

**W** WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
— Homer Stryker M.D. —  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

*Class of 2020*



# A Message from the Dean

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Commencement is a momentous day for our graduates, their families and friends—and it is indeed a momentous day for the faculty and all of us. As a newer medical school, each graduating class contributes to building our legacy and a rich history of excellence.

Our decision to host a virtual commencement was focused solely on prioritizing the health and safety of our students, their families, the WMed community, and the wider community of healthcare professionals. Nothing short of a global health crisis, like COVID-19, could have forced this decision. Thank you for your understanding and flexibility during these challenging times.

Our medical school mission is to educate and inspire lifelong learners to be exceptional clinicians, leaders, educators, advocates, and researchers of tomorrow. We fulfill our mission through the careers and good work of our graduates. The success of our graduates is a measure of our success as a medical school.

First, I offer my congratulations to our graduates on their successful completion of the rigorous curriculum that our faculty have developed to position them to succeed in their chosen careers.

Second, I thank our graduates for choosing to come to WMed and for making this medical school even better. Student input and feedback are essential to our commitment to lifelong learning and continuous improvement as an institution.

Third, and perhaps most importantly, I congratulate our graduates on their choice to enter the healthcare profession. Our medical students and our graduate students have selected career paths that will have a profound impact on the health of individuals and the communities where they will live.

Together, we celebrate the success of our graduates today and into the future.



Hal B. Jenson, MD, MBA  
Founding Dean

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## MISSION

To educate and inspire lifelong learners to be exceptional clinicians, leaders, educators, advocates, and researchers of tomorrow.

## VISION

To be distinguished as a leader among medical schools through community collaboration in medical education, patient care, research, and service.

## VALUES

We achieve **excellence** by:

- ❖ Promoting **innovation** and **lifelong learning**
- ❖ Acting with **integrity** and **professionalism**
- ❖ Demonstrating **leadership**, **teamwork**, and **collaboration**
- ❖ Showing **compassion** for all, and
- ❖ Valuing **inclusiveness** and **diversity**

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Co-Chief, Program in Biomedical Informatics

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Co-Chair, Department of Anesthesiology

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Associate Dean, Student Affairs

# Faculty Award Recipients

The Class of 2020 presented the following awards to outstanding medical school faculty:

**David Riddle, PhD**

Outstanding Basic Science Educator  
Foundations of Medicine

**Lisa Miller, MD**

Outstanding Clinical Science Educator  
Foundations of Medicine

**Melissa Olken, MD**

Outstanding Clinical Science Educator  
Clerkship Director

**Prashant Patel, DO**

Outstanding Clinical Science Educator  
Clinical Faculty

**April Korneli, DO**

Outstanding Clinical Science Educator  
Resident Physician

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## COMMENCEMENT TRADITIONS

*In planning our virtual commencement, we wanted to maintain academic traditions, including the academic regalia worn by our speakers. While we are not all together in the traditional apparel, we want to recognize the robes, hoods, and tams originating in medieval Europe.*

### ACADEMIC REGALIA

Today's academic regalia—the robes, hoods, and tams—originated in medieval Europe. In 1895, representatives of America's leading academic institutions adopted a code of academic dress. The code regulates the cut, style, and materials of the gowns, and prescribes colors to represent different fields of learning. Today, with few exceptions, the academic robes are black and the colors of the hood reflect the field of learning and academic institution. At WMed for the medical degree, the gown is faced with black velvet; three bars of velvet are used across the sleeves. The hood is hunter green with a chevron of brown and gold. For master of science degrees, the gown has long swooping sleeves, and the hood is science gold with a chevron of brown and gold. All graduates wear a brown tassel with a WMed Medallion.

### WMED SEAL AND MEDALLION

The institutional seal, a symbol of Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine, is one of an academic institution's most important symbols. Serving as the legal mark of the institution, the seal is used to authenticate official documents such as diplomas. The WMed seal includes the institutional name and two elements of the logo—the W and the Rod of Asclepius. The medallion is three inches in diameter, crafted with antique brass, and reveals the institutional seal. The medallion is at the center of a brass necklace which is a permanent part of the dean's academic regalia, and is worn at formal ceremonial events.

### THE MACE

The ceremonial mace is used to lead the academic procession at commencement and other special ceremonial occasions, signifying the importance of the event and the conformation of the academic process. The 42-inch mace is made of natural walnut and is topped with a 4-inch antique brass medallion of the institutional seal.

