

Alumni Weekend Early Bird Pricing Extension is Ending! Early Bird Discounts Now End Thursday, August 31, at 11:59 p.m. CDT



Alumni Weekend 2023:
Friday, October 13–Saturday, October 14, 2023

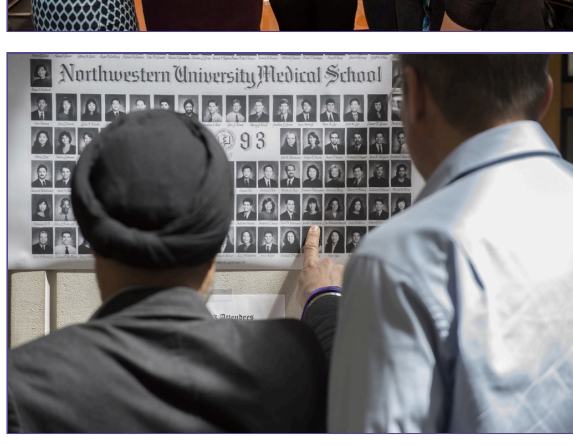
As an end-of-summer treat, Alumni Weekend EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED for a limited time through Thursday, August 31, at 11:59 p.m. CDT!

So, if you missed your chance to save, don't worry—we've got you covered. Take a minute to register now.

Please note: Advance registration is required. There is no on-site registration for Alumni Weekend. You must register prior to Friday, October 6, to be included in any events.

Fall back to campus and come celebrate with us!

REGISTER FOR
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For more information about your reunion, contact:

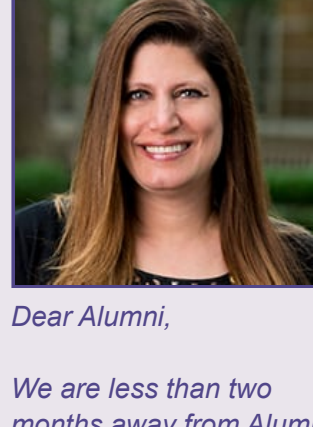
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From the Director's Desk:



Dear Alumni,

We are less than two months away from Alumni Weekend 2023.

Registration closes on October 6. We hope that you can join us for a weekend full of informative and fun activities, including CME forums, tours of Chicago and the medical campus, Celebrate in Chicago—an all-class celebration, and reunion class and Half Century Club dinners. Please visit our [Alumni Weekend website](#) for more information and to register. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

We look forward to welcoming you back to campus in October!

Thank you,

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Alumni Get-Togethers in Colorful Colorado and the Treasure State

In honor of their upcoming reunions, MAA Board members **Emily Jones, '08 MD**, **'11 GMER**, and **Doug Carr '76, '78 MD**, each hosted local alumni get-togethers in their towns.



On August 8, in celebration of her upcoming 15th reunion, Dr. Jones invited alumni and friends of the medical school to gather together with fellow Denver, Colorado-area alumni. Additionally, as chair of the MAA Mentoring Committee, Dr. Jones works to connect regional alumni across the country with ongoing mentoring opportunities at Feinberg.



On August 9, in celebration of his upcoming 45th reunion, Dr. Carr hosted alumni and friends for dinner in Billings, Montana. The group had a fantastic time reconnecting and making new friends. Plans are even being made for future engagements. Dr. Carr is a past president of the Medical Alumni Association.

Thank you to Drs. Jones and Carr for once again hosting gatherings for our regional alumni, and congratulations on your milestone reunions!

Society Olympics 2023



The Ricketts Society—Society Olympics champions for the third year in a row.

The Medical Alumni Association was proud to once again participate in this year's Society Olympics on August 18. Medical students from each of the four medical student societies (Ricketts, Lawless, Thompson, and Cooper) competed against each other in various physical and mental challenges to determine who would take home the glory.

The Ricketts Society (pictured above) took home the Feinberg Cup after an epic win at this year's games. This hat trick marks the third consecutive Society Olympics win for them. Way to go, Ricketts!

View Feinberg's [Flickr album](#) to see more photos from Society Olympics 2023. Congratulations to all the participants! 🏆 🥂

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

"Chicago's Dinosaur Hospitals: Part 1"

Chicago's Dinosaur Hospitals



Joseph Gugenheim, '72MD

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**.

