



Celebrating Women in Medicine

As we celebrate 150 years of Women in Medicine at Northwestern University, the Women in Medicine (WIM) subcommittee of your MAA board was proud to participate in two recent events highlighting the impact of women in the field, leadership and empowerment among women in medicine, and the advances made in the understanding of women's health.

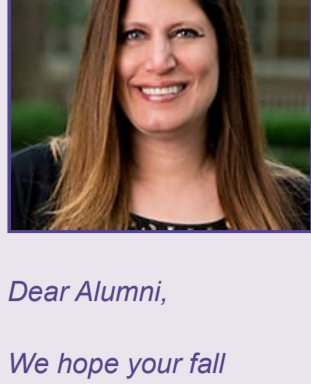
On October 11, the MAA took part in the second annual Northwestern Women in Medicine Conference in Chicago, which aimed to shed light on gender disparities in the field and, through shared experiences, identify tools to overcome the barriers that exist for women in medicine. This symposium also provided networking opportunities among members of the community and those in academic medicine.

On October 14, the MAA also welcomed alumnae to New York City for the Women's Health in the 21st Century event in Rockefeller Plaza (pictured above). The Women's Initiative of Northwestern, in partnership with the Feinberg School of Medicine, hosted a unique panel discussion on women's health across the lifespan. Experts in genetics, mental health, and cardiology were in attendance and shared ways to lead a healthier lifestyle, presented on advances in research and technology, and discussed hot-button issues surrounding women's health. Thank you to all who attended these October events!

The co-chairs of the WIM subcommittee, **Nupur Ghoshal, '01 PhD, '03 MD**, and **Kavitha Gandhi, '98 MD, '99 GMER**, recently highlighted this new initiative of your MAA Board, as well as the various ways that alumnae can get involved. For more information, [view or download our Women in Medicine brochure](#).

We enthusiastically invite you to join us to further the impact of Women in Medicine!

From the Director's Desk:



Dear Alumni,

We hope your fall season is going well. We are gearing up for our 2020 Alumni Weekend, scheduled for April 24–25. For those in reunion year, please look out at the end of December for our Alumni Weekend brochure with details on all the offerings and activities over Alumni Weekend. Later next month, you also will be able to find all this information on our [Alumni Weekend website](#). Registration will open on January 2. Please register early to take advantage of discounted early bird pricing.

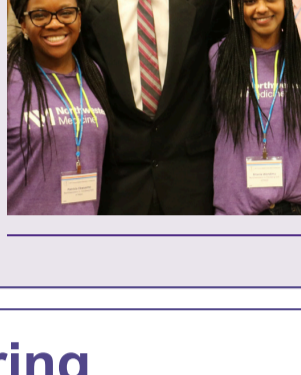
As always, please reach out with any questions or comments.

Thank you,

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Did You Know? MAA & Mentoring



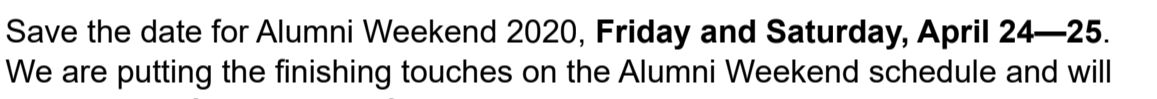
Did you know that your Medical Alumni Association supports students in all of these ways?

- HOST (Help Our Students Travel)
- White Coats
- Alumni Physicians of Feinberg
- Dinners with a Doc
- Mentoring Lunch
- Networking Reception
- Women in Medicine Tea

Students need you! Want to get involved and learn more about all the mentoring opportunities that exist within the MAA?

For more information, [view or download our "Did You Know" brochure](#) on our various student mentoring programs.

It's Coming: Alumni Weekend 2020



Save the date for Alumni Weekend 2020, **Friday and Saturday, April 24–25**. We are putting the finishing touches on the Alumni Weekend schedule and will soon have a full program of events to share with you!