## WELCOME ALUMNI

While the annual Awards and Alumni banquet was not able to be held, graduates of the Class of 2020 are welcomed as medical school alumni by the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, which plays a key role in keeping alumni involved in the growth of the medical school and celebrating continuing successes. Graduates will be receiving their diplomas in commemorative WMed frames, along with a WMed medallion lapel pin. We are interested in our alumni news and accomplishments, both personal and professional. Alumni are encouraged to email [alumni@med.wmich.edu](mailto:alumni@med.wmich.edu) with news to share or to update personal contact information.





# Commencement

**Class of 2020**

May 16, 2020 · 1:00 p.m.

## Order of Exercises

WELCOME	Peter J. Ziemkowski, MD, Associate Dean, Student Affairs
REMARKS FROM THE DEAN	Hal B. Jenson, MD, MBA, Founding Dean
REMARKS FROM THE GRADUATES	Kylie Miller, Class of 2020
COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS	Alison S. Clay, MD, FCCP, ATSF, Assistant Dean of Clinical Education and Assistant Professor in the Departments of Surgery and Medicine, Duke University School of Medicine
ADVANCED DEGREE DIPLOMA PRESENTATION Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences Master of Science in Medical Engineering	Timothy A. Garrow, PhD, Program Director Tycho K. Fredericks, PhD, Program Chief
MD HOODING AND DIPLOMA PRESENTATION	Peter J. Ziemkowski, MD, Associate Dean, Student Affairs Hal B. Jenson, MD, MBA, Founding Dean Scholar-Advisors, Guest Hooders
CLASS OATH	Kylie Miller, Class of 2020
PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND DEGREE CONFERRAL	Ross E. Driscoll, MD, Chair, Faculty Academic Council
CLOSING REMARKS	Peter J. Ziemkowski, MD, Associate Dean, Student Affairs

# Class Oath

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The oath of Hippocrates is a symbol of the medical profession and perhaps the most widely known of Greek medical texts. The Hippocratic Oath requires a new physician to swear upon the healing gods that he or she will uphold professional ethical standards. Over the centuries, it has been rewritten often to suit the values of different cultures that have been influenced by Greek medicine. A medical oath declares the ethos of medicine, and includes solemn promises that identify the covenant relationship between physicians, other healthcare providers, patients, and society as a whole. During the very first weeks of medical school, medical students in the Class of 2020 created their own class oath which enabled the students to reflect on the principles they feel are important to embrace as medical professionals. By writing their own words, the oath created the foundation for their medical education and medical career.

## **CLASS OF 2020 MEDICAL STUDENT OATH**

In recognition of the privilege and responsibility of being members of the Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine Class of 2020, we swear by the following oath:

We pledge to promote a culture of integrity, and in the spirit of collegiality, to learn, teach, and collaborate with patients, families, and colleagues.

We pledge to respect the limits of our current personal and professional abilities, remaining open to perspectives and ideas different from our own.

We pledge to foster innovation and progress, both within our profession and community, through our commitment to evidence-based medicine and the education of future healthcare professionals in their search for knowledge.

We pledge to avoid the perils of arrogance, cynicism, greed, and apathy.

We pledge to advocate for the best interests of our patients; to promote education and wellness in the communities we serve, and to respect the full range of diversity that those communities represent.

We pledge to embrace a patient-centered focus as we strive to empower our patients, recognizing that education and prevention are just as important as pharmaceutical and surgical interventions.

We pledge to embrace the tenets of healing in our own lives, recognizing that our capacity to care for others is enhanced by a commitment to nurture our personal health and well-being.

We pledge to be unwavering in our dedication to professionalism and proficiency in our craft while working to ensure our profession is deserving of the honors we, as physicians, are given.

We take this vow solemnly and freely, in the presence of our colleagues, families, and community, for as long as we bear the honor and responsibility of serving in the medical profession.

