

Physician Leaders Among WHA Health Care Leadership Academy Graduating Class

The first class of students in the WHA Health Care Leadership Academy has graduated from the innovative program designed to help health care leaders to successfully navigate growing industry complexities and opportunities.

On June 22, the cohort of 12 individuals representing 10 Wisconsin hospitals started off their last two days of instruction with UW School of Business Center for Professional & Executive Development (CPED) instructor Katrina Cravy. Cravy led an interactive session entitled, "Executive Presence: Communicating with Confidence and Credibility." That session was followed by "Digitization and the Future of Health Care" presented by Vallabh "Samba" Sambamurthy, PhD, an Albert O. Nicholas Dean with the UW School of Business. Both sessions were rich in content with real world applications. Following this full day of learning, the group was celebrated with a graduation ceremony followed by a dinner reception. Attending the graduation ceremony and the celebration with the students were the instructors of the academy, UW CPED staff, WHA staff and representatives from the sponsors of the academy—WHA Premier Partner M3 Insurance and the WHA Foundation. During graduation, each student shared the aspect of the academy that made the biggest impact on them. Examples ranged from the module on emotional intelligence to relationships built between classmates.

Capping off the day was a surprise visit from Bucky Badger and the UW Wisconsin Band.



WHA Health Care Leadership Academy 2022 graduates with Bucky Badger.

WHA congratulates the graduates listed below and their respective hospitals for investing in the future of health care in Wisconsin. An online photo album of the graduation celebration is available [here](#).

Name	Title	Organization
Alexandra Urrutia-Comas	Vice President, Operations	Advocate Aurora - Aurora Sinai Medical Center
Dennis Zagrodnik II	Director Department of General Surgery	Aurora Health Care Medical Group

Austin Miloszewicz	Service Line Leader	Bellin Health
Carrie Rupert	Clinical Services Director	Bellin Health Oconto Hospital
Morgan Rabatine Nagel	Team Leader, Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery	Bellin Memorial Hospital & Bellin Oconto Hospital
Esteban Miller	Chief Medical Officer	Black River Memorial Hospital, Inc.
Miranda Greenwold	Marketing Director	Black River Memorial Hospital, Inc.
Michael Anderson	Senior Vice President, Medical Affairs/CMO	Fort HealthCare
Andy Olivares	Administrator/COO	Lakeview Specialty Hospital & Rehab
Wendy Ledesma	Internal Medicine Hospitalist/CMPSQO	Sauk Prairie Healthcare
Jennifer McPhee	Community Health & Wellness Coordinator	Stoughton Health
Tammy Bending	VP-Operations, Critical Access Hospital	ThedaCare Medical Center - Berlin