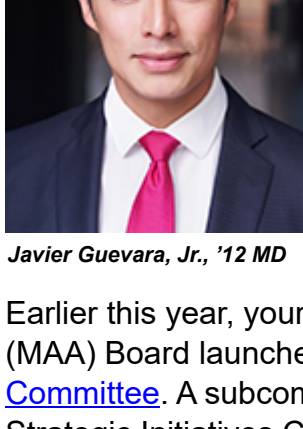


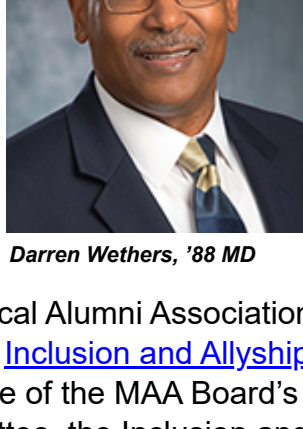
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MAA Inclusion & Allyship Committee



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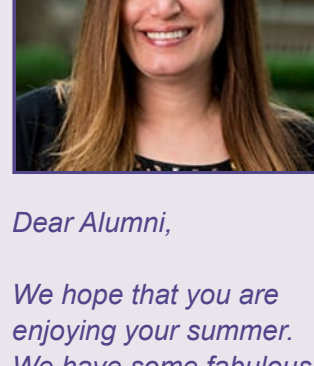
Earlier this year, your Medical Alumni Association (MAA) Board launched the [Inclusion and Allyship Committee](#). A subcommittee of the MAA Board's Strategic Initiatives Committee, the Inclusion and Allyship Committee unites and supports the alumni community and current students at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine who represent diverse experiences of ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, socioeconomic status, and/or physical ability. Through five central pillars—advocacy, mentorship, philanthropy, outreach, and education—this group of medical alumni and students supports the medical school and the MAA Board through inclusionary efforts and advocates for the equitable opportunity for success among all students and trainees. The committee has made a deep commitment to honor and recognize the medical school's history and engage or "re-engage" medical alumni through the decades.

The committee is co-chaired by board members **Javier Guevara, Jr., '12 MD**, and **Darren Wethers, '88 MD**. Read more about this initiative of your MAA Board on our [website](#).

We invite you to stay connected by liking and following the Northwestern Medical Alumni Association Inclusion & Allyship Committee's [Facebook page](#).

For more information about this committee, please contact us at medalum@northwestern.edu.

From the Director's Desk:



Dear Alumni,

We hope that you are enjoying your summer. We have some fabulous programming that we are working on for the summer months, including a webinar with Dr. Daniel Corcos on Wednesday, July 21. Dr. Corcos will address how exercise is important for improving brain health, and how progressive resistance exercise and endurance exercise are beneficial to people living with Parkinson's disease. Please see the "Upcoming Events" portion of this newsletter for more information and a link to register. If you have any questions about Dr. Corcos' work, please contact [Vic Maurer](#).

Please reach out to me with any questions or suggestions.

Thank you,
Babette

Babette Henderson
Senior Director, Alumni Engagement
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June is Pride Month



In honor of Pride Month, we invite you to learn more about Northwestern's efforts towards achieving health equity and building a welcoming and inclusive community for all:

- Learn more about your Medical Alumni Association Board's newly-launched [Inclusion and Allyship Committee](#)
- Explore the [Northwestern Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing \(ISGMH\) website](#) to learn more about the largest university-wide institute in the US to focus on sexual and gender minority health research
- Visit our [Diversity and Inclusion](#) website to learn more about the resources, programs, and affinity groups that support LGBTQ+ individuals in our Feinberg community
- Head over to the [Northwestern University Pride Alumni Club \(NUPAC\) website](#) for more information on mentorship opportunities and upcoming NUPAC events

