



*McGovern-Tracy
&
DFM Student Awards
Ceremony*

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

*Monona Terrace
Community and Convention Center*

*One John Nolen Drive
Madison WI*

2012 Scholars

Dr. Lester Brillman Scholarship Recipients

*Benjamin Abeyta Jennifer Belisle
Rebecca McSorley Keren Schaalman
James Spencer*

Founders Award Recipient

Michelle Clark-Forsting

Vogel Foundation Scholarship Recipient

Emily Abeyta

Robert F. and Irma K. Korbitz

Endowed Scholarship in Family Medicine Recipients

*Christa Pittner-Smith David Rebedew
Joshua Reihner*

Zorba Paster Foundation

Compassion in Action Awards Recipients

*Underserved-First Year: Heather Nennig
Community Health: Ian Stormont
International Health: Jonathan Strong*

Jan Ashe Memorial Award for Excellence in Community Radiography

Sarah Pedracine

McGovern-Tracy Scholarship Recipients

*Meredith Bourne Parker Hoerz Karlo Kovacic
Katherine Munck
Anne Kolan, MD David Lessens, MD*



*It wasn't the reward that
mattered or the recognition you
might harvest. It was your
depth of commitment, your
quality of service, the product
of your devotion - these were
the things that counted in life.*

*When you gave purely, the
honor in giving, and that was
honor enough.*

Captain Scott O'Grady



Menu

Wisconsin Cranberry Chicken

Boneless breast of chicken filled with dried Wisconsin cranberries and herbs, topped with vermouth sauce and served with garden rice pilaf

Champagne Tilapia

Broiled Tilapia fillet with champagne mushroom sauce, herbed Yukon Gold potato wedges and lemon garnish

Portobello Wellington

Delicate puff pastry filled with fresh Portobello mushroom, herbs, shallots, and risotto; served with grilled tomato

Served with Each Dinner

Orchard Salad, freshly baked dinner rolls, and beverage

Chocolate Raspberry Torte

A multi-layered deep rich chocolate cake filled with raspberry and frosted with bittersweet chocolate ganache

History of the Program

Through the generosity of Mrs. Isabel McGovern Kerr, the Department of Family Medicine (DFM) has established the McGovern-Tracy Scholars Program. The program honors and rewards UW School of Medicine and Public Health students and residents in the DFM network of family medicine residencies. The Department of Family Medicine is also able to offer the following awards through the generosity of Robert F. and Irma K. Korbitz, Dr. Lester Brillman, Dr. Zorba and Penny Paster, the Vogel Foundation, and the Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians.

The awards also honor Michele Tracy, a second year UW medical student who was participating in an educational service program in Africa, when she tragically died in an accident in July 1999. These awards represent all she accomplished in community health in her short lifetime. Michele was heavily involved in LOCUS in medical school and worked hard to create and implement three community-based programs in New York to help people for years to come.

Program of Events

Reception.....5:00 PM

Dinner and Program.....6:00 PM

Welcome and Opening Comments

Valerie Gilchrist, MD

Professor and Chair

UW Department of Family Medicine

Master of Ceremonies

William Schwab, MD

Professor (CHS) of Family Medicine

Keynote Speaker

Kaleem Caire

President and CEO

Urban League of Greater Madison

"Changing the World Through Medicine"

Dr. Lester Brillman Scholarship

Benjamin Abeyta

Presented by John Frey, MD

Jennifer Belisle

Presented by Ildi Martonffy, MD

Rebecca McSorley

Presented by John Hawkins, MD

Keren Schaalman

Presented by Cindy Haq, MD

James Spencer

Presented by Bob Zemple

Founders Award

Michelle Clark-Forsting

Presented by John Hawkins, MD

Vogel Foundation Award

Emily Abeyta

Presented by Benjamin Abeyta

Past Recipients

Dr. Lester Brillman Scholarship

2011: Seth Bodden, Kjersti Knox, Debra Koenigsberger
Jessica Miller

Founders Award

2011: Nathan Vakharina

Vogel Foundation Scholarship

2011: Anne Getzin

Robert F. and Irma K. Korbitz Endowed Scholarship

2011: Michelle Clark-Forsting, Rebecca McSorley, Josh
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Zorba Paster Foundation Compassion in Action Award

2011: Jillian Landeck (Underserved-First Year), H.
Clay Dean (Community), Megan Schultz (International)

