

## Women's History Month

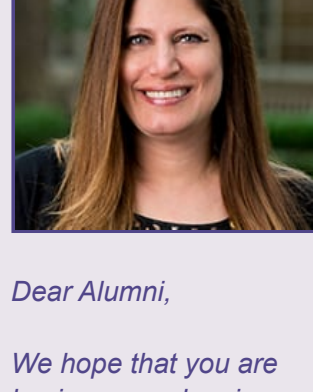


In celebration of Women's History Month, we invite you to explore Feinberg's [Women in Medicine \(WIM\) website](#).

Visit the [timeline](#) to learn more about the women who have shaped medical education, patient care, and scientific research over the past 150+ years at Northwestern.

For more information on this and other topics, we invite you to join our [WIM Facebook group](#). Learn more about the work of the WIM subcommittee of your MAA Board and stay connected with a network of your fellow women in medicine.

### From the Director's Desk:



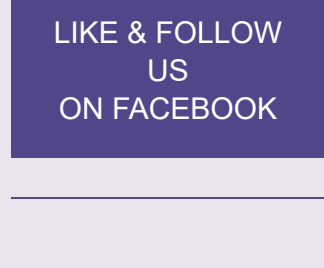
Dear Alumni,

We hope that you are having a good spring. Even though we aren't able to meet in person for Alumni Weekend this year, we are bringing you one of our most popular webinars in a virtual format. On April 15, **Roopal V. Kundu '97, '01 MD, '02 GMER**, associate dean of Admissions, will be hosting "Navigating the Medical School Admissions Process—What Makes a Great Candidate in Today's Environment." Please see the "Upcoming Events" portion of this newsletter for more information, including a link to register. We hope that you can join us!

Please reach out with any questions, or if I can be of assistance.

Thank you,  
Babette

**Babette Henderson**  
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## Celebrating Scholarships



We are grateful to those who could join us at this year's Commitment to Scholarships virtual celebration on Thursday, March 11. Thank you for your wonderfully generous support of Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and our medical student scholars!

If you could not join us, we invite you to view a [recording](#) of the event.

Visit the [Feinberg News Center](#) to read more about the highlights of this very special event.

For more information about [Feinberg scholarships](#), please contact us at [medalum@northwestern.edu](mailto:medalum@northwestern.edu).

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

"That Was Then, This Is Now: The Names Behind the Buildings"



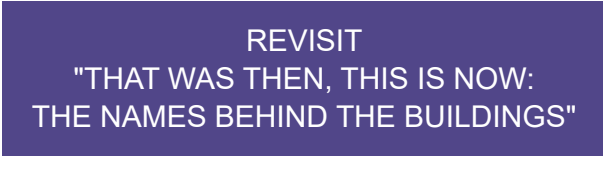
Thank you to the nearly 200 people who registered to join us for our March 10 virtual event, "That Was Then, This Is Now: Who's Who in the Northwestern Neighborhood with alumnus **Joseph Gugenheim, Jr., '72 MD**."

It was a tremendous opportunity to hear from Dr. Gugenheim live to learn more about the notable figures behind the names of the streets, buildings, and landmarks in the Northwestern neighborhood!

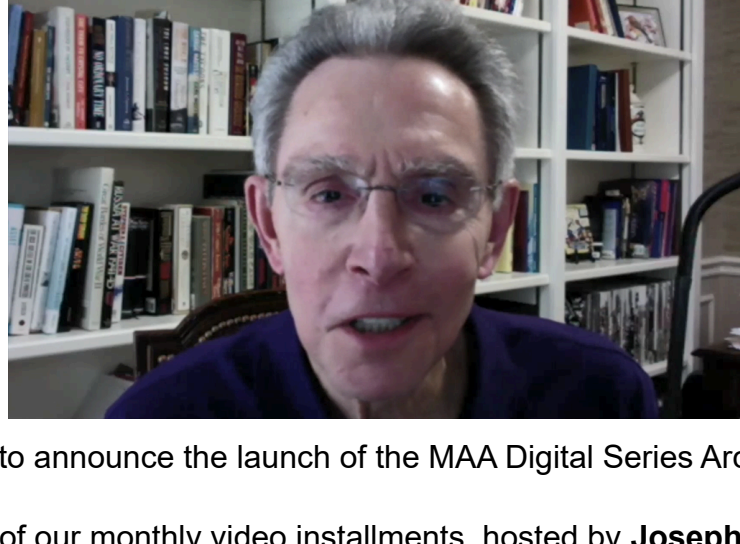
If you were unable to join, or would like to revisit the presentation, we're pleased to share a [recording of the event](#) on our [YouTube Channel](#).