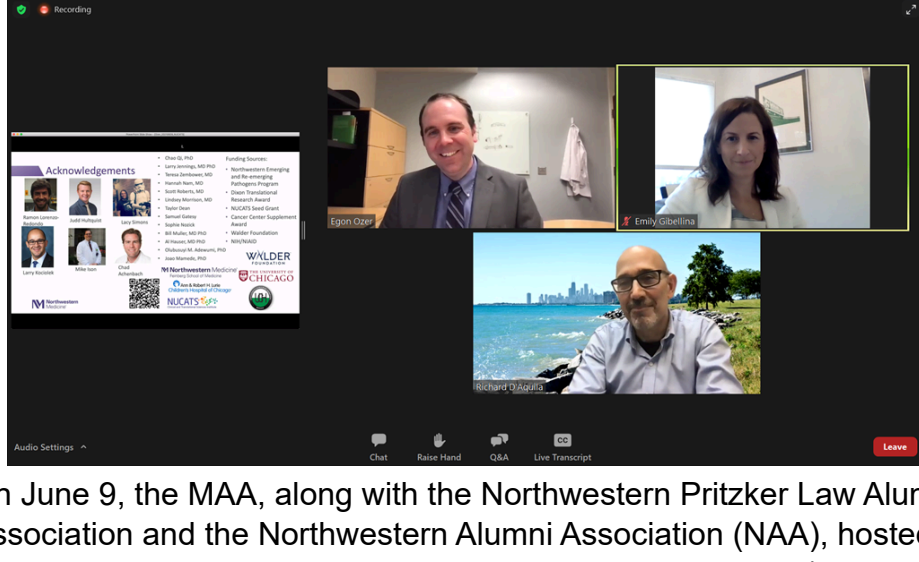
June Virtual Event Recaps



THANK YOU

In partnership with our Northwestern colleagues, the Medical Alumni Association was pleased to host two virtual offerings for alumni and friends of the medical school this month. Thank you to all who joined us!

Read on to learn more about June's events:



On June 9, the MAA, along with the Northwestern Pritzker Law Alumni Association and the Northwestern Alumni Association (NAA), hosted a discussion with Northwestern experts Richard T. D'Aquila, MD (director of the Northwestern University Clinical and Translational Sciences [NUCATS] Institute) and **Egon A. Ozer, MD, PhD, '09 GMER, '11 GMEF, '12 GMEF** (director of the new Center for Pathogen Genomics and Microbial Evolution in the Institute for Global Health), who reflected on the first one hundred days of the COVID-19 vaccine in our "Tracking COVID Variants Today to Stop New Pandemics Tomorrow" event.

Moderated by **Emily Gibellina '10 JD**, assistant vice chancellor for Health Affairs Advocacy and Government Relations at the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System, the conversation was extremely insightful and explored the revolutionary scientific breakthroughs that led to this point and helped to illuminate what the future might hold.



On June 14, the MAA was pleased to host a dynamic discussion for our virtual event, "Augmented Intelligence in Medicine May Very Well Save Your Life."

The webinar featured an engaging discussion about the newly established Institute for Augmented Intelligence in Medicine (I.AIM) at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and the cutting-edge data methods being used to develop more accurate diagnostic tests and precise treatments for patients. The panel included Abel Kho, MD, MS, FACMI; Lee A. Cooper, PhD; Sanjiv Shah, MD; and **Kelly Michelson, MD, MPH, '04 GMEF**.

If you enjoyed this conversation and would like to learn more about the Institute's ongoing projects, please visit the [I.AIM website](#).

Have Technical Questions?

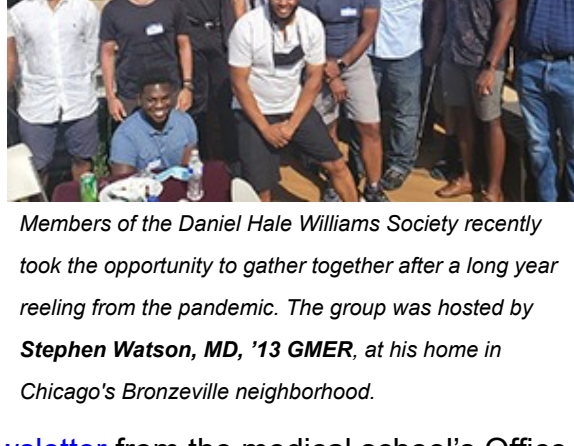
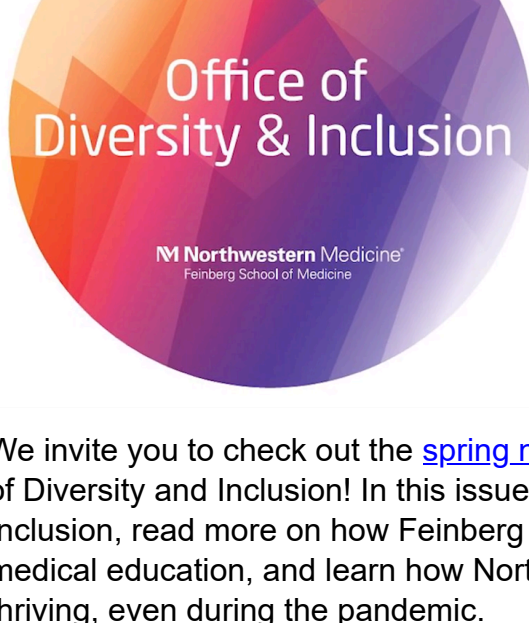
Want to participate in one of our Zoom webinars or virtual events but aren't familiar with the platform?

