

# Alumni Weekend 2022: What a Celebration in Chicago!

Record-Breaking Attendance



Thank you to the **over 850 alumni, guests, faculty, students, and staff** who joined us for a record-breaking Alumni Weekend 2022!

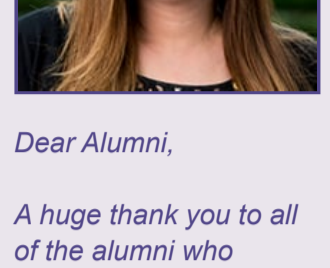
Congratulations to all of our alumni who celebrated milestone reunions during this special year. We were thrilled to welcome back our 2022 reunion classes, as well as our 2021 and 2020 reunion classes for their postponed celebrations. It was an honor to induct our 50-year reunion classes (1970, 1971, and 1972) into the [Half Century Club](#). Our partners at the Northwestern University Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences Alumni Association were also pleased to welcome alumni back for their first in-person Alumni Weekend since the beginning of the pandemic. We hope that you enjoyed reminiscing and reconnecting with your classmates. The weekend had something for everyone—from forums and walking tours to events such as the Women in Medicine tea, the all-alumni Celebrate in Chicago party, and our Half Century Club and reunion class dinners. Read more about Alumni Weekend in the [Feinberg News Center](#). If you couldn't make it back to Chicago, or if you simply want to relive the memories from that weekend, view our [Alumni Weekend Photo Album](#).

If you ever have any questions about Alumni Weekend or want to get more involved with your reunion, please [reach out to us](#).

We look forward to seeing you next year at **Alumni Weekend 2023!**

**ALUMNI WEEKEND  
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## From the Director's Desk:



*Dear Alumni,*

*A huge thank you to all of the alumni who attended Alumni Weekend, April 29 and 30. We had over 850 alumni, guests, faculty, students, and staff, and there was such a good energy and excitement from all who attended. We were thrilled to celebrate the reunion classes from 2020, 2021, and 2022. Please see coverage of the event in this month's newsletter. We look forward to hearing any feedback from your time at Alumni Weekend.*

*Thank you, and we hope that you are having a wonderful spring!*

*Babette*

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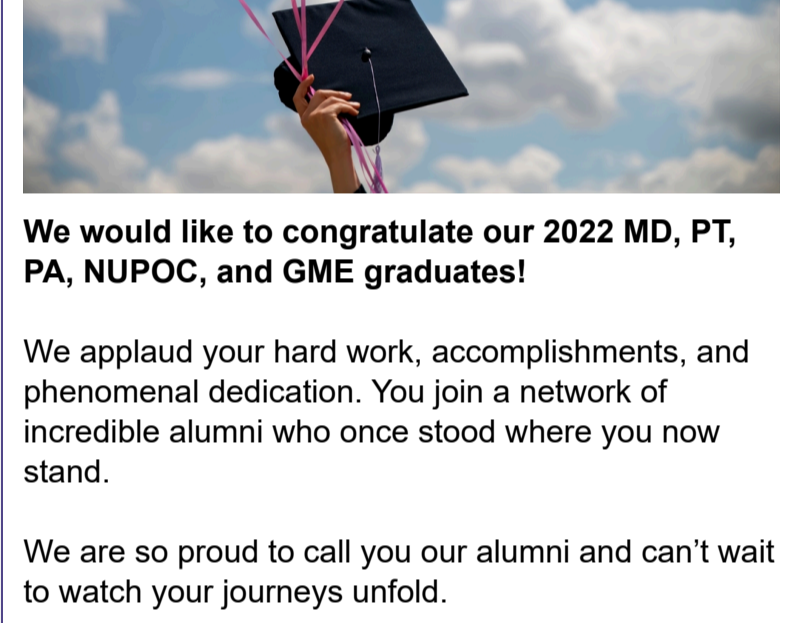
## CALLING ALL RECENT GRADS:

*New Address, Phone, or Email to Share with Us?*

We want to hear from you. Please update your information and stay connected!

**UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION**

## Welcome to the Medical Alumni Association!



**We would like to congratulate our 2022 MD, PT, PA, NUPOC, and GME graduates!**

We applaud your hard work, accomplishments, and phenomenal dedication. You join a network of incredible alumni who once stood where you now stand.

