

WMed Research Day 2026 – Program

Thursday, April 2, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.	Check-in	1 st Floor Lobby
8:40 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Welcome Address J. Adrian Tyndall, MD, MPH, FACEP <i>The Hal B. Jenson, MD Dean, President and CEO</i> Robert Sawyer, MD <i>Senior Associate Dean, Research</i> Gregory Vanden Heuvel, PhD <i>Associate Dean, Foundational Research</i> Keynote Speaker Introduction Colleen McKay <i>MD Class of 2028</i> Nayana Bhatnagar <i>MD Class of 2028</i>	Auditorium
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Keynote Address Jayme E. Locke, MD, MPH, FACS, FAST <i>Vice President, Medical Department</i> <i>Xenotransplantation United Therapeutics</i> <i>Professor of Surgery, NYU</i> Making the ImPossible Possible: The Road to Clinical Trials in Xenotransplantation	Auditorium
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Break	
10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Oral Presentations <u>Session A</u> Featuring: Kevin Ault, MD <i>Professor</i> <i>Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology</i> <u>Session B</u> Featuring: Ali Vural, PhD <i>Associate Professor</i> <i>Department of Biomedical Sciences</i> <u>Session C</u> Featuring: Peter Vollbrecht, PhD <i>Associate Professor</i> <i>Department of Biomedical Sciences</i> Kelsey Grellinger, PhD <i>Assistant Professor</i> <i>Department of Biomedical Sciences</i>	Auditorium TBL Hall 1 TBL Hall 2

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Campus Cafe - Fireplace Area Level 1
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions	
	AI Outbreak: The Prompt Lab Challenge	Classroom 110
	Research with ROI: Navigating Entrepreneurship in Academia	Classroom 112
	Surgical Sciences Department	TBL Hall 1
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Poster ODD numbers e-Poster Presentations – Session 1	1 st & 2 nd Floor Lobby Classroom 111 & 211
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Oral Presentations	
	<u>Session D</u> Featuring: Tjasa Hranjec, MD <i>Associate Professor</i> <i>Department of Surgical Sciences</i>	Auditorium TBL Hall 1
	<u>Session E</u> Featuring: Frederick Stull, PhD <i>Associate Professor</i> <i>Department of Chemistry</i> <i>Western Michigan University</i>	
	<u>Session F</u> Featuring: Nichol Holodick, PhD <i>Associate Professor</i> <i>Investigative Medicine</i>	TBL Hall 2
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Poster EVEN numbers e-Poster Presentations – Session 2	1 st & 2 nd Floor Lobby Classroom 111 & 211
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Refreshment break Student Research Awards and Farewell	Auditorium