

**Issue No. 17 — July 2018**



**The Power of Women Physicians**

On July 18, more than 200 women physicians joined us for an incredible evening of networking with peers across different clinical, research, and academic areas. Hosted by Vice Dean for Education **Diane Wayne '88, '91 MD**, the event took place at the beautiful Museum of Contemporary Art.

Thank you to our colleagues at Northwestern Memorial HealthCare for your partnership on this incredible event and to all of the attendees who joined us!

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**Join Our HOST Program: Registration Now Open**



We enthusiastically invite you to participate in our [HOST \(Help Our Students Travel\) program](#).

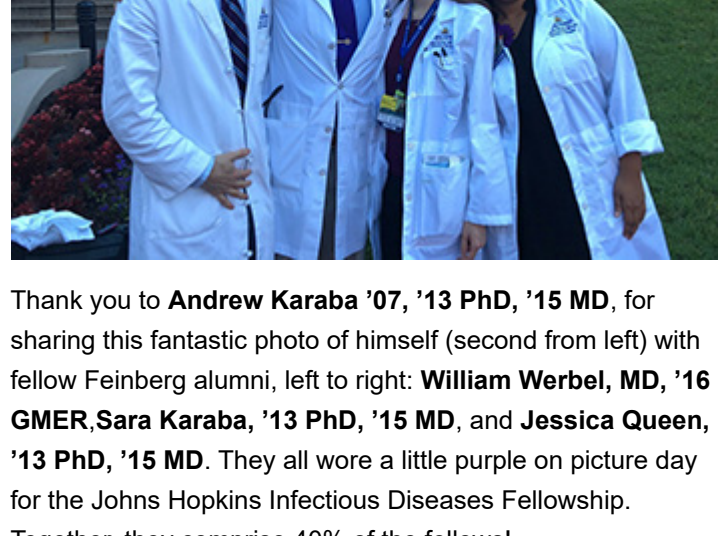
HOST is a vital resource for our fourth-year MD students when they travel for their residency interviews. HOST helps to reduce the significant cost associated with the students' interviews, and it provides alumni with an enjoyable new way to support Northwestern's newest alumni physicians—the Class of 2019.

As an [alumni host](#), you set the parameters. [Registration is now open](#), and it only takes a few minutes.

Please join us and your fellow alumni across the country by participating in this important program.

[Join HOST today!](#)

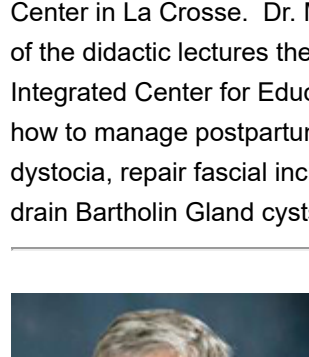
**Wildcats Take Over Hopkins ID Fellowship**



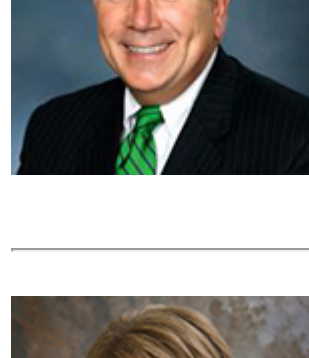
Thank you to **Andrew Karaba '07, '13 PhD, '15 MD**, for sharing this fantastic photo of himself (second from left) with fellow Feinberg alumni, left to right: **William Werbel, MD, '16 GMER**, **Sara Karaba, '13 PhD, '15 MD**, and **Jessica Queen, '13 PhD, '15 MD**. They all wore a little purple on picture day for the Johns Hopkins Infectious Diseases Fellowship. Together, they comprise 40% of the fellows!

Congratulations to you all!

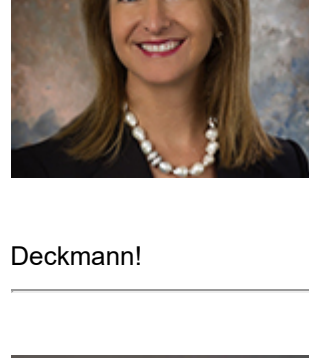
**Congrats Are in Order!**



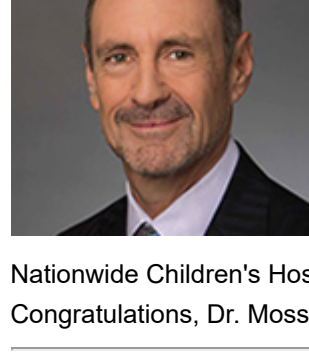
**Kenneth W. Merkitch '82, '84 MD, '88 GMER**, MAA Board Member, received the Dean's Teaching Award at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health for his work over the past ten years as the Clerkship Director for the Obstetrics and Gynecology Clerkship at Gundersen Medical Center in La Crosse. Dr. Merkitch not only gives the majority of the didactic lectures there, but also runs sessions in the Integrated Center for Education where he teaches students how to manage postpartum hemorrhage and shoulder dystocia, repair fascial incisions and pelvic lacerations, and drain Bartholin Gland cysts. Congratulations, Dr. Merkitch!



