Medical Alumni Association Newsletter



Association Board, we want to celebrate Women's History Month with you. We also want to highlight some of the excellent achievements that the women of our alma mater accomplished throughout the years. An example of one of the earliest groundbreaking women in Feinberg's history is Mary Harris

Thompson, 1870 MD. She was the first woman to

earn her medical degree from the Chicago Medical

woman surgeon in Chicago. We invite you to learn

College (Northwestern University) and the first

more about her and the many successful women who walked through the doors of Northwestern University <u>here</u>. These women are extraordinary examples of what makes Feinberg the successful medical school that it is today. Today and every day, we recognize the importance of women in medicine and honor the exceptional work that women do in the medical field. Connect with us on <u>Instagram</u>, the <u>WIM Facebook</u>

Be well, and we look forward to connecting with you all!

group, and the Medical Alumni Association Facebook

page to stay current on upcoming events and

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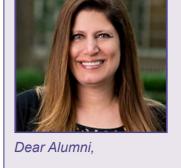


updates.



Director's Desk:

From the



having a great spring.

Just a reminder, our Alumni Weekend has moved to fall! Alumni

Weekend 2023 will be

We hope that you are

held October 13-14 on campus. Please be on the lookout for more messaging in the upcoming months, with registration opening in June. We look forward to welcoming you back to campus with a host of activities including CME forums, campus and city tours. Celebrate in Chicago, an all-class celebration, and class dinners! Please reach out with any questions, or if you would

Thank you, Babette **Babette Henderson '21 CERT**

like to get more involved

with your reunion class

Engagement 312-503-0855

planning.

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Senior Director, Alumni



centers. The conference sought to identify the factors that contribute to gender inequity and shed light on such disparities, as well as offer a space to share experiences and tools to overcome them so as to empower the next generation of female physicians and foster a network of support.

Association Board was pleased to co-host the event, and welcome alumni and friends at the evening's cocktail reception. For photos from the event, view our

The Women in Medicine committee of your Northwestern Medical Alumni

ONLINE ALBUM Northwestern Intersections Podcast What Does It Mean to Be a Woman in Medicine?

VIEW THE WIM

EP. 135

Ghoshal, '01 PhD, '03 MD.

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streaming apps.

Thank you to all who attended!

online album.

What Does It Mean to Be a Woman **ERSECTIONS** <u>in Medicine? Part 1</u>

co-chairs Shelly Vaziri Flais '95, '99 MD, '02 GMER, and Kavitha Gandhi '94, '98 MD, '99 GMER, as well as MAA Board president-designate Nupur

mentorship and philanthropic initiatives. They'll also explain how the most important instigator of progress is showing up and being intentional about

To listen to the episode, visit the Northwestern Intersections website.

Stay tuned for Episode 135: Part 2 coming out on March 30.

"It started with the first Women in Medicine Tea hosted at The Drake Hotel in Chicago in 2017. It was a chance for Feinberg alumnae across generations to come together in one place to freely share their stories, their challenges, and their victories. Dr. Ghoshal recalls asking, 'How do we bottle this moment?' The mission of the Women in Medicine (WIM) subcommittee of the Medical Alumni Association Board is to elevate and amplify the voices of fellow women in medicine. In part 1 of this episode, Drs. Flais, Gandhi, and Ghoshal share how they all came to be involved with WIM and highlight the subcommittee's

Episode 135 features WIM Committee

On the Northwestern Intersections

podcast, alumni share stories about how key experiences have propelled them in their life's work. Alumni guests share what they've done right and wrong and what they've learned at each intersection along the way.