Jan Ashe Memorial Award for Excellence in

Community Radiography

2011: Kayla Hildebrand

McGovern-Tracy Scholars

2011: Alison Bauer Anne Becker Ian Stormont
Michael Wauters Kathryn Zavala
James Bigham, MD Lara Knudsen, MD

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Ian Stormont graduated from the UW-Madison in 2005. After graduating, he joined Teach For America (TFA) and worked as a full-time, special education science teacher. He then worked on the TFA staff as a recruitment director and a program director, supporting 25 teachers on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Indian reservations in South Dakota. Among the numerous concerns that the South Dakota reservations face, it was apparent that inadequate health care was negatively impacting many families. This experience brought him to the Wisconsin Academy for Rural Medicine (WARM) at UWSMPH. During medical school, he has served as the MEDiC student-run free clinics President. Currently, Ian is working on his WARM community service project – a Native students health careers camp for 12 Native high school students from the Oglala Sioux tribe in Pine Ridge and the Ho-Chunk Nation in Wisconsin.



Jonathan Strong was born and raised in Fond du Lac, and comes from a long line of family medicine physicians serving the State of Wisconsin. During his undergraduate studies at the University of Minnesota, Jon studied abroad in Kenya where he implemented a study of drinking water quality and volunteered with community health workers in impoverished urban neighborhoods. During medical school he studied global health policy at the World Health Organization headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland and did consulting work for the GAVI Alliance, a multinational organization that funds vaccination programs in developing countries. Next year he plans to take a leave of absence from his medical studies to pursue a MPH at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

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Robert F. and Irma K. Korbitz Endowed Scholarship in Family Medicine

Christa Pittner-Smith

Presented by David Deci, MD

David Rebedew

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Joshua Reiber

Presented by David Deci, MD

Zorba Paster Compassion in Action Award

Underserved-First Year: Heather Nennig

Presented by Sharon Younkin, PhD

Community: Ian Stormont

Presented by Byron Crouse, MD

International: Jonathan Strong

Presented by Cynthia Haq, MD

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Meredith Bourne

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Karlo Kovacic

Presented by Sharon Younkin, PhD

Anne Kolan, MD

Presented by Jennifer Belisle

Parker Hoerz

Presented by Ted Goodfriend, MD

Katherine Munck

Presented by Lisa Bell, RDH, MPH

David Lessens, MD

Presented by Lee Dresang, MD

Closing Remarks

William Schwab, MD

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Benjamin Abeyta, is originally from Albuquerque, NM. Early on in med school he became involved in leadership with the Christian Medical Association and Medical Student Association, organized the annual Dean's Cup, and connected students to multiple community service projects in the Madison area. Ben was involved in Bucky's Running Club year round, and in the winter cross-country skiing, which landed him in the Birkebeiner in 2011. He has traveled to Honduras and Ecuador for a combined total of 3 months of Missions Minded International

Medicine and hopes to continue in underserved and international medicine. Ben received the WMAA Student Leadership Award and the Student Scholars Award while in medical school. He will be moving with his wife, Emily to Fort Worth, TX for their residency training at the John Peter Smith program.



Emily Abyeta is a native of Rockford, IL, and crossed the cheddar curtain into Wisconsin after undergraduate studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The daughter of a family doctor, she knew that Family Medicine would fulfill her desire to connect to people and the community while focusing on healthcare for women, kids, and their families. During med school she was involved in the Family Medicine Interest Group and the Christian Medical Association. With her medical student husband, Ben, she went on mission trips to Honduras and spent

two months in Ecuador this winter. Ben and Emily matched with Family Medicine at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, TX. Emily is looking forward to practicing full-scope Family Medicine in an underserved part of the country.



Jennifer Belisle was born and raised near Rib Lake, WI, surrounded by family. She completed a double major in chemistry and biology, earning a Bachelor of Science degree from Viterbo University in La Crosse, WI. After graduating, she performed research in ovarian cancer for the Patankar Lab in the Department of Gynecologic Oncology at the University of Wisconsin, from which came 7 peer-reviewed publications, numerous abstracts and presentations, and a patent application through the Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation. Jen's own

family—her husband and two sons—has provided perspective, balance, and joy during med school, and has been an inspiration for fostering the ideals of Family Medicine.

