

Awards and Scholarships

Make Your Mark on Family Medicine's Future

The University of Wisconsin Department of Family Medicine and Community Health (DFMCH) is grateful to have philanthropic partners invested in our missions of teaching, research, patient care and community health.

Thanks to their generosity, we are better able to support learners and educators, honor those who advocate for family medicine, and recognize volunteers who make our world a better place.

A Lasting Impact

By establishing a named award, you can have a lasting impact on the future of family medicine.

You can help us create learning opportunities that would not otherwise exist, provide seed funding for promising research, or develop programs to improve the health of our community.

We invite you to learn more about our existing awards, or how to help start a new one.



While in medical school, DFMCH resident Jennifer Perkins, MD, (above, on right with DFMCH faculty Melissa Stiles, MD) received a Brillman Leadership and Advocacy Scholarship for her work advocating for humanism in medicine.

Meet Some of Our Benefactors



Lester Brillman, MD, spent more than six decades in family medicine in Beloit, Wisconsin. The awards that bear his name—the Leadership and Advocacy Award, the Scholar Award, the Family Medicine Educational Mentor Award and the Family Medicine Educational Conference Scholarship—further his wish to excite and empower medical students to choose family medicine.



Isabel McGovern Kerr endowed the DFMCH to establish scholarships to honor the generations of the McGovern family who pioneered in Wisconsin. The McGovern-Tracy scholarships honor learners who exemplify values of community service and leadership. They also honor Michele Tracy, a second-year medical student who was killed while participating in a service program in Malawi, Africa, and whose remarkable spirit typifies scholarship recipients.



Zorba Paster, MD, the popular host of public radio's "Zorba Paster on Your Health," is the driving force behind three DFMCH Compassion in Action awards. Those awards are given to medical students who work to improve the health of disadvantaged and underserved communities.

"We try to support efforts that make a difference in people's lives."

—Zorba Paster, MD

How Can You Help?

Your donation to an existing award or scholarship, or creation of a new one, will ensure that the DFMCH can carry out its vision of improving health through family medicine education, clinical practice, research and community service.

Your award can focus on any topic of interest to family medicine, and can honor a loved one, a family or an organization of your choice.

To discuss a contribution, please contact Linda Haskins at (608) 263-3402.



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