NORTHWESTERN INTERSECTIONS: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A WOMAN IN MEDICINE? Your MAA: Coast to Coast

Northwestern Intersections is available to listen and subscribe to on most podcast

Your Medical Alumni Association hosted a jam-packed schedule of events for alumni and friends of the medical school this winter. From California to Arizona

and New York, we were thrilled to have the opportunity to connect with so many of you at our recent events in February and March. Read on to learn more about these exciting coast-to-coast get-togethers. Interested in hosting an alumni gathering in your area? Contact us at medalum@northwestern.edu.



watch the Chicago Cubs take on the San Francisco Giants in a spring training game. The Cubbies took home a win, defeating the Giants 10-8.



friends for a fantastic Feinberg gathering in Scottsdale. Last but not least, on February 25, after a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic, over 125 alumni and guests from all over the country joined us once again in Mesa at Sloan Park to

March San Diego Alumni Get-Together



alumni as well as local medical alumni on February 23. Our PT alums joined us from all over the country for a get-together held in conjunction with the 2023 American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting. This special event gave us an opportunity to celebrate this vital alumni group and the contributions they make to their community, profession, patients, and Northwestern. Thank you to all of our PT and MD alumni who joined us! **VIEW THE**

A Night With Northwestern in New York

SAN DIEGO ALBUM



an individual will live, do you want to know and what's next? The presentation touched on how industry focus has shifted from prolonging lifespan to extending "healthspan" and what that might mean for your future healthcare. Thank you to all of our New York alumni who joined us and to our panelists for an outstanding event! **VIEW THE NEW YORK ALBUM**

some people age faster than others? And since tests can now pinpoint how long

Hosted by Joseph Gugenheim, '72 MD "Rebecca Lee Crumpler, MD"

MAA Digital Series:

We're thrilled to bring you the newest installment of our MAA Digital Series, from

In celebration of Women's History Month, this month's episode shines a light on the life and career of Rebecca Crumpler, MD. Dr. Crumpler was a pioneer in the field and the first Black woman physician in the United States to earn a medical degree. Join Dr. Gugenheim as he expounds upon Dr. Crumpler's remarkable

Thank you, Dr. Gugenheim! VIEW "REBECCA LEE CRUMPLER, MD" **COMING SOON!**

> Day by exploring the history of how America's favorite pastime came to Chicago.

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





March 30 is Doctors' Day! We are grateful for this annual opportunity to celebrate our MD and GME alumni. Alumni of our medical school, residency, and fellowship

programs are dedicated leaders in their

inspired so many others, many of whom

are now following in your footsteps. Your

field. Your work and commitment have

impact continues to elevate the legacy

of your alma mater.

Thank you for all that you do!

Join us next month as we take you out to the ball game! In April's MAA Digital Series episode, Dr. Gugenheim will mark Opening

During these fantastic APFs, students had the opportunity to hear from **Michael** J. Vasconcelles '85, '89 MD, and Kenneth Beck, MD, '96 GMER. Northwestern University Physical Therapy Alumni Association Vice President Aben Cooper '95 MPT, MBA, also spoke to our PT students as part of an exclusive Alumni Physical Therapists of Feinberg special event. On February 24, Michael J. Vasconcelles '85, '89 MD (pictured left and above), executive vice president of Research, Development, and Medical Affairs at ImmunoGen, Inc. spoke with our students who had excellent questions about his day-to-day life at a biotech company. A trained oncologist, he shared how he enjoys working for companies who are changing the way cancer is treated. He encouraged our students to work with and lean on mentors throughout their time in Michael J. Vasconcelles '85, medical school and beyond. Dr. Vasconcelles also is '89 MD senior adviser to the Life Sciences team at Frazier Healthcare Partners, non-executive director of

The Medical Alumni Association's mentoring series Alumni Physicians of Feinberg

(APF) finished strong this winter with three more of our distinguished alumni

sharing their time, journey, and insights with our students.



Medicine Coalition, and a member of the Eastern New England Board of the American Cancer Society. Thank you, Dr. Vasconcelles! On March 8, Kenneth Beck, MD, '96 GMER (pictured left), pathologist and laboratory director at UroPartners Laboratory, spoke with our APF students. UroPartners is a large single-specialty practice in the Chicagoland area and Southern Wisconsin. Dr. Beck has been in practice since 1995 and has worked at NorthShore Highland Park Hospital and Lake Forest Hospital prior to UroPartners. His residency training was at the Evanston Hospital in anatomic and clinical pathology, and he received his MD at Loyola University, Stritch School of Medicine. Dr. Beck shared his thoughts, experiences, and insights, offering advice for our medical students as they enter the field professionally. Thank you to Dr. Beck for leading this popular and engaging session for our students!

