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Patricia Téllez-Girón Salazar, MD, named Superhero of Medicine and Roger Kapoor, MD, MBA, FAAD, receives young physician leadership award

The Wisconsin Medical Society Foundation will honor Patricia Téllez-Girón Salazar, MD, with the Superhero of Medicine Award and Roger Kapoor, MD, MBA, FAAD, with the Kenneth M. Viste, Jr., MD, Young Physician Leadership Award during an online event at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2022. To register for this free event please visit <u>foundation.wismed.org/awards</u>.

The Superhero of Medicine Award is presented annually to a physician nominated for having superpower-like attributes and using them to go above and beyond the call of their profession.

Dr. Téllez-Girón Salazar is a Family Medicine physician with UW Health in Madison and has been the chair of the Latino Health Council in Madison for the past 21 years. For the past 17 years she has been the medical director of a monthly health education Spanish radio program. In addition to receiving the Superhero of Medicine award, she was honored in 2020 by *Time Magazine* as a person bridging divides across America as a Medical Messenger. "Since childhood, I have been guided by a love for people, a desire to help others, and a love for learning," Dr. Téllez-Girón Salazar stated when hearing of her award. "My dream, as a youth, was to find a way to combine my passions for people and for learning. Family Medicine has proved to be the perfect way to fulfill that dream. Keeping the above in mind, for the past 25 years I have been providing direct medical services to the underserved, educating others on how to better serve them and advocating and creating community services for them. Also, by mentoring and teaching minority students and other students at various levels of training I aim to increase diversity and have more helping hands that hopefully eventually will also work either as health care providers or in other fields where they can advocate for the underserved."

The Viste Award is presented each year to a young physician who demonstrates outstanding commitment to patients, the medical profession and the community.

Dr. Kapoor is the Senior Vice President of Beloit Health System. He was nominated for the Viste award by many colleagues for his leadership, advocacy, integrity, vision and dedication to the profession of medicine, including his leadership around COVID-19. He has hosted numerous



community conversations and has been dedicated to physician professionalism related to improving patient experience. "We are honored to have a member of our team earn this significant recognition and could not be prouder of Dr. Kapoor's continuing contributions, applaudable accomplishments and his unrelenting commitment to excellence," said Beloit Health System President and CEO, Tim McKevett. "He is well deserving of this award."

These awards come with a donation made in honor of the recipient to a non-profit of their choosing. The Wisconsin Medical Society Foundation is pleased to present a donation to the Dane County Latino Health Council and the Beloit Health System Foundation on behalf of Dr. Téllez-Girón Salazar and Dr. Kapoor, respectively. Join the Foundation for this free virtual event and learn more about these remarkable physicians and their journeys by registering at foundation.wismed.org/awards.

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The Wisconsin Medical Society Foundation, chartered in 1955 as a charitable organization, works to improve health in Wisconsin by supporting medical education and public health initiatives across the state.

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