

2019 MCW MedMoth Storytellers



Donglin Zhang, M1
Growing up in Green Bay, WI, Donglin was eldest and babysitter for three younger siblings before she left for college in Massachusetts. She graduated with a degree in math and is excited for the next four years at MCW. Besides school, Donglin likes to dance and make clothes.
Fun Fact: In her whole family, she is the only one with curly hair.



Carla Bridges, MD, PGY 5
Carla is a fifth-year Orthopedic Surgery Resident at MCW. After graduating from Olympia High School in Orlando, she attended the University of South Florida in Tampa where she double majored in Bio-medical Sciences and Biology. She moved to Atlanta, where she completed medical school at Morehouse School of Medicine. Carla is now in her chief year and is interested in Pediatric Orthopedic Surgery.
Fun Fact: She enjoys traveling and has been to 19 countries.



Zoe Bartynski, M2
Zoe loves words, from reading them, to writing them, to singing them, to (now) speaking them in front of all of you. Zoe is president of the Physicians for the Arts student organization on campus and is involved in MCW Common Read as well. **Fun Fact:** Zoe’s favorite story of all time is Harry Potter and owns four different collections of the series.



Amy Stasik, M2
Amy went to UW-Madison for undergrad and received her Master’s in Biotechnology at Rush University in Chicago. She’s a true nerd at heart with a passion for Star Wars, Harry Potter, and Lord of the Rings. **Fun Fact:** Amy has never touched a worm.



Chase Walker LaRue, M1
Chase is a first-year medical student at MCW and former high school teacher. His love for stories grew from late nights around camp fires in the mountains of Colorado where he grew up. Since then, he loves to see the ripples that our stories leave behind us. **Fun fact:** Chase has never had a bloody nose.



Allison McLellan, MD, PGY 2
Allison went to the University of Central Florida for medical school and ended up in Wisconsin after doing an away rotation in the CHW PICU. She is planning on going into primary care due to her love of vaccines and well-child checks.
Fun Fact: If you need a friend for apple-picking, ice-fishing, or someone to come pet your cats, she’s it.



Richard Walsh, M2
Before Richard had the blessing of getting into medical school, he worked on the south side of Chicago in an ER Trauma Center. He worked alongside incredible staff and physicians. Richard appreciates the opportunity to share a story and feels that maintaining our humanity (the ability to grieve, feel joy, and all the emotions that come with our jobs) is one key to be the best and most compassionate medical staff in medicine.



Jose Franco, MD
Jose is a Professor of Medicine at MCW. He was born in Spain, grew up in New Jersey, and attended Rutgers University. He is a 1990 graduate of MCW where he also completed his residency in Internal Medicine and Fellowship in Gastroenterology and Hepatology. Jose joined the MCW faculty in 1995. He is an active teacher with his clinical focus being end-stage liver disease and liver transplant. He is Associate Dean for Educational Improvement as well as Cross Pillar Director in the Kern Institute. **Fun Fact:** Jose eats a Klondike Bar every night.



Megan Quamme, M1
Megan grew up near Madison, WI. After undergrad, Megan moved back to Madison and worked at UW Hospitals as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) in the Burn ICU for three years to get some direct patient care experience for her application to Physician’s Assistant (PA) school. Megan also did some shadowing and took a medical mission trip to Haiti. All those experiences pushed her to want to be a physician instead of a PA.
Fun Fact: She took four semesters of American Sign Language (ASL) and is conversational in it and was able to use ASL with patients while she was a CNA.



Natalie Honan, M1
Natalie is from Phoenix, AZ. After graduating from Pitzer College, she moved to Galicia, Spain to work as a teacher with the Fulbright Program. The following school year, she taught science at a Montessori school in Atlanta. The past three summers, she has worked at Farm & Wilderness in Vermont, educating children about backcountry travel and outdoor living. **Fun Fact:** Natalie loves to play soccer, bake bread, and hike (her all-time favorites being Torres del Paine in Patagonia, highlights of the Appalachian Trail, and El Camino de Santiago).



Bruce Campbell, MD
Bruce is a head and neck surgeon as well as Associate Director of the MCW Medical Humanities Program. He recently completed a Certification of Professional Achievement in Narrative Medicine from Columbia University.
Fun Fact: If the stars align, he will publish a book full of his essays and blog posts from "Reflections in a Head Mirror."