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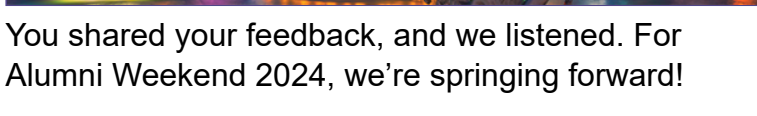
Wishing you a joyous holiday season full of wonder and happiness.

From us and ours to you and yours...

Your Medical Alumni Association and Alumni Relations Team

Save the Date: Alumni Weekend 2024 (April 18–20)

We're Springing Forward!



You shared your feedback, and we listened. For Alumni Weekend 2024, we're springing forward!

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2024: APRIL 18–20*

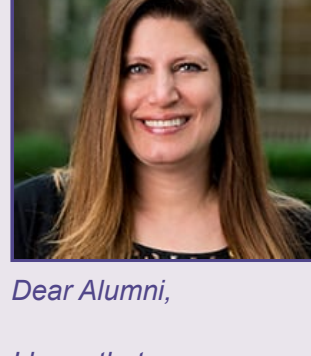
Please save the date and plan to join us on campus this spring. Whether you'll be celebrating your reunion (classes whose graduation years end in 4 or 9), joining us for our exciting Half Century Club programming, taking CME courