

Alumni Weekend 2023 is Just Around the Corner!

Early Bird Discounts End Tuesday, August 15, at 11:59 p.m. CDT



Have you signed up for Alumni Weekend (**October 13–14**) yet?

Don't miss your chance to save! **Early bird registration discounts run through 11:59 p.m. CDT on Tuesday, August 15.**

Congratulations to all our 2023 reunion classes (graduation years ending in 3 or 8) celebrating milestone reunions this year, including the **Class of 1973**, our guests of honor, who will celebrate their 50th reunion and be inducted into the Half Century Club!

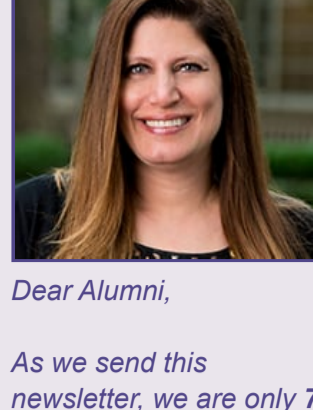
Not your reunion year? Not a problem. This is truly an all-alumni weekend. We have so many fun activities planned—campus tours, Chicago sightseeing opportunities, free CME offerings, our Women in Medicine Tea, and more!

You won't want to miss our official kickoff to Alumni Weekend. On Friday, October 13, join Eric G. Neilson, MD, vice president for Medical Affairs and Lewis Landsberg Dean, to hear updates on the medical school and his vision for the future during Conversations with the Dean. Immediately after, connect with your classmates, salute the 50-year class, celebrate your milestone reunion, and gather for the Distinguished Alumni Award presentation at Celebrate in Chicago—our all-alumni party! Enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a dinner and dessert buffet by Gibsons Steakhouse, and even a little dance music.

So, fall back to campus and come celebrate with us! Don't wait another minute. Visit our [website](#) to register today.

REGISTER FOR ALUMNI WEEKEND

From the Director's Desk:



Dear Alumni,

As we send this newsletter, we are only **78 days** from Alumni Weekend! **Our early bird pricing ends August 15.** For those who are part of our Half Century Club (HCC), we have exclusive programming for you throughout Alumni Weekend. This includes educational forums, Celebrate in Chicago—an all-alumni celebration, campus tours, our Pancakes and Perspectives breakfast, and our special annual HCC dinner. Visit our [website](#) to register. Please let me know if you have any questions, and we look forward to welcoming you back for Alumni Weekend, October 13–14!

Thank you,
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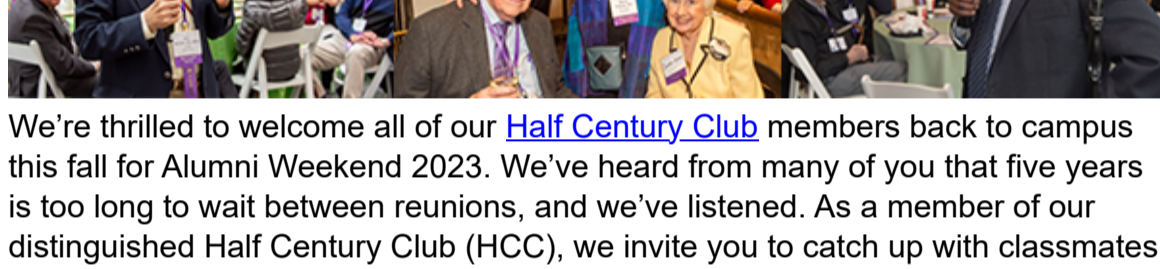
For more information about your reunion, contact:

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Welcoming All Half Century Club Members to Alumni Weekend 2023



We're thrilled to welcome all of our [Half Century Club](#) members back to campus this fall for Alumni Weekend 2023. We've heard from many of you that five years is too long to wait between reunions, and we've listened. As a member of our distinguished Half Century Club (HCC), we invite you to catch up with classmates and friends and enjoy a host of exclusive programming for our HCC members throughout the weekend, culminating in our second annual Half Century Club Dinner.

[Online registration](#) is easy, and you may select which à la carte events that you'd like to attend.

Want to learn more? Reach out to our Alumni Relations team so that we can help you plan your weekend!

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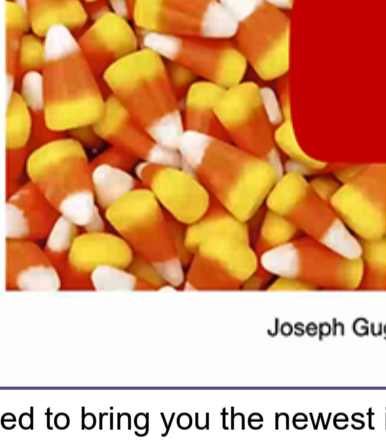
MAA Digital Series:

Hosted by Joseph Gugenheim, '72 MD

"Candy Corn and the Vanishing Heiress: The Story of Brach's Candy and Helen Brach"

Candy Corn and the Vanishing Heiress

The Story of Brach's Candy and Helen Brach



Joseph Gugenheim, '72 MD

We're thrilled to bring you the newest installment of our MAA Digital Series, from our fantastic host and historian, alum **Joseph Gugenheim, '72 MD**.

