

## Women in STEM



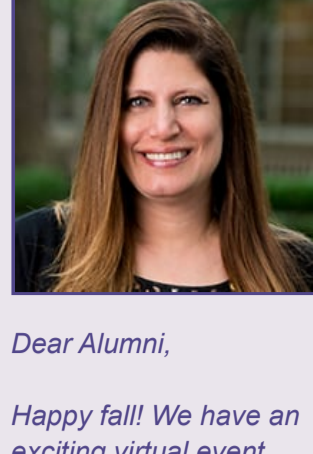
The Women in Medicine subcommittee of the Medical Alumni Association Board was pleased to host students from the William Jones College Preparatory High School STEM Club, who were interested in learning more about the medical field, via Zoom on September 24.

The students submitted questions to the alumnae and current medical student panelists who spoke on different topics regarding women in the medical field. The panelists included: Women in Medicine subcommittee co-chair, **Kavitha Gandhi '94, '98 MD, '99 GMER; Hayley Silver, '14 MD; Margaret Danilovich, '07 DPT, PhD; Lauren Ashcroft '16 MMS;** Marlise Pierre-Wright (3rd year MD student); Bettina Cheung (4th year MD/PhD student); and Meera B. Ganesh (1st year MD student).

Thank you to all of the students and panelists who participated!

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## From the Director's Desk:



Dear Alumni,

Happy fall! We have an exciting virtual event coming up on October 27. Dr. Eric Boberg will be presenting his very popular Alumni Weekend presentation, "That Was Then, This Is Now: Evolution of the Medical Campus." For those of you who have not been on campus over the last few years, many exciting changes have occurred, and Dr. Boberg will highlight those, as well as discuss the history of the medical campus. Please see the "Upcoming Events" section of this newsletter for more information on how to sign up for this free event.

As always, please reach out to me with any questions.

Thank you,  
Babette

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## MD Reunion Honor Roll is LIVE!



Did you celebrate your reunion in 2020? The [2020 MD Reunion Giving Honor Roll](#) is LIVE. Thank you for your generosity during your reunion year! We are grateful to all of our alumni who gave back to the medical school in honor of their reunion. Find your name listed on our [Honor Roll](#).

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FIND YOUR NAME ON THE HONOR ROLL

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

"The Old Lady on Harrison Street: A History on Cook County Hospital, Part 1"



The Old Lady on Harrison Street

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

In this very special two-part episode, Dr. Gugenheim does a deep dive into the rich and fascinating history of Cook County Hospital. Part one explores the first century of existence for this longstanding Chicago institution and its evolution during that time.

Dr. Gugenheim presents an "[The Old Lady on Harrison Street: A History on Cook County Hospital, Part 1](#)."

Stay tuned next month for the terrific conclusion of this two-part series, in which Dr. Gugenheim will walk us through the hospital's next 100 years.

Thank you, Dr. Gugenheim!

VIEW "THE OLD LADY ON HARRISON STREET: A HISTORY ON COOK COUNTY HOSPITAL, PART 1"

## Have Questions About Zoom?



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.

Your Alumni Relations team also is happy to help! If you have questions about Zoom or any of our events, email us at [medalumevents@northwestern.edu](mailto:medalumevents@northwestern.edu).

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## Spotlight On...Our Nursing Alumni

In this new feature, we will highlight the biography of one of our incredible nursing alumni. We are grateful for the opportunity to shine a light on their tremendous professional and personal accomplishments and applaud their incredible achievements as they reflect on their lives and careers.

If you would like to share a recent accomplishment or career reflection, please contact us at [medalum@northwestern.edu](mailto:medalum@northwestern.edu).



This month, we are pleased to feature **Sara Armstrong '88**, who shared with us that "*Northwestern provided an amazing experience and foundation for my growth as a clinician and leader in health care, and I would love to reconnect to my peers from NU.*"

Sara Armstrong was promoted to senior vice president at Ontrak, Inc. in July. Sara received her bachelor of science in Nursing in 1988 after starting her undergraduate work on the Evanston campus and transferring to the downtown campus to pursue a nursing major. After graduation from Northwestern, she worked on the 14th floor of Wesley Pavilion in Hematology/Oncology/Bone Marrow Transplant. Sara went on to pursue graduate studies in Nursing Administration at the University of California, San Francisco and launched her leadership career as the associate director of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology at Children's Hospital, Oakland.

Over the latter part of her 30+ year career, Sara has focused on the delivery and management of programs to drive sustainable behavior change, improve quality of life, and reduce health care costs. For the past three years at Ontrak, Sara has led teams to deliver their mission to "to help improve the health and save the lives of as many people as possible." Sara's team includes over 250 Care Coaches (a blend of nurses and certified health coaches) who help members with untreated behavioral health conditions to receive treatment and learn to self-manage their chronic medical conditions to improve their health and quality of life and reduce unnecessary health care utilization.