Have some technical questions?

The [Zoom Help Center](#) offers a series of FAQs, live training webinars, tutorial videos, and recorded training sessions to help users learn how to get started and navigate the platform.

Our team also is happy to help! If you have questions about Zoom or any of our events, email us at medalumevents@northwestern.edu.

Diversity and Inclusion Spring Newsletter



Members of the Daniel Hale Williams Society recently took the opportunity to gather together after a long year reeling from the pandemic. The group was hosted by **Stephen Watson, MD, '13 GMER**, at his home in Chicago's Bronzeville neighborhood.

We invite you to check out the [spring newsletter](#) from the medical school's Office of Diversity and Inclusion! In this issue, hear from our vice dean of Diversity and Inclusion, read more on how Feinberg is supporting diversity in medicine and medical education, and learn how Northwestern Medicine pipeline programs are thriving, even during the pandemic.

CHECK OUT THE SPRING ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER

MAA Digital Series: Hosted by Joseph Gugenheim, '72 MD

"The Meeting on the Rush Street Bridge: How a New Medical School in Chicago Began"

The Meeting on the Rush Street Bridge

How a new medical school in Chicago began



We're thrilled to share with you the newest installment of the MAA digital series from our favorite historian, alum **Joseph Gugenheim, '72 MD!**

Join Dr. Gugenheim for a stroll through the archives as we learn how a casual conversation on the Rush Street Bridge led to the creation of our very own medical school—built on land that once sat underwater no less! This episode's not to be missed.

Dr. Gugenheim presents "[The Meeting on the Rush Street Bridge: How a New Medical School in Chicago Began.](#)"

Thank you, Dr. Gugenheim!

VIEW
"THE MEETING ON THE RUSH STREET BRIDGE:
HOW A NEW MEDICAL SCHOOL IN CHICAGO BEGAN"

Northwestern Medicine Magazine



Explore the [most recent issue](#) of *Northwestern Medicine Magazine*:

- "New Beginnings": Read the first "[Alumni President's Message](#)" from MAA Board president **Edward Kim '92, '96 MD**, as he provides a road map for the coming year and his perspective on the hope for a new normal
- Read stories of "[Inclusion and Allyship](#)" shared by members of our alumni community
- Hear from fellow alum **Whitney You, MD, MFA, '11 MPH, '09, '10 GMEF**, in her powerful article "When Keeping Promises is Impossible" in our "[Alumni Perspectives](#)" section
- Learn more about clinical research innovator **Christine Dingivan, MD, '96 GMER**, in our "[Alumni Profile](#)" feature
- Visit our "[In Memoriam](#)" section as we honor extraordinary alumnus, class leader, and benefactor **James F. Eggert, '55 MD**. Also, read a heartfelt tribute to Feinberg faculty member **Fred M. Levin, '68 MD**, authored by Dr. Levin's lifelong friend, **Michael L. Friedman, '67 MD**
- Explore the alumni "[Progress Notes](#)" to hear personal and professional updates from your fellow alumni
- And more!

READ THE LATEST EDITION OF NMM

Pearls of Wisdom

Reflections From Our Half Century Club Members



In this "Pearls of Wisdom" section of the newsletter, we share reflections, words of advice, and tales of the storied careers of our Half Century Club alumni members.

In this month's feature, we're pleased to share words of advice from **Jean A. Cavanaugh '67, '69 MD, '72 GMER** (pictured above):

"I practiced Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation but primarily rehabilitation of strokes, other neurologic diseases, head injuries, amputations, etc. I learned very early on that disasters can hit at even young ages. Perhaps you have learned this from COVID. Medicine is demanding, but live life now. Don't be like my 85-year-old patient who had just retired to travel and had a major stroke. Spend time with your family, travel now, and take your kids.

And from a very practical viewpoint, buy disability insurance for your job description, not just general disability. Even if you couldn't practice medicine, you might not qualify for general disability."