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Joshua Reiher has volunteered frequently with the MEDiC student-run clinics and then served as Community Resources Coordinator for the Salvation Army Clinic during the first two years of med school. He traveled to India as a volunteer for the Himalayan Health Exchange. During his 2nd year, Josh enjoyed his role as a student course co-coordinator for The Healer's Art, an elective class exploring the role of humanism in medicine.

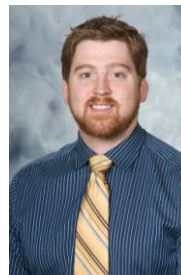
This inspired a passion for the integrative medical approach to patient care, which led to his role as student rep to the

Consortium of Academic Health Centers for Integrative Medicine. Josh also served as a student rep on a committee focusing on the development of a comprehensive medical student wellness program here at UW.



Keren Schaalman grew up in Milwaukee and attended Carleton College in Minnesota. After graduating in 2003, she worked in Malawi for the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill as a project coordinator in a small group study that evaluated a home-based approach to caring for patients with advanced HIV. Keren worked as a health center assistant for Planned Parenthood, served as a MEDiC volunteer and a MAP mentor during the first years of med school. She then returned to

Milwaukee to be a part of the TRIUMPH program during her 3rd year. Keren has also worked with the Milwaukee County Breastfeeding Coalition. She will move to Denver, CO in June to work as a Family Medicine resident at St. Anthony North Memorial Hospital.



James Spencer has been a native Wisconsinite his whole life. He has been actively involved in several volunteer programs, most notably, MEDiC, the student-run free clinics, as a clinic coordinator at a local men's homeless shelter. This was one of the experiences that ignited his passion for primary care as he would see these men every other week, following up with chronic issues for some, and acute needs for others. During his clinic years, he realized that there was no area of medicine he could leave out of a fulfilling medical career. Family Medicine

was where he is meant to be. He is greatly honored to accept this scholarship as he moves closer to becoming a practicing family physician.

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Sarah Pedracine is a senior student in the UW-Madison School of Radiologic Technology and has been working as a CT Technologist Assistant for the past year. Sarah has been very active in the Madison community by volunteering at the American Family Children's Hospital and working as a tennis instructor for Madison School and Community Recreation. She is looking forward to graduating in August and is hoping to eventually specialize in Computed Tomography.



Christa Pittner-Smith grew up in Sheboygan, WI. She attended UW-Madison for her undergraduate education and then continued at Madison for med school. During med school, Christa was active in the MEDiC Free Clinic Program and served as the Student Director for the Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians. Christa has special interests in women's health, public health, and rural medicine. She is looking forward to starting her Family Medicine residency this summer.



David Rebedew is a first generation college student who grew up in rural Wisconsin. While attending community college, he worked full time, played in 3 athletics, was president of 5 clubs, performed 3 service learning projects, volunteered in the ER, and created a volunteer program to help the disabled and elderly. At UW-Madison, David interned at the health department, volunteered at free clinics in Mexico, tutored, and served as a student custodian supervisor for 3 dorms. After 2 years and many amazing experiences, he graduated from UW-Madison with a 4.0 and majors in Neurobiology and Psychology. During med school, David volunteered at free clinics, performed research, served as co-leader of both the Family Medicine Interest Group and AIMS, and continued to tutor and mentor students. More recently, he established and is currently leading a National Alliance on Mental Illness chapter.

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Meredith Bourne grew up in a diverse neighborhood on Madison's south side, raised by a single mom. She attended West High School and received her bachelor's degree from UW-Madison. One of her most informative experiences was living and studying in east Africa, where she researched the effects of violence on communities. Meredith has taken on leadership roles in groups focusing on social justice and community development including Allied United for Health, the Mentorship Achievement Program, Medical Students for Choice, and Students for a National Health Program. She has also been involved in the MOMS program and recently received training as a doula. She will continue her medical training in Milwaukee as part of the TRIUMPH program and plans to enter Family Medicine.



Michelle Clark-Forsting grew up in rural Western Wisconsin, in the Black River Falls area. She earned a BS degree in Biology at UW-Eau Claire and a MPH degree at UW-La Crosse prior to med school. She is currently a 3rd year student in the Wisconsin Academy for Rural Medicine. She was the co-leader in the Family Medicine Interest Group, and member of Healthy Classrooms Foundation, MEDiC, and the Rural Health Interest Group. Michelle has been involved with the National Rural Health Association through her work as the Chair of the Student Constituency Group and as a member of the Board of Trustees. Her career plan is a full-scope Family Medicine practice with OB in rural Wisconsin, preferably Black River Falls.