This month's episode is the first installment in a fascinating two-part series. Join Dr. Gugenheim as he unearths Chicago's "Dinosaur Hospitals." A surprising number of Chicago-area hospitals have come and gone over the years. Many have long since faded into memory. In this episode, Dr. Gugenheim delves into the origins, operations, and what led to the eventual demise of several of these shuttered facilities.

Dr. Gugenheim presents "[Chicago's Dinosaur Hospitals: Part 1](#)."

Thank you, Dr. Gugenheim!

VIEW "CHICAGO'S DINOSAUR
HOSPITALS: PART 1"

COMING SOON!

Stay tuned in September for the conclusion of our two-part episode. Join Dr. Gugenheim once again as he uncovers the forgotten history of many of the Chicago-area hospitals that have long since discharged their last patients and forever closed their doors.

You won't want to miss this intriguing conclusion next month!

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

White Coat Kudoboard



Join us in welcoming the incoming Feinberg class of 2027! Check out our new M1 students here on our [White Coat Kudoboard](#) where they are sharing notes of gratitude to our many alumni who supported their white coat. (Thank you!)

On August 4, first-year Feinberg students donned their white coats for the first time to celebrate Founders' Day 2023. The annual celebration, which officially kicks off the new academic year, welcomes the incoming class of medical students to campus and honors Feinberg's founders.

Read more about Founders' Day in the [Feinberg News Center](#).

A Message from the NMO:

Play in the NMO Fall 2023 Concert!



Conductor Jennifer Huang leading the NMO at Thorne Auditorium.

The Northwestern Medical Orchestra invites you to join our Fall 2023 season as part of our orchestra or chamber music program! Our musicians include Northwestern staff, students, alumni, and faculty. Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays from 7:00–9:00 p.m. at the Shirley Ryan Ability Lab (355 East Erie Street, 10th Floor, Chicago). There also are opportunities to play as a soloist or in a small chamber group. The orchestra concerts will be on December 12 and 15, with chamber music concert to follow in February. Sign up by September 5 via this [online form](#).

PLAY IN THE NORTHWESTERN MEDICAL ORCHESTRA

Make-A-Wish: "Doctor-For-A-Day"



Twelve-year-old Melanie Rodriguez Romo, a Make-A-Wish participant and kidney transplant recipient, recently experienced a day as a doctor—the first wish of its kind granted in Illinois by the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"During her recent two-day Make-A-Wish visit at Northwestern and Lurie Children's, Melanie received her medical school letter of acceptance and jumped right into pursuing her dream. She participated in simulated patient care, learning how to perform CPR, cast a broken arm, intubate a simulated patient, and suture a simulated wound. During a graduation ceremony, Melanie received her white coat and medical school diploma."

Melanie even had the opportunity to perform a simulated surgery to remove a simulated patient's gallstones, made possible by [Northwestern Simulation](#). Way to go, Melanie!

Read the full story on our [website](#), featuring current fellow Carlos Becerril-Romero, MD, and alumni **Eric S. Hungness '93, MD, '05 GMEF**, and **Jeffrey Barsuk, '99 MD, '02 GMER, '11 MS**.

MAKE-A-WISH DOCTOR-FOR-A-DAY

Northwestern Hospitals: Best Hospitals, U.S. News & World Report



Northwestern Medicine hospitals have once again been recognized as leaders in clinical excellence by *U.S. News & World Report*. For the twelfth consecutive year, Northwestern Memorial Hospital has been named to the Best Hospitals Honor Roll, a select group of only twenty-two hospitals recognized for their exceptional performance across specialties, procedures, and conditions. Northwestern Memorial Hospital also was nationally ranked in eleven specialties, tying for the top-rated hospital in metropolitan Chicago and Illinois.