Thank you, Dr. Cavanaugh!

Are you a member of our Half Century Club, our esteemed alumni who graduated 50+ years ago? Then we want to hear from you! Send us your "Pearls of Wisdom" for inclusion in an upcoming newsletter.

Email Jillian Kurtz Brubaker at jillian.brubaker@northwestern.edu.

Changing the Face of Medicine



First-year resident **Eseohi Ehimiaghe '16, '20 MD**, was recently featured in the *Chicago Tribune* as part of an article celebrating that, for the first time in Northwestern Medicine Prentice Women's Hospital's history, a team of OB-GYN medical residents is all Black and all female.

[Read the full article](#) on this groundbreaking team of residents changing the face of medicine.

READ THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE ARTICLE

A Surprising Connection



Mariana J. Diaz (née Marian J. Barrett) '79 PT (pictured left) with **Pamela L. Simon (née Dennis) '75 PT** (pictured right) during Pamela's last physical therapy session with Mariana after hip replacement surgery.

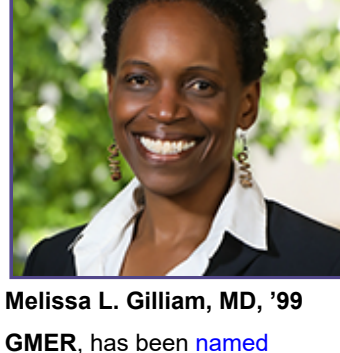
A surprising Northwestern connection was recently discovered between two of our Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences alumni. While recovering from hip replacement surgery, **Pamela L. Simon (née Dennis) '75 PT** was assigned a home health physical therapist to aid in her recovery—**Mariana J. Diaz (née Marian J. Barrett) '79 PT**. Having never met before, this chance encounter brought these two Florida-based alumni together. They shared that they spent their sessions "recollecting their time at Northwestern, dishing about and fondly remembering their old professors, and talking about their careers that were set in place by the program." Afterward, they even shared photos from their days at Northwestern. Pamela's since recovered from her surgery, but their friendship has only just begun.

Thank you to Pamela and Mariana for sharing this heartwarming story with us!

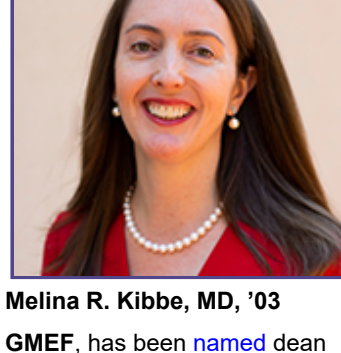
Congrats Are in Order!



Shirley Y. Chi '97, '01 MD, '02 GMER, is featured in the new documentary [In the Sun](#). The film, executive produced by Emmy award-winning actress Kerry Washington and Neutrogena Studios, follows seven different families on their skin health journeys. According to the film's press release, the film "comes at a critical moment, delivering key information and dispelling common misconceptions around skin health and sun safety through real stories that span across generation, race and gender, led by the expertise of Los Angeles-based dermatologist Dr. Shirley Chi." Thank you to Dr. Chi for sharing this on-set photo with us (below). Congratulations, Dr. Chi!



Melissa L. Gilliam, MD, '99 GMER, has been [named](#) executive vice president and provost of The Ohio State University beginning August 1. Dr. Gilliam will become the first woman of color to serve in this role. Dr. Gilliam is currently the vice provost, Ellen H. Block Distinguished Service Professor of Health Justice, and professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Pediatrics at the University of Chicago. Dr. Gilliam previously served as dean of Diversity and Inclusion for the Biological Sciences Division at University of Chicago Medicine and chief of the Section of Family Planning and Contraceptive Research in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She also is founder and director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Inquiry and



Melina R. Kibbe, MD, '03 GMEF, has been [named](#) dean of the University of Virginia's School of Medicine and chief health affairs officer for UVA Health. An alum of Feinberg's Vascular Surgery Fellowship program, Dr. Kibbe will serve as the 17th dean of the medical school. Previously, Dr. Kibbe served as the Colin G. Thomas Jr. Distinguished Professor and chair of the Department of Surgery at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC), where she also held an appointment in the Department of Biomedical Engineering. In 2016, Dr. Kibbe became the first woman to serve as chair of UNC's Department of Surgery. In addition, she also is editor-in-chief of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*

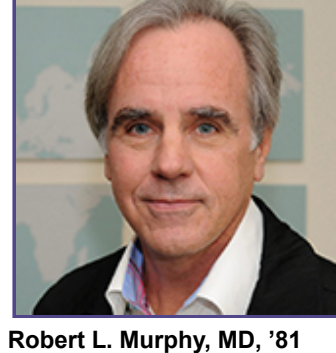


Innovation in Sexual and Reproductive Health and leads the Program in Gynecology for Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults. Congratulations, Dr. Gilliam!

