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**Brunching in Bonita**

On February 8, the MAA was thrilled to once again host alumni for brunch at the Bonita Bay Club in Bonita Springs, Florida. Alan Krensky, MD, vice dean for Development and Alumni Relations, and **Diane B. Wayne '88, '91 MD**, vice dean for Education, hosted the event and shared updates about the cutting-edge research being done at Northwestern and how we are educating the innovative leaders of the future. The following evening, we were pleased to welcome alumni, in partnership with Northwestern Memorial Foundation, to the Royal Poinciana Golf Club in Naples, Florida, for "Catching Up to Cancer," where hospital and university leadership shared how we are leading the way with the most innovative cancer care.

Thank you to everyone who joined us in Florida for these fabulous events!

**Join Us for Alumni Weekend 2018!**



**Alumni Weekend** is fast approaching! Join us back on campus **April 27–28** for class reunions, an all alumni party, mentoring lunches, city tours, CME credit courses, and more!

Meet and connect with classmates, other alumni, and current medical students. We hope that you will join us. Don't wait—**REGISTER TODAY!**

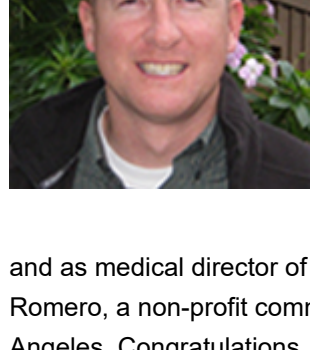
**REGISTER FOR ALUMNI WEEKEND**

**Congrats Are in Order!**



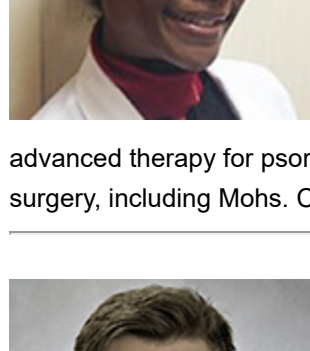
**Ferdinand A. Ofodile '65, '68 MD**, recently gave a lecture at Columbia University, as a part of the EPIC (Emeritus Professors in Columbia) Tuesday Lecture Series, on "Rethinking Rural Healthcare Delivery: A Nigerian Diaspora-Town Union Partnership." Dr. Ofodile shared

his experience and insights from the Nnobi USA Diaspora Health Group. A clinical professor emeritus of Surgery at Columbia, Dr. Ofodile also received the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award from the New York Regional Society of Plastic Surgeons. Congratulations, Dr. Ofodile!



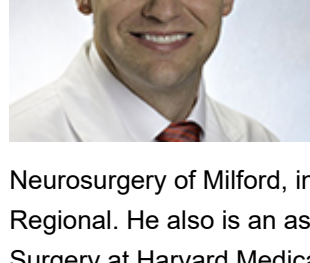
**Paul T. Giboney, '96 MD**, has recently been appointed the associate chief medical officer for the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Dr. Giboney previously served as director of Specialty Care at the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services

and as medical director of Clínica Monseñor Oscar A. Romero, a non-profit community health center in Los Angeles. Congratulations, Dr. Giboney!



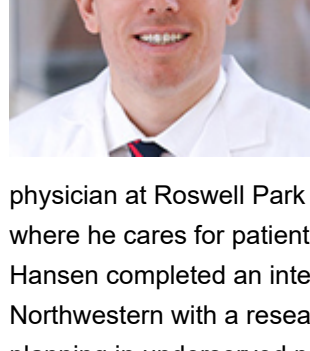
**Shirley Jean-Baptiste, '99 MD, '03 GMER**, joined Pinnacle Dermatology following Pinnacle's acquisition of Southwest Dermatology. Dr. Jean-Baptiste is board certified by the American Board of Dermatology, and her practice interests include

advanced therapy for psoriasis, eczema, and skin cancer surgery, including Mohs. Congratulations, Dr. Jean-Baptiste!