We are so proud to call you our alumni and can't wait to watch your journeys unfold.

### Welcome to the Medical Alumni Association!

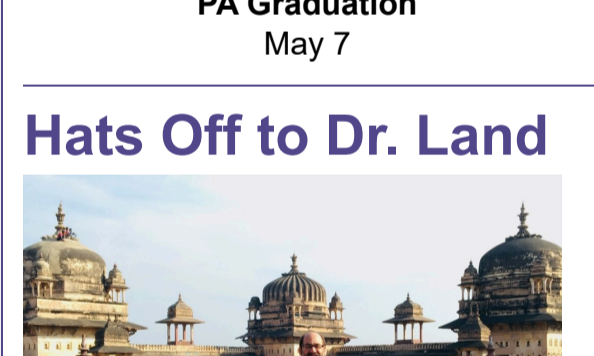
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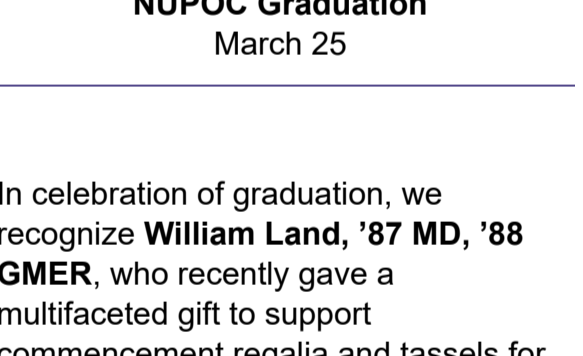
**MD Graduation**  
May 23



**PT Graduation**  
May 19

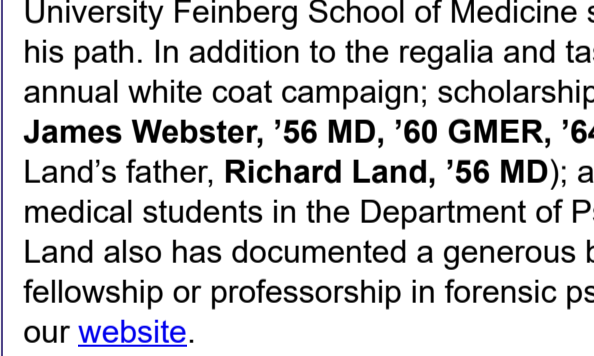


**PA Graduation**  
May 7



**NUPOC Graduation**  
March 25

## Hats Off to Dr. Land



In celebration of graduation, we recognize **William Land, '87 MD, '88 GMER**, who recently gave a multifaceted gift to support commencement regalia and tassels for our graduating medical students. To show appreciation for the medical education he received at Northwestern and the foundation it set for his career as a forensic psychiatrist, Dr. Land has committed to supporting Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine students who will follow in his path. In addition to the regalia and tassels, Dr. Land supports Feinberg's annual white coat campaign; scholarships in honor of **Jack Snarr, '67 PhD**, and **James Webster, '56 MD, '60 GMER, '64 GMEF** (a former classmate of Dr. Land's father, **Richard Land, '56 MD**); and luncheons for residents and rotating medical students in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Dr. Land also has documented a generous bequest to Feinberg to establish a fellowship or professorship in forensic psychiatry. Read more about Dr. Land on our [website](#).

Thank you, Dr. Land, for your incredible support of the medical school and our graduating M4s!

## MAA Names 2022 Viste Award Recipient



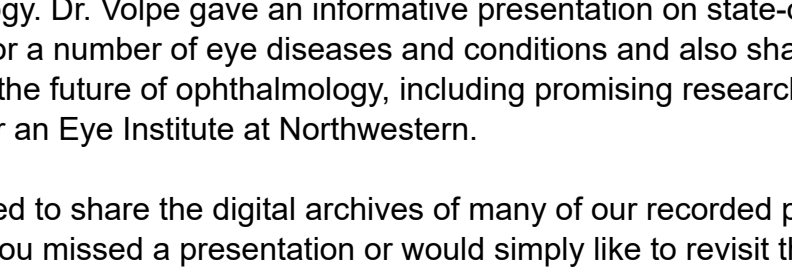
Congratulations to **Kamyia Bijawat, '22 MD**, this year's winner of the **Kenneth M. Viste, Jr., '66 MD**, Student Service Recognition Award.