Molecular Partners AG and Magenta Therapeutics, Inc., a member of the board of the Personalized



our fantastic host and historian, alum Joseph Gugenheim, '72 MD!

This one's a grand slam. You won't want to miss it!

achievements in this month's episode.

Dr. Gugenheim presents "Rebecca Lee Crumpler, MD."



existence, the Dental School produced

some of the top dentists in the country.

A great source of pride for the MAA,

our NUDS alumni have made and

continue to make transformative

contributions to the field. Thank you for all that you do! Winter APFs: An Impressive Lineup





Alumni Association Vice President Aben Cooper '95 MPT, MBA (pictured left), spoke to our PT students as part of an exclusive Alumni Physical Therapists of Feinberg special event. Mr. Cooper encouraged the students to use their Northwestern network when they graduate and shared stories of why he joined the Physical Therapy Alumni Association Board. He also encouraged the students to try different types of PTinpatient, home health, travel, athletics, outpatient, etc. He assured the students that PT's will always be in demand, and that there are plenty of opportunities available. The students asked lots of specific questions and greatly enjoyed this special session. Thank you, Mr. Cooper!

On March 8, Northwestern University Physical Therapy

Match Day 2023 | Northwestern University

Reliving the Magic of Match Day 2023



The students collectively opened their envelopes to see where their medical careers would take them next. We invite you to watch the video and relive the

Future alumni—we can't wait to watch your journeys unfold! Learn more about Match Day 2023 in the Feinberg News Center and view the full

magic with our students and their families at this exciting, momentous event.

WATCH THE 2023 SEE WHERE

list of match results on our website.

MATCH VIDEO THEY MATCHED

medical honor society welcomed 42 new members comprised of

AΩA 2023 Induction Ceremony



students, trainees, alumni, and faculty into the Feinberg chapter on the basis of outstanding scholastic achievement and significant contributions made to the field of medicine.

On March 15, the Alpha Omega Alpha ($A\Omega A$)

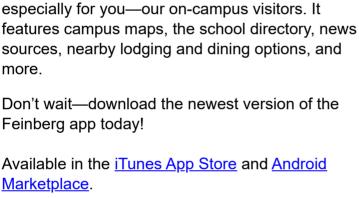
Congratulations to Dr. Borja-Cacho and all the $A\Omega A$ inductees! A Day in the Life



VIEW A DAY IN THE LIFE OF EVAN EDWARDS

Newly-Updated Feinberg App!

A new version of the Feinberg app is here!

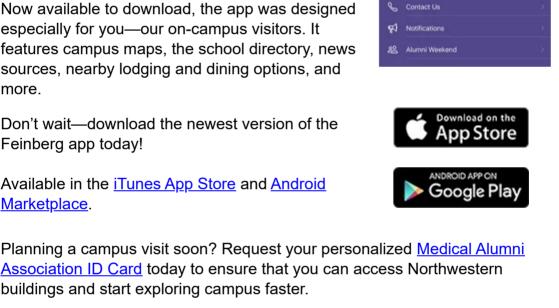


buildings and start exploring campus faster.

Congrats Are in Order!

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We honor the late Howard S. Traisman '43, '46, '47 MD, former professor emeritus in the Department of Pediatrics. Dr. Traisman would have celebrated his 100th birthday on March 18, 2023. Both he and his wife Reggie were beloved members of the Northwestern medical community who were deeply committed to the University and its students. The Traisman legacy lives on today through their endowed Scholarship. For more information on the Traisman Scholarship, please contact medalum@northwestern.edu. Congratulations to the Traisman family on this incredible, enduring legacy! Lucy A. Godley, '97 MD, PhD, has been named the inaugural director of the <u>Jeff and Marianne Silver Family Blood Cancer Institute</u> of the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center, effective April 1. She also will serve as clinical director of Cancer Genetics. Made possible by a philanthropic investment from the Jeffrey and Marianne

