

NEWSLETTER



CHAASE SPRING BANQUET

Every year, outstanding students, preceptors, and friends of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Health Care Administration program are recognized at the annual spring banquet hosted by the UW-Eau Claire Center for Health Administration and Aging Services Excellence (CHAASE). This year's event was held on April 18th at The Lismore in Eau Claire, WI.

This year's keynote speaker was Dr. Megan Gerhardt, Professor of Management and Leadership at the Farmer School of Business at Miami University, where she also serves as the Robert D. Johnson Director of Leadership Development.

Dr. Gerhardt speaks and consults with top organizations around the world on ways to leverage generational diversity in the workplace. In addition to her academic research, she is author of the book *Gentelligence: A Revolutionary Approach to Leading an Intergenerational Workforce*. Dr. Gerhardt's *Gentelligence* work has been showcased as Harvard Business Review's Big Idea in March 2022 and was also chosen as one of Harvard Business Review's Top 10 Must Reads for 2024. Dr. Gerhardt's work on leveraging generational diversity has also been featured in the Wall Street Journal, Time Magazine, NBC News, The Washington Post, and CNN, among others. All of Dr. Gerhardt's work (www.profgerhardt.com) focuses on leveraging unique differences to achieve impact and extraordinary levels of performance.

CHAASE AWARDS



Hannah Keach & CHAASE Board
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CHAASE Board Member David
Mills, Duane Floyd, & CHAASE
Board Chair Matt Mauthe

Preceptor of the Year
Mike Karel

Distinguished Student
Hannah Keach

Distinguished Alumni
Duane Floyd

Distinguished Service
Brian Schoeneck

LEADERSHIP POSTER AWARD WINNERS

Customer Service Award

Tessa Peterson

Innovation Award

Mitch Gordon

External Relationships Award

Alex McConnell

Internal Operations Award

Maddie Christiansen



CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

We are pleased to announce that approximately \$35,000 in scholarships has been awarded to health care administration students for the 2024-2025 academic year. Congratulations to all of the students! Thank you to our supporters for making these scholarships possible.

Alden Senior Living

Anna McCleary & Cameron Krause

Life Care Services

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ACHCA Student Chapter

Emma Hamilton & Anna Sands

M3 Insurance

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Anna Benishek

Wisconsin Assisted Living AssociationGrace Krenn, Sara Lacoursiere, & Kaylee
Tauferner**Dr. Gene Decker Scholarship**

Matthew Prouty

**Wisconsin Health Care Association and
Wisconsin Center for Assisted Living**Natalie Horstman, Ashley House, Emma
McCabe, Logan Meinert, & Ella VanderBloemen**Illuminus**

Grace Denstad

**LeadingAge Wisconsin/Value
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Emma Sullivan

**Wisconsin Health Care Association and
Wisconsin Center for Assisted Living -
Excellence**

Mary Martin & Delia Pullen

WHCA/WICAL SPRING VISIT



Professor McMurry and over 30 students from the HCAD program toured the Capitol in March. The HCAD students participated in an immersion trip in Madison, where they met with M3 Insurance, Pathway Health, and WHCA/WiCAL. WHCA/WiCAL spoke to the students on the importance of advocacy.

WISCONSIN HOSA

CHAASE Student Interns, Jenna Thieding ('25) and Emma Cochrane ('26), were part of the expo at the Wisconsin HOSA event in Wisconsin Dells. Jenna and Emma talked to high school students who are anticipating a future in health care about the Health Care Administration program at UW - Eau Claire. This was a great opportunity to not only talk to prospective students, but interact with other organizations who were presenting.



ACHCA CONVOCATION

Dr. Lindsey Creapeau (Assistant Professor and CHAASE Director), Professor McMurry (Instructor and Administrative Residency Coordinator), and 13 health care administration students attended the 2024 ACHCA Convocation May 6-9 in Myrtle Beach, SC. Faculty and students attended educational sessions, performed volunteer duties, and networked with long-term health care leaders across the country.



Eight students presented at the Dr. Kevin Hansen Student Poster Memorial Exposition, sharing results of student/faculty research collaborations.

- Anna Benishek ('25)
- Ben Clarke ('26)
- Emma Hamilton ('25)
- Ava Johnson ('26)
- Carissa Prestholdt ('25)
- Emma Sullivan ('26)
- Jenna Thieding ('25)
- Ella VanderBloemen ('25)

A special shout out our award winners!



1st Place: Anna Benishek



2nd Place: Ava Johnson



3rd Place: Jenna Thieding



THANK YOU ACHCA!