The Viste Award is presented by the MAA at the annual Honors Day ceremony in grateful recognition of outstanding volunteer service to Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr. Bijawat also was recently featured on the Feinberg [Facebook page](#) as she reflects on her time at medical school and prepares for the next step in her career. Congratulations to Dr. Bijawat and all of the awardees!

For a full listing of this year's Honors Day recipients, please visit our [website](#).

A special thank you to **Alan M. Kumar '94, '98 MD**, MAA Board member and co-chair of the Strategic Initiatives Committee, for presenting Dr. Bijawat with the award (pictured above). Fellow MAA Board member, **Ada Jain Kumar '94, '97 MD**, also gave a wonderful speech later that day at the Dean's Graduation Luncheon, welcoming this year's MD graduates to the Medical Alumni Association. Thank you, Drs. Kumar!

## Eye Diseases and Delivering Ophthalmic Care Webinar



On May 11, the Medical Alumni Association and Half Century Club were pleased to host a webinar, *Eye Diseases and Delivering Ophthalmic Care*, with Nicholas J. Volpe, MD, chair and the George W. and Edwina S. Tarry Professor of Ophthalmology. Dr. Volpe gave an informative presentation on state-of-the-art treatments for a number of eye diseases and conditions and also shared his thoughts on the future of ophthalmology, including promising research strategies and plans for an Eye Institute at Northwestern.

We are thrilled to share the digital archives of many of our recorded presentations with you. If you missed a presentation or would simply like to revisit the conversation, we invite you to explore the [Virtual Event Recording Archive](#) on our website.

Thank you to all who joined us! For more information on this topic, please contact us at [medalum@northwestern.edu](mailto:medalum@northwestern.edu).



## Explorers Program Event Partnership

My Block, My Hood, My City



On May 17, our MAA Board Inclusion and Allyship and Women in Medicine subcommittees partnered to once again host members of the Explorers Program from My Block, My Hood, My City, a local Chicago community organization that supports empowering youth from Chicago neighborhoods and providing them with exposure to different neighborhoods and opportunities throughout the city.

Students from the Explorers Program joined us to learn more about different careers in medicine. Panelists included alumni and colleagues from our partner hospitals, as well as a nursing representative from the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab, and encompassed our MD, PA, PT, and Prosthetics and Orthotics programs.

The Northwestern University Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences (NUPTHMS) department hosted this session and also included a hands-on activity for student participants. Thank you to all who made this event possible!

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

"Chicago's Lost Medical Schools, Part 1: The Rise and Fall of Medical Sects"



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, join Dr. Gugenheim as he begins a two-part series on the history of the 30+ medical schools that have come and gone in the Chicago area over the years. In this first installment, learn more about the medical sects principles on which many of these now-defunct institutions were founded. A few of these theories and practices are certain to raise eyebrows by today's standards. This episode is another must-see!

Dr. Gugenheim presents "[Chicago's Lost Medical Schools, Part 1: The Rise and Fall of Medical Sects.](#)"

Thank you, Dr. Gugenheim!

VIEW "CHICAGO'S LOST MEDICAL SCHOOLS, PART 1: THE RISE AND FALL OF MEDICAL SECTS"

### COMING NEXT MONTH:

Join Dr. Gugenheim next month for the fascinating conclusion to this two-part series in which he explores in detail the lost medical schools themselves. Learn more about the origins of many of these institutions and what led to their inevitable closures. Be sure to mark your calendars!