In celebration of National Junk Food Day on July 21, Dr. Gugenheim explores the origins of candy making in the Windy City. One of the notable names to revolutionize the industry is one that many may recognize—the Brach family.

What once started as a small sweets shop in Lincoln Park eventually grew to become the company whose countless confections line store shelves to this very day.

Not everything may be as sweet as it seems for the longtime Chicago mainstay and purveyors of iconic classics such as candy corn though. The legacy of the Brach's Candy Company is marred by the mystery that surrounds its vanishing heiress, Helen Brach. While questions abound, Dr. Gugenheim doesn't sugarcoat the possible explanations.

Dr. Gugenheim presents "[Candy Corn and the Vanishing Heiress: The Story of Brach's Candy and Helen Brach](#)."

Thank you, Dr. Gugenheim!

VIEW "CANDY CORN AND THE VANISHING HEIRESS: THE STORY OF BRACH'S CANDY AND HELEN BRACH"

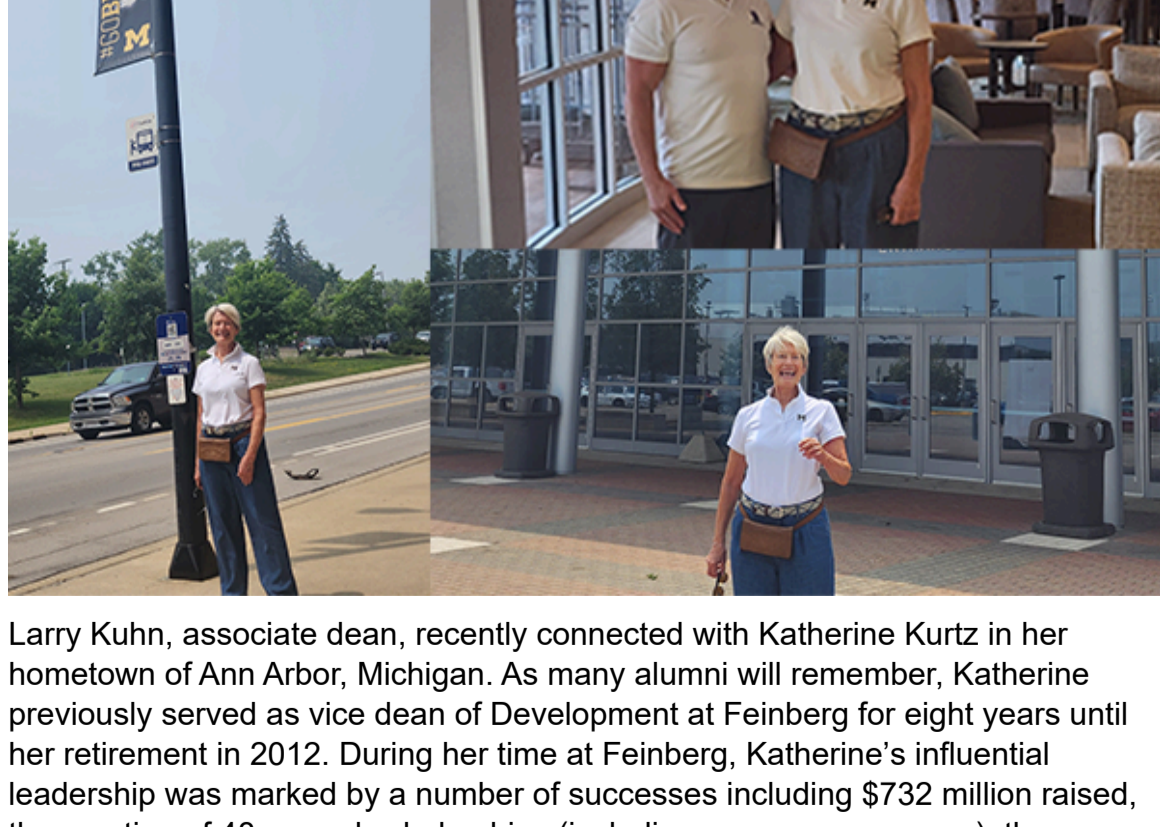
COMING SOON!

Next month's episode, the first in a two-part series, harkens back to days gone by as Dr. Gugenheim unearths Chicago's "Dinosaur Hospitals." Some with origins as far back as the 1800s, a surprising number of these Chicago hospitals have come and gone. While most changed hands and/or shuttered their doors, very few of these locations have stood the test of time.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us next month for the first installment of our two-part episode!

In the meantime, catch up on all previous episodes of our MAA Digital Series on our [MAA website](#) and [YouTube Channel](#).

Greetings from Ann Arbor!