If you have an idea for a future "That Was Then, This is Now" installment or an episode of our MAA Digital Series, please reach out to us at [medalum@northwestern.edu](mailto:medalum@northwestern.edu).

Thank you to all who joined us!



## Introducing the MAA Digital Series Archives!



We're excited to announce the launch of the MAA Digital Series Archives!

Each episode of our monthly video installments, hosted by **Joseph Gugenheim Jr., '72 MD**, have been archived for your convenience on our [MAA website](#). Join Dr. Gugenheim as he explores the rich and vibrant history of Northwestern's medical school and its Chicago home. You can access and view all the presentations in order since the series began in April 2020.

We invite you to explore the archives of this fascinating and alumni-beloved digital series...



## Northwestern Medicine Magazine

Winter 2021 Edition

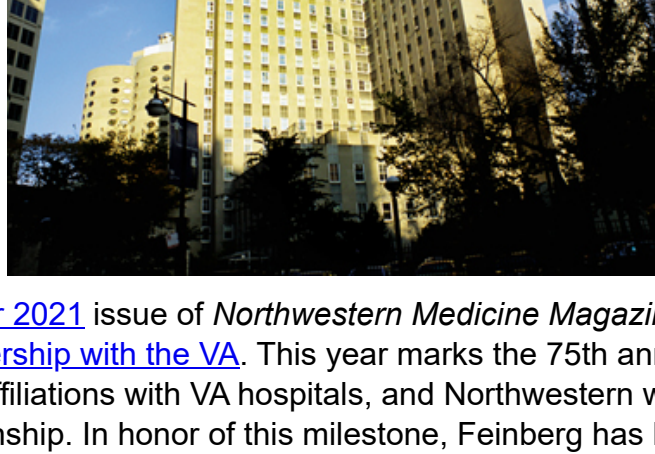


Explore the [Winter 2021](#) issue of *Northwestern Medicine Magazine*:

- Read a [fond farewell](#) from your MAA Board president **Rishi Reddy '96, '00 MD**, as he passes the torch to incoming president **Edward Kim, '96 MD**
- Learn about Advancing Health and Science through Informatics in our "[Alumni Profile](#)" on **Michael Becich '77, '83 PhD, '84 MD**
- Hear from fellow alum **David Kan, '99 MD**, in "[Alumni Perspectives](#)"
- Visit the [Progress Notes](#) and [In Memoriam](#) sections of the magazine
- And more!



## 75 Years of Partnership with the VA



Also in the [Winter 2021](#) issue of *Northwestern Medicine Magazine*, we celebrate Feinberg's [partnership with the VA](#). This year marks the 75th anniversary of medical school affiliations with VA hospitals, and Northwestern was the first to foster this relationship. In honor of this milestone, Feinberg has launched a [special website](#) dedicated to the history, timeline, and research of this partnership.

Learn more about outside-the-box thinker Paul B. Magnuson, MD, former chair of Northwestern's Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, who [developed this innovative concept](#) of academic VA partnerships in 1946.

A special thank you to those alumni who reached out to us in response to our November newsletter to share memories of their time training at [VA Lakeside!](#)

We also invite you to visit the [Feinberg News Center](#) to learn even more about the trajectory of this historic partnership.



VISIT FEINBERG'S WEBSITE:  
75 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP  
WITH THE VA