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

## Diversity and Inclusion Spring Newsletter

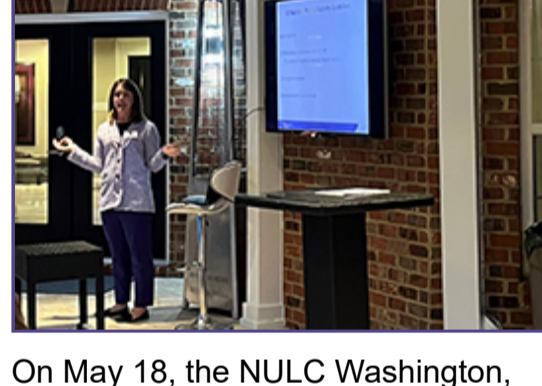


Feinberg Second Look 2022

We invite you to check out the [spring newsletter](#) from the medical school's Office of Diversity and Inclusion! In this issue, hear from our vice dean and outgoing director of Diversity and Inclusion, read more about and view photos from Feinberg's Second Look program on April 7-8 for admitted MD and MSTP students, and learn about all of Feinberg's events, resources, and initiatives that promote inclusion, equity, and allyship.

CHECK OUT THE SPRING ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER

## Partner Event Recaps



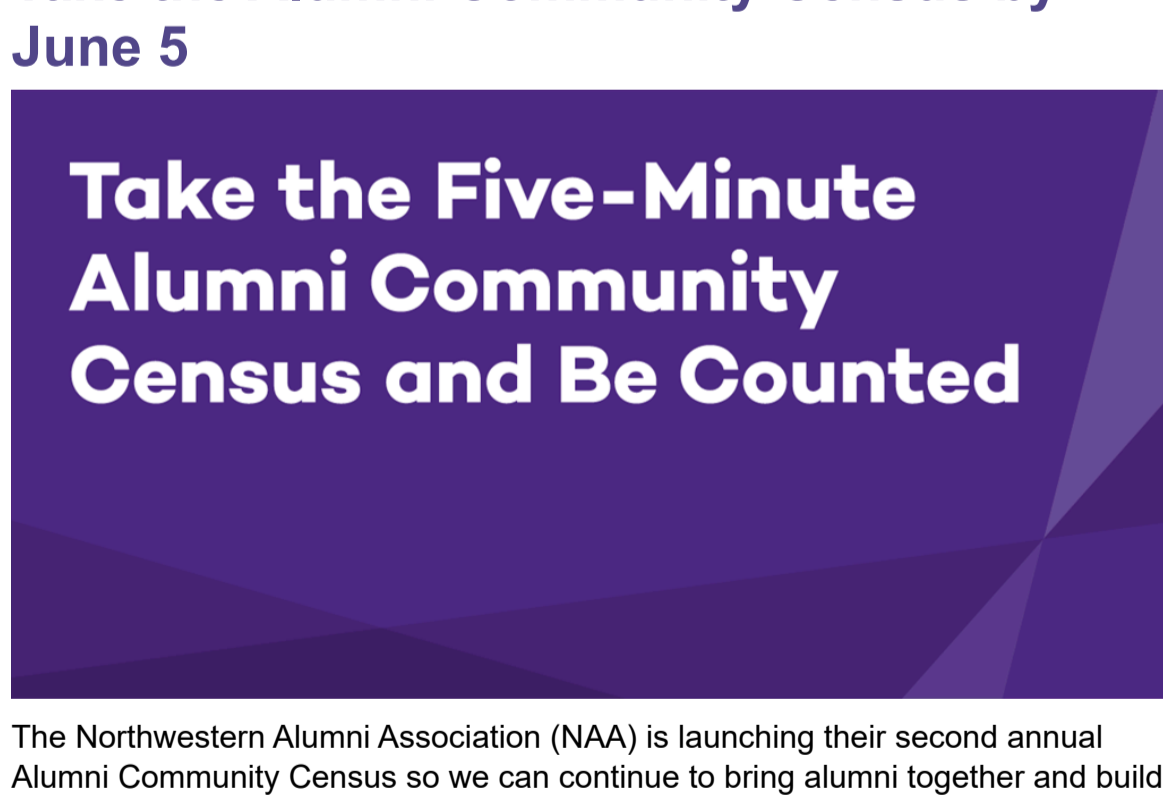
On May 18, the NULC Washington, DC, Regional Board held their spring meeting with featured speaker **Margaret Danilovich, '07 DPT, PhD**, director of Feinberg's dual degree program in Public Health and Physical Therapy. Dr. Danilovich's presentation, *Turn up the Intensity: Why Challenging Exercise Matters*, explored the latest research on recommended exercise intensity levels with an emphasis on why intensity matters for aging, as well as the groundbreaking research taking place at Northwestern and its implications for disease prevention and treatment. The event was hosted by MAA Board member and NULC DC Regional Board co-chair **Sridhar Durbhakula '94, '97 MD ('24 P)**, and NULC DC Regional Board member **Sirisha Durbhakula, MD, '96 ('24 P)**, in their home.



