Diversity is central to our mission in meeting the health needs of the people of Wisconsin and beyond through excellence in education, research, patient care and service. We strive to produce graduates who understand the needs of diverse individuals, families and populations and we fervently promote an open, inclusive and respectful learning environment.

Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA)
The office strives to promote a climate that embraces diversity and inclusion, leading the school’s outreach initiatives to increase the number of historically underrepresented students in medicine. It provides guidance to campus-community educational partnerships, summer research efforts and initiatives targeted towards expanding diverse participation in the health professions. Additionally, the OMA offers advising and mentoring of promising medical school applicants as well as advising and counseling for current medical students at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health.

Building Community and Outreach
Throughout the year, the office provides opportunities to interact with prospective students, welcome new students, build community and celebrate graduating students.

Extended Second Look
Each spring, the OMA welcomes prospective students to the Extended Second Look event for underrepresented minority medical student applicants. The event, which takes place at the Health Sciences Learning Center, allows applicants who have received an acceptance to our MD program to return to Madison and spend extra time learning about the school and its resources for students underrepresented in medicine through interactions with current medical students, faculty and staff.

Alumni Reception
The OMA hosts an alumni reception during homecoming weekend in the fall as a means of connecting minority alumni with current students. A special reception allows students the opportunity to create mentoring relationships that last beyond the homecoming weekend.

OMA Dinners
The OMA sponsors a series of Thursday night dinners, where students gather to hear from a diverse array of interesting and accomplished faculty members who share stories of their paths in medicine as clinicians, researchers and educators in a small-group environment where personal connection is the goal.
Graduation Ceremony and Dinner
Each May, the OMA holds a special graduation recognition ceremony at the school. The event is typically held the Thursday before graduation. The ceremony includes a keynote speaker, a video presentation highlighting the graduating students’ medical school careers and individual recognition with the opportunity to share advice to medical students in the audience and thank mentors and teachers who have helped them in their careers.

Student Connections
The OMA helps students connect with various groups to further their educational experiences and grow as individuals and professionals.

- African, Hispanic, Asian and Native American Pre-Health Society
- Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association
- Association of Native American Medical Students
- Latino Medical Student Association
- Medical Students for Minority Concerns
- Promoting Recognition of Identity, Dignity and Equality in Healthcare (PRIDE in Healthcare)
- Student National Medical Association

Community Involvement
We offer an array of opportunities to work in and support medically underserved communities in Madison and Milwaukee.

- Allied United for Health provides hands-on health education to school-age children at the Allied Learning Center after-school program, located in a low-income area of Madison.
- MEDiC, a student-led organization, runs seven free health clinics throughout the Madison area in places like homeless shelters and transitional housing facilities. med.wisc.edu/education/medic/
- Mentorship Achievement Program where medical and pharmacy students are matched with at-risk middle school students for a one-year mentorship serving as role models.
- Share the Health Free Gynecologic Clinic, where medical students assist with the operation of this clinic dedicated to the health of underserved women in need of gynecologic specialty care. sharethehealthwi.org/
- Training in Urban Medicine and Public Health (TRIUMPH) provides medical students with diverse educational experiences in urban Milwaukee through the clinical years. med.wisc.edu/education/md-program/triumph/

Native American Center for Health Professions (NACHP)
The Native American Center for Health Professions, located within the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, has a vision to improve the health and wellness of American Indian people. NACHP works with American Indian prospective students, current students and health professionals to serve as a central location for opportunities of growth, professional development, mentorship, research and support. For more information, visit med.wisc.edu/NACHP or email nachp@hslc.edu

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