

## Meet the 2014-15 RCM Scholars

This spring we received over 60 very strong applications from Milwaukee high school seniors. After a round of interviews, the committee elected to extend financial support and mentoring to five new scholars:

### Ronisha Howard

*High School: Ronald Reagan IB High School*

*College: UW-Oshkosh*

*Anticipated Major: Nursing/Biology*

In high school, Ronisha participated in community service at Milwaukee College Prep and other organizations, and founded the Ronald Reagan IB High School Cheerleading Squad and the African American Club. Ronisha wants to become an OB/GYN, eventually opening her own clinic serving underprivileged women.



New scholars (from left) Andrew Zuniga, Juan Macias, Marquise Mays and Ronisha Howard at RCM college readiness training.

### Juan Macias

*High School: Saint Thomas More High School*

*College: Milwaukee School of Engineering*

*Anticipated Major: Nursing*

Juan arrived in the U.S. when he was 9 after spending his early childhood in Mexico. He is proud to be bilingual and bicultural, and credits the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, passed during his junior year, with giving him renewed hope and motivation to attend higher education and pursue a career as a nurse practitioner.

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## Praise for the Global Grant Project

A few weeks ago, the Rotary office heard from the Rotary Club of Guatemala Vista Hermosa, our local partner club for the water filter project in Joyabaj, Guatemala. This project, a partnership with Engineers Without Borders, nearly complete, is supported by a Rotary International Global Grant.



Members of the Rotary Club of Guatemala Vista Hermosa visit the water filter project in Joyabaj, Guatemala.

Rotarian Julio Grazioso and others from the Vista Hermosa club recently visited the filter site and the Joyabaj hospital to talk about education and training. Julio wrote to tell us: "I am astonished by the filter. I think this is the kind of project we should focus on: big impact, low ratio cost/beneficiaries." The Vista Hermosa Rotarians were extremely impressed not only with the filter itself, but with all of the people they met associated with the project during their visit.

As Mike Paddock, Rotarian and member of the professional chapter of Engineers Without Borders, says "This is an excellent example of the partnership with clubs that Global Grants can lead to."

The World Community Service committee is planning a Rotary trip to Guatemala in February 2015 to visit this and other projects - see page 4 for more information! ☼

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### **Marquise Mays**

*High School: Riverside*

*College: University of Wisconsin-Madison*

*Anticipated Major: Journalism*

Marquise says his overall goal is to make a difference in the lives of others and create more educational opportunities for African Americans. He hopes to become a political correspondent.



### **Jocelyn Rocha**

*High School: Saint Thomas More High School*

*College: Alverno College*

*Anticipated Major: Nursing*

Jocelyn has made volunteering a priority, giving credit to her parents for teaching her the value of giving back. She has served with the Guadalupe Head Start program and is very involved with her church, teaching Saturday catechism and leading activities at the children's summer camp.

### **Andrew Zuniga**

*High School: Pulaski High School*

*College: Northern Michigan*

*Anticipated Major: Pre-Med*

Have experienced the loss of his grandmother and his father during high school, Andrew wants to become a doctor to give others more time with their loved ones. He got a head start in the medical field by volunteering for his school's blood drive.

RCM Scholarships include two named scholarships this year:



### **Aaliyah Rodgers**

#### **Gordon & Elizabeth Smith Scholar**

*UW-Madison, Nursing*

Gordon & Elizabeth Smith Scholar Aaliyah flourished freshman year, doubling her classes second semester and finishing stronger than first semester. This success didn't come without long study hours and T.A. office hours, though.



### **Kelsey Wilkerson**

#### **Bill Adams Scholar**

*UW-Madison, Marketing/ Textile Apparel Design*

Kelsey spent the Spring 2014 semester at MATC, but is returning to UW-Madison this Fall with a new major in Textile & Apparel Design. He says he has learned that finding the right people with which to study is essential for success. Bill Adams was one of Kelsey's mentors before he passed away; this year Kelsey is the first recipient of the Bill Adams Scholarship.

The committee was also pleased to continue support for 16 other returning scholars. They are:

### **Mayra Alaniz**

*Georgetown University, Social Welfare/Public Policy/Pre-Law*

Mayra relished the independence and freedom of leaving home for her first year at Georgetown, but didn't want to leave behind the people and ideas important to her here at home – a feeling she likened to her family's immigrant history.



### **Jasmine Bray**

*Mount Mary College, Nursing*

Jasmine worked hard to balance her home life, job, and coursework, and described her Junior year with the words: "perseverance, over-commitment, challenging, and changes." She is proud of getting through a tough year and has big plans for the next one!



### **Jade Brown**

*Marquette, Nursing*

Facing higher level course levels, Jade found herself leaning on her classmates and Rotary scholarship mentors more for extra help. By reaching out, she was also able to find new opportunities for possible internships.