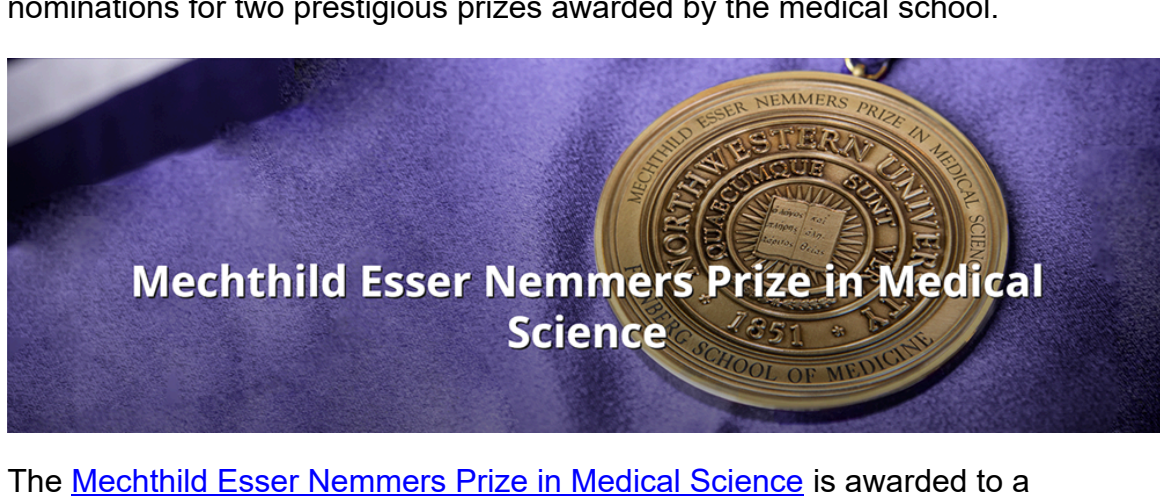
Additionally, Shirley Ryan AbilityLab (previously known as the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago) was named the national leader in Rehabilitation for its thirty-third consecutive year, and Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago was named the top children's hospital in Illinois, and seventh in the region, with nine of its specialties ranked in the top twenty-five nationally.

Thank you to all who voted! To read more about the rankings, visit the [Feinberg News Center](#).

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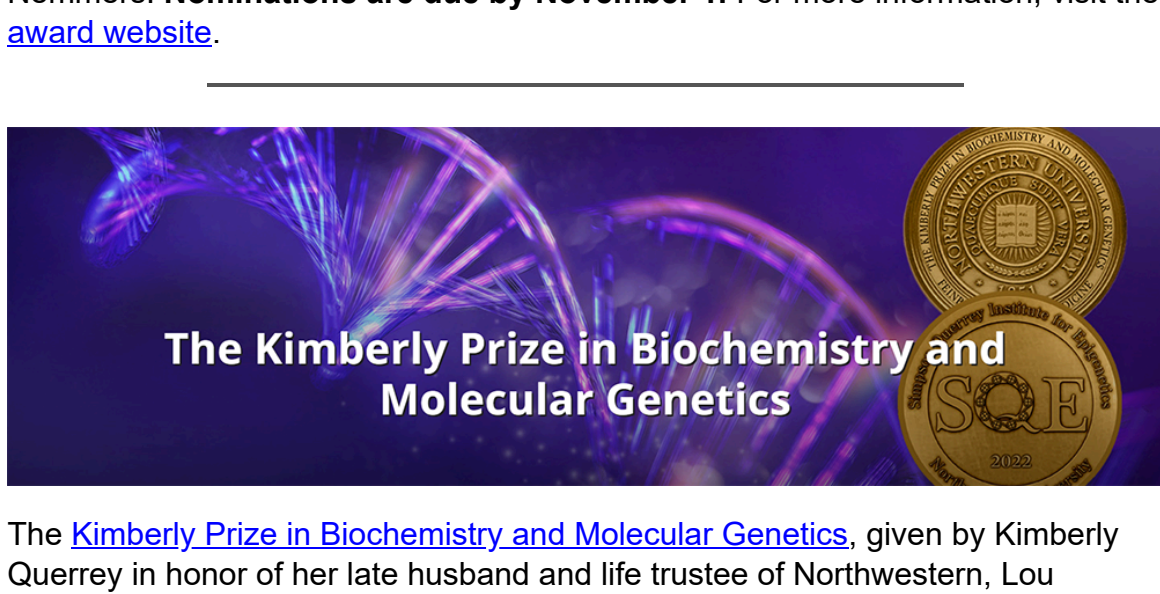
Now Accepting Nominations!

Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine is currently accepting nominations for two prestigious prizes awarded by the medical school.



Mechthild Esser Nemmers Prize in Medical Science

The [Mechthild Esser Nemmers Prize in Medical Science](#) is awarded to a biomedical researcher whose body of work exhibits outstanding achievement in biomedical science, as demonstrated by works of lasting significance. This biennial prize of \$350,000 is one of the five Nemmers Prizes administered by Northwestern University. The Mechthild Esser Nemmers Prize is awarded every two years by Feinberg and made possible by a generous endowment to Northwestern by Erwin and Frederic Esser Nemmers. The Nemmers Prize in Medical Science was founded in honor of their mother, Mechthild Esser Nemmers. **Nominations are due by November 1.** For more information, visit the [award website](#).



