2022 WHITE COAT CEREMONY

On June 17, 2022 the PA Program held its annual White Coat Ceremony, celebrating the transition into their clinical year for the class of 2023. Each year PA Program supporters present scholarship awards at the ceremony, making it a special day for presenters and awardees alike.

For more photos and a list of 2022 award winners, see page 3.
WELCOME NEW FACULTY MEMBER
ABBY MCGUIRE, MPAS, PA-C ’16

PA Program alum and Assistant Clinical Professor Abby McGuire, MPAS, PA-C ’16 has joined the faculty! McGuire will serve as the course coordinator for History and Physical Examination and Advanced Patient Evaluation classes. She will also teach in clinical medicine and diagnostic methods, and contribute to other courses and activities.

McGuire was part of the first wisPACT@Stevens Point at Wausau cohort and completed a teaching fellowship upon graduation. She has worked clinically in family medicine for six years, serving as a preceptor to a number of UW PA students, and will continue to see patients at a UW Health family medicine clinic.

Passionate about efforts to increase clinician wellbeing and reduce burnout in primary care, McGuire has been an active member of UW Health’s Wellbeing Committee.

NEW FACULTY MEMBER BRAD ECKLOR, MS, PA-C

A new faculty member at UW-Platteville, Brad Ecklor has been hired to teach in the wisPACT@Platteville program. A graduate of UW-Platteville and the UW-Lacrosse Physician Assistant (PA) Program, Ecklor says, “I look forward to developing strong partnerships with the local communities to recruit and streamline the development of students with a passion for their communities and rural medicine.” Ecklor practices primary care at Gundersen Boscobel Area Hospital and Clinics, a Medicare Certified Rural Health Clinic.

MPAS CANDIDATE RECEIVES NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Sarah Gorall, PA-S (MPAS ’23) has received the 2022 Timi Agar Barwick Scholarship for Humanism in Medicine. Awarded by the Physician Associate Foundation, the scholarship supports students who identify as an underrepresented minority and/or economically disadvantaged and/or educationally disadvantaged.

As a first-generation college student, Gorall says the award inspires her to continue to work hard to achieve her dreams. “I know in my heart, mind and soul that being a PA is what I’m called to do.”

In turn, she hopes her career will inspire others to believe they, too, can do “anything they set their minds to.”
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2022 STUDENT AWARDS

Dr. Mildred H. Evans Award - Presented by Agnes Kanikula:
• Miguel Barraza Chavez

Andy Stolper Award - Presented by Judy Stolper:
• T.J. Lewin

Wisconsin Rural Opportunities Foundation Award - Presented by Joan Behr:
• Jessi Guden
• Aly Saari
• Jake Enz

Judy Stolper with T.J. Lewin

Guest speaker Sandy Miller, PA-C

Agnes Kanikula with Miguel Barraza Chavez

Joan Behr with Jessi Guden, Aly Saari and Jake Enz

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