### **Daniela Cortes**

*Columbia College Chicago, Graphic Communications*

Dani decided to transfer to Columbia College Chicago to pursue becoming a documentary filmmaker. She wants to impact her community and the way people see the world through her film work.



### **Armonie Dotson**

*W-Madison, Biomedical Engineering*

During the course of Armonie's first year at college, she worked hard to develop better study methods that catered to each class, and grow as a young adult newly away from home.



### **Tim Hall**

*UW-Madison, Biology (Pre-Med)*

Tim focused almost entirely on school work last year, leaving little time to relax and socialize with his family and friends. He plans to work on balancing these two facets better next year.

# PHOTO gallery



District Governor Mary Beth Seiser (right) presented a special letter from the Rotary International President to member Bob Haig in honor of his 100th birthday.

## Recent Tuesday Speakers



Nick Turkal, President & CEO of Aurora Health Care



Reggae band Natty Nation entertains the crowd at LIVE @ the Lakefront in July. *Photos by Tom Gale.*



Ian Abston of NEWaukee



Republican candidate for Attorney General Brad Schimel

## Travel to Guatemala to See Rotary Projects First Hand!

RCM and the World Community Service Committee invite RCM members, spouses, and friends to participate in the 2015 RCM Guatemala Projects Tour in late February/early March. We have been supporting community development projects led by Milwaukee-area chapters of Engineers Without Borders for the past several years, but we've upped the ante with our club's first Global Grant in 2013-14, commitment to construct a rural school in 2014-15, and planning for our second Global grant in 2015. We want you to have a chance to meet our Guatemalan partners including local families, staff, and Rotarians, to learn about these projects and how they help transform lives, and to get the flavor of Guatemala's beautiful and historic Highlands.

The trip will focus on RCM-sponsored projects in the municipality of Joyabaj. Activities will include: the formal kickoff of construction at the Chitom school; a meeting with Peace Corps volunteers, Joyabaj District Hospital staff, municipal water utility

staff, and Guatemala Vista Hermosa Rotarians on the Joyabaj filter; and a meeting with some of the small communities that have partnered with EWB to learn about outcomes from previous projects.

The trip will also include a day to tour the Mayan ruins at Mixco Viejo or Iximche and a day either at Lake Atitlán or at the great colonial city (and UNESCO World Heritage site) of Antigua.

Rotarian Doug Stahl, Professor at MSOE and advisor to the Engineers Without Borders group at MSOE will lead the trip – please contact him at [stahl@msoe.edu](mailto:stahl@msoe.edu) or 414-840-0949 for more information. You must reserve your spot on the trip by November 10th. The total trip cost, including airfare, will be less than \$1,500. ☺

## SPEAKER *schedule*

**SEPTEMBER 2nd** - A panel of Milwaukee journalists will interview **Congressman Paul Ryan** on Tuesday, September 2nd in a joint program with the Milwaukee Press Club. We expect a capacity crowd at this lunch, so Rotary guests must be registered by Thursday, August 28th. We will have space for 25 Rotary guests, with further guests placed on a waiting list.

**SEPTEMBER 9th** - **Chris Layden**, Managing Director of Experis, part of ManpowerGroup, is an expert on the local job scene. He will share what's on the horizon for hiring in Milwaukee, the state of Wisconsin and the nation with an overview of the latest Manpower Employment Outlook Survey. ManpowerGroup's comprehensive quarterly forecast of employer hiring plans has been running for more than 50 years and is one of the most trusted surveys of employment activity in the world. Chris will present the hiring forecast for the fourth quarter, offering a first look at year-end hiring expectations.

**SEPTEMBER 16th** - After fifteen years as principal trumpet of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, **Mark Niehaus** was appointed President and Executive Director of the orchestra in 2012. This move from the stage to the executive suite was

unprecedented in a major American orchestra and garnered national attention. Mark will discuss his transition from artist to administrator and address the future challenges for Wisconsin's largest performing arts organization, as well as engage in a broader conversation about the important role the arts play in attracting creative, young urban talent.

**SEPTEMBER 23rd** - STRATTEC was formed 20 years ago as an independent public company by being spun off of Briggs & Stratton. Its 3200 employees just completed a record year of sales and profit sharing, now just a few years after its automotive customers were in bankruptcy. President and CEO **Frank Krejci** will describe efforts to expand its products and global presence through a unique partnership called VAST. In addition, STRATTEC is redefining its business for growth and diversification through initiatives like biometric security products and contract manufacturing of zinc die casting from its Milwaukee facility.

**SEPTEMBER 30th** - **County Executive Chris Abele** will speak to Rotary about his vision and upcoming budget for Milwaukee County.