The Kimberly Prize in Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics

The [Kimberly Prize in Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics](#), given by Kimberly Querrey in honor of her late husband and life trustee of Northwestern, Lou Simpson, is awarded every year to a scientist who has made outstanding research contributions into the molecular basis of life with a direct demonstrated link of their discovery into clinic for the betterment of humankind. This annual prize of \$250,000 is given by the Simpson Querrey Institute for Epigenetics and administered by Feinberg. As a condition of the award, the prize recipient will deliver a public lecture on the Feinberg campus in Chicago, visit with faculty, fellows, and students, and attend an honorific dinner. **Nominations are due by November 17.** For more information, visit the [award website](#).

Congrats Are in Order!



Kathryn Brito, '18 DPT, recently received the Falk



Charles E. Miller '75, '77 MD ('07 P), founder of the



Diana S. Sandler, MD, '14 GMEF, recently joined the

Rising Leader Award for her outstanding contributions and commitment to Northwestern Medicine. Dr. Brito is an acute care physical therapist at Northwestern Medicine Lake Forest Hospital and has served in various leadership roles within both the Illinois Physical Therapy Association and the American Physical Therapy Association. The award also has a financial component that can be used toward continuing education, professional development, and/or philanthropy. Dr. Brito has chosen to donate a portion of her award to the [Robert Babbs Jr., PT Diversity Scholarship](#). Congratulations, Dr. Brito!

Advanced IVF Institute, announced that CCRM Fertility, a pioneer in fertility treatment, research, and science, has added the institute to its fertility treatment network, expanding its North American footprint. Dr. Miller founded the Advanced IVF Institute in 2008 and leads two Chicago-area locations that offer in vitro fertilization, fertility preservation, and reproductive surgery. Dr. Miller is director of Minimally-Invasive Gynecologic Surgery and the Fellowship in Minimally-Invasive Gynecologic Surgery Program at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital. He also is president of the Foundation of the AAGL (formerly the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists) and a faculty member of the Clinical Fellowship in Reproductive Medicine and Immunology at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science. Congratulations, Dr. Miller!

National Psoriasis Foundation Board of Directors. Dr. Sandler is a rheumatologist at NorthShore University and clinical assistant professor at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. Congratulations, Dr. Sandler!



David R. Walega, MD, '98 GMER, GMEF, '13 MS, has joined Integrated Pain Solutions of Ohio. Together with American Pain Consortium, Integrated Pain Solutions forms a renowned network of pain practices dedicated to providing exceptional medical care. Dr. Walega previously served on faculty on Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and holds dual board certification in Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine through the American Board of Anesthesiology. Congratulations, Dr. Walega!



Photo Credit: Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist

David W. Zaas, '98 MD, has been named the next president of Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist. Dr. Zaas also will hold a faculty appointment as professor of Internal Medicine at Wake Forest University School of Medicine. Dr. Zaas most recently served as chief executive officer for the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) Health Charleston Division and MUSC Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital, as chief clinical officer for MUSC Health, and as a faculty-appointed professor of Medicine at the MUSC College of Medicine. Prior to joining MUSC, Dr. Zaas served as president of Duke Raleigh Hospital and vice chair of the Department of Medicine at Duke University School of Medicine. Congratulations, Dr. Zaas!



Scott Zeller, '86 MD, was recently featured in the July 2023 issue of *The New Yorker* magazine. The feature is an extensive profile on Dr. Zeller and his invention, the EmPATH unit (Emergency Psychiatry Assessment Treatment and Healing unit). The EmPATH unit is a new type of transformative emergency room for specialized psychiatric care available in hospitals across the country. Each day, hundreds of patients experiencing a mental health crisis are now able to be evaluated by emergency department staff and quickly transferred to this healing environment. For more information on the EmPATH unit and Dr. Zeller, visit *The New Yorker* [website](#). Congratulations, Dr. Zeller!

Do you have news to share with us or know of an alumnus/a we should recognize in the newsletter?

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Upcoming Events: Mark Your Calendars!



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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.

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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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