Since her hire, Sara has overseen tremendous growth of her team to support the mission of Ontrak. Ontrak has doubled the number of enrolled members four times since August 2017—increasing the number of members in treatment from 1,100 to 14,000. To support these members, Sara has grown her team of coaches, supervisors, and leaders from a size of 42 to nearly 350. In addition to growth, Ontrak reports high member retention in their 52-week program and consistently reports excellent NPS member satisfaction scores with coaching (>75).

Sara and her partner, Scot, have three grown children (and several dogs!) and live in Saugatuck, Michigan. She enjoys spending time with family, traveling, and paddle-boarding.

Our thanks to Sara Armstrong for this wonderful update!

## Meet Our Future Medical Alumni



Learn more about the entering MD Class of 2020 profile on the [Feinberg Admissions website](#).

This impressive and accomplished group of students are well on their way to becoming future leaders in the field of medicine and following in the footsteps of our incredible alumni.

Welcome to the fold, [Class of 2024!](#)

## Medical Alums in the Bubble



**Charles "Chuck" Peterson, '98 MD** (pictured right), team physician for the Phoenix Suns, and **Bryan Murtaugh, MD, '12 GMER, '13 GMEF** (pictured left), team physician for the Washington Wizards, are shown in the "NBA Bubble," created by the National Basketball Association (NBA) in response to COVID-19.

Thank you to Dr. Peterson for sharing these terrific photos of himself and Dr. Murtaugh and for capturing the unique experience of having two Northwestern medical alumni in the Bubble!

## Boxer's Shorts



Medical alum **Robert Boxer, '56 MD**, has authored several comic books titled *Boxer's Shorts*. He was generous enough to share this rotating internship pun with us.

Thank you, Dr. Boxer!

Do you have personal or professional accomplishments that you want your classmates to know about? We want to hear from you!

Email us at [medalum@northwestern.edu](mailto:medalum@northwestern.edu) and let us know your news. Be sure to include a photo of yourself along with the update.

Updates and news may be included in future editions of this newsletter and/or *Northwestern Medicine Magazine's* "Alumni Progress Notes" section.

## Congrats Are in Order!



MAA Board member and former MAA Board president, **Bonnie L. Typlin '70, '74 MD**, was awarded the [2020 Service to Northwestern Award](#) during the Northwestern Alumni Association's Annual Meeting and Service and Club Awards on Thursday, September 17.

For more than 45 years, Dr. Typlin has generously devoted her time and talents to support the work of the University and the medical school by serving on the MAA board, mentoring medical students, engaging her fellow classmates as a reunion class rep, and so much more. She also is a founding member of the Council of One Hundred and a member of the NU Club of Tucson.

The Service to Northwestern Award is presented to alumni in recognition of leadership and service excellence rendered to the University via the Northwestern Alumni Association, an affiliated alumni group, school or unit, or other University associated program. These awards highlight the importance of volunteerism, honoring the University's most dedicated volunteers together as a community.

To view a complete list of our medical alumni award winners, visit our [website](#).

Congratulations, Dr. Typlin!



**Mark A. D'Agostino, MD, '91 GMER, '94 GMER**, was appointed chief medical officer of Alaxo Airway Stents, a provider of stent-based therapies. Dr. D'Agostino is board certified from the American Board of Otolaryngology and the American Board of Sleep Medicine. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery and the American College of Surgeons; a founding member of the International Society of Sleep Surgeons; and a member of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, New Haven County Medical Society, Connecticut State Medical Society, and the Connecticut ENT Society. Dr. D'Agostino is on staff at four hospitals (Middlesex, Midstate, Griffin, and Yale) and is section chief at Middlesex Hospital.



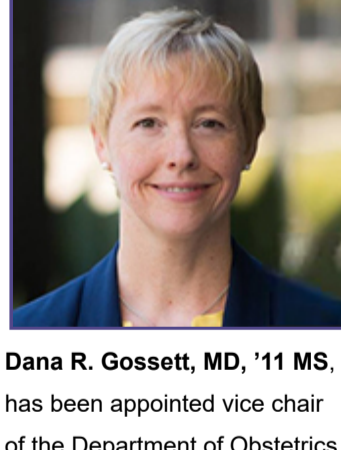
**Christine A. Dingivan, MD, '96 GMER**, has been appointed president and chief executive officer of Emmes, a clinical research company based in Rockville, Maryland. Dr. Dingivan previously served as a senior executive with Novartis, becoming the company's first global head of data and digital and creating a digital innovation lab connecting entrepreneurs with Novartis mentors, partners, and datasets in order to stimulate healthcare innovation. Before joining Novartis, Dr. Dingivan spent eight years at PPD, Inc., a leading global clinical research organization, where she served as chief medical officer and global head of strategic client solutions, as well as a member of the executive committee. Congratulations, Dr. Dingivan!