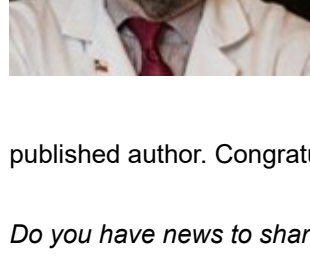
**Timothy Richard Smith, MD, '08 GMER, '14 GMER, PhD, MPH**, recently joined Milford Regional Medical Center. In partnership with two fellow neurosurgeons, Dr. Smith has recently opened a new practice, Brigham and Women's

Neurosurgery of Milford, in the Hill Health Center at Milford Regional. He also is an assistant professor of Neurological Surgery at Harvard Medical School. Congratulations, Dr. Smith!



**Eric David Hansen, MD, '16 GMER**, has joined the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the University of Buffalo as an assistant professor in the Department of Medicine. Dr. Hansen is a palliative care

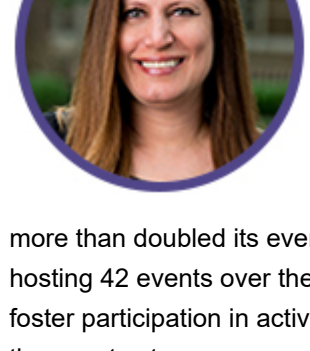
physician at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, where he cares for patients with advanced cancer. Dr. Hansen completed an internal medicine residency at Northwestern with a research focus on advanced care planning in underserved populations, and a palliative care fellowship at Johns Hopkins Hospital with research focuses in immunotherapy toxicity and advanced care planning in patients living with HIV. Congratulations, Dr. Hansen!



**Robert A. Behar, MD, '88 GMER**, was recently named a 2018 Top Doctor in Cypress, Texas. He is a radiation oncologist, founder and chair of the Board, and chief executive officer of North Cypress Medical Center. Dr. Behar also is an international lecturer and published author. Congratulations, Dr. Behar!

*Do you have news to share with us or know of an alumnus/a we should recognize in the newsletter? Post it on our [Facebook](#) page or email us at [medalum@northwestern.edu](mailto:medalum@northwestern.edu).*

**Meet Your Feinberg Alumni Relations Staff**



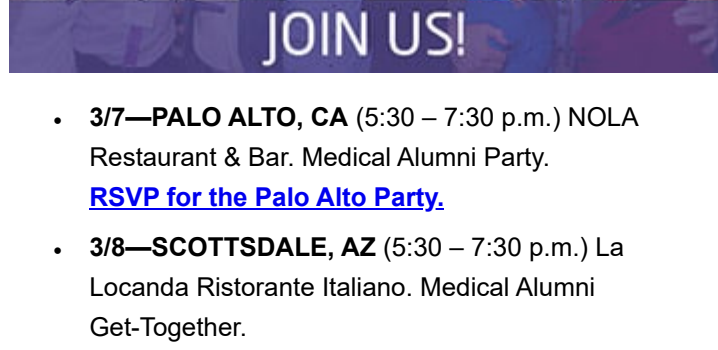
**Babette Nyka**  
As director of Alumni Engagement, **Babette Nyka** has transformed our alumni outreach and events programming since joining the team in November 2015. Under her direction, the Medical Alumni Association has

more than doubled its event offerings across the country, hosting 42 events over the past two years. Babette works to foster participation in activities both on campus and around the country, to encourage, facilitate, and share news about our alumni and their accomplishments, and to offer opportunities for alumni to connect with fellow alumni and current medical students. Babette enjoys meeting and interacting regularly with alumni to hear ideas, get feedback, and to inspire them to stay connected with their medical alma mater.

**Fun Fact:** Babette is an avid animal lover and volunteered with PAWS Chicago for five years.

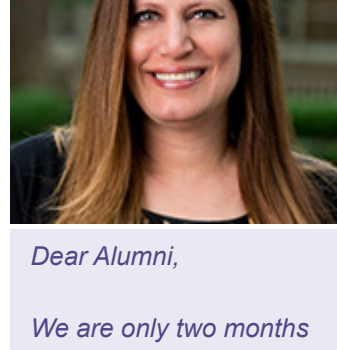
**Have a Question for Babette?**  
Email her at [babette.nyka@northwestern.edu](mailto:babette.nyka@northwestern.edu).

