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Annual Report to the Faculty

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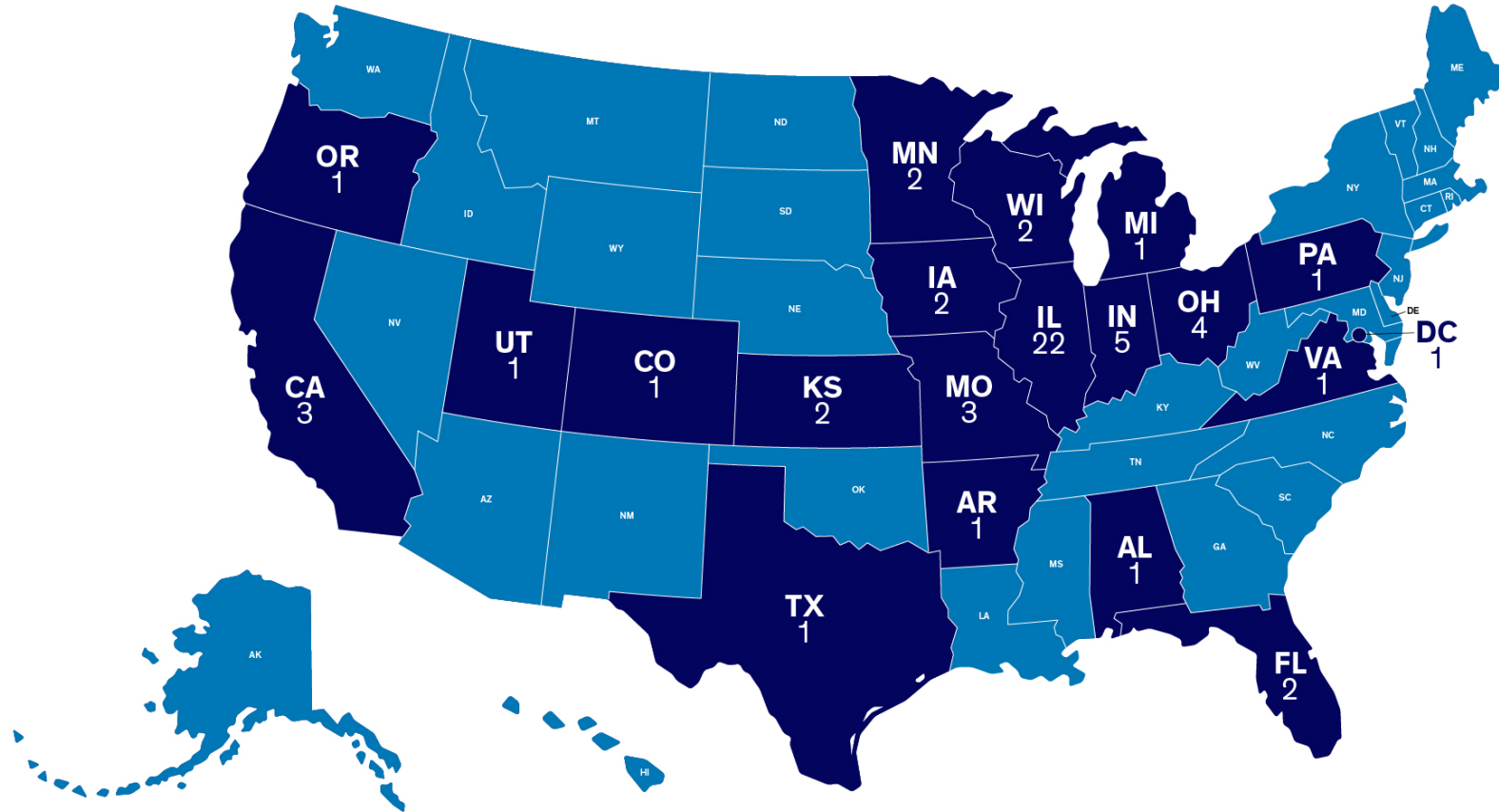
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Presentation Overview

- Education
- Research
- Clinical Care and Community Service
- Campus Updates

Doctor of Medicine Program

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE ROCKFORD CLASS OF 2022 MATCH RESULTS



Doctor of Medicine Program

Class of 2026

8
STATES
REPRESENTED



23
DIFFERENT
MAJORS



55
NEW M1
STUDENTS



8
DIFFERENT
LANGUAGES



33
DIFFERENT
UNDERGRADUATE
INSTITUTIONS



Doctor of Medicine Program



**Stephanie Calato, MS,
LCPC**
Assistant Dean for
Student Affairs
Clinical Associate,
Department of Health
Sciences Education



