

## HEALTH ADVOCACY AWARD



### **DR. JOSEPH KERSCHNER**

***Dr. Joseph Kerschner is Provost, Executive Vice President and The Julia A. Uihlein, MA. Dean of the School of Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin. During his tenure, MCW has grown to become a Health Sciences University with the addition of numerous degree programs, the MCW School of Pharmacy was created, two regional medical schools - MCW-Green Bay and MCW-Central Wisconsin - were developed. These efforts are making a critical difference in providing graduate medical training opportunities and help to further address physician shortages and health disparities.***

Dr. Kerschner's commitment to health equity includes advocating for more diverse health care professionals as he advocates for increasing underrepresented populations in the health sciences within our city and state. Through those efforts, MCW has seen a steady significant increase in the percentage of medical students from underrepresented backgrounds graduating from medical school. In Fall 2022 20 percent of students were from underrepresented backgrounds, compared to 14% in 2018.

Dr. Kerschner continues to support and grow pathway programs for middle school, high school and college students of color by providing professional development, support, and exposure to careers in health science. He is also a member of the GMUL Board of Directors.

Dr. Kerschner maintains an active otolaryngology practice and has been named one of the best doctors in America every year since 2004.