**Upcoming Events**



- **3/7—PALO ALTO, CA** (5:30 – 7:30 p.m.) NOLA Restaurant & Bar. Medical Alumni Party. [RSVP for the Palo Alto Party.](#)
- **3/8—SCOTTSDALE, AZ** (5:30 – 7:30 p.m.) La Locanda Ristorante Italiano. Medical Alumni Get-Together. [RSVP for the Scottsdale Get-Together.](#)
- **3/10—MESA, AZ** (1:05 p.m.) Sloan Park. Spring Training Game: Cubs vs. White Sox. *This event is sold out.*
- **3/20—SEATTLE, WA** (5:30 – 7:30 p.m.) Brouwer's Cafe. Medical Alumni Get-Together. [RSVP for the Seattle Get-Together.](#)
- **4/28–29—CHICAGO, IL** Alumni Weekend. We have lots of new and exciting programming planned this year! Join us for CME courses, city sightseeing, a spectacular all-alumni celebration, class dinners, a young alumni social, and more!  
[Register for Alumni Weekend.](#)

**From the Director's Desk:**



Dear Alumni,

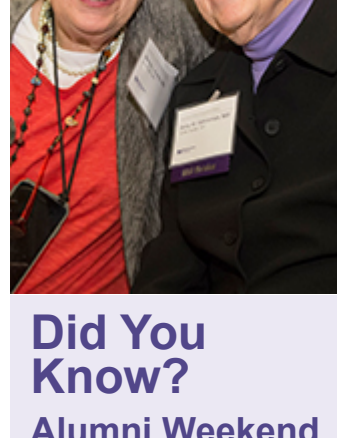
*We are only two months away from Alumni Weekend! We have some great activities planned, including a Women in Medicine Tea and CME Forums led by our world-class faculty. On Friday, April 27, we will hold our Celebrate in Chicago Party, which will include remarks from Dean Eric G. Neilson and a presentation of the Distinguished Alumni Award. Guests can then look forward to mingling with fellow classmates and alumni from all classes, a delicious buffet from Gibson's Steakhouse, and dancing.*

*Please reach out to us with any questions that you may have about Alumni Weekend, or if we can assist you in any way. We hope you can join us April 27–28!*

Thank you,

*Babette Nyka*

**Babette Nyka**  
Director, Alumni Engagement  
312-503-0855



**Did You Know? Alumni Weekend 2018**



Did you know that you can receive **CME credit** for attending Alumni Weekend programming? We will be offering 11 forums for CME credit for a **total of 6.5 hours!**

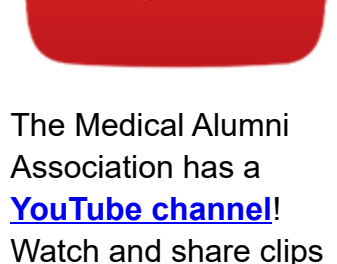
You can find these forums listed in the **"Schedule of Events"** portion of the **Alumni Weekend website**. The eligible CME credit courses will be designated with \*\* following the title.

See you in Chicago!

**ALUMNI WEEKEND WEBSITE**



**MAA YouTube Channel**



The Medical Alumni Association has a **YouTube channel!** Watch and share clips from Alumni Weekend, Founders' Day, Society Olympics, and more. Never miss a minute of what's happening at your alma mater!

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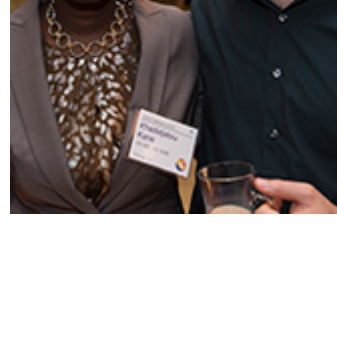
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**Questions? We're here for you!**

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