On March 22, NUPTHMS hosted another successful Professional Autobiography Speaker Series event featuring Shirley Ryan AbilityLab PT panelists **Kelly McKenzie, Marisa Ann Alcaro, '10 DPT**, and **Minh Lam, '16 DPT**, who spoke about their careers in clinical care, research, management, and teaching.

The Professional Autobiography Speaker Series is a lecture series created by two current second-year DPT students, Maren Wisniewski and Ella Counihan, with the goal of learning about faculty, alumni, and community members' career paths. Their inaugural speaker was Julius Dewald, PhD, chair and professor in the Department of Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences and professor of Biomedical Engineering.

## Take the Alumni Community Census by June 5



The Northwestern Alumni Association (NAA) is launching their second annual Alumni Community Census so we can continue to bring alumni together and build a more welcoming community. The census is an important initiative that helps the NAA gain a more complete picture of our alumni. With your participation, we can better understand our graduates, provide more meaningful programming, and personalize communications for alumni across the globe. We're counting on you to join the 21,000 alumni who have already filled out the census. **Please take five minutes to complete 10 questions by June 5, 2022.**

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TAKE THE ALUMNI COMMUNITY CENSUS

## May Celebrations: Alumni Spotlights



May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month!

In celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we invite you to learn more about pioneering alum Ting D. Lee, '25 MD. Dr. Lee was appointed assistant professor of Pathology at the Kwong Hua Medical College, the first Western-style medical school in China completely run by the Chinese people. Dr. Lee would later settle in Portland,



May is National Nurses Month!

In celebration of National Nurses Month, we invite you to read more about the history of nursing education at Northwestern University on Northwestern's [Digital Hub](#). The article highlights how "Through a span of 85 years, more than 5,100 graduates in the various nursing programs affiliated with the University have provided health and nursing services to many

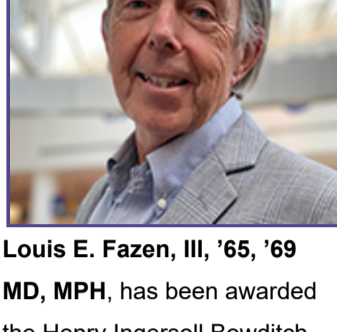


Oregon, and was heavily involved in the Chinese community. He was awarded the Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission Gold Medal in 1965. Read more about Dr. Lee's life and legacy on the Galter Health Sciences Library and Learning Center [website](#).

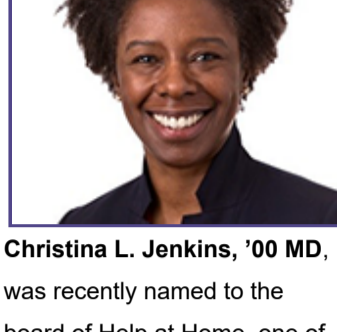
## Congrats Are in Order!



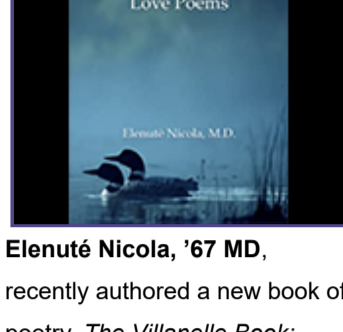
**David M. Holtzman '83, '85 MD**, scientific director of the Hope Center for Neurological Disorders and associate director of the Knight Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, was awarded the **Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine Distinguished Medical Alumni Award** at Alumni Weekend 2022. Created in 1998 by then-vice president and dean of the medical school Harvey Colten, this award is presented annually to recognize an alum whose outstanding professional achievements bring honor to the medical school and merit special recognition. Read more about the presentation of this award in the [Feinberg News Center](#). Congratulations, Dr. Holtzman!



