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Wisconsin Area Health Education Center



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What are some of your memorable moments with Milwaukee AHEC?

“Beginning in 2005, UW School of Medicine and Public Health initiated three very innovative programs aimed at training future physicians to work in underserved areas of the state. WARM (Wisconsin Academy of Rural Medicine), TRIUMPH (Training in Urban Medicine and Public Health) and RUSCH (Rural and Urban Scholars in Community Health—working with UW-Milwaukee undergrads to promote interest in the other two professional development programs.) Each of these programs integrated public and community health concepts into medical education.

As we began program development here in Milwaukee in 2008, we knew that a strong community partner was needed to help link the UW-Madison programs to Milwaukee community and public health organizations. Milwaukee AHEC was an obvious choice to partner with us in this effort—not only was the organization well connected to community leaders and resources ... but doing so embraced the “WISCONSIN IDEA!” So, over the years, medical and undergraduate students have done community projects with MAHEC oversight, the TRIUMPH Community Advisory Board has met at MAHEC facilities, and the TRIUMPH orientation experience has relied on assistance from MAHEC also!

It is with deep appreciation and joy that Cindy Haq, MD (TRIUMPH’s founding director) and I congratulate Milwaukee AHEC on its 30th Anniversary!”

For more information on AHEC’s 30th Anniversary celebration,
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