Surgery. Congratulations, Dr. Kibbe!



Brian J. Miller, '11 MD, testified in front of the United States Senate Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights as an expert on hospital consolidation at the hearing entitled "[Antitrust Applied: Hospital Consolidation Concerns and Solutions](#)" on May 19. Congratulations, Dr. Miller!



Robert L. Murphy, MD, '81 GMER, '84 GMEF, was selected as a recipient of [Feinberg's 2021 Faculty Mentor of the Year Award](#). Mentees highlighted Dr. Murphy's sense of academic social responsibility and cross-disciplinary collaborations. The Faculty Mentor of the Year Award is awarded by the Medical Faculty Council. Dr. Murphy is the executive director of the Institute for Global Health, John Philip Phair Professor of Infectious Diseases, and professor of Biomedical Engineering at Feinberg. Congratulations, Dr. Murphy!



Bruce F. Scharschmidt '68, '70 MD, former MAA Board president and current board member, recently published his first children's book, [Maggie's Magic Map: An Adventure with Olive the Octopus and Her Thousand Hatchlings](#). Dr. Scharschmidt is an independent director and/or consultant to biotechnology companies. He previously served as professor of Medicine and chief of Gastroenterology at the University of California, San Francisco, editor of the *Journal of Clinical Investigation*, and president of the American Society for Clinical Investigation. He later turned to a career in industry, beginning with Chiron—one of the original Bay Area companies that spawned the biotechnology revolution—and served as senior vice president and chief medical and development officer at Hyperion Therapeutics. Dr. Scharschmidt is a recipient of Feinberg's Distinguished Medical Alumni Award and the NAA's Service to Northwestern Award. Congratulations, Dr. Scharschmidt!



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.

Join Us Online!



Medical Alumni Association: Plan It Purple Calendar

Did you know that the MAA has its very own [Plan It Purple](#) calendar?

With the [Plan It Purple](#) calendar, you'll never miss a Medical Alumni Association event!

You can register for events, download a save-the-date reminder to your calendar, and learn more about all the other University-wide events and offerings.

Bookmark the [MAA calendar](#) or visit the [MAA home page](#) to keep tabs on all of our upcoming events.

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Virtual Event | Can Exercise Slow Parkinson's Disease Progression?

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 | 4:00–5:00 p.m. CST

Parkinson's disease is the second most prevalent neurodegenerative disease behind Alzheimer's disease. Nearly one million people have Parkinson's disease in the US, and 60,000 people are newly diagnosed each year. The disease signs and symptoms include progressive loss of muscle control, trembling, stiffness, slowness, and impaired balance. As the disease progresses, it may become difficult to walk, talk, and complete simple tasks. Most people who develop Parkinson's disease are 60 and older.

Daniel Corcos, PhD, is a professor of Physical Therapy & Human Movement Sciences at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, where he conducts innovative research to identify treatments to help people with Parkinson's disease and stroke survivors live their lives to the fullest. Dr. Corcos will share findings from his research, which has demonstrated how exercise is important for improving brain health, and how progressive resistance exercise and endurance exercise are beneficial to people living with Parkinson's disease.

If you have any questions about Dr. Corcos' work, please contact Vic Maurer at victor.maurer@northwestern.edu.

Advance registration required.

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Lecture Series | Northwestern Women in Medicine: Thriving in the Virtual World

Monthly; Dates Below | 5:00 p.m. CST

Women physicians face unique challenges and obstacles throughout their professional careers. These challenges may affect leadership development and opportunities for women in medicine, resulting in a gender gap in the governance of academic medical centers. The third annual Northwestern Women in Medicine Conference will help to identify the obstacles that contribute to gender inequity and start the discourse to bridging it by hosting a virtual lecture series monthly.

Thursday, July 22, 2021 | "Building a Pipeline of Women Leaders Through Promoting Gender Equity"

Advance registration required. CME credit available.

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