Larry Kuhn, associate dean, recently connected with Katherine Kurtz in her hometown of Ann Arbor, Michigan. As many alumni will remember, Katherine recently served as vice dean of Development at Northwestern for eight years until her retirement in 2012. During her time at Feinberg, Katherine's influential leadership was marked by a number of successes including \$732 million raised, the creation of 48 named scholarships (including an eponymous one), the establishment of 23 endowed professorships, the dedication of the Robert H. Lurie Medical Research Center, and the development of an expanded alumni and donor giving and volunteerism society (now known as [The Founders Society](#)). Katherine spent 22 years at the University of Michigan prior to joining Northwestern and returned home to her native Michigan after retirement.

Thank you to Katherine and Larry for sharing these photos of your reunion!

The Heart's Knowledge: Collaborating with The Block Museum of Art



On June 27, members of the Feinberg Office of Development and Alumni Relations headed north to our Central campus in Evanston to take in an afternoon exhibit at the Block Museum of Art. The purpose of the outing was two-fold. In addition to viewing an outstanding exhibit that centered on the emotional importance of scientific technologies, the trip allowed us to learn more about the Block and explore ways in which we might partner together in the future. The Block staff kindly provided a guided tour of [The Heart's Knowledge: Science and Empathy in the Art of Dario Robleto](#) exhibit.

"The Heart's Knowledge marks the culmination of Robleto's five-year engagement as artist-at-large in Northwestern University's McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science. This exhibition reflects the spirit of that enterprise, expanding conversations around ethics and empathy in scientific fields, and inviting us to look and listen to the life that surrounds us with curiosity and compassion."

For more information on the exhibit, please view the Block's [website](#).

Thank you to the Block for hosting our department for this terrific outing!

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VIEW OUR BLOCK PHOTO ALBUM

Congrats Are in Order!



Cate M. Yashar, '91 MD, and Diane Bronstein Wayne '88, '91 MD ('18, '20 P) (pictured left to right), both assumed chief medical officer (CMO) roles in July 2023. Dr. Yashar is CMO at University of California San Diego Health, and Dr. Wayne is CMO at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Drs. Yashar and Wayne are close friends and MD 1991 classmates. Congratulations, Drs. Yashar and Wayne!



Marny Fetzer, MD, '13 GMEF, has been appointed chief medical officer, joining the executive leadership team, at Hospice of the Chesapeake in Maryland. Dr. Fetzer previously served as system medical director for Palliative Care and Hospice Services at Ascension Health in Mount Prospect, Illinois. Congratulations, Dr. Fetzer!



Sadiya S. Khan '05, '09 MD, '12 GMER, '14 MSc, '16 GMEF, the Magerstadt Professor of Cardiovascular Epidemiology, is the corresponding author on a recent Northwestern Medicine study that found that despite having risk factors for heart disease, only 60 percent of women reported receiving counseling on optimizing their heart health, which includes healthy eating, exercise, and losing weight gained during pregnancy at their six-week postpartum visit between 2016 and 2020. The article was published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. The study is the first to describe contemporary rates of heart-health counseling during postpartum visits for women with heart disease risk factors or who experienced pregnancy complications. To learn more about the study, visit the [Feinberg News Center](#). Congratulations, Dr. Khan!



Sam Weinberg, '18 PhD, '19 MD, has been awarded the prestigious [Burroughs Wellcome Fund Career Award for Medical Scientists](#). Awarded to early-career physician-scientists, the fund "aims to nurture a diverse group of leaders in biomedical sciences to improve human health through education and powering scientific discovery," providing \$700,000 over five years to bridge advanced postdoctoral and fellowship training with the early years of faculty service.

The Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine Office of Foundation Relations was integral in helping to secure this award. To learn more about the team's work, please visit their [website](#).

Dr. Weinberg will establish his own laboratory at Feinberg with the award, furthering his research on how changes in the metabolic environment can influence immunity. Dr. Weinberg also will join the Feinberg faculty in the fall as assistant professor of Pathology in addition to his clinical service in clinical immunology. Congratulations, Dr. Weinberg!

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.

Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendars!



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!

VISIT THE MAA'S PLAN IT PURPLE PAGE

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.

Private Alumni Event | Denver, Colorado

Tuesday, August 8, 2023 | 6:00 p.m. MDT

Join us for an evening of conversation and camaraderie. This is a great opportunity to reconnect and make new acquaintances with your fellow Northwestern alumni. This private evening will be graciously hosted at the home of **Emily Jones, '08 MD, '11 GMER,** and Matthew D. Jones, MD, in honor of Emily Jones's 15th MD reunion.

Drinks, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and dessert will be served.

Full details upon RSVP. Space is very limited for this exclusive event.

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

REGISTER TODAY

Alumni Weekend 2023 | Chicago, Illinois

Friday, October 13–Saturday, October 14, 2023

Fall Back to Campus and Celebrate in Chicago

Alumni Weekend is the cornerstone event for the Medical Alumni Association. Spend the weekend reconnecting with friends and classmates as you explore campus, participate in lectures and tours, and celebrate at class dinners. We are thrilled to welcome back our 2023 reunion classes, as well as all members of our Half Century Club. Not your reunion year? Not a problem! There's so much to see and do. Plan to spend your fall with us. See you in Chicago!

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