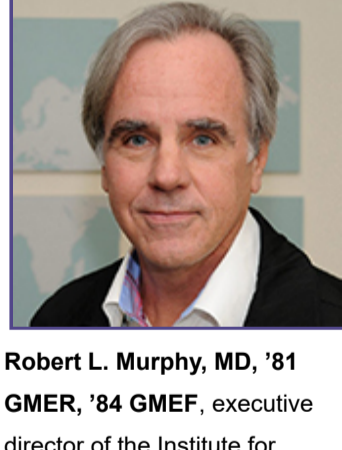
**John E. Franklin, MD, '15 MA**, has been appointed by Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker to serve on the Adult Use Cannabis Health Advisory Committee. Dr. Franklin is associate dean for Diversity, Inclusion, and Student Support, interim chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science, and chief of Addiction Psychiatry at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Congratulations, Dr. Franklin!



**Patricia M. Garcia, MD, '91 GMER**, associate dean for curriculum and professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the Division of Maternal Fetal Medicine and of Medical Education, is the recipient of this year's Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Award from the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC). The award, administered through the AAMC's Organization of Student Representatives, "honors one medical school faculty physician in the country who exemplifies the qualities of a successful mentor and advisor to medical students and embodies the characteristics necessary for a physician to practice patient-centered medicine by teaching ethics, empathy, and service by example." Congratulations, Dr. Garcia!



**Dana R. Gossett, MD, '11 MS**, has been appointed vice chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, focusing on ambulatory care and quality, and as deputy chief clinical officer at NYU Langone Health to oversee quality initiatives across the entire outpatient network. Dr. Gossett previously served as an endowed professor at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), and served for ten years on faculty at Feinberg. At UCSF, she most recently focused on clinical administration, women's health, and ambulatory care, previously having led divisions of OB/GYN at both Northwestern and UCSF. Congratulations, Dr. Gossett!



**Robert L. Murphy, MD, '81 GMER, '84 GMEF**, executive director of the Institute for Global Health, John Philip Phair Professor of Infectious Diseases, director of the Center for Global Communicable and Emerging Infectious Diseases, and professor of Biomedical Engineering at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, was recently appointed to the scientific advisory board of Inspirotec, Inc., to help meet demand for the company's AirAnswers™ Airborne COVID-10 testing device. Congratulations, Dr. Murphy!



**Latasha D. Nelson, MD, '08 MS, GMEF**, has been appointed by Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker to serve on the Adult Use Cannabis Health Advisory Committee. Dr. Nelson is associate professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Congratulations, Dr. Nelson!



**Peter S. Pang, MD, '13 MS**, has been promoted to department chair for Clinical, Education, and Research Programs at the Indiana University (IU) School of Medicine, where he has served as interim chair since October 2019. Dr. Pang joined the IU School of Medicine Department of Emergency Medicine in 2014. He was later appointed to the newly-created role of vice chair for Strategic Innovation and was named vice chair for Operations and Clinical Strategy. Dr. Pang previously served for ten years on faculty at Feinberg. Congratulations, Dr. Pang!



**Jeffrey R. Smith, MD, '90 GMER, '94 GMEF, '95 GMEF, FACC**, has been appointed chair for the Department of Medicine and Medical Specialties at the University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford. Dr. Smith is a clinical associate professor in the department and has been on faculty since 1996. He directed cardiology education for the Medical School, earning the Distinguished Teaching Award in 2010, as well as other recognition. Dr. Smith has served on the college's Medical Executive Committee and several other committees and task forces. Congratulations, Dr. Smith!

*Do you have news to share with us or know of an alumnus/a we should recognize in the newsletter?*

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### Virtual Conference | Northwestern Leadership Symposium

October 1–2, 2020 | 10 a.m.–3 p.m. CST

Feinberg alumni volunteers are enthusiastically invited to participate in the Northwestern Leadership Symposium. Enhance your leadership skills and expand your understanding of critical diversity, equity, and inclusion topics at the University's 56th annual Leadership Symposium for Northwestern volunteers. This year's virtual conference will feature live presentations and discussions with campus leaders.

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### Webinar | That Was Then, This Is Now: Evolution of the Medical Campus

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 | 4:00–5:00 p.m. CST

Northwestern University's Chicago campus dates back to its original three buildings from the 1920s. It has grown and changed dramatically over the years. This presentation by Eric W. Boberg, PhD, executive director for Research and research assistant professor of Medicine (General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics), is a photographic walk down memory lane to look at the buildings as they have come and gone and helped to support the growth of Northwestern's top-tier academic medical center.

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