**Stephen Bartlett, MD, '86 GMEF**, a transplant and vascular surgeon, was recently named executive vice president and chief medical officer of the University of Maryland Medical System. Congratulations, Dr. Bartlett!



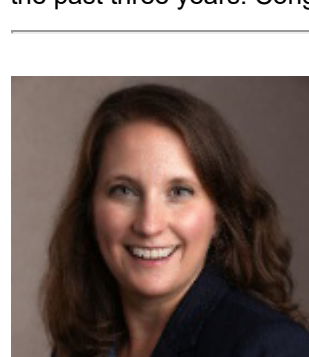
**Natasha S. Deckmann, '03 MD, '03 MBA**, was recently appointed as chief executive officer of CarePoint Health of New Jersey. Dr. Deckmann previously held leadership positions at Optum Health, a health services and innovation company. Congratulations, Dr. Deckmann!



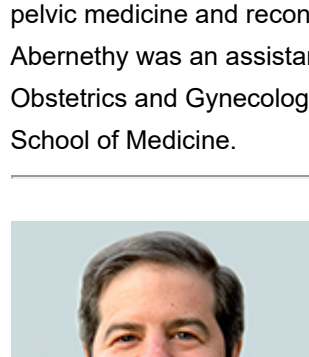
**R. Lawrence Moss, MD, '94 GMER**, was named president and chief executive officer of Nemours Children's Health System, which owns and operates two children's hospitals. Dr. Moss previously served as surgeon-in-chief at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Congratulations, Dr. Moss!



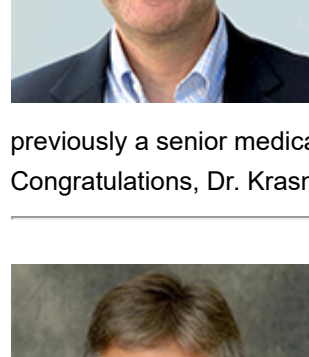
**Hector Cajigas, MD, '03 GMEF**, will be joining the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, as an associate consultant in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. Dr. Cajigas previously held an appointment at Northwestern University as associate professor of medicine in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care for the past three years. Congratulations, Dr. Cajigas!



**Melinda G. Abernethy, MD, '14 GMEF**, joined the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Western Michigan University Homer Stryker, MD School of Medicine in Kalamazoo, Michigan as an associate professor specializing in female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery. Previously, Dr. Abernethy was an assistant professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.



**Alan S. Krasner '85, '87 MD**, was appointed chief medical officer of Crinetics Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a clinical stage pharmaceutical company focused on developing therapeutics for endocrine diseases. Dr. Krasner was previously a senior medical director at Shire Pharmaceuticals. Congratulations, Dr. Krasner!



**James Michael Boyle, '83 DDS**, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, was named president of the Pennsylvania Dental Association. Congratulations, Dr. Boyle!

*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).*

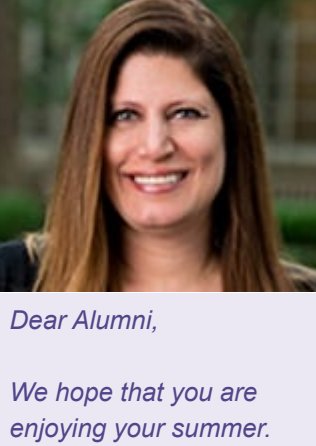
**Upcoming Events**



**JOIN US!**

- **8/9—WASHINGTON, DC** (6:30—8:30 pm)  
Watergate Apartment Complex. Combat Casualty Care Advances: A Small Silver Lining in War. Hosted by **Richard Moscicki '74, '76**

**From the Director's Desk:**



Dear Alumni,

*We hope that you are enjoying your summer. We had a great Women Physicians Networking Event in Chicago at the Museum of Contemporary Art on July 18, with more than 200 physicians in attendance! Dr. Diane Wayne, vice dean for Education, hosted the event. It was a great night of networking.*

*In August, we will be holding events in Washington, DC, and Michigan (Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor, and Bloomfield Hills). If you are in or will be visiting one of these areas, we hope that you will join us for these events. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any event ideas or locations. We love to hear from our alumni!*

Thank you,

*Babette Nyka*

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**MD, and Marianne Moscicki '74.**

**[RSVP for the Watergate Event.](#)**

- **8/15—CHICAGO, IL** (5:30–7:30 pm)  
Haymarket Brewery and Pub. Summer in the City: Exclusive Invite Event!  
*Learn how you can get on the list by emailing [kirsten-byers@northwestern.edu](mailto:kirsten-byers@northwestern.edu).*
- **8/21—GRAND RAPIDS, MI** (5:30–7:30 pm)  
San Chez Bistro. Medical Alumni Association Get-Together.  
**[RSVP for the Grand Rapids Get-Together.](#)**
- **8/22—BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI** (5:30–7:30 pm)  
Andiamo. Medical Alumni Association Get-Together.  
**[RSVP for the Bloomfield Hills Get-Together.](#)**
- **8/23—ANN ARBOR, MI** (5:30–7:30 pm)  
Jolly Pumpkin. Medical Alumni Association Get-Together.  
**[RSVP for the Ann Arbor Get-Together.](#)**



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

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