



On The Prowl: The Research Review

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Awards Recognition Issue

UWMRF Annual Awards Night

Each year we recognize our inventors who have patents issued in the last year. UWMRF acknowledged nine patents that have been issued since our annual reception last year. This brings us to 137 patents issued with the UWMRF – in addition, there are 79 patent applications currently pending! We are deeply grateful to our inventors for their exciting innovations and their partnership as we work to advance these products to the market to benefit mankind.

The patent awards went to:

- Spencer Huang
- Woojin Chang
- Karyn Frick, Mahmum Hossain, Doug Steeber
- Marcia Silva, Dr. Silva and Dr. David Garman
- James Cook
- James Cook , Alexander Arnold, and Doug Stafford
- Marco Lo Ricco
- Alan Schwabacher x 2 (US and EP)

UWMRF also awarded those technologies that have made it to the next step in commercialization and have been licensed to a company for further development.

Currently the UWMRF has 51 active license or option agreements. Since our last event we have 5 new license agreements to outside companies.

The Licensing Awards went to:

- James Cook; Damona Pharmaceuticals Inc.
- Pradeep Rohatgi; Watts Water Technologies
- Janis Eells and Elizabeth Liedhegner; Lumithera, Inc.
- Yin Wang and Shangping Xu; Watts Water Technologies
- Na Jin Seo; Zuker Institute for Applied Neurosciences

**Please tune into our social media for the first two weeks in July for individual tributes and more details on each of these inventors. #award #uwm #researchers



Plaque awards for patents issued this past year.



Chancellor Mark Mone giving a welcome speech to UWM innovators and their families.



Crystal awards for technologies with new licenses.

In case you missed it.

Engage Reboot Event hosted at LEC.

Networking at Engage Reboot



UW-Milwaukee Research Foundation hosted an event in May at the Lubar Entrepreneurship Center to re-launch a new program named UWM **ENGAGE**, which was launched in 2020. The ENGAGE program was created to further support UWM innovators who can be at any stage of exploration of an innovation. We want to provide guidance not only directly from the Research Foundation, but also with the many outside qualified and diverse volunteer mentors that have committed to this program.

The ENGAGE reboot event had a great turnout. Innovators were able to network and make new connections with mentors as well as reignite connections that might have been strained in the pandemic years. Each innovator gave an elevator pitch to explain their idea to the group and allow mentors to learn firsthand what stage each person was at and offer advice.

The UWMRF is looking for more UWM innovators (current or alums) and is interested to find more diverse mentors to support innovators with the best and most applicable mentor match possible. The ENGAGE Mentors are a group of experienced business leaders and entrepreneurs who volunteer their time and provide useful feedback, advice, suggestions, and action items to keep moving forward.

Wisconsin Entrepreneurship Conference



The Wisconsin Technology Council (WTC) hosted the annual Entrepreneurship Conference, in early June in Milwaukee at the Italian Community Center. The event featured some great speakers, such as welcoming remarks by guest **Cavalier Johnson**, Mayor of Milwaukee. Also, speaker Greg Piefer, founder and CEO of

SHINE Technologies, who spoke about the future of the company and fusion energy. Another speaker was the 19th annual Seize the Day luncheon winner: **Cory Nettles** and **Matt Kures**, of UW-Extension had a presentation on Generation Growth Capital Diversity, equity and inclusion.

There were nine panel tracks under the headings of “launch,” “grow” and “succeed.” And our own Jessica Silvaggi was moderator for a panel titled, “How to sleep at night: Maintaining a balance of work, home and mental health.”

Another big element of the conference was the exciting conclusion of the WEDC Governor’s Business Plan Challenge 2022, 13 finalists gave a seven-minute pitch about their technologies and startups. UWM, Dr. Yi Hu was one of those finalists and his student, Santhosh Yegnaraman, gave an excellent pitch about their startup, My Hearing Care.

The first place winner was Paige Peters, founder of Rapid Radicals and a valued member of the MKE i-corps team. Congratulations to all the participants!

Events and Deadlines



LEC Brown Bag Lunch

When: Wednesdays, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Where: Lubar Entrepreneurship Center

More Info: [Click Here](#)

Join us for a bag lunch on Wednesdays! Come over to the LEC and we will share a meal and stories with you.



UWM LEC Scavenger Hunt

When: August 31 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Where: Lubar Entrepreneurship Center

More Info: [Click Here](#)

Compete in this one of a kind UWM LEC Scavenger Hunt that starts at the Lubar Entrepreneurship Center and takes place across UWM's campus.

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