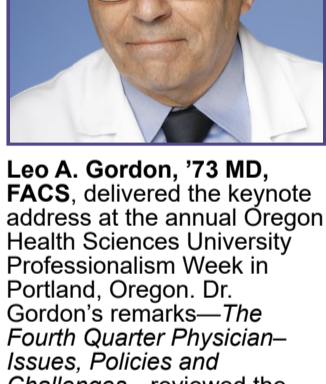
Is this your reunion year? If so, please take a minute to [update your information](#) with us. It is especially important that we have your most up-to-date email address, so that we can be sure that you receive our reunion communications.

Be on the lookout for full Alumni Weekend details coming in January.

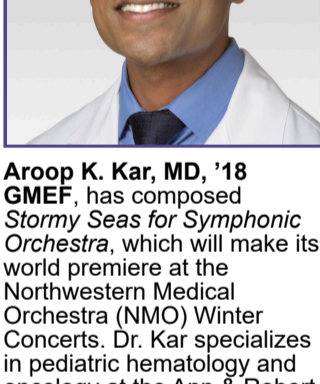
Let's celebrate together in Chicago this spring!

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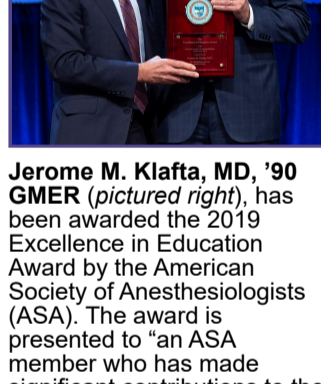
Congrats Are in Order!



Leo A. Gordon, '73 MD, FACS, delivered the keynote address at the annual Oregon Health Sciences University Professionalism Week in Portland, Oregon. Dr. Gordon's remarks—*The Fourth Quarter Physician—Issues, Policies and Challenges*—reviewed the evolving policies and recommendations for evaluating late career physicians as they undergo recertification and reappointment in the face of increasing scientific data on the effects of age on the medical workforce. Dr. Gordon is senior consultant in Clinical Surgery at the Surgery Group of Los Angeles, a surgical multispecialty group, and professor of Surgery at the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. Congratulations, Dr. Gordon!



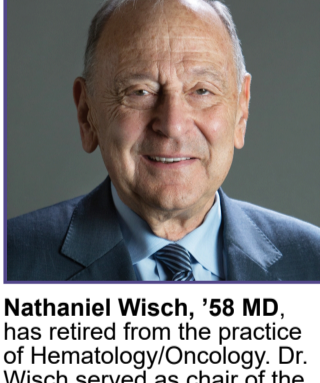
Aroop K. Kar, MD, '18 GMEF, has composed *Stormy Seas for Symphony Orchestra*, which will make its world premiere at the Northwestern Medical Orchestra (NMO) Winter Concerts. Dr. Kar specializes in pediatric hematology and oncology at the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. The NMO concerts will be held at the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab on December 3, and at the Thorne Auditorium on December 4. Admission is free and open to all. For more information, visit the [NMO website](#). Congratulations, Dr. Kar!



Jerome M. Klafta, MD, '90 GMER (pictured right), has been awarded the 2019 Excellence in Education Award by the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA). The award is presented to "an ASA member who has made significant contributions to the specialty through excellence in teaching, development of new teaching methods, or the implementation of innovative educational programs." Dr. Klafta is professor and vice-chair for education in the Department of Anesthesia and Critical Care at the University of Chicago and also serves on their Recruitment, Resident Development, and Clinical Competency committees. A four-time recipient of his department's Teacher of the Year award and a master in the University's Distinguished Medical Educators group, Dr. Klafta also serves as senior examiner for the American Board of Anesthesiology and vice chair of the Basic Examination Committee. Congratulations, Dr. Klafta!



