



White Coat Ceremony, BBQ Usher in First Class of MCW-Green Bay Students



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MCW-Green Bay's newly coated inaugural class of 26 medical students (with Dr. Matthew Hunsaker, MCW-Green Bay campus dean, at left), have been warmly welcomed into the community.

Years of planning, designing classrooms and curriculum, fundraising and branding came to fruition in early July as the Green Bay region welcomed Wisconsin's first new medical school campus in more than 100 years.

MCW-Green Bay's inaugural class of 26 students (23 of whom hail from Wisconsin) started on July 1. On July 9, these new students participated in a White Coat Ceremony at St. Norbert College, followed by a welcome barbecue at Heritage Hill State Park in Green Bay.

At the ceremony, each student received the traditional short white lab coat worn by medical-students-in-training, and were "coated" by a physician with an interest or belief in the respective student's ability and dedication to the practice of medicine.

Matthew Hunsaker, MD, campus dean of MCW-Green Bay, charged the

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(MCW Class of 2018)

students with their mission, and reflected on their purpose. "Today you are here because you have chosen to stand in the midst of human suffering and give of your time, your strength and your intellect to become physicians. This is perhaps the start of the most difficult task you have set out to accomplish in your life. It is a joyous day and one of wonderment that each of our lives has led us to this place."

An intimate group of physicians, MCW faculty and staff, and the students' loved ones attended the ceremony, which was held in Michels Ballroom. The program included

remarks from John R. Raymond, Sr., MD, president and CEO of MCW, on the vision for creating new regional medical school campuses; Joseph E. Kerschner, MD '90, FEL '98, dean of the medical school and executive vice president, on the history of the White



Dr. Lisa Grill Dodson, MCW-Central Wisconsin campus dean, "coats" MCW-Green Bay medical student Jared Metropoulos.



(l-r) Anne Machesky, Christine Prill, Jared Metropulos and Gavin Hautala are introduced to guests during the welcome barbecue.

Coat Ceremony; and Brian Bear, MD '84, GME '89, president of the Alumni Association, who welcomed the new students. William Schneider, MD '60, GME '67, a longtime Green Bay physician, shared a modern version of the Hippocratic Oath with the students - which, at the conclusion of their medical education, they will repeat at Commencement. Katrina Rosculet, MD, MA '13, shared an inspiring reading.

"This is overwhelming, exciting. It's the culmination of everything I've been working for," remarked Matthew Wheeler of Superior, Wisconsin. "I chose MCW-Green Bay because I was looking for the challenge and opportunity to be a leader and a trailblazer on a small campus, and I'm so thrilled to be here."

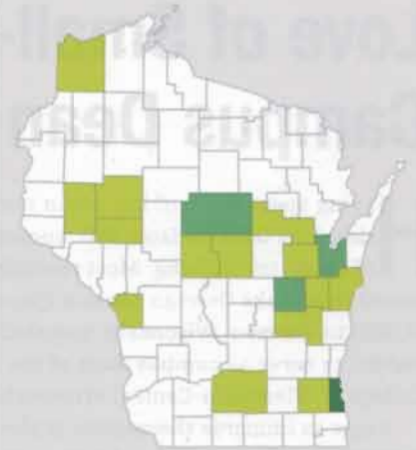
After the White Coat Ceremony, buses shuttled attendees to Heritage Hill for a barbecue and a larger celebration to introduce the inaugural

class to the Green Bay community. The perfect weather, beautiful locale and delicious food helped to underscore the excitement of students, parents, friends, community members and MCW faculty/staff for this momentous milestone.

Drs. Hunsaker, Raymond and Kerschner welcomed attendees and thanked the area's civic, academic, healthcare and philanthropic partners for their strong support of MCW-Green Bay. Kurt Voss, a member of the MCW-Green Bay Community Advisory Board, also offered a warm welcome.

Each student was introduced, and her/his hometown and undergraduate college was shared.

During the evening, attendees composed special messages of support and words of wisdom that were placed in a "time capsule" to be shared with the students upon their graduation in May 2018. ■



GEOGRAPHIC

Wisconsin Residents	Out of State (1 each)
■ 1 per county	● Champaign County, IL
■ 2 per county	● Sangamon County, IL
■ 3 per county	● Huntington, IN

MCW-GREEN BAY CLASS OF 2018 STATISTICS

Applications

- 2,267 Total Applications
- 86 Applicants per Seat in the Class
- 26 Students Matriculated

Gender

- 15 Men
- 11 Women

Age

- 21-33 Age Range
- 25 Average Age

Undergraduate Institutions

- 1 Bradley University
- 1 Butler University
- 1 Coe University
- 1 Marquette University
- 1 St. Norbert College
- 1 Stonehill College
- 1 Trinity International University
- 1 University of Illinois at Urbana
- 2 UW-Eau Claire
- 1 UW-Green Bay
- 2 UW-La Crosse
- 7 UW-Madison
- 1 UW-Milwaukee
- 1 UW-Oshkosh
- 1 UW-Stout
- 1 Valparaiso University
- 1 Wheaton College

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