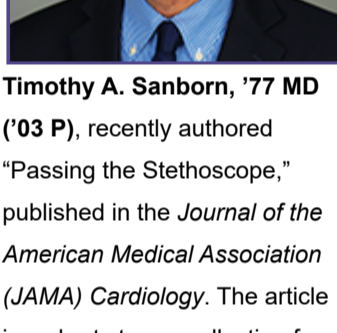
**Louis E. Fazen, III, '65, '69 MD, MPH**, has been awarded the Henry Ingersoll Bowditch Award for Public Health by the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS). The Ingersoll Bowditch Award is "bestowed annually to a Massachusetts physician who demonstrates creativity, commendable citizenship, initiative, innovation, and leadership in the public health and advocacy fields." Committed to advocating for public health, Dr. Fazen is a pediatrician, founder of the Global Health Committee at the MMS, and four-decade faculty member at the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School. He previously served as chair of the MMS Public Health Committee and currently serves on the Old Sturbridge Village Public Charter School Board of Directors and as secretary of the Board of the Public Health Museum in Tewksbury, Massachusetts. Congratulations, Dr. Fazen!



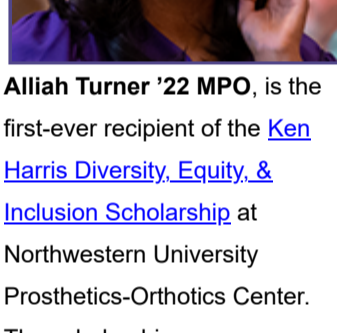
**Christina L. Jenkins, '00 MD**, was recently named to the board of Help at Home, one of the nation's largest homecare providers with over 30,000 caregivers. Dr. Jenkins is a venture investor and adviser who uses technology and trusted relationships to improve health at scale, with focus on evidence-based technologies that better meet the health needs of women, the aging, and other underserved populations. She is a board member of venture-backed companies Xandar Kardian, FIGUR8, and Madorra, and an advisory board member of multiple value-generating healthcare companies, including Independence Health Group (parent of Independence Blue Cross and AmeriHealth Caritas) and MDisrupt. She also is a former Bloomberg appointee to the board of NYC Health + Hospitals and chair of its Quality and Performance Committee. Dr. Jenkins actively leads venture investments in seed and early-stage digital health and hardware-enabled companies for Phoenix Venture Partners. Separately, Dr. Jenkins is a national advisor to Manatt Health, a division of Manatt Phelps and Phillips. Congratulations, Dr. Jenkins!



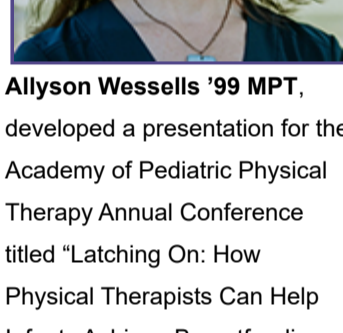
**Elenuté Nicola, '67 MD**, recently authored a new book of poetry, *The Villanelle Book: Love Poems*. The book description states that "The language of love and longing speaks to the soul. The classic villanelle form is the perfect vehicle for such sentiments. The word villanelle comes from the Italian vilannella, which was a rustic song or dance. In France in the late 16th century, the villanelle evolved into poetry...The theme is still often pastoral or related to love." As Dr. Nicola shares, "I wrote my first one, the first in this book, after reading about the villanelle form. It so perfectly allowed me to express what I wanted to say that I was hooked. The ideas for many of them came to me at night, when I logically thought I'd like to sleep, but the musical, repetitive, villanelle was waiting for me to find those last few words." The book is available for purchase from [Amazon](#). Congratulations, Dr. Nicola!



**Timothy A. Sanborn, '77 MD ('03 P)**, recently authored "Passing the Stethoscope," published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) Cardiology*. The article is a short story recollection from Dr. Sanborn's first year at Northwestern University Medical School on how he, using the skills that he had recently gained as an M1, was able to examine and diagnose the breathing problem that his own father (a surgeon) was experiencing. The article may be read on the [JAMA Cardiology website](#). Congratulations, Dr. Sanborn!