## A Salute to Our Half Century Club Alumni



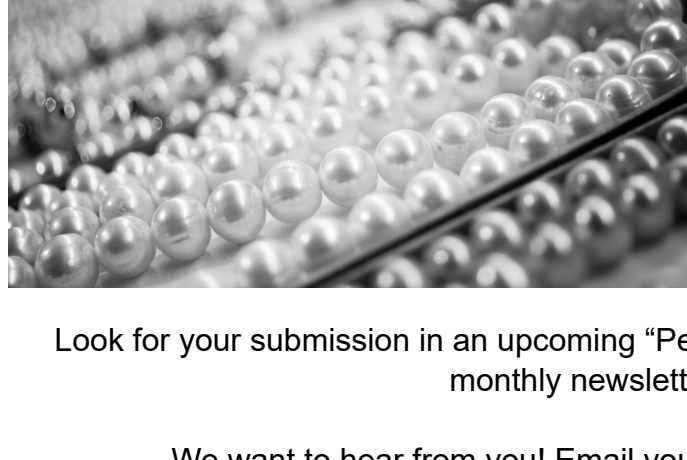
Learn about how our Half Century Club alumni are making a big impact on the medical school and its mission. Members of this distinguished alumni group—those who earned their degrees or completed graduate medical education at Northwestern 50 or more years ago—are featured in the [March 2021](#) issue of *The Philanthropist*.

*"This dedicated community of alumni serves as inspiration to all of us who have followed in their footsteps," said Alan M. Krensky, MD, executive for Development at Northwestern Medicine and vice dean for Development and Alumni Relations at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. "We owe them a debt of gratitude, not only for their contributions to the field but also for their steadfast support of our medical student scholarships, research and training programs, and, ultimately, our mission to improve the future of human health."*

Thank you to all of our Half Century Club members!

READ THE MARCH 2021  
ISSUE OF THE PHILANTHROPIST

## Reminder: Pearls of Wisdom



The Half Century Club recognizes our alumni who graduated 50+ years ago and celebrates your dedication to the betterment of human health.

As a member, we invite you to submit your reflections, offer words of advice, and regale us with tales of your career.

Look for your submission in an upcoming "Pearls of Wisdom" feature in this monthly newsletter.

We want to hear from you! Email your Pearls of Wisdom to **Jillian Kurtz Brubaker** at [jillian.brubaker@northwestern.edu](mailto:jillian.brubaker@northwestern.edu).

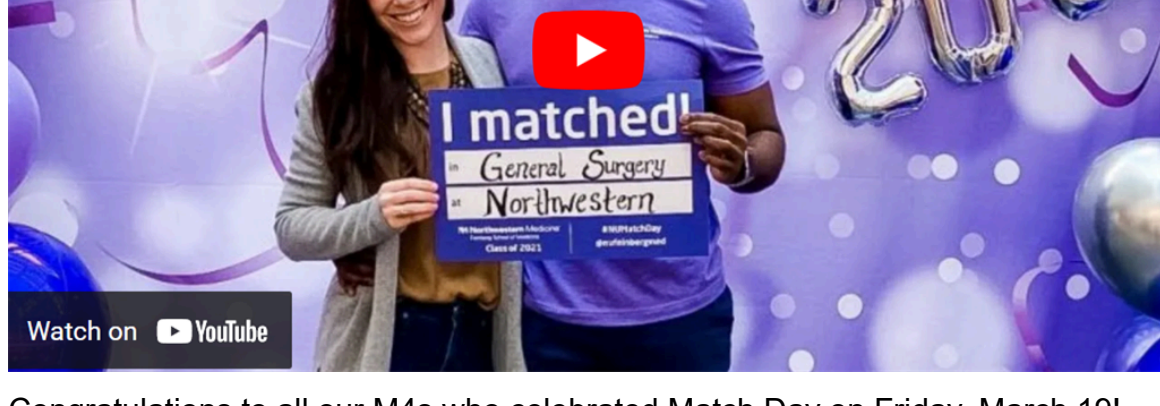
## NUDS Midwinter Alumni Virtual Reception



On February 27, the Northwestern University Dental School Alumni Club welcomed dental alumni via Zoom to the 2021 Midwinter Alumni Virtual Reception. Dental alums gathered to share memories from dental school, strategies for managing the pandemic, and personal and professional accomplishments. Personalized breakout rooms were even available for the individual class years.

Thank you to all who joined, and a special thank you to alum **Robert M. Pick, '80 DDS, '82 GMER, MS, FACD, FICD**, for sharing this photo of the online event with us!

## Our Future Alumni: Match Day 2021



Congratulations to all our M4s who celebrated Match Day on Friday, March 19!

Students viewed their matches online and celebrated virtually. Because of pandemic travel restrictions and stay-at-home orders, many students matched for their residency at programs they never saw in-person or in cities they didn't have a chance to visit. Undeterred amid these most unusual circumstances, our incredible students celebrated their success as they discovered where their medical career journey would take them next.

