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## Another Successful Year for the WHA Health Care Leadership Academy as it Graduates Latest Cohort

On June 5, eight individuals representing seven WHA member hospitals graduated from the five-month Health Care Leadership Academy. Participating in both virtual and in-person synchronous learning, this group was exposed to the areas related to the “business of health care.” Guided by the UW Center for Professional and Executive Development (CPED) and WHA instructors, some of the topics they explored included strategy, finance, ethical issues and AI in health care, relationship management, leading organizational projects, navigating difficult conversations, communicating with confidence and credibility, leading change, quality improvement, the WHA Information Center, and the intersection between government and health care.



*WHA's Health Care Leadership Academy 2024*

Attending the graduation ceremony and celebration with the students were the instructors of the academy, UW CPED staff, WHA staff and representatives from the program sponsor, the WHA Foundation. As is tradition at the academy graduation, each student shared the aspect of the program that made the biggest impact on them. In addition to the program's rich content and expert instructors, comments included the introspective experience of the 360 evaluation, the 1:1 coaching, and the connection and relationships the group built with one another.

Capping off the ceremony was a surprise visit from Bucky Badger and the UW Marching Band.



*Health Care Leadership Academy graduates with Bucky Badger, June 5, 2024.*

WHA congratulates the graduates and their respective hospitals for investing in the future of health care in Wisconsin. An online photo album of the graduation celebration is available [here](#).

<b>Name</b>	<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Hospital Name</b>
Sharon Cox	Vice President, Chief Nursing Officer	Beloit Health System
Emily Halla	Director	Froedtert Holy Family Memorial
Lindsey Hardy	Laboratory Director	Tomah Health
Jenna Jennerjohn	Quality Director	Door County Medical Center
Carrie Lord	Director of Women's Health Services	Tomah Health
Corey Schmidt	Chief Ancillary Services Officer	Southwest Health
Erik Schuelke	Director of Employee Services	Prairie Ridge Health
Jennifer Winter	CMIO	Fort Healthcare

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