

## Alumni Weekend 2020 Registration Information

**Early-Bird Discounts End Saturday,  
February 29, at 11:59 p.m. CST**



Have you signed up for [Alumni Weekend](#) (April 24–25) yet? Don't miss your chance to save! Early bird registration discounts run through **11:59 p.m. CST on Saturday, February 29.**

Join the *hundreds* of medical alumni and guests who have already signed up and [register today!](#)

We have so many fun activities planned—reunion class dinners, campus tours, Chicago sightseeing opportunities, a host of CME offerings, our Women in Medicine Tea, and more!

Don't forget to sign up for our all-alumni “Celebrate in Chicago” party on Friday night to enjoy a delicious dinner catered by Gibson’s Steakhouse, dancing, and a photo booth, so that you can capture all those Alumni Weekend memories. We hope that you will join us for this very special kickoff celebration, featuring a special salute to 1970, our 50-year reunion class.

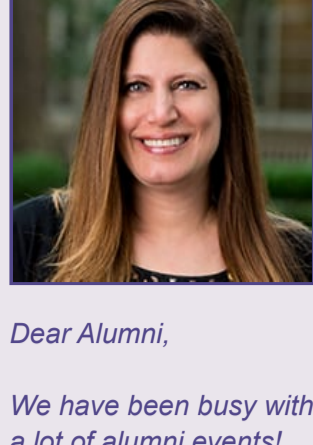
Also, remember to like and follow us on [Facebook](#) in order to see the fun Throwback Thursday (#tbt) photos that we'll be posting starting next month!

[Visit our website to register today](#) and come celebrate with us!

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO REGISTER TODAY



### From the Director's Desk:



Dear Alumni,

*We have been busy with a lot of alumni events! We were in Naples in early February and held two events that were highly attended and very well received. We held a brunch with **Phyllis Zee, MD, PhD, '87 GMER, '89 GMEF**, who discussed Sleep and Aging. Additionally, we held a reception in conjunction with Northwestern Memorial Foundation, featuring **Donald Lloyd-Jones, MD, ScM**, who discussed “The Life Course of Cardiovascular Health.”*

*If you spend winters in Naples, please make sure you reach out to us and let us know your seasonal address, so that we can include you on our mailing list.*

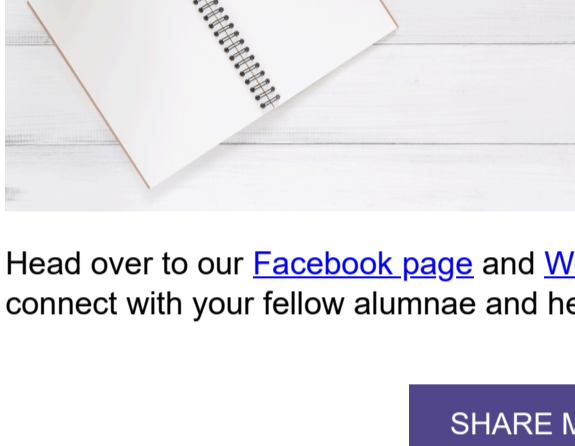
*Please reach out with any questions, or if I can offer assistance.*

Thank you,  
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**Babette Henderson**  
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## Celebrating 150 Years of Women in Medicine at Northwestern

### Alumnae—We Want to Hear From You!



As we celebrate 150 years of women at Northwestern, we are currently soliciting stories and thoughts from our alumnae to share on our [MAA Facebook page](#) each week in March, in honor of Women’s History Month. If you would like to share a story, accomplishment, or piece of advice, please follow the link to our [online submission form](#).

Head over to our [Facebook page](#) and [Women in Medicine Facebook Group](#) to connect with your fellow alumnae and hear their stories.

SHARE MY STORY

### Future Women in STEM



The Women in Medicine (WIM) subcommittee of the Medical Alumni Association Board was pleased to host another successful Women in STEM (WiSTEM) event on January 29, with students from the Lake Forest High School Women in STEM Club who were interested in learning more about the medical field.

The students greatly enjoyed a presentation from WIM subcommittee co-chair, **Kavitha Gandhi '94, '98 MD, '99 GMER**, who detailed the demands, requirements, and rewards that pave the road to becoming a physician.

Thank you to Dr. Gandhi and all of the students who participated!

## GoBabyGo! To the Auto Show!



The **GoBabyGo!** Program was chosen as a partner for Family Day at the Chicago Auto Show, the nation's largest and longest-running auto show. On February 17, the Department of Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences' (PTHMS) faculty, students, and staff were on hand at McCormick Place to show members of the community their adapted ride-on cars. Children could sit in and drive the cars, and their parents could learn more about the program, volunteer, and refer families to receive cars. PTHMS concluded the day by delivering cars to three families that have been on the waitlist for the program since the fall.

To learn more about the **GoBabyGo!** Program, view our Chicago Auto Show [photo album](#).

VIEW OUR GOBABYGO! PHOTO ALBUM

## Alumni Events Coast to Coast

### Seaside in Corona del Mar



We were thrilled to host a fantastic engagement event in Corona del Mar, California, on January 23. It was wonderful to see so many of our West Coast alumni who joined us at the home of alumnus **Dzuy Vu '94, '97 MD**, and Anita Moniuszko.

Thank you to everyone who came to share and celebrate your diverse Northwestern experiences!

VIEW OUR CORONA DEL MAR PHOTO ALBUM

### Brunching in Naples



The MAA welcomed medical alumni at back-to-back events in Florida earlier this month. Our brunch in Naples on February 5, featured alumna speaker **Phyllis Zee, MD, PhD, '87 GMER, '89 GMEF**, who shared tips on “Sleeping Well and Staying in Rhythm for Successful Aging.”