Monica E. Rho '01, '05 MD, '09 GMER, was named to the *Crain's Chicago Business' 40 Under 40* list for 2019. Dr. Rho is chief of Musculoskeletal Medicine at the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab and team physician for the US Women's National Soccer Team. Dr. Rho previously served as head team physician for the US Paralympic Soccer Team and was the recipient of both the Teacher of the Year and Mentor of the Year awards in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Feinberg. Congratulations, Dr. Rho!

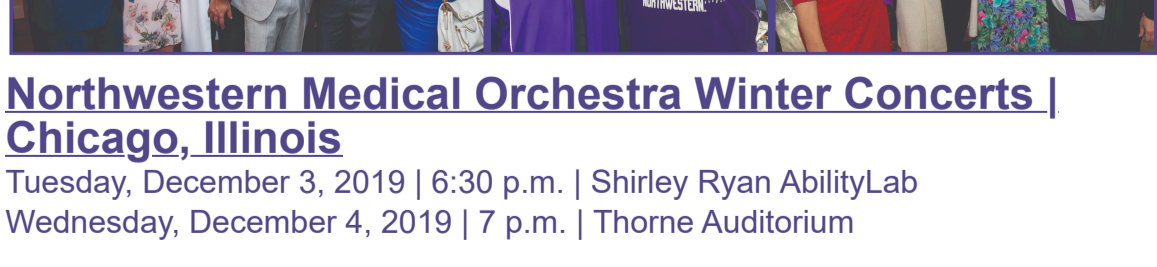


Nathaniel Wisch, '58 MD, has retired from the practice of Hematology/Oncology. Dr. Wisch served as chair of the Hematology/Oncology division at Lenox Hill Hospital and clinical professor of Medicine at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York City. In celebration of his incredible career, Dr. Wisch now plans to spend more time with his family, his grandchildren, and his wife, Helen. Congratulations, Dr. Wisch!

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 for These Upcoming Events!



Northwestern Medical Orchestra Winter Concerts | Chicago, Illinois

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 | 6:30 p.m. | Shirley Ryan AbilityLab
Wednesday, December 4, 2019 | 7 p.m. | Thorne Auditorium

Members of the Northwestern Medical Orchestra invite you to join them for their winter concert featuring works by John Williams, Jean Sibelius, Antonin Dvorak, and the premiere of "Stormy Seas for Symphony Orchestra," by **Aroop Kar, MD, '18 GMEF**.

Free admission and open to all. For more information, visit the [NMO website](#).

Medical Alumni Association Get-Together | Corona Del Mar, California

Thursday, January 23, 2020 | 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Join your Medical Alumni Association for a gathering with alumni and friends on the West Coast!

*This evening is graciously hosted by medical school alumnus, **Dzuy Vu '94, '97 MD**, and his wife, **Anita Moniuszko, DPM**, in their home in Corona del Mar.*

RSVP TODAY

Partnerships in LGBTQ+ Issues | Palm Springs, California

Saturday, January 25, 2020 | 1–4 p.m.

How do medical research and media reporting intersect for the benefit of the LGBTQ+ community? Join Professor Brian Mustanski, PhD, director of Northwestern's Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing, and Professor Steven Thrasher, PhD, the Daniel H. Renberg Chair at the Medill School of Journalism, Media, Integrated Marketing Communications, for a discussion in Palm Springs and an inspiring update on the University's work at the forefront of the LGBTQ+ movement.

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Save the Date: MAA Brunch | Naples, Florida

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 | 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Save the Date for a Medical Alumni Association Brunch in Naples hosted by Alan Krensky, MD, vice dean for Development and Alumni Relations, and **Phyllis Zee, MD, PhD, '87 GMER, '89 GMEF**, chief of Sleep Medicine in the Department of Neurology, the Benjamin and Virginia T. Boshes Professor of Neurology, and professor of Neurology (Sleep Medicine).

Full details coming in December!