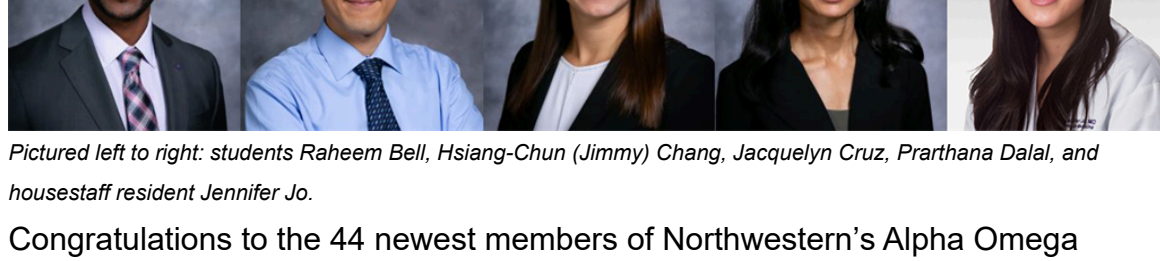
We're excited to watch your careers unfold! ❤️

Learn more about Match Day 2021 in the [Feinberg News Center](#) and view the full list of [match results](#) of our website.

WATCH THE 2021  
MATCH VIDEO

SEE WHERE  
THEY MATCHED

## AOA Virtual Induction Ceremony



Pictured left to right: students Raheem Bell, Hsiang-Chun (Jimmy) Chang, Jacquelyn Cruz, Prarthana Dalal, and housestaff resident Jennifer Jo.

Congratulations to the 44 newest members of Northwestern's Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) medical honor society chapter! The students, trainees, and faculty were inducted virtually this year on March 17, marking Feinberg's 117th class of AOA inductees.

Read more about the ceremony and the full list of inductees in the [Feinberg News Center](#).

## March Celebrations: Here's to You!

### March 6: Dentists' Day



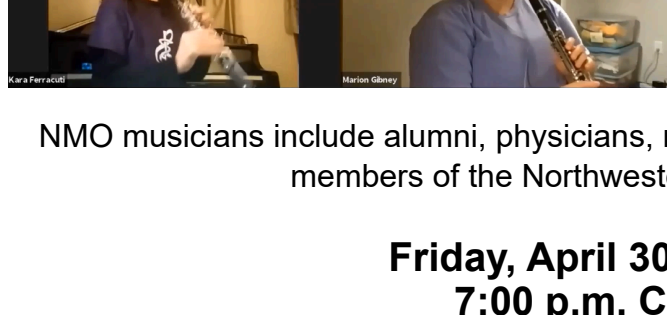
In honor of Dentists' Day, we celebrate our Northwestern University Dental School graduates. With 107 years in existence, the Dental School produced some of the top dentists in the country and is a great source of pride for the Medical Alumni Association. You—our alumni—remain a very important part of the MAA. Thank you for your incredible work, innovation, and dedication!

### March 30: Doctors' Day



In honor of Doctors' Day, we spotlight our MD and GME alumni. We're grateful for your contributions to the field and the good work that you do each and every day. Your tremendous courage and leadership while fighting on behalf of the nation's health during this pandemic continues to inspire your fellow alumni, communities, and future generations of physicians. Thank you for your resilience, commitment, and talents!

## Save the Date: NMO Spring Virtual Concert



The Northwestern Medical Orchestra (NMO) is pleased to invite you to its 2021 Virtual Spring Concert for an evening of livestreamed chamber music performances, including pieces by Piazzolla, Mozart, Brahms, Mendelssohn, and much more!

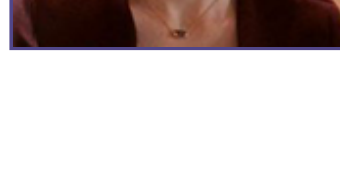
NMO musicians include alumni, physicians, medical students, staff, and other members of the Northwestern community.

**Friday, April 30, 2021**  
**7:00 p.m. CST**

Advanced registration required.

