



2021-2022 IMPACT REPORT

RECONNECTING WITH PURPOSE:
**INNOVATION IN
MEDICAL CARE**

The Medical College of Wisconsin continued its steadfast commitment to the education mission throughout the 2021-2022 academic year, embracing our innovative approach to academic medicine where all MCW learners acquire the skills to adapt to the ever-changing landscape of medical discovery and patient care.

Faculty, staff and students from all Schools and programs were intentional about finding ways to reconnect with purpose as our institution successfully navigated alternative and reimagined learning environments during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. The implementation

of a new Student Wellness Lounge on MCW's Milwaukee campus, new student connection groups within the School of Graduate Studies and MCW-Central Wisconsin's recently developed Seeking Peer Outreach program illustrate just a few examples of the ways in which MCW has dedicated efforts to support the well-being and reconnection of our learners in the past year. As MCW continues this important work, learners will be well-poised to begin their careers as tomorrow's healthcare professionals while making a difference in their communities.



The Office of Student Inclusion and Diversity (OSID) hosted several events over the academic year geared at creating community for our learners. Nearly 225 students, residents or faculty have attended OSID sessions during 2022. The purpose for the events has been to engage in fun experiences that we hope will make those who identify as underrepresented feel more connected to the variety of great resources within the city and to diverse classmates and colleagues across MCW. Milwaukee's 3rd Street Market offered guests interactive activities such as shuffleboard and a selfie museum, and an additional event introduced learners to 88Nine Radio - an alternative channel developed to celebrate, connect and inspire diverse millennials.

MCW learners participating in an OSID-led event at Milwaukee's 3rd Street Market Hall.

By bringing all these groups and learners together, OSID hopes to foster a sense of community while providing support and connection.

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The Department of Academic Affairs hosted the 9th Annual Innovations in Healthcare Education Research (IHER) Conference Sept. 20-22

The Office of Student Health and Wellness has been busy increasing program services over the last year. In addition to opening the highly anticipated Student Wellness Lounge, MCW also began a new partnership with Marquette University to introduce a Clinical Mental Health Counseling Intern to MCW's Student Health and Wellness team, which has resulted in further support for our learners. Callie Koziol, MCW's current (and first) counselor intern, has received nothing but glowing feedback from MCW learners.

MCW really prides itself on creating trailblazers for the next generation of pharmacy, and part of this is creating unlimited resources for students who may want to pursue residency. I took the residency prep class when I was a pharmacy student, and it was by far the best thing I did for myself.

'20, who completed a PGY-1 residency at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital in Madison, Wis., and now works as a clinical pharmacist with St. Mary's.

I have a residency lined up with Northwestern Medicine at its main campus in downtown Chicago, and I'll also be at an outlying community hospital for some rotations. This first-year residency enables me to put my foot in the door and to make sure that I explore all my options. My second-year residency will be more specialty-focused. I'm excited to move back to where I'm from and to have some new experiences.

The MCW School of Pharmacy's Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program has been granted full Accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) through June 30, 2026. ACPE is the national agency for accreditation of professional degree programs in pharmacy and providers of continuing pharmacy education. The MCW School of Pharmacy has demonstrated, to the satisfaction of ACPE, that its PharmD program complies with stringent accreditation standards, now having graduated three classes of students since May 2020. Graduates of the program are eligible to sit for pharmacist licensure examinations throughout the United States upon completion of the PharmD program.

The achievement of full accreditation is a testament to the outstanding effort and dedication of MCW students, faculty and staff. These PharmD graduates continue to transform healthcare within the state of Wisconsin and beyond through the continuum of discovery and the advancement of innovative pharmacy practice and patient care models to achieve better health. Several PharmD graduates have returned to positions with local health system partners (e.g., F&MCW, Children's Wisconsin, VA, Ascension). [READ MORE>>](#)

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MCW's School of Medicine (SOM) continued its commitment to medical innovation and advancement this past year, focusing its efforts on overcoming challenges brought forth by the COVID-19 pandemic to provide students with the highest quality in medical education. A renewed sense of connection was embraced in the virtual classroom, and a renewed sense of connection was embraced in the virtual classroom.

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MCW is the leader in training physicians for the state of Wisconsin and these changes will ensure that MCW graduates have the skills to best serve their communities.

