

# Class of 2026

## **Philip Avila, MD**

- BS, Biological Sciences, Marquette University
- MD, St. George's University School of Medicine

I was drawn to Family Medicine for the broad variety of care that can be provided and the relationship that is built between patients and their primary physician. Underserved communities and stigmatized patient populations largely don't have access to or are not given much of the care they need. My goal is to become a trusted physician to those patients and provide the education and resources they need in order for them to make informed and autonomous decisions about their own healthcare, and ultimately better their lives. I chose Aurora Lakeland because it provides opportunities to train and learn in experienced facilities that many of these populations seek care at. Furthermore, I am very fortunate to have found such a program that is close to home as time with my family is one of the things I hold dearest. When I'm not studying, I enjoy the outdoors with my dog, playing soccer, baking brownies and cookies, and watching new movies/television shows.

## **Sabrina Azavedo, MD**

- BS, Sport Medicine Willamette University
- MD, Washington University Health and Sciences
- MA, Healthcare Administration, Walden University

I was drawn to Family Medicine for its variability in primary and preventative care and ability to serve rural or underserved populations. I chose to come to the Aurora Lakeland program for its unique city with great food and outdoor activities, congenial people, and close proximity to my family. After residency I am interested in completing a fellowship and dream of serving on a medical mission team domestic or abroad. I would love the opportunity to give back to my specialty through academic teaching or mentorship.

## **Christopher Bragagnolo, MD**

- BS, Biology, University of Illinois at Chicago
- MD, St. George's University School of Medicine
- MA, Biomedical Sciences, Midwestern University

Family medicine allows me to provide quality primary care to all members of my community. I may start my day guiding patients in managing a chronic condition and end it helping a mother deliver a new member of the family. The variety is fascinating to me. The shortage of primary care physicians and the broad scope of Family Medicine has motivated me to meet this need. The Aurora Lakeland program appeals to me in its thorough training to provide healthcare in both urban and rural settings as well as the chance to return to the southern Wisconsin region to practice. After my residency training, I plan to continue to practice in the Midwest with an emphasis on women's health and outpatient care.

## **Brian Rieb, MD**

- BS, Biomedical Sciences/Minor Chemistry, Minnesota State University
- MD, American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine

Family Medicine was always in the cards. It became the hand to play, when I realized how much I like interacting and listening to people with diverse needs. It is a major plus, about Family Medicine, that you practice all types of specialties. For a life-long learner it is the only choice. Practicing in Milwaukee, and Elkhorn, is a blessing. Milwaukee has all the mixes of a large city, and the beautiful flavors of midwestern, small towns U.S.A. The decision to work here was less of a choice, and more of a common mindset, between myself and the educators. We both showed a sincere interest in working with each other. After residency, my goal is to be a competent and happy doctor, with the tools to help patients in less urban settings, those whose distance from healthcare affects their wellbeing.

## **Kira D Labby MD**

- BS, Nutritional Sciences, UW Madison
- MD, UW Madison School of Medicine and Public Health

Hometown: Shawano, WI - the home of Sundrop Soda! Undergraduate: About me: I grew up in a small town where Family Practice physicians were the de facto providers for most aspects of care - these jacks-of-all-trades were my role models. I enjoy building relationships with my patients with a focus on holistic health and whole person care. I am also interested in pain management, addiction medicine, correctional medicine, and in using a multifactorial approach to mental health care. I am returning to training after a hiatus and am excited to continue my journey with Aurora Lakeland! After residency I plan to work with underserved populations in a correctional setting.