

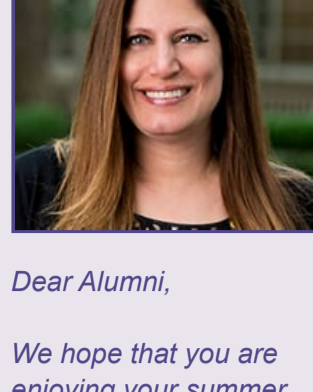
Exploring the Tipping Point

On July 13, we were pleased to host a very special webinar—*The Tipping Point: How Discoveries in Brain Sciences, Treatment Implementation, and Health Disparities Will Change the Future of Mental Health Care*. Sachin Patel, MD, PhD, the Lizzie Gilman Professor and chair of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, described innovative educational and clinical programs offered by the department and emerging treatments for a variety of conditions. Additionally, he shared plans for new areas of research expansion and insight into how existing nationally-recognized programs could change our understanding of the biological basis for mental illnesses, reduce barriers to care delivery, and ameliorate disparities in mental health care.

If you missed this webinar or would simply like to revisit the conversation, we invite you to explore the Virtual Event Recording Archives on our [website](#).

For more information on this topic, please contact us at medalum@northwestern.edu. Thank you to all who joined us!

From the Director's Desk:



Dear Alumni,

We hope that you are enjoying your summer. We are very excited to be hosting two Feinberg-specific events in Ireland in conjunction with the Aer Lingus College Football Classic in August. The Northwestern Wildcats will face the Nebraska Cornhuskers in their opening season game on Saturday, August 27, 2022.

Please see more information in the "Upcoming Events" section of this newsletter and email us if you are planning on attending the game. We would love for you to be a part of our Feinberg dinner or breakfast to connect with fellow alumni.

As always, please reach out with any questions.

Thank you,
Babette

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Going to Ireland? We Want to Hear from You!



Are you planning to join us in Ireland next month for the Aer Lingus College Football Classic?

Northwestern Football will open the 2022 season when the Wildcats take on the Nebraska Cornhuskers in Dublin.

Please send us a quick [email](#) to let us know if you'll be attending. We have developed a special Medical Alumni Association itinerary and would love for you to join us at these exclusive events. See the "Upcoming Events" portion of this newsletter for more information and to register.

Though package sales have closed, single game tickets may still be available for purchase.

Please reach out to Emma Wittkowski at medalumevents@northwestern.edu for more information.



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

"Cracker Jack: The Chicago Snack"



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

In this month's episode, Dr. Gugenheim explores the history of one of the original Chicago snacks—the Cracker Jack. As it so happens, our own Windy City was quite the candy hub in the early twentieth century. Learn more about the origins of this popular peanut and popcorn snack that dates all the way back to 1896. So tune in to this month's delicious presentation—we'll buy you some peanuts and Cracker Jack!

Dr. Gugenheim presents "[Cracker Jack: The Chicago Snack](#)."

Thank you, Dr. Gugenheim!

VIEW "CRACKER JACK: THE CHICAGO SNACK"

COMING NEXT MONTH:

Calling all NUDDS graduates! You won't want to miss Dr. Gugenheim's presentation on Northwestern University Dental School next month. The Dental School produced some of the top dentists in the country and is a great source of pride for the Medical Alumni Association. We're thrilled to explore the history of our beloved Dental School in the next episode of our MAA Digital Series.

Catch up on all previous episodes of our MAA Digital Series on our [MAA website](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

Rebecca M. Blank Shares Cancer Diagnosis

Steps Down as President-Elect of Northwestern



It is with great sadness we share that President-elect Rebecca M. Blank has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer and will be unable to fulfill her role as the 17th president of Northwestern University.

"I do not have the words to express to you how disappointed and sad I am to be telling you this. I was excited to be joining you at Northwestern, a world-class institution that is near and dear to my heart," she wrote in a message to the Northwestern community.

Dr. Blank was on the faculty of the Northwestern Economics Department from 1989 to 1999. She also served as director of the Joint Center for Poverty Research and co-director of the Northwestern/University of Chicago Interdisciplinary Training Program in Poverty, Race, and Underclass Issues. The Board of Trustees has asked President Morton Schapiro to remain in his role as president until a successor is named. Read more about this development on the *Northwestern Now* [website](#).

Our thoughts are with Dr. Blank and her family during this difficult time.

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Alumni Benefits & Perks

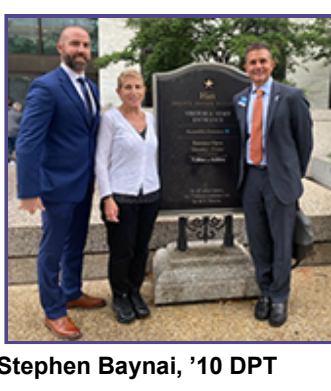


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- **Email for Life:** Sign up for your free Google-powered Northwestern email account.
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- **Access to Galter Library:** Planning a visit to campus? Contact us for your Medical Alumni Association Alumni ID Card.
- **Continuing Medical Education:** Explore conferences and distance learning opportunities.

Graduated recently? Moved? Do you have a new phone number or email address? Please send us your [updated contact information](#).

Congrats Are in Order!



Stephen Baynai, '10 DPT (pictured left), **Mark Kaufman '89 PT** (pictured right), along with Northwestern University Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences faculty member **Babette Sanders** (pictured center) recently traveled to Washington, DC, to lobby on issues important to physical therapy and its patients. Congratulations, Dr. Baynai and Mr. Kaufman!