“As an MCW alumnus, it has been an honor to work with such talented faculty and staff educators and our amazing students to develop a curriculum that features integration, learner-centricity, character education and a focus on student wellbeing!”

Summer Academic Programs

The Summer Academic program for Medical Students (SAMS) and the Medical Student Summer Research Program (MSSRP) offer opportunities that are designed to expose medical students to cutting-edge basic science, clinical or translational research, as well as scholarship in education, global health and quality improvement. Students are integrated into the scholarly work of full-time Medical College of Wisconsin faculty

MSA students and faculty members take part in small group sessions each week.

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2022 MATCH

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Friday, March 18, 2022, marked the first time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic that MCW students, their guests and a select number of MCW faculty and staff celebrated Match Day in person at Milwaukee's Italian Community Center. MCW faculty, staff and fellow students who were not present in-person shared their congratulations virtually through a video in order to celebrate this momentous occasion with graduating students.



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96%

MILWAUKEE CAMPUS Top 3 Match Specialties
Internal Medicine, Pediatrics,
Emergency Medicine

100%

GREEN BAY CAMPUS Top 3 Match Specialties
Family Medicine, Internal Medicine,
Pediatrics

100%

**CENTRAL WISCONSIN CAMPUS
Top 3 Match Specialties**
Internal Medicine, Family Medicine,
General Surgery

FURTHERING CONNECTIONS

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The 2022
Commencement
Ceremony at the
Medical College
of Wisconsin

Green Bay (MCW-Green Bay) campus was a celebration filled with happiness for achieving a long-desired goal and excited anticipation about the future. But this year's event was especially noteworthy. This class, MCW-Green Bay's fifth, included its 100th graduating physician.

The ceremony also marked the 10th anniversary of MCW unveiling its vision for new regional campuses in central Wisconsin and Green Bay. This historic milestone represented the first new medical school campuses to open in Wisconsin in more than 100 years. Matthew Wheeler, MD '18, GME '21, a member of MCW-Green Bay's inaugural graduating class, returned to his alma mater to deliver the alumni commencement speech. He noted that MCW-Green Bay alumni were about to be spread across 15 states and 12 specialties. "Who would have thought," he asked, "from the seed of an idea that such a widespread reach would be possible?" [READ MORE>>](#)

Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) graduate student Oby Nwabuzor strongly believes that a shift in the built environment – which encompasses the buildings we live in, the distribution systems that provide us with water and electricity, and the roads, bridges and transportation systems we use to get from place to place – will lead to advances in health equity.

Real estate and the built environment refers not just to physical buildings, but also includes supporting infrastructure, including spaces where people interact and receive goods and services.

Nwabuzor wants to push boundaries in the field of real estate to help create built environments that spur economic development through improving the quality of life and increasing life expectancy. [READ MORE>>](#)

Francis Tongpalad, a fourth-year medical student at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW), is most at peace when he's in the "flow state."

"You experience time in an expansive way in the flow state," he explains. "You're really able to be physically present."

First classified by Hungarian-American psychiatrist Mihály Csíkszentmihályi in 1975, the flow state refers to the process of being fully immersed and energized while enjoying an activity. Tongpalad, who will graduate in May and then begin a psychiatry residency program, attains his flow state by making music and being creative.

Tongpalad, whose artist name is w/u, which can mean "With U" or "Work Up," says having that outlet has helped him immensely throughout life, including his studies. "It's easy as a medical student to worry about a test result, a board exam that's coming up, or whether or not you're going to get a residency," he explains. [READ MORE>>](#)

DEGREES AWARDED



55
Masters



233
MD



17
MSA



28
PhD



42
PharmD

Ernest O. Henschel Clinical
Teaching Award:
Adrian P. Umpierrez De Reguero, MD

Graduate Student Award for
Outstanding Mentor:
Allison Ebert, PhD*

Graduate Student Award for
Outstanding Teacher:
Allison Ebert, PhD*

Harry Beckman Basic Science
Teaching Award:
Teresa Patitucci, PhD

MCWAH Housestaff Award for
Excellence in Teaching:
Required Rotations – Kate Wilcox,
DO ; Elective Rotations – Spencer
Klein, MD

School of Pharmacy Faculty
Preceptor of the Year:
Zachary Pape, PharmD

Advanced Pharmacy Practice
Experience Preceptor of the Year:
Carrie Verbeten, PharmD

Renewed Student Connections:



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