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**NEW
LOOK!**

Exciting Changes to Your MAA Newsletter

We are delighted to unveil the new look and format of our Medical Alumni Association Newsletter! Our revamped design offers a more engaging, user-friendly experience, making it easier for you to stay connected with the latest news, events, and achievements within our alumni community. Featuring a fresh layout and enhanced visuals, this update reflects our commitment to keeping you informed and inspired. Dive in and explore the exciting changes that make our newsletter not just a source of information, but a celebration of you and your fellow alumni!

From the Director's Desk:

Dear Alumni,

We hope that you are enjoying your summer! We are currently updating our database and would like to confirm that we have your most current contact information. Having your updated address, work information, and email address on file allows us to keep you informed of alumni news and events in your area. Take a minute to update your information via our [online form](#).

As always, please reach out to me with any questions at babette.henderson@northwestern.edu.

Thank you,
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Save the Date for Alumni Weekend 2025

Join Us on Campus Next Spring, May 2–3



Your Alumni Relations team and medical school leadership are excited to announce the dates for Alumni Weekend 2025! Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on campus **May 2–3**.

Whether you'll be **celebrating your reunion** (classes whose graduation years end in 5 or 0), joining us for our **Half Century Club** programming, taking CME courses, mentoring students, or checking out what's new at Northwestern, we can't wait to welcome you! Alumni Weekend is the cornerstone event for the Medical Alumni Association, and this is truly **an ALL alumni celebration**. Reconnect with friends, participate in lectures and tours, explore the campus, and celebrate with your classmates at reunion class dinners.

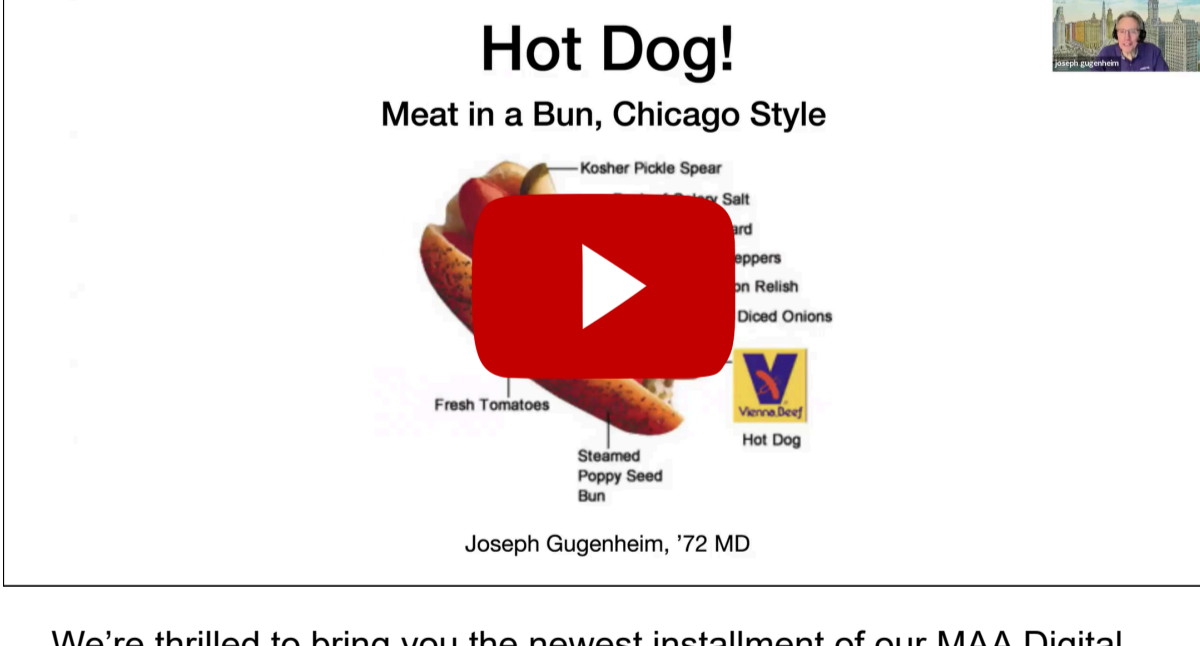
Stay tuned for detailed information about your Alumni Weekend coming later this year. Please note that invitations for invite-only Alumni Weekend events, such as the **Commitment to Scholarships Luncheon** and **The Founders Society Reception**, will be sent in early 2025.

If you have any questions about Alumni Weekend or are celebrating a milestone reunion this year and would like to get involved with your class committee, please contact us at medalum@northwestern.edu.

Add Alumni Weekend 2025 to My Calendar

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

"Hot Dog! Meat in a Bun, Chicago-Style"



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**.