# Class of 2020 Graduates

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## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

**Lucas Bezerra**

Western Michigan University, BS

**Shelby Chaney**

University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign, BS

**Darwin Edmond**

University of Washington, BA

**Sofia Esteves**

Loyola Marymount University, BS

**Leon Figueroa**

University of California–Los Angeles, BS

**Wilo Issack**

The Ohio State University Main Campus, BS

**Abdigadir Khalif**

St. Catherine University, BS

**Karley Lujan**

University of California–Davis, BS

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL ENGINEERING

**Lukas Swoboda**

Western Michigan University, BS

## DOCTOR OF MEDICINE DEGREE

Information on the following pages includes the degrees earned, postgraduate training site and specialty, awards, honor society induction, and scholarships.

**Outstanding Student Award:** Each academic department selected one or more outstanding students from the class to be awarded on behalf of the department faculty.

**CLEAR Award:** Students in the class selected one peer who exemplifies excellence in each area of the medical school's CLEAR mission: Clinician, Leader, Educator, Advocate, and Researcher.

**Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society:** The Michigan Epsilon chapter at WMed recognizes students who have shown dedication to academia, peer teaching, leadership, humanism, and service. Students become eligible for this honor in their third year, and are selected by faculty who are members of the society.

**Gold Humanism Honor Society:** We believe in the importance of developing humanistic future physicians who are dedicated to compassionate, respectful, and empathetic patient care. Students who have exhibited these characteristics while in medical school are inducted in the Gold Humanism Honor Society. Students are nominated for this honor in their third year by their peers.

**Health Professions Scholarship Program:** Students who have been accepted in the Health Professions Scholarship Program enter either the US Army, Navy, or Air Force and serve as a commissioned medical officer after graduation. Each branch accepts only 400 applicants each year.

**Global and Public Health Distinction:** Students honored with the Global and Public Health Distinction have completed additional training in improving health and achieving health equity with an emphasis on population-based prevention. This distinction recognizes the student's commitment to providing equitable and thoughtful care to individuals, communities, and populations with an understanding that public health is fundamental to medicine and to combating morbidity and mortality from altering perspectives.

**Conner Ahlgren**

Miami University, BA  
Orthopaedic Surgery  
Beaumont Health–Royal Oak & Taylor, Michigan  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society*

**Janani Ahmed**

University of Iowa, BS  
Johns Hopkins University, MPH  
Internal Medicine/Emergency Medicine  
SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn, New York  
*Global and Public Health Distinction*

**Mohammad Ahmed**

Wayne State University, BS  
Internal Medicine  
Spectrum Health/Michigan State University, Michigan

**Patrick Albright**

University of Notre Dame, BS, MS  
Orthopaedic Surgery  
University of Minnesota Medical School, Minnesota  
*Outstanding Student Award, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery*  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society*  
*Peter H. Capelli Endowed Scholarship*  
*Global and Public Health Distinction*

**John Mark Becker**

Hillsdale College, BS  
General Surgery  
St. Joseph Mercy Health System, Michigan  
*Global and Public Health Distinction*

**Gina Bravata**

Kalamazoo College, BA  
Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D.  
School of Medicine, Michigan  
*Outstanding Student Award,*  
*Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology*  
*Outstanding Student Award,*  
*Department of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine*  
*Educator CLEAR Award*  
*Advocate CLEAR Award*  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*  
*Global and Public Health Distinction*

**Stephen Breisach**

Western Michigan University, BS, MA  
*Health Professions Scholarship Program*

**Robert Cai**

University of Maryland–College Park, BS  
Neurology  
MedStar Washington Hospital Center, Washington, D.C.

**Alexandria Chrumka**

Stanford University, BS  
Orthopaedic Surgery  
Beaumont Health–Royal Oak & Taylor, Michigan

**Francesca Corley**

University of Southern California, BS  
Pediatrics  
UCLA Medical Center, California  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*

**Kathryn Davis**

Western Michigan University, BS  
Pediatrics  
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Ohio  
*Clinician CLEAR Award*  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society*  
*John M. Dunn Endowed Scholarship*

**Thomas Duong**

University of California–Davis, BS  
Transitional Year  
Weiss Memorial Hospital, Illinois  
Diagnostic Radiology  
University of California Irvine Medical Center, California  
*Outstanding Student Award, Department of Radiology*

**Jonathan Ericson**

St John's University, BA  
Family Medicine  
University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kansas  
*Outstanding Student Award,*  
*Department of Family and Community Medicine*  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society*

**Daniel Ferman**

University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, BS  
General Surgery  
Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Virginia  
*Outstanding Student Award, Department of Surgery*  
*Global and Public Health Distinction*  
*Health Professions Scholarship Program*