On behalf of the UWEC Health Care Administration faculty and staff, we want to extend our sincere gratitude to the 2023-2024 ACHCA Student Organization Executive Board. Thank you for your dedication, hard work, and contributions to make this year a success!

President: Lily Kiffmeyer

Vice President: Heston Amble

Secretary: Jenna Thieding

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THANK YOU CHAASE BOARD!

We want to thank our CHAASE board members who finished their terms in April. We appreciate your generous support and dedication.

Members rotating off board

Doug Fullaway - FourteenPlus, LLC

Scott Frank - Oak Park Place, WI

Marleah Keuler Grahek - M3 Insurance, WI

Kevin Larson - Spring Valley Senior Living and Health Care Campus, WI

Welcome to our new board members!

Brittany Bell - Ebenezer, MN

Kristie McCurdy - Monarch Healthcare Management, MN

Talia Pletcher - M3 Insurance, WI

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2024!



I'm so proud of your compact but mighty cohort! Although the pandemic significantly altered your initial college experience, you have stayed engaged and active in your education, and it shows. You are inclusive and supportive, hard working, energetic, and exactly what this dynamic profession needs. I hope you have enjoyed your journey so far, and I can't wait to see what you do next! Congratulations!

-Dr. Johs-Artisensi

Congratulations to the class of 2024! It's been an honor to be a small part of your journey. I'm excited to see where you go and am confident that you'll be successful in whatever is next for you. Stay in touch with CHAASE, the program, and us!

"I encourage you to live with life. Be courageous, adventurous. Give us a tomorrow, more than we deserve." —Maya Angelou

- Dr. Creapeau

Congratulations HCAD class of 2024! Your leadership initiatives have been remarkable, and I have no doubt you'll continue to make a positive impact in the health care field as you move forward. Best wishes for your future endeavors! Stay in touch.

- Dr. Hawes

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2024! It has been so energizing and inspiring to be with you on your journey through your administrative residencies. Each and every one of you possess all of the tools necessary to succeed regardless of the paths you choose going forward. I am so proud of all of your efforts and cannot wait to see what is next!

- Professor McMurry

2024- 2025 COHORT PLACEMENTS

Student

Heston Amble
 Ryder Arians
 Kate Aukes
 Anna Benishek
 Madi Bergh
 Isaac Breunig
 Alex Carlson
 Jamie Challes
 Kaylee Engel
 Kandis Fieber
 Karla Gomez
 Lexi Griffin
 Emma Hamilton
 Brad Heap
 Natalie Horstman
 Hailey Jackson
 Reece Jensen
 Lily Kiffmeyer
 Alexis Konechney
 Kami Krumenauer
 Greta Kunze
 Emily Martel
 Anna McCleary
 Greta Nelson
 Sabrina Pilney
 Carissa Prestholdt
 Matthew Prouty
 Eli Sandin
 Anna Sands
 Carly Schwantes
 Elsie Smith
 Kaylee Tauferner
 Jenna Thieding
 Ella VanderBloemen
 Josephine Weinand
 Amber Yang

Administrative Residency Site

Oakwood Village Prairie Ridge, WI
 Skaalen Retirement Services, WI
 Presbyterian Homes of Bloomington, MN
 Episcopal Church Home of Minnesota
 Cornell Health Services, WI
 Catholic Eldercare, MN
 Alden Estates of Huntley, IL
 Johanna Shores, MN
 Oakwood Health Services, WI
 Hammond Health Services, WI
 Harmony Gardens Senior Living, MN
 American Lutheran Homes - Mondovi, WI
 Benedictine - New Brighton, MN
 Covenant Living at Mount Miguel, CA
 Riverside Transitional Care, WI
 Bethany St. Joseph's, WI
 Samaritan Bethany, MN
 Trillium Woods, MN
 Oak Trace, IL
 Wisconsin Veterans Home at Chippewa Falls
 Providence Place Senior Living, MN
 St. Paul Elder Services, Inc., WI
 Minnesota Masonic Home
 Edenbrook Lakeside, WI
 Friendship Village of Bloomington, MNN
 Boutwells Landing, MN
 Good Samaritan Society - Luther Manor, SD
 Birchwood Senior Living, MN
 Dove Healthcare - Rice Lake, WI
 Capitol Lakes, WI
 Crossroads Care Center of Sun Prairie, WI
 Woodbury Senior Living, MN
 The Waterford, FL
 Clement Manor, WI
 The Marquardt, WI
 Apple Valley Village, MN

UPCOMING DATES



CHAASE Spring Banquet

April 24th, 2025



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