Celebrated annually on the third Wednesday of July, National Hot Dog Day 2024 took place on July 17. In this month's episode, Dr. Gugenheim delves into the origins of this famed Chicago delicacy and summer staple. The classic Chicago-style hot dog undoubtedly tops the list of quintessential Chicago food fare. This all-beef frankfurter on a poppy seed bun is known for being "dragged through the garden" with a topping list a mile long, but did you ever wonder how this came to be? Or when ketchup became an unforgivable sin? Join Dr. Gugenheim as he explores the history of this Chicago favorite.

Dr. Gugenheim presents **"Hot Dog! Meat in a Bun, Chicago-Style."**

Thank you, Dr. Gugenheim!

Stream "Hot Dog! Meat in a Bun, Chicago-Style"

COMING SOON:

In celebration of National Burger Day on August 22, join Dr. Gugenheim next month for a presentation on Chicagoland native Ray Kroc, the famed businessperson and founder of McDonald's. Kroc oversaw the global expansion of the fast-food chain and several innovations that cemented the iconic status of the burger giant. As generous and dedicated philanthropists, Ray and his wife, Joan Kroc gave 10 million dollars to Children's Memorial Hospital (now the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago).

Tune in next month with Dr. Gugenheim to learn more about Oak Park's own Ray Kroc.

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

NMO Summer Concert Recap



On July 12, the Northwestern Medical Orchestra's (NMO) Summer Wind Band entertained a hybrid in-person and livestream audience with a thrilling evening of fanfares, marches, band classics, and contemporary favorites. The program included *Pacific Fanfare* by Frank Ticheli, *Sol y Sombra* by George Gates, *Handel in the Strand* by Percy Grainger, selections from *Wicked* by Stephen Schwartz, *Khan* by Julie Giroux, and concluded with an encore of Cole Porter's classic, "I've Got You Under My Skin."

The NMO's Summer Wind Band is led by conductor Todd Florin, MD, MSCE, associate professor of Pediatrics at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and a pediatrician at the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital. Dedicated to promoting the therapeutic benefits of music within the Northwestern medical community, the NMO is composed of medical students, housestaff, attendings, nurses, physical therapists, dieticians, researchers, alumni, and staff.

Save the date: The NMO's next full orchestra performance will be held on Friday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. with both in-person and livestream options. Visit the NMO's [website](#) and follow the NMO on social media to learn more: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [X](#) (formerly Twitter).

Visit the NMO's website to [stream the Summer Wind Band Concert](#).

For questions or more information about the Northwestern Medical Orchestra, please contact nmorchestra@u.northwestern.edu.

Stream the NMO's Summer Wind Band Concert

Following in Our Footsteps



Pictured left to right: Jalen Carter (Robert Babbs, Jr. PT Diversity Scholarship recipient); **Robert Babbs, scholarship recipient from the Physical Therapy Class of 1957**; Mr. Babbs's wife, Julia Babbs; and Michelle Hunt (Robert Babbs, Jr. PT Diversity Scholarship recipient).

Robert Babbs, Jr., Physical Therapy Class of 1957, and his wife, Julia, stand proudly alongside the recipients of the Robert Babbs, Jr. PT Diversity Scholarship named in his honor. Mr. Babbs's enduring commitment to education and mentorship serves as an inspiration to future generations of physical therapy practitioners. For more information on Mr. Babbs's legacy, please [visit our website](#).

MD Class of '77: A Weekend of Memories and Friendship



Pictured left to right: **Robert P. Smith '75, '77 MD**; **Theodore "Ted" J. Schuerman, '77 MD**; **Dianne Sawyer Lipkin '75, '77 MD, '81 GMER**; and **David W. Ferguson, '77 MD**.

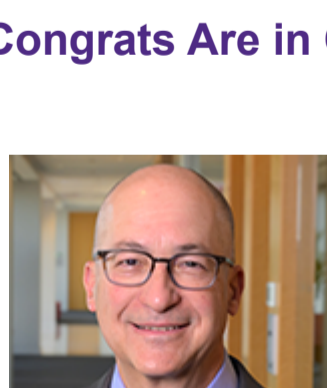


Pictured left to right: David Lipkin, MD (spouse of Dr. Sawyer Lipkin); Dr. Ferguson; **Maureen McCaffrey Smith, Physical Therapy Class of 1975** (spouse of Dr. Smith); Dr. Smith; Debra Ann Schuerman (spouse of Dr. Schuerman); Dr. Schuerman; Dr. Sawyer Lipkin; and Mark Humphreys (spouse of Dr. Ferguson).

Earlier this month, members of the MD Class of 1977 held a mini-reunion and weekend celebration in St. Louis, filled with memories and camaraderie. The group enjoyed a Cardinals-Cubs game on Friday night, explored a Farmer's Market on Saturday morning, and shared dinner at a local restaurant that evening, all while fondly reminiscing about their time at Northwestern.

The group shared that they eagerly look forward to getting together again to celebrate their 50-year reunion in Chicago in 2027!

