel Achieve Learning Academy
- Greater Wausau Christian Services
- Good News Project
- Marathon County AOD Partnership
- Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy & Service
- Wisconsin Public Radio
- Aspirus Inc.
- Bridge Community Health Clinic
- Aging & Disability Resource Center
- The Women's Community
- Marshfield Clinic Community Connections Team
- United Way • Marathon County Health Department
- The Open Door of Marathon County, Inc.
- The Hannah Center
- Providers and Teens Communicating for Health (PATCH)
- From Laos to America Museum
- City of Wausau
- North Central Health Care

## Community Projects and Engagement at MCW-Central Wisconsin

As listed above, our medical students are completing population health scholarly

projects in partnership with area non-profits and organizations. Gifts provide resources to assist students in connecting with community-engaged activities that develop their ties to the region and address health needs in central and northern Wisconsin, as well as opportunities for students to present their scholarly work and disseminate.

## Support Community Projects & Engagement

### Conversations with Scientists

**Conversations with Scientists** is a four-part speaker series that offers an engaging and interactive glimpse into the world of human health and disease and explores the groundbreaking changes taking place in biomedical research, medical education and clinical care at the Medical College of Wisconsin today. The next series will take place in April and cover the topic of Precision Medicine. Participants spend several evenings with experts connected locally via our world class technology. We want community members, patients, and families to be able to advocate for themselves and share accurate science and health information with others. All programs are free and open to the public.

Stay tuned for full registration details coming in February.

### Teddy Bear Check-Ups

Medical students provided check ups for treasured stuffed friends during the Aspirus Festival of Trees. Much to the delight of our area's youngest learners/patients!



### Join Our Team: Longitudinally Integrated Clerkship Director (0.5 FTE Physician)

MCW-Central Wisconsin seeks a practicing MD, MD/PhD, DO, or equivalent international degree to join our team.

The Director of the Central Wisconsin Integrated Clerkship (CWIC) is responsible for the leadership, organization, evaluation, and daily operations of



CWIC.

CWIC is the primary clerkship experience on the MCW-CW campus. CWIC students participate in Surgery, Anesthesiology, Obstetrics & Gynecology, Family Medicine, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, and Medicine core clinical clerkship experiences in a longitudinally integrated fashion.

Each week of CWIC includes: 1) primary care clinical experiences, 2) specialty care clinical experiences, 3) dedicated time for didactic learning, 5) Call, and 6) Flexible time to leverage continuity learning experiences and optimize student educational experiences.

[Full job description and online application can be found here.](#)

**Save the Date: Community Faculty Retreat**

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**FRIDAY, MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
1:00PM - 5:00PM

**CENTRAL WISCONSIN CAMPUS - WAUSAU**  
1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL PRECEPTORS,  
COMMUNITY FACULTY, CARE MANAGERS  
AND COORDINATORS RETREAT

Watch for registration information in an upcoming email. CME planned.

Please plan to join us that evening for a social dinner  
& awards ceremony. More details to follow.

We invite all MCW-Central Wisconsin preceptors, community faculty, care managers, and coordinators to attend this afternoon retreat on Friday, May 11. Registration information coming soon.

- Identify and address challenges in student training
- Optimize communication with MCW - CW faculty & staff
- Provide input to strengthen student, faculty, and coordinator experiences
- Share your vision for medical education and healthier communities
- Share stories, experiences, and perspectives with peers
- Participate in breakout sessions for physicians and administrative and other support staff

### Save the Dates: Important Upcoming Events

#### **Class of 2021 White Coat Ceremony, July 5, 2018:**

Together, we will achieve full enrollment at our campus.

#### **Community Student Welcome Picnic, July 5, 2018**

Join us to welcome the newest class of medical students to our community.

#### **Student Scholarly Pathways Presentations, August 16, 2018**

Learn about the medical students' community-engaged projects.

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

MCW-Central Wisconsin confers our first Doctorate of Medicine degrees.

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