Silver Family Foundation, the Silver Family Blood Cancer Institute of the Lurie Cancer Center was established to strengthen and expand emerging research and clinical trials in the Lurie Cancer Center Center's Hematologic Malignancies Program. A nationally recognized expert in the treatment of patients with leukemia and myelodysplastic syndromes, Dr. Godley is currently professor of Medicine in the Section of Hematology and Oncology and professor of Human Genetics at the University of Chicago. Congratulations, Dr. Godley!



pending patents. "Our goal is to dramatically improve patient outcomes and reduce the sideeffects of anti-cancer therapies," he shared. By using advanced genome engineering technology to reprogram B-cells with the ability to make and locally deliver multiple anticancer treatments directly to tumor cells, immune system cells are now becoming capable of actively locating and destroying cancer cells within the body. Congratulations, Dr. Deitcher! Do you have news to share with us or know of an alumnus/a we should



Anita K. Lane '87, MD, '94

Dr. Lane is the owner and cofounder of Touchstone Internal Medicine in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Congratulations, Dr. Lane!



Leo Gordon, '73 MD, gave an

inaugural meeting of the

Center for Humanities in

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Medicine. His essay, "Out of

Touch," is a bittersweet assessment of progress in surgery as human disease has moved further and further from his hands by way of laparoscopy and robotics. To read "Out of Touch," visit the General Surgery News publication website. Congratulations, Dr. Gordon!

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: <u>Plan It Purple Calendar</u>



Did you know that the MAA has its very own Plan It Purple calendar?

With the <u>Plan It Purple</u> calendar, you'll never miss a Medical Alumni Association event!



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.

You can register for events, download a save-the-date

reminder to your calendar, and learn more about all the

Pappas Lectureship in the Department of Ophthalmology | Chicago, IL

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 | 5:00 p.m. CDT (with a reception following) Arun D. Singh, MD, from the Cleveland Clinic, will give a lecture on ocular

(adnexal) lymphoma.

Simpson Querrey Biomedical Research Center Potocsnak Family Atrium and Simpson Querrey Auditorium

303 East Superior Street Chicago, IL 60611 To RSVP, please email Andrew Christopherson at

RSVP TODAY 2023 Grace Giving Trivia Night | Chicago,

<u>andrew.christopherson@northwestern.edu</u> or call 312-503-3080.

Saturday, April 15, 2023 | 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. CDT Teams of ten will compete in Grace Giving's 6th Annual Trivia Night, enjoying

Tumor Institute of Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University. The creation of Grace Giving is inspired by Grace

Irish American Heritage Center 4626 North Knox Avenue Chicago, IL 60630

the Memory of John Csernansky, MD, Former Chair of the Department of Psychiatry | Chicago, IL

Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.

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ashleymay@northwestern.edu.

Simpson Querrey Biomedical Research Center **Hughes Auditorium** 303 East Superior Street Chicago, IL 60611 If you have any questions, please email Andrew Christopherson at

Malnati Brain Tumor Institute Minds Matter

Thursday, May 4, 2023 | 4:30 p.m. CDT (with a reception following)

Memorial and Portrait Unveiling for John Csernansky, MD, former chair of the

Proceeds from this signature event will support the life changing work done at

Lou and Jean Malnati Brain Tumor Institute of Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, one of the world's leading centers for brain tumor research. Minds Matter is Malnati Brain Tumor Institute's largest annual fundraiser, with Emmy award-

winning journalist and anchor of WGN Evening News Micah Materre serving as

For more information, please contact Ashley May Coussens at 312-503-0759 or

Spring Music and Art Gala Charity Event to Benefit Brain Cancer Research | Decatur, IL

Master of Ceremonies. This year, we will commemorate fifteen years of a

formalized brain tumor institute at Northwestern University.

Saturday, May 6, 2023 | 12:00 - 6:00 p.m. CDT

artisans in sharing live music and local brews at this outdoor celebration of life to benefit Lou and Jean Malnati Brain Tumor Institute of Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University.

The Carol Lynn Fuller Foundation Ltd. is dedicated to brain cancer research and is holding this inaugural event in memory of Carol L. Fuller. Join local artists and

NU Day @ Wrigley | Chicago, IL

students participate in programs and events at the University.