Parker Hoertz was born and raised in Wauwatosa, WI, studied Biomedical Engineering, Biology, and Spanish at Marquette University. He has worked on the project that included the design of a human-powered nebulizer to treat respiratory illnesses in communities that lack electricity. He also served as a project leader for the design and implementation of a community water system in rural Honduras. Parker volunteered in a free clinic on Milwaukee's south side and worked as an EMT in the inner city. At the UWSMPH, he became very involved with the MEDiC student-run free clinics, ultimately serving as the MEDiC Council President. Next year, he will take part in the school's TRIUMPH program, hoping to gain a better understanding of how to address the unique health challenges faced in urban settings.

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Anne Kolan has been attracted to the field of Integrative Medicine throughout her training, which emphasizes a holistic approach to health and well-being through consideration of the mind, body, and spirit. She participated in The Healer's Art elective, engaging medical students in small group discussions about the challenges in providing compassionate health care. Believing that health care professionals must serve as role models, she worked to establish a CSA pick-up site at St. Mary's Hospital, with almost 100 participants in the first season. Anne has been blessed with countless opportunities to learn, serve, and interact with inspiring students and faculty. She is excited to complete the Integrative Medicine Fellowship in Madison next year.



Karlo Kovacic, is a med student from Croatia who has lived through many enriching life experiences. Karlo received a BS and MS in Applied Mathematics from San Diego State University, played NCAA Division I college basketball and professional basketball in Europe, and became a proud father and husband. Some of the community leadership experiences he has valued the most include tutoring student-athletes with learning disabilities at San Diego State University, volunteering at a hospice in Providence, RI, coordinating Grace Free Clinic within MEDiC and serving as one of the leaders of Healthy Hearts. Karlo is now looking forward to his experience with the underserved medical communities within TRIUMPH in Milwaukee.



Dave Lessens studied anthropology at the University of Michigan as an undergraduate and continued there for his medical training. In addition, he received his MPH at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. While in Baltimore, he focused on the intersections among environmental sustainability, nutrition, and community development and served as a research assistant with the Baltimore Healthy Stores Project. This project sought to enhance access of healthy foods in low-income Baltimore neighborhoods and drew upon his interests in public health, community service, and anthropology. Since moving to Madison for residency, he has become especially interested in increasing health literacy and access to nutritious foods and has collaborated with both Growing Power and Little Free Libraries.

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Rebecca McSorley grew up the youngest of 5 children, and her family encouraged her to pursue her interests in service and health care. Rebecca served as a Public Health Peace Corps volunteer in Burkina Faso, West Africa. During her service she taught the clinic board how to write grants, which culminated in building a pharmacy. She earned her Master's in Global Health, and then began med school. Rebecca was drawn to MEDiC, where she co-coordinated the Salvation Army Clinic. Realizing the importance of dental services for the underserved, she helped start The MEDiC Dental Clinic. As a future physician, she plans to reach beyond traditional definitions of medicine and beyond borders, dividing her time between underserved populations in the U.S. and abroad.



Katherine Munck is from Stevens Point, WI. She attended the UW-Madison on a violin performance scholarship and graduated in 2010 with a BS in Music Performance and Medical Microbiology and Immunology. For the past year she has served as co-coordinator of the MEDiC Salvation Army Dental Clinic, during which time the clinic saw 265 patients over the course of 44 sessions and underwent a major renovation. She also served as an active member of the MEDiC Fundraising Committee. Katherine is co-leader of Coda Blue, the medical student chamber music ensemble. Her extracurricular activities include playing violin in the Middleton Community Orchestra.



Heather Nennig's addiction to serving others started when she volunteered at her local food pantry over a decade ago. In high school, she played bingo with the elderly and served food to the homeless, and at Ripon College she led Habitat for Humanity Alternative Spring Break Trips and volunteered at local hospitals and libraries. In med school, Heather is involved with UWSMPH's student-run free clinic, MEDiC; a health outreach organization, Allied United for Health, that serves Madison's Allied Drive community; and mentors an underprivileged (but wonderfully talented!) eighth grader in the Mentorship Achievement Program. This summer, with financial support from the UW Department of Family Medicine, Heather will be spending 6 weeks working with the underserved at the Hudson River Health Care Clinic, a federally qualified health center in Peekskill, NY.