**Nicole Fledderman**

Dominican University, BS  
Pediatrics  
Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D.  
School of Medicine, Michigan

**Rebecca Funk**

University of Wisconsin–Madison, BS  
Orthopaedic Surgery  
University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, Wisconsin

**Paras Garg**

University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, BSE  
University of Cincinnati, MS  
Anesthesiology  
Henry Ford Hospital, Michigan  
*Outstanding Student Award, Department of Anesthesiology*

**Bryant Hammershaimb**

Loyola Marymount University, BS  
Internal Medicine  
Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Center, California  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*



**Lydia Hillier**

Pacific Lutheran University, BSN  
Pediatrics  
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa  
*Outstanding Student Award,*  
*Department of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine*  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*

**Conner Holthaus**

University of Wisconsin–Madison, BS  
Emergency Medicine  
University of Missouri–Kansas City, Missouri  
*Outstanding Student Award, Department of Emergency Medicine*  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society*  
*Dean's Endowed Scholarship*

**Dennis Huang**

Northwestern University–Evanston, BA  
Medicine–Preliminary  
University of California Irvine Medical Center, California  
Neurology  
University of California Irvine Medical Center, California

**Joshua Hunt**

Eastern Michigan University, BS, MS  
Internal Medicine  
Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Georgia  
*Health Professions Scholarship Program*

**Ola Jandali**

University of California–Berkeley, BS  
Internal Medicine  
Scripps Clinic/Green Hospital, California

**Jennifer Janik**

University of Windsor, BS, MS  
Obstetrics and Gynecology  
University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, Wisconsin  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society*

**Tracy Johnson**

Grinnell College, BA  
Psychiatry  
Olive View–UCLA Medical Center, California

**Adrienne Kaufman**

St. Olaf College, BA  
Loyola University–Chicago, MS  
Internal Medicine  
Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education, Arizona

**Alyssa Kettler**

University of Minnesota–Twin Cities, BS  
Emergency Medicine  
Stony Brook Teaching Hospitals, New York

**Jamil Khondker**

University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, BA  
Psychiatry  
Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D.  
School of Medicine, Michigan  
*Outstanding Student Award, Department of Psychiatry*

**Amie Kim**

Washington University in St. Louis, BA  
Internal Medicine  
Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine, Ohio

**Emmanuel Kumar**

University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, BS  
Georgetown University, MS  
Pediatrics  
Spectrum Health/Michigan State University, Michigan

**Kailin Kuo**

New York University, BA  
Internal Medicine  
HCA Healthcare/USF Morsani GME, Florida

**Kristina Le**

University of California–Irvine, BS  
Family Medicine  
Henry Ford Hospital, Michigan

**Charlene Lin**

University of California–Berkeley, BA  
Internal Medicine  
St. Joseph Mercy Health System, Michigan

**Stephanie Liu**

University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, BS  
Family Medicine  
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health,  
Wisconsin  
*Outstanding Student Award,*  
*Department of Family and Community Medicine*

**Michael Madrid**

Idaho State University, BS, MS  
Pathology  
University of Vermont Medical Center, Vermont  
*Outstanding Student Award, Department of Pathology*

**Aimee Madsen**

The University of Utah, BS  
Transitional Year  
Hemet Valley Medical Center, California

**Nabeel Mallick**

Case Western Reserve University, BA  
Internal Medicine  
Sparrow Hospital, Michigan

**Kylie Miller**

University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, BS  
Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Virginia  
*Leader CLEAR Award*  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*  
*Health Professions Scholarship Program*

**Juliana Molosky**

University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, BS  
Family Medicine  
University of Chicago (NorthShore) Medical Center, Illinois

**Sargoan Nepaul**

University of Maryland–College Park, BS  
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation  
Georgetown University Medical Center and MedStar National  
Rehabilitation Hospital, Washington, D.C.