# WELCOME *new members*



## **Ginger Duiven**

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Ginger Duiven is the Executive Director of Literacy Services of Wisconsin, real estate investor and a recent MBA graduate. She joined Literacy Services in January 2014 inspired by her passion for transformative adult education. Prior to this she held the roles of Director of Development and Marketing at the Urban Ecology Center, Senior Director of Production at Reiman Publications/Reader's Digest and Production Director at Milwaukee Magazine, a subsidiary of Quad Graphics. The culmination of her work at the Urban Ecology Center includes the Rotary Centennial Arboretum project. Ginger holds a BA in Business from Michigan State University and earned her MBA from Alverno College in December 2013.



## **Vicki Martin, PhD**

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Dr. Vicki Martin was named the 10th president of Milwaukee Area Technical College in June, after serving MATC in various capacities since 1988. Prior to MATC, she served as dean of students at Milwaukee's Carroll College/Columbia College of Nursing. Vicki holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from UW-Milwaukee, master's degrees from the University of North Dakota and Cardinal Stritch and a doctorate in educational leadership and policy analysis from UW-Madison.



## **Stacy Williams**

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Stacy Williams is VP/Senior Investment Consultant at Baird. She began her financial career in 2000 as a Research Analyst in Baird's Petroleum Research Group and in 2005 she joined Baird's Private Wealth Management Group, where she continues to provide investment consulting to successful families/endowments/corporations. Prior to Baird, she was a Petroleum Geologist. She received her MS from UW and BA from the College of Wooster. In 2013, Stacy attended "Barron's Top Women Advisors Summit" and in 2010 received recognition as a Milwaukee Business Journal's "Forty Under 40." Stacy serves on the Executive Committee as VP-Development for The Milwaukee Rep; is involved with United Way's Women's Leadership Council and Emerging Readers Program. She lives on Milwaukee's eastside with husband Blair and two children.

## BOARD APPROVES NEW MEMBERS

*At its recent meeting, the Board of Directors welcomed four new members and expressed thanks to the proposers:*

**Mustafa Emir**  
**Clark Dietz, Inc.**  
Consulting - Engineering  
*Proposer: Mary McCormick*

**Jessica Gatzke**  
**Scribner Cohen & Company**  
Accounting  
*Proposer: Dave Carter*

**Mitch Moser**  
**Quarles & Brady**  
Law Practice  
*Proposer: George Whyte*

**Timothy Smunt**  
**UW-Milwaukee**  
**Lubar School of Business**  
Education  
*Proposer: George Mosher*

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**Brandon Holmes**

*UW-Oshkosh, Political Science/History*

Brandon enjoyed his involvement with the Black Student Union, International Students Association, and Oshkosh Student Association. He also took action in finding extra help with his language course, a difficult requirement for him.



**Deja' Hoskin**

*UW-Whitewater, Criminal Justice*

Deja' joined a "learning community" - living and attending 3 classes per semester with other students hoping to pursue a career in the legal field. She enjoyed the sense of community and said it made group projects and studying for exams much easier.



**Amy Lavender**

*UW-Madison, Psychology*

Amy says she developed into a better writer through the higher expectations of college professors, and she reached out to tutors and study groups to help her succeed.



**Carla Lopez**

*Alverno, Marketing*

Faced with a challenging accounting course, Carla reached out for help and succeeded when she thought she couldn't. She found a new liking for accounting and is proud of herself for reaching out.



**Jessica Ortiz**

*UW-Whitewater, Criminal Justice*

Jessica treasures her trip to Paris last year to learn about Parisian history and art. She struggled a bit with time management but is ready for a successful year in 2014-15.



**Markesha Parker**

*UW-Platteville, Engineering*

Markesha received the Chancellor's Medallion Leadership Award and is looking forward to finishing her last semester at Platteville with a bang. As the first in her family that will receive a college degree, this December will be very special.



**Frenchie Randolph**

*Cardinal Stritch, Special Needs Education*

Frenchie took several challenging courses, pushing her to work with tutors and the professor to pass. She learned to concentrate on her studies more often if she wants to achieve her goal of becoming a teacher.



**Aniyah Stubblefield**

*Mount Mary College, Sonography & Nursing*

Aniyah faced a bump in the road during her first year when she had to go on medical leave for a health condition, but she is determined to manage her time and health more effectively next year with the help of her friends and family.



**Destiny Thomas**

*UW-Whitewater, Forensic Science/Criminal Justice*

Destiny was forced to steer away from her shy tendencies this year, participating in class discussions and networking. She is enjoying the freedom and experiences of attending a school a little further from home.



**Natasha Todd**

*Marquette, Nursing*

Natasha really enjoyed starting clinical rotations this past year, making new friends and applying the concepts she learned in class. She reached out to the Marquette College of Nursing mentor program, which she has found very helpful with advice and guidance.



**Ariel Wyatt**

*UW-Oshkosh, Nursing*

Ariel is looking forward to starting clinicals this fall and has taken Pharmacology this summer in order to lessen the workload when school starts. She is proud of her successes thus far and is passionate about becoming a neonatal unit nurse.

Congratulations to all our RCM Scholars, and thank you to the mentors and RCM Scholarship Committee for their work.☺