On February 6, in partnership with our colleagues at the Northwestern Memorial Foundation (NMF), we also welcomed medical alumni to the Royal Poinciana in Naples for an evening with members of Feinberg and NMF leadership, where we shared updates on the future of Northwestern Medicine.

Thank you to all who joined us!

## Celebrating in Denver



We had a blast hosting a gathering with alumni and friends in Denver on February 13. We were pleased to welcome our physical therapy alumni who were in town attending the 2020 American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting.

Thank you to our native Colorado alumni, as well as all of our traveling alumni who joined us for this event!

## Congrats Are in Order!



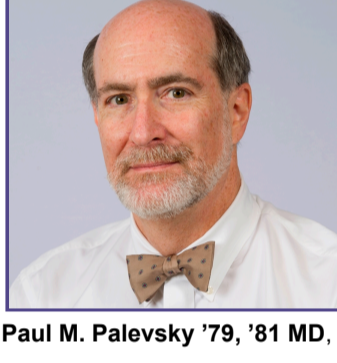
**Paul W. Florsheim, '93 PhD**, has co-authored *Lost and Found: Young Fathers in the Age of Unwed Parenthood*, chronicling the lives of several fathers as they transition to parenthood, weaving social history, developmental psychology, and public health into their stories. Dr. Florsheim will discuss his book at [Bookends and Beginnings](#) in Evanston on March 12, from 6:00–7:30 p.m. This event is co-sponsored by Northwestern University's Department of Medical Social Sciences and The Family Institute. Congratulations, Dr. Florsheim!



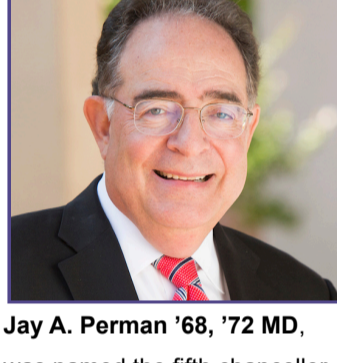
**Sigurd B. Gundersen, III, '83 MD**, is retiring after more than 35 years of clinical service and 20 years of administrative service. As medical chief of the Gundersen Medical Foundation and chair of the Foundation Board since 2014, Dr. Gundersen also served on the Gundersen Health System Board of Governors and the Executive, Peer Review, and Compliance Committees. Congratulations, Dr. Gundersen!



**Bertrand C. Liang, '88 MD**, was appointed chief medical officer of Kitov Pharma Ltd., a clinical-stage company advancing therapies to overcome tumor immune evasion and drug resistance. In December 2019, Dr. Liang also was named a fellow of the American Academy of Neurology. Congratulations, Dr. Liang!



**Paul M. Palevsky '79, '81 MD**, has been named president-elect of the National Kidney Foundation. Dr. Palevsky is a member of the National Kidney Foundation's Scientific Advisory Board, professor of Medicine and Clinical and Translational Science in the Renal-Electrolyte Division at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and chief of the Renal Section at the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System. Congratulations, Dr. Palevsky!



**Jay A. Perman '68, '72 MD**, was named the fifth chancellor of the University System of Maryland (USM), having served as president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore, since 2010. Dr. Perman previously chaired the USM Department of Pediatrics from 1999–2004, and served as dean and vice president for Clinical Affairs at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. Dr. Perman is a past president of the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, a former section chair of the American Gastroenterological Association, and a former executive committee member of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Congratulations, Dr. Perman!



**Joanne C. Smith, MD, '92 GMER**, was one of six recipients of the 2020 Order of Lincoln, Illinois' highest honor, awarded for professional achievement and public service. Dr. Smith has served as president and chief executive officer of the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab since 2006 and also is on faculty at Feinberg. Congratulations, Dr. Smith!

*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).

## Join Us for These Upcoming Events!



### Webinar: Getting Calm in Our Burnt-Out World

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 | 11:00 a.m. CST

In celebration of 150 years of women at Northwestern, the Northwestern Alumni Association is offering four webinars hosted by Northwestern alumnae during Women's History Month in March. Join **Coco Cabrel '87, '89 MD**, as she kicks off this webinar series and learn how to instantly get present and calm, join forces to change our individual nervous systems, and change our cultural approaches so that we may all respond more calmly to our unique and universal stressors.

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### Cubs Spring Training Game | Mesa, Arizona

Saturday, March 14, 2020 | 1:05 p.m.

#### Chicago Cubs vs. Cleveland Indians

The Medical Alumni Association is once again proud to host alumni and friends for a spring training game at Sloan Park in Arizona.

*This event is sold out. Please email [medalumevents@northwestern.edu](mailto:medalumevents@northwestern.edu) or call 312.503.4518 to be put on a waiting list.*

### The Future of Human Health | La Jolla, California

Sunday, March 22, 2020 | 11:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

A provocative discussion of the future of medicine as we know it. Trustee **Drew Senyei, '79 MD**, and Noni Senyei cordially invite you to this special event in their home on behalf of Northwestern University and Northwestern Medicine. Featuring Dean Eric G. Neilson, MD; Donald M. Lloyd-Jones, MD, ScM; Elizabeth M. McNally, MD, PhD; and Abel Kho, MD.

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### Alumni Weekend 2020 | Chicago, Illinois

Friday, April 24–Saturday, April 25, 2020

#### Celebrate in Chicago

Alumni Weekend is the cornerstone event for the Medical Alumni Association. Spend the weekend reconnecting with friends and classmates as you explore campus, participate in lectures and tours, and celebrate at class dinners. See you in Chicago!

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