Coussens at 312-503-0759 or ashleymay@northwestern.edu.

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 | 6:40 p.m. CDT The annual tradition returns! Join the Northwestern Alumni Association (NAA) and thousands of alumni, students, faculty, and staff at Wrigley Field as the Chicago Cubs face the St. Louis Cardinals.

each ticket sale to Northwestern's Student Activity Assistance Fund, which helps

A variety of seating and pricing options are available. For groups of fifteen or more, contact Esmeralda Natividad at 773-404-4121 or enatividad@cubs.com.

Tickets for the game will be delivered exclusively as mobile tickets via the MLB Ballpark app. You can pick up your hat at Gallagher Way outside the third-base

SAVE THE DATE: 29th Annual Alzheimer's Day | Chicago, IL Thursday, May 11, 2023 | 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. CDT

Showcase on Alzheimer's-related dementia and aging research conducted at

support of the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center. These free concerts are typically held during lunch hours and are approximately 50 minutes long.

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providers who support them every step of the way.

312-503-0759 or ashleymay@northwestern.edu.

PURCHASE TICKETS

Ballroom at Navy Pier

Chicago, IL 60611

Survivors' Celebration Walk & 5K | Chicago, IL Sunday, June 4, 2023 | Grant Park Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer of Northwestern University is hosting the

30th Annual Cancer Survivors' Celebration Walk & 5K, a one-of-kind opportunity for people who have faced or are facing cancer to connect as a community and celebrate milestones with the families, friends, physicians, scientists, and care

For more information, please contact Ashley May Coussens at 312-503-0759 or

30th Annual Lurie Cancer Center Cancer

For more information, please contact Ashley May Coussens at 312-503-0759 or

from Day 1. This event is held to raise funds and awareness about the value of patient and family-centered care. Have fun while supporting the Survivorship Institute at Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit A Grand Garden Party &

Bocce Ball Tournament. For questions, please contact Ashley May Coussens at

The H Foundation's 21st Annual Goombay

Join us at the 21st Annual Goombay Bash, a Caribbean-themed festival to find a

cure for cancer. The Goombay Bash is one of Chicago's largest and liveliest cancer research fundraising events! All proceeds benefit basic science cancer research at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University. For more information, please visit goombaybash.com/goombay-bash.

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beer, wine, appetizers, and raffles, all while benefiting Lou and Jean Malnati Brain Oliver-Daday's passing from a glioblastoma brain tumor in 2015, and Grace Giving is committed to continuing her fight for scientific breakthroughs.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit gracegiving23.eventbrite.com or allevents.in/chicago. For questions, please contact Ashley May Coussens at 312-503-0759 or ashleymay@northwestern.edu. **Portrait Unveiling and Reception Honoring**

Benefitting the Lou and Jean Malnati Brain Tumor Institute (MBTI) Friday, May 5, 2023 | 6:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception, 7:00 p.m. Dinner The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago 160 East Pearson Street Chicago, IL 60611

andrew.christopherson@northwestern.edu or call 312-503-3080.

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For more information, please visit <u>clfullerfoundation.org</u> or contact Ashley May

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gate before or during the game. Register with the NAA on their FAQ page to let them know you've purchased tickets, and you'll receive information on Northwestern-related activities at the

game and photos from the event afterwards.

Northwestern to bring awareness to the community.

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PURCHASE TICKETS

RSVP TODAY Concerts for Concern Benefiting Lurie Cancer Center | Chicago, IL

Friday, May 19, 2023 | Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

Concerts for Concern, an organization founded by violinist, Michelle Wynton, collaborates with local musical talent to increase awareness and to encourage

Bocce Tournament for Cancer Care Wilmette, IL **Benefitting Lurie Cancer Center's Survivorship Program** Saturday, June 10, 2023 | Wilmette Harbor Club

Founded by Emmy Award-winning journalist and cancer survivor Dina Bair, Day 1 Survivors' mission is to help anyone facing a cancer diagnosis become a survivor

<u>Day 1 Survivors Grand Garden Party and</u>

Bash | Chicago, IL Saturday, July 22, 2023 | 5:00 p.m to Midnight CDT | Aon Grand

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