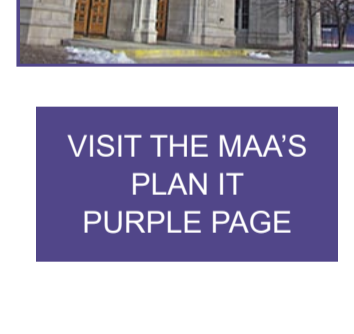
**Alliah Turner '22 MPO**, is the first-ever recipient of the [Ken Harris Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Scholarship](#) at Northwestern University Prosthetics-Orthotics Center. The scholarship was established by an anonymous donor to honor the 30+ year career, service, and dedication of Ken Harris and to provide support for students from marginalized backgrounds who are committed to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion. Congratulations, Alliah!



**Allyson Wessells '99 MPT**, developed a presentation for the Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy Annual Conference titled "Latching On: How Physical Therapists Can Help Infants Achieve Breastfeeding as a Movement Milestone." The presentation highlighted research she initiated with colleagues from Ohio University in "Maternal Self-Confidence and Breastfeeding After Participating in a Program About Infant Prone Positioning," published in the *American Journal of Maternal/Child Nursing*. As a physical therapist (PT), International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC), and co-owner of a private practice in Columbus, Ohio, she endeavors to engage IBCLCs to know more about movement as related to human lactation, and PTs to know more about breastfeeding as related to human development. Congratulations, Allyson!

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 for These Upcoming Events!



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### 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.

## Webinar: The Impact of COVID-19 on Sexual and Gender Minority Populations

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 | 1:00 p.m. CST

**The Pandemic Made It Worse. Learn How Northwestern Is Making It Better.**

Northwestern University's New York and West Coast Regional Offices in collaboration with Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine invite you to a special webinar series examining how the pandemic has exposed health disparities and challenges facing minority communities in the wake of COVID-19.

In the final webinar of this series, Northwestern faculty will talk about the health disparities that sexual and gender minority communities experience compared to heterosexual and cisgender populations, and how recovery and post-COVID-19 programs can better address the rights, needs, and strengths of these communities.

Moderated by **Melissa Simon, MD, MPH, '06 GMEF**, with panelists Jagadīša-devaśrī Dācus, PhD, LMSW, and Brian Mustanski, PhD.

*Advance registration required.*

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## Virtual Event: Global Health Challenges During a Pandemic

Monday, June 13, 2022 | 4:30–5:30 p.m. CST

Please join the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine Robert J. Havey, MD Institute for Global Health for an exclusive virtual discussion and Q&A on the newest developments at the Institute and their work addressing global health challenges during COVID.

Featuring **Robert L. Murphy, MD, '81 GMER, '84 GMEF**; **Robert J. Havey, '80 MD, '83 GMER, '84 GMEF**; and Ashti Doobay-Persaud, MD.

*Advance registration required.*

For questions about this event, please contact Jenn Burke at [jennifer.burke@northwestern.edu](mailto:jennifer.burke@northwestern.edu).

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## Women Physicians Networking Event | Chicago, Illinois

Wednesday, June 15, 2022 | 5:30–8:00 p.m. CST

After a two-year pause, the Medical Alumni Association is pleased to host our annual Women Physicians Networking Event once again in partnership with Northwestern Medicine. Join us at the Museum of Contemporary Art for an evening of networking with your peers across clinical, research, and academic areas.

Opening remarks by **Saadia S. Sherwani, MD, MS, '00 GMER**, senior vice president of Operations and chief medical officer for Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

*Advance registration required.*

REGISTER TODAY

## Northwestern vs. Nebraska Aer Lingus College Football Classic | Dublin, Ireland

Saturday, August 27, 2022

Join your 'Cats in Ireland!

Single game tickets and travel packages for the 2022 Aer Lingus College Football Classic in Dublin, Ireland, are now on sale. Don't miss the Northwestern Wildcats as they take on the Nebraska Cornhuskers this August.

Official Northwestern fan hotels, discounted airfare, and more are available for Wildcat fans to make the most of their trip to Ireland!

For more information and to register, visit the game [website](#).

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