Matthew Macaluso, DO, R'09
2015 Early Career Achievement in Medicine Alumnus

Matthew Macaluso, DO, R’09, an assistant professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the University of Kansas School of Medicine–Wichita, in his brief career has already demonstrated extraordinary skill in clinical care, research and education. He is a deserving recipient of the 2015 Early Career Achievement in Medicine Alumnus Award.

Dr. Macaluso spent his childhood in Westfield, New Jersey. His father was an auto mechanic and his mother was a homemaker who spent her days raising him and his younger sister.

Dr. Macaluso was an honor student at Westfield High School and served as editor of his high school newspaper, which he says taught him about writing, responsibility and leadership. After high school, he enrolled at Rutgers University, where he majored in chemistry with a minor in psychology. He attended medical school at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. In 2009 he graduated from the psychiatry residency program at the KU School of Medicine–Wichita, where he received the “Patient Care Award,” given annually to one resident for outstanding clinical care.

Dr. Macaluso joined the faculty at the School of Medicine–Wichita and advanced from associate residency program director to the position of director of residency training. He also serves as the director of research in the department, where his research is focused on clinical pharmacology and its translation to clinical practice. He has been the principal investigator for 15 psychopharmacology clinical trials.

Teaching and training the next generation of psychiatrists is the most rewarding part of Dr. Macaluso’s job. He teaches medical students about mood disorders and gives a year-long seminar to senior psychiatry residents on psychopharmacology. He was honored for his teaching excellence when he received the teacher of the year award in psychiatry for two consecutive years.

Dr. Macaluso and his wife Katie have been married for seven years and have two children, Matthew and William.

For his talents as a physician, educator and researcher, the KU Medical Alumni Association is proud to recognize Matthew Macaluso, DO, R’09, with the 2015 Early Career Achievement in Medicine Alumnus Award.