Congrats Are in Order!



David H. Aizuss '78, '80 MD, was re-elected as a trustee of the American Medical Association (AMA) on June 11, 2024, and elected chair-elect of the Board of Trustees the following day. Dr. Aizuss leads Ophthalmology Associates of the Valley and served nearly 40 years as an assistant clinical professor at UCLA Stein Eye Institute and David Geffen UCLA School of Medicine. Active in the AMA since medical school, he held various leadership roles, including the Council on Legislation and secretary of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Aizuss led specialty societies like the California Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons and the Los Angeles County Medical Association (CMA), where he was chair and president. He served as chief of surgery at Encino Hospital, vice chief of staff at Providence Cedars Sinai Tarzana Medical Center, and chair of the Specialty Surgery Center of Encino. Currently, he is on the board of Freedom Vision Surgery Center in Encino. Congratulations, Dr. Aizuss!



Bernadine Bank, '87 MD, has dedicated her career to women's health and public service. After earning her medical degree, Dr. Bank completed her OB/GYN residency at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, Texas. She delivered over 3,000 babies during her nineteen years in Dallas. In 2006, she relocated to Colbert, Washington. She has been providing outpatient gynecology since 2009 at the Community Health Association of Spokane, which provides care to all regardless of ability to pay. She founded the Gynecology Department at the Mann-Grandstaff Spokane VA Medical Center in 2016, ensuring vital health services for female veterans. Inspired by recent legislative challenges to women's health and motivated to address broader community needs, Dr. Bank shared that she is running for US Congress to represent eastern Washington. Her campaign focuses on protecting women's health, advocating for veterans' rights, and supporting working families. Congratulations, Dr. Bank!



Christopher C. Kaeding '81, '83 MD, '88 GMER, began his one-year term as president of the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine (AOSSM) after being installed at the 2024 Annual Meeting in Denver. Dr. Kaeding is the Judson Wilson Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at The Ohio State University (OSU) College of Medicine, executive director of the OSU Sports Medicine Center, and chief of the Division of Sports Medicine at OSU. Renowned for his ACL injury research, he has over 200 peer-reviewed publications and numerous accolades, including Castle Connolly's list of "America's Top Doctors" and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons' Kappa Delta Award. He has held leadership roles in the ACL Study Group and the AOSSM Board of Directors and received the AOSSM's O'Donoghue Award for clinical research twice. Congratulations, Dr. Kaeding!



Mark A. Micek, '93 MD, MPH, has been named the recipient of the Physician's Physician Award from the Internal Medicine Residency Program at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. The award is given to a faculty member to whom one would send their family member or go to themselves—someone to trust in terms of medical knowledge, diagnoses and treatment, and dedication to patient care. Dr. Micek is clinical associate professor of General Internal Medicine at the university.

Do you have news to share with us or know of an alum we should recognize in the newsletter? Post it on our [Facebook](#) page, tag us on [Instagram](#), or email us at medalum@northwestern.edu.

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 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 Plan It Purple Calendar

Wellness Walks | Chicago, Illinois

Spring–Fall 2024

Chicago Parks Foundation (CPF) presents Wellness Walks, a seasonal walking program where medical professionals lead 45-minute park walks and informal discussions on health-related topics like sleep, nutrition, and exercise. CPF is partnering with students and healthcare providers from local medical institutions including Northwestern Medicine to lead their walking program.

CPF's Wellness Walks are a free, low-pressure way to get some movement, connect with fellow community members, learn about your health, and enjoy your beautiful parks. Get outside and join us!

Visit the Wellness Walks Website

SAVE THE DATE: The Landsberg Society Late Night Morning Report and Dinner

Thursday, September 26, 2024

The Landsberg Society Board is excited to host, with our chief medical residents and special guests, a lively and interactive discussion of interesting cases in the classic case conference format. Prior to the discussion, join fellow alumni and current faculty, residents, and fellows for cocktails, dinner, and camaraderie. The registration link for this event will be available August 1.

Please email landsbergsociety@northwestern.edu for more information about this event or the Landsberg Society.

SAVE THE DATE: Northwestern Leadership Symposium

Wednesday, November 13–Friday, November 15, 2024

Join this complimentary symposium for our most engaged alumni volunteer leaders to learn from expert faculty members, network with fellow alumni, and enhance your volunteer role with the University. Events begin Wednesday evening before Homecoming and Reunion Weekend.

The Northwestern Alumni Association will share the full schedule, event registration, and hotel accommodations this summer. Visit the [Leadership Symposium page](#) for additional resources. Information will be updated frequently.

SAVE THE DATE: Alumni Weekend 2025 | Chicago, Illinois

Friday, May 2–Saturday, May 3, 2025

Celebrate in Chicago this spring!

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 our 2025 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 the weekend with us. See you in Chicago!

Stay tuned for more information coming later this year.

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