WMU medical school listed as one of 50 most beautiful medical schools

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KALAMAZOO, MI -- Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine has been recognized as one of the 50 most beautiful medical schools.

The list, published on Online Masters in Public Health's website, calls the school a "jaw-dropping, stop-you-in-your-tracks display."

The listing notes that the medical school is a renovation of an old pharmaceutical research building.

"Everything about the building, with the exception of the large panes of glass that cover it extensively, is curved," the listing states. "The precision required to create such a spectacle is a foretaste of the level of precision that Western Michigan University expects the new medical school to deliver."

WMU's medical school is the only Michigan medical school to make the list. It came in 41st place, behind the University of Central Florida College of Medicine and ahead of the Weill Cornell Medical School.

The building for the medical school was donated by William U. Parfet, CEO of MPI Research. He is the great-grandson of Upjohn Co. founder W.E. Upjohn, after whom the campus is named. William Johnston and Ronda Stryker, granddaughter of the school's namesake, donated $100 million to make the school possible.

The medical school's inaugural student class started classes in fall 2014.

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