**Funminiya A. Taylor,
MD, MEd, FACOG**
Chair of the
Department of
Obstetrics and
Gynecology



TJ Webb, MD
Clinical Assistant
Professor and Course
Director of Doctoring
and Clinical Skills
(DoCS)



Yue Xu, MSW
Clinical Associate,
Department of Health
Sciences Education



**Fazlur R. Zahurullah,
MD, MBA, FACS**
Chair and Clinical
Associate
Professor in the
Department of
Surgery and Surgical
Specialties

MS in Medical Biotechnology Program

29 NEW STUDENTS
during AY22

18 STUDENTS
presented posters
at the 27th
Annual Research Day

5 STUDENTS
won awards for best
poster presentations

3 STUDENTS
presented at the
American Association
for Cancer Research

100% OF GRADUATES
secured jobs or have
enrolled in higher
education programs

1 STUDENT
presented at Orthopedic
Research Society

29

18

5

3

100%

1

62

1

28

22

3

3

62 STUDENTS
total enrollment

1 STUDENT
presented at the
International Society
for Stem Cell Research

28 MBT STUDENTS
graduated in
December 2021

22 GRADUATES
secured positions at
pharmaceutical companies

3 GRADUATES
secured research positions
at academic institutions
or research centers

3 GRADUATES
started their PhD
programs Fall 2021

Graduate Medical Education

- Family Medicine Residency Program
- Structured Training for Rural Enhancement of Community Health in Obstetrics (STRETCH-OB)
- Dixon Rural Training Track
- Hospice and Palliative Medicine Fellowship
- Monroe Clinic Rural Residency Program
- New Headache Medicine Fellowship



Rhonda Verzal, MD
Director,
UICOMR Family
Medicine Residency
Program

Research

- **Biomedical Sciences Research**
- **Office of Research**
- **Departmental Research**
- **Research Day**



External Research Funding

FY 22 Grant Budget:

\$3,087,572



Research – Biomedical Sciences

- **Vaccine Research - Lymphatic filariasis and dog heartworm**
- **Regenerative Medicine and Disability Research**
 - **Neurodegenerative diseases**
 - **Tribocorrosion and neurotoxicity due to metal nanoparticles released from metal implants**
 - **Nano-drug delivery platform for diabetic retinopathy**
- **Lung cancer and melanoma**
- **Prostate and cervical cancer**
- **Atherosclerosis and diabetes**

Research – Office of Research



Weihai Zhan, PhD
Director of Student
Research
Office of Research

- **39 medical students (14 M4s, 7 M3s, 8 M2s, and 10 M1s) participated in the James Scholar Honors Research program**
- **8 medical students in the Walter Rice Craig Fellowship Program**
- **15 M3s and M4s in a research elective**
- **6 students received Student & Resident Research Travel Awards up to \$1,500 to present at national conference**
- **5 students have projects fund through the Clinical, Educational and Community Health Research Grant Award**
- **New Underrepresented in Medicine Student Research Program**

Research – Office of Research



**Mathew T. Mathew,
PhD**
**Director of Faculty
Research, Office of
Research**

- **Bridge Grant Funding Award provides up to \$10,000 to full-time faculty.**
- **The Community, Clinical Research, and Educational Grant Awards provide annually up to three \$5,000 faculty awards.**
- **Writing Accountability Groups**
- **Junior Faculty/Post-Doc Club**
- **Presentations on research topics**

UI Health Mile Square Health Center- L.P. Johnson Rockford (FQHC)

- Home to our Family Medicine Residency Program
- Full complement of Family Medicine, Women's Health and Behavioral Health services
- Dental services four days per week
- Treatment for substance use or opioid use

Clinical Care – MERIT Program

400

Exams including medical evaluations, assessments, diagnosis and treatment for referred children who are suspected to be victims of child abuse and neglect.

139

were physical
abuse cases

219

were sexual
abuse cases

2

were neglect
cases

1

were multiple
issues cases



Correctional Health Care Services

- **24/7 medical services at the Winnebago County Jail and the Winnebago County Juvenile Detention Center**
- **Includes dental, mental health and pharmaceutical services**
- **Staffed by physicians, nurses, mental health professionals, a physical therapist and a dentist who provide quality care**
- **Awarded second year funding of competitive grant from the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board to provide transitional service for discharged justice-involved persons in conjunction with MSHC LP Johnson Rockford clinic.**

SHIELD Illinois COVID-19 Testing Center

Total Visits July 2021-
June 2022:

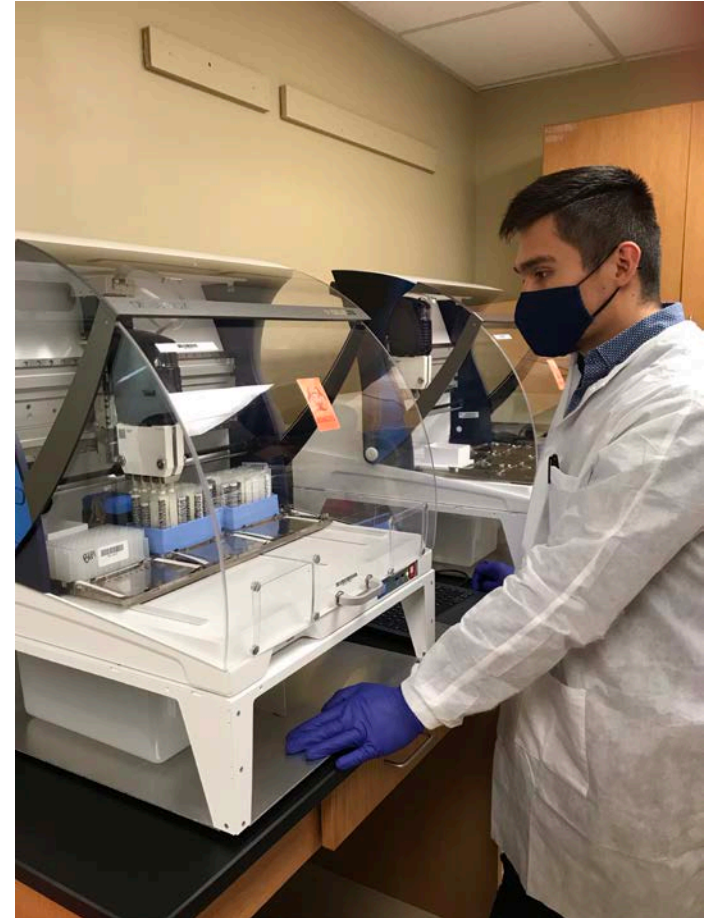
62,475



SHIELD Illinois COVID-19 Laboratory

Total Laboratory Tests
July 2021-June 2022:

411,175



Diversity and Inclusion

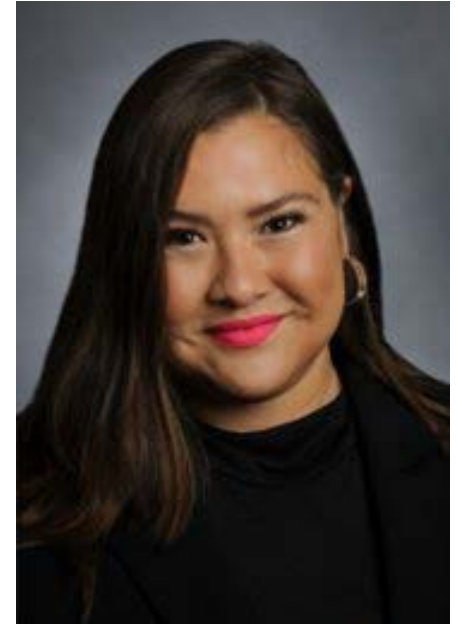
- **Dr. Alesia Jones transitioned from interim to Assistant Dean for Diversity and Inclusion.**
- **The ad hoc committee's work culminated in a 24-page "roadmap" outlining the needs of the Rockford campus, recommendations to improve diversity and inclusion, and prioritization.**
- **Dr. Jones works closely with the Student Committee on Diversity and Inclusion and Urban Health Program and Department of Medical Education to implement the anti-racism curriculum and other diversity-related initiatives.**
- **A standing Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion has been established for the campus**



**Alesia Jones, PhD,
Assistant Dean
for Diversity and Inclusion**

National Center for Rural Health Professions

- **Michael Glasser, PhD, retired after 43 years of service**
- **Hana Hinkle, PhD, was appointed Interim Director of NCRHP**
- **Record number of RMED students enrolled: 104**
- **\$6.5 million grant for Area Health Education Centers**
- **Renewed as World Health Organization Collaborating Center**



**Hana Hinkle, PhD
Interim Director and
Department Head for
NCRHP**

Looking Forward

Searches in Progress:

- **Director, National Center for Rural Health Professions**
- **Director of Development**

Looking Forward



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50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WEEKEND

**FRIDAY,
9.30.22**
**ALL ALUMNI
REUNION**

**SATURDAY,
10.1.22**
**50TH ANNIVERSARY
GALA**

**SUNDAY,
10.2.22**
**FAREWELL
BREAKFAST**

Looking Forward

Rural Health Sciences Education Building