Yusra Cheema, MD, '11 GMEF, was named the recipient of Feinberg's George H. Joost Teaching Award for outstanding teaching in a large-group setting during the M1 year during the Honors Day Award Ceremony that took place earlier this spring. Dr. Cheema is assistant professor of Medicine in the Division of Nephrology and Hypertension. Congratulations, Dr. Cheema!



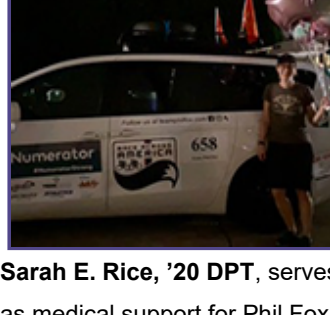
Christopher M. Gonzalez, MD, '00 GMEF, '06 MBA, has been awarded the Barringer Medal from the American Association of Genitourinary Surgeons and was recently named a trustee to the American Board of Urology. Dr. Gonzalez is chief of Surgery, as well as chair and the Albert J. Jr. and Claire Speth Professor of Urology at Loyola University Medical Center and Stritch School of Medicine. Congratulations, Dr. Gonzalez!



Josh Levitsky, MD, '08 MS, was recently named president-elect of the American Society of Transplantation (AST), the largest transplant organization in North America. In addition to the AST, Dr. Levitsky is an active member of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases and the International Liver Transplantation Society. He previously served as co-chair of the American Transplant Congress, the AST Cutting Edge of Transplantation Meeting, and the AST Education Committee. Dr. Levitsky is professor of Medicine (Gastroenterology and Hepatology), Medical Education, and Surgery (Organ Transplantation) at Feinberg. Congratulations, Dr. Levitsky!



Brian J. Miller, '11 MD, MBA, MPH, joined the American Enterprise Institute as a nonresident fellow in June 2022. Dr. Miller serves as an advisor to members of Congress and their staff and lives in Washington, DC. He remains a practicing hospitalist at Johns Hopkins Hospital and on the medical school faculty. Congratulations, Dr. Miller!



Sarah E. Rice, '20 DPT, serves as medical support for Phil Fox, Chicago musician and cyclist, on Race Across America sponsored by Athletico. Mr. Fox rides to support the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. Live tracking of Mr. Fox's cycling can be found [here](#). Congratulations, Dr. Rice!



Scott Sarran '77, '79 MD, '92 MBA, was appointed to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission by the U.S. Government Accountability Office. Dr. Sarran, a geriatrician, is chief medical officer at MoreCare. Congratulations, Dr. Sarran!



Anil R. Wadhvani '11, '19 PhD, '20 MD, was named to the board of directors for the National Resident Matching Program, one of the main organizations that helps to place medical students and residency applicants into residency and fellowship training positions. Dr. Wadhvani is a neurology resident at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Congratulations, Dr. Wadhvani!



Yinan Zheng '12 MS, '17 PhD, is the lead author of a Northwestern Medicine study published in the journal [Circulation](#) that highlights that epigenetic biomarkers may reflect past cardiovascular health exposures and predict cardiovascular disease in the future. Dr. Zheng is assistant professor of Preventive Medicine at Feinberg. For more information on this study, visit the [Feinberg News Center](#). Congratulations, Dr. Zheng!

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!



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.

VISIT THE MAA'S PLAN IT PURPLE PAGE

A Night With Northwestern at the Theater: The Devil Wears Prada, The Musical

Friday, August 12, 2022 | 7:30 p.m. CST

The Northwestern Alumni Association and School of Communication invite you to *A Night With Northwestern at the Theater: The Devil Wears Prada, The Musical*. Based on the hit film and featuring an all-star creative team led by Elton John and Anna D. Shapiro, with lyrics by singer-songwriter Shaina Taub (*Suffs* at The Public Theater), a book by Kate Wetherhead (*Submissions Only*), choreography by James Alsop (*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*), and music supervision by Nadia DiGiallonardo (*Waitress*), *The Devil Wears Prada, The Musical* is a glamorous and hilarious story about finding your place and discovering what matters most.

James M. Nederlander Theatre

Register by August 1 (or until tickets sell out). Please contact alumnieducation@northwestern.edu with questions.

Per the theatre's COVID-19 guidelines, audience members are required to wear masks. Visit broadwayinchicago.com/covid19 for further details.

REGISTER TODAY

Medical Alumni Association Dinner and Northwestern Alumni Association Breakfast | Dublin, Ireland

Friday, August 26—Saturday, August 27, 2022

Your Medical Alumni Association is heading to Dublin. We hope that you're planning to join us in Ireland to cheer on the Northwestern Wildcats at the Aer Lingus College Football Classic this August!

We've put together a special Medical Alumni Association itinerary and would love for you to be our guest at both of these exclusive events...

Medical Alumni Association Dinner

Join us for drinks, dinner, and fun conversation with fellow alumni and friends of the medical school:

Friday, August 26, 2022

4:30 p.m. Drinks

5:30 p.m. Dinner

Darwins Restaurant | 80 Aungier Street, Dublin 2

Northwestern Alumni Association Breakfast

Join fellow Northwestern alumni and friends for a pre-game morning get-together over a full Irish breakfast:

Saturday, August 27, 2022

10:00 a.m. Breakfast

The Pavilion Bar | Trinity College Dublin, Dublin 2

Space is limited for these events, so **please RSVP by Friday, August 12**.

To RSVP, please contact Emma Wittkowski at medalumevents@northwestern.edu.

Please note, though package sales have closed, single game tickets may still be available for purchase. Please contact [Emma](#) for more information.

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