REGISTER FOR THE NMO  
SPRING 2021 CONCERT

## Congrats Are in Order!

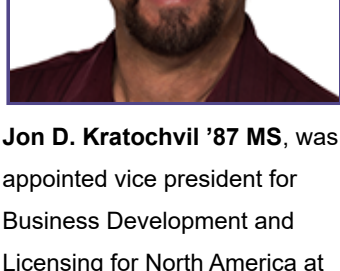




**Courtney Burnett, '17 MD**, recently published her first book, a memoir, *Difficult Gifts: A Physician's Journey to Heal Body and Mind*, which chronicles her experience as a physician who becomes a patient, diagnosing her own malignant brain tumor while studying medicine in Thailand. Dr. Burnett's book follows her journey battling brain cancer this past year while working on the frontlines of the COVID pandemic as chief resident of internal medicine and a hospital medicine provider in St. Paul, MN. She is actively involved in brain cancer advocacy, speaking events, and outreach. The book is available for purchase through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and the author's [website](#), where she also writes a frequently updated blog. Congratulations, Dr. Burnett! (Photo credit: Shannon Doyle of MN Daily)

**Jordan S. Dubow, '03 MD, '07 GMER**, former MAA Board member, was appointed chief medical officer of Paragon Biosciences, a life science innovator building life science companies. Prior to joining Paragon, Dr. Dubow was chief medical officer at Avadel Pharmaceuticals and vice president of CNS Therapeutic Strategy at Esteve Pharmaceuticals. He also served as vice president of clinical and medical affairs at Clintrex, chief medical officer for Marathon Pharmaceuticals, and vice president of Clinical Development and Medical Affairs at Cynapsus Therapeutics. Congratulations, Dr. Dubow!

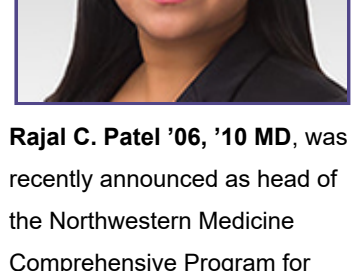
**Javier Guevara, Jr., '12 MD, FAAFP**, MAA Board member, recently joined Northwestern's Department of Emergency Medicine. Dr. Guevara is a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, and his clinical interests include LGBTQ health, academic medicine, and leadership development. He also is an active member of the Medical Organization for Latino Advancement, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Board of Family Medicine, the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, and the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians. Congratulations, Dr. Guevara!



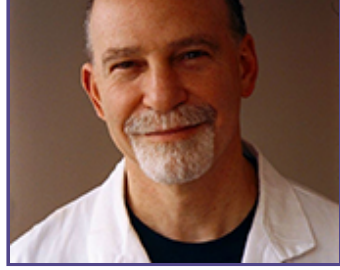
**Jon D. Kratochvil '87 MS**, was appointed vice president for Business Development and Licensing for North America at ERS Genomics. Mr. Kratochvil previously served as director of Business Development and Licensing at MilliporeSigma and chief operating officer for QMAXX Products Group Inc. in St. Louis. He also was director of business development for Washington University for 16 years and served as licensing manager and competitive intelligence analyst for Abbott Laboratories Diagnostics Division for more than a decade, working on novel detection platforms and pharmacogenetics. He is an inventor on over 40 patents and patent applications. Congratulations, Mr. Kratochvil!



**Allen R. Nissenson, '71 MD, '76 GMEF**, was appointed to the Strategic Advisory Board of Oxidien Pharmaceuticals. Dr. Nissenson is emeritus professor of Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, where he previously served as director of the Dialysis Program and associate dean. He also is emeritus chief medical officer of DaVita Kidney Care, chief medical officer of Sentien Biotech, a former president of the Renal Physicians Association, and current member of the Government Affairs Committee. Dr. Nissenson previously served as president of the Southern California End-Stage Renal Disease Network, as well as chair of the Medical Review Board, and serves on the boards of Angion Biomedica and Rockwell Medical. Congratulations, Dr. Nissenson!



**Rajal C. Patel '06, '10 MD**, was recently announced as head of the Northwestern Medicine Comprehensive Program for Vulvar and Vaginal Health, the latest clinic integrated into the Center for Sexual Medicine and Menopause, offering women a specialized approach to care for complex vulvar and vaginal conditions. Dr. Patel also is an instructor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Feinberg. Congratulations, Dr. Patel!



