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Medical College of Wisconsin students win \$3,000 in statewide Interprofessional case competition hosted by Wisconsin AHEC

A student team from the Medical College of Wisconsin studying various health fields earned \$3,000 for winning first place at a statewide interprofessional case competition organized by Wisconsin AHEC (Area Health Education Centers) in January.

First-place team members were Chris Naas (Master of Public Health, Medical College of Wisconsin), Paulina Gutkin (Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin), Brian Conway (Clinical Translational Science, Medical College of Wisconsin), Sean Farrell (Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin).

The student team competed online virtually against eight finalist teams chosen from 17 that applied. The teams, made up of students studying healthcare disciplines from public and private universities across the state.

The student teams were assigned a case study of a complicated situation, and each team worked together for two months to conduct an analysis of interprofessional efforts during the care of a patient/client within the community. The top teams virtually presented their recommendations for enhanced interprofessional collaboration to a panel of judges.

The panel of judges consisted of leaders from multiple disciplines within Wisconsin's healthcare community; Megan Cory, Medical Resident at Medical College of Wisconsin; Kari Decorah, Co-Director at Options Counseling Services; Andy Felton, Assistant Professor at University of Wisconsin-Stout; Roger Rego, Finance Director at Bridge Community Health Clinic; Kristin Stearns, Chief Executive Officer at Lakeshore Community Health Clinic.

Further recognition goes to a team representing UW-Milwaukee, Medical College of Wisconsin, and Mount Mary College, taking second-place and a \$2,000 cash prize and to the team representing Medical College of Wisconsin, UW-LaCrosse, and UW-Madison team taking third place and a \$1,000 cash prize.

The Wisconsin AHEC System is a non-profit organization funded by federal grants, the State of Wisconsin, the state's health professions training programs, and local communities. It consists of seven regional centers and one statewide program office. Wisconsin AHEC is a health professions education and outreach program that is part of a nationwide network of programs working to improve accessibility and quality of primary health care while encouraging universities and educators to partner in addressing local health care problems. For further information, see www.ahec.wisc.edu.