UW-Madison students win $2,000 in statewide healthcare case competition hosted by Wisconsin AHEC

A team of UW-Madison students studying various health fields earned $2,000 for winning second place at a statewide healthcare case competition organized by Wisconsin Area Health Education Centers in January.

Second-place team members were UW-Madison students representing South Central AHEC: Amber Facktor (UW-Madison, nursing), Laurel Myers (UW-Madison, veterinary medicine), Allison Tutkowski (UW-Madison, nursing), Kate Berlin (UW-Madison, pharmacy) and Marnie Janson (UW-Madison, pharmacy). Pamela McGranahan was the team advisor.

The UW-Madison team competed in the Wisconsin Dells against eight finalist teams chosen from 18 that applied. The teams were made up of students from private and public colleges and universities.

Wisconsin AHEC designed the healthcare case competition to show students the complexity of the healthcare delivery system and the need for collaboration between different healthcare professionals. In the months prior to the event, students analyzed the interprofessional efforts toward stroke prevention and care in a rural population. On the competition day, each team presented its findings and recommendations for collaboration to a panel of judges.

The judges represented leaders from Wisconsin’s various fields of healthcare academia and practice. They included Roger Rego; Stephanie Stewart PhD, RN; Kathy Lopppnow PhD, RN, Dr; Richard Dart MD, and Trevor Cooper.

Further recognition goes to the UW-Madison team taking first place and a $3,000 cash prize and to the UW-Madison/UW-Platteville 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. Wisconsin AHEC provided meals and lodging for students attending the competition, along with opportunities to network with healthcare professionals from around the state. For further information, see www.ahec.wisc.edu.

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