**Steven T. Rosen '72, '76 MD, '79 GMER, '81 GMER**, was appointed to the Scientific Advisory Board of January Therapeutics, an oncology-focused biopharmaceutical research and development company. He also remains the provost, chief scientific officer, and director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center and Beckman Research Institute at the City of Hope Medical Center. Congratulations, Dr. Rosen!

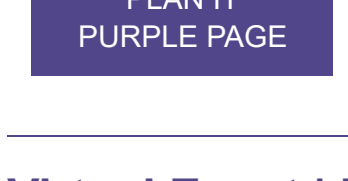


**Jane Wilcox, MD, '10 GMER, '14 GMEF, '15 GMEF, MSc**, was appointed section chief of Northwestern Memorial Hospital's Heart Failure Treatment and Recovery Program. Dr. Wilcox is thought to be the youngest person to hold the title for a top-ranked academic heart failure program and is one of only several women to serve in such a role. She also is assistant professor of Cardiology at Feinberg, associate director of the T1 Center for Cardiovascular Therapeutics in the Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute, and director of the Myocardial Recovery Clinic. Congratulations, Dr. Wilcox!

*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](mailto:medalum@northwestern.edu).

## Join Us Online!



VISIT THE MAA'S PLAN IT PURPLE PAGE

### Medical Alumni Association: Plan It Purple Calendar

Did you know that 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.

## Virtual Event | In Pursuit of a Grand Cause: The Story of the Northwestern University Woman's Medical School

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 | 2:00–3:00 p.m. CST

2020 marked the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Northwestern University Woman's Medical School (formerly the Women's Hospital Medical College of Chicago). Galter Health Sciences Library & Learning Center Special Collections librarian Katie Lattal will lead you through the tumultuous history of the school and the state of women's medical education at the time. Hear stories about notable graduates and faculty, and learn where to find resources to dig further into the lives of these amazing women. This event is being held in conjunction with Women's History Month.

*This event will be using the Zoom webinar platform and registrants will receive a link to the event upon registration.*

REGISTER TODAY

## Virtual Event | COVID-19: A Global Threat to the Nervous System

Thursday, April 15, 2021 | 12:00–1:00 p.m. CST

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Igor Koralnik (Archibald Church Professor of Neurology and chief of the Division of Neuro-Infectious Diseases and Global Neurology at Northwestern Memorial Hospital) has leveraged his expertise from the AIDS epidemic to offer insight and conduct research regarding how COVID-19 affects the nervous system.

His research team published the first study on neurological complications in hospitalized COVID-19 patients in the US. In May 2020, Dr. Koralnik also created one of the first Neuro COVID-19 clinics in the country where he and his team investigate, diagnose, and manage neurological symptoms of COVID-19 long-haulers. He will discuss his cutting-edge research and how everyone can become part of the team and join the fight against COVID-19.

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## Webinar | Navigating the Medical School Admissions Process: What Makes a Great Candidate in Today's Environment

Thursday, April 15, 2021 | 4:00–5:00 p.m. CST

Navigating the medical school admissions process can be overwhelming. **Roopal V. Kundu '97, '01 MD, '02 GMER**, associate dean for Admissions, Jacob R. Suker, MD, Professor of Medical Education, and professor of Dermatology (Medical Dermatology) and Medical Education, will share relevant information and provide insights about the ever-evolving process of preparing for and applying to medical school in today's world.

*Advance registration required.*

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## Lecture Series | Northwestern Women in Medicine: Thriving in the Virtual World

Monthly; Dates Below | 5:00 p.m. CST

Women physicians face unique challenges and obstacles throughout their professional careers. These challenges may affect leadership development and opportunities for women in medicine, resulting in a gender gap in the governance of academic medical centers. The third annual Northwestern Women in Medicine Conference will help to identify the obstacles that contribute to gender inequity and start the discourse to bridging it by hosting a virtual lecture series monthly.

**Thursday, April 22, 2021** | "Being an Inclusive Leader"

**Thursday, May 20, 2021** | "Pathways to Leadership in Academic Medicine"

**Thursday, June 17, 2021** | "Leveraging Social Media for Education and Professional Development"

**Thursday, July 22, 2021** | "Building a Pipeline of Women Leaders Through Promoting Gender Equity"

*Advance registration required. CME credit available.*

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