**Gisella Newbery**

Kalamazoo College, BA  
Obstetrics and Gynecology  
University of Missouri–Kansas City, Missouri

**An Nguyen**

University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, BS  
Emergency Medicine  
Beaumont Health, Michigan

**Nikki Nguyen**

University of California–Los Angeles, BS  
Psychiatry  
University of California Irvine Medical Center, California  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*

**Theron O'Halloran**

University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, BS  
Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Anne Arundel Medical Center, Maryland  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*

**Stephen Peltier**

Michigan State University, BS  
Internal Medicine  
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa

**William Petro**

Michigan State University, BS  
Internal Medicine  
Case Western Reserve University/  
University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, Ohio  
*Outstanding Student Award, Department of Medicine*  
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University of California–Santa Barbara, BS  
Transitional Year  
Mercy Health, Michigan  
Anesthesiology  
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*Outstanding Student Award, Department of Anesthesiology*

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Obstetrics and Gynecology  
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*Gold Humanism Honor Society*  
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**Karthik Ramaseshan**

Wayne State University, BS  
Transitional Year  
McLaren Health Care, Michigan

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University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, BS  
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University of Virginia, Virginia

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Emergency Medicine  
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Surgery–Preliminary  
Loyola University Medical Center, Illinois  
Diagnostic Radiology  
University of Louisville School of Medicine, Kentucky

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University of Wisconsin–Madison, BS  
Internal Medicine  
Mercy Medical Center, Iowa

**Raphael Szymanski**

University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, BS  
Family Medicine  
Henry Ford Hospital, Michigan

**Walker Thompson**

Western Michigan University, BS  
University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, MS  
Medicine–Preliminary  
University of Florida College of Medicine–Shands Hospital, Florida  
Diagnostic Radiology  
University of Florida College of Medicine–Shands Hospital, Florida  
*John M. Dunn Endowed Scholarship*

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University of California–Irvine, BS  
Dermatology  
Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and  
Affiliated Hospitals, Illinois  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*

**Arushi Tripathy**

Johns Hopkins University BS  
Neurological Surgery  
University of Michigan Hospitals, Michigan

**Ray-Young Tsao**

University of California–San Diego, BS  
Emergency Medicine  
University of Arizona College of Medicine–Tucson, Arizona

**Julia Tullio**

University of Windsor, BS  
Medicine–Pediatrics  
Beaumont Health, Michigan

**Joshua Vandeburgh**

Kalamazoo College, BA  
Neurology  
University of Minnesota Medical School, Minnesota

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Medicine–Pediatrics  
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Internal Medicine  
University of Cincinnati Medical Center, Ohio  
*Outstanding Student Award, Department of Medicine*

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Loma Linda University, California  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society*  
*Gold Humanism Honor Society*

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University of Notre Dame, BS  
Internal Medicine  
Gundersen Health System, Wisconsin  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society*

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University of Michigan–Ann Arbor, BS, MS  
Transitional Year  
Riverside Regional Medical Center, Virginia  
Radiation Oncology  
Yale New Haven Hospital, Connecticut  
*Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society*

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University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Connecticut

**Arika Wieneke**

Whitman College, BA  
Emergency Medicine  
University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics

**John Erik Winterholler**

Brigham Young University, BS  
Surgery–Preliminary  
University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics  
Interventional Radiology  
University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics  
*Outstanding Student Award, Department of Radiology*  
*Researcher CLEAR Award*

## Information About Our First Virtual Commencement Ceremony

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While this is the first virtual ceremony for many of us, we hope you'll utilize the comments section on Facebook to offer congratulations, applaud, and come together virtually.

Be sure to share photos of your gatherings on Facebook and Instagram using #WMed2020.

Find us on



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At the December 8, 2011, WMU Board of Trustees meeting, William U. Parfet, then the chair and chief executive officer of MPI Research and the great-grandson of Dr. W.E. Upjohn, donated a seven-story, 330,000 square-foot building to Western Michigan University to be used for the new medical school. The facility and surrounding property was named the **W.E. Upjohn M.D. Campus** in honor of Dr. Upjohn.

On March 11, 2014, the new medical school was named **Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine** in memory of Dr. Homer Stryker, a WMU alumnus and founder of Stryker Corporation. The naming fulfilled the wishes of the donors of the \$100 million foundational gift—Stryker’s granddaughter, Ronda Stryker, and her husband, William D. Johnston, a WMU trustee.



Department of Psychiatry  
on the Ascension Borgess  
Hospital Campus



Family Medicine Clinic at the  
Family Health Center



Family Medicine Residency –  
Bronson Battle Creek



Oakland Drive Campus



Parkview Campus



WMed Health – Mall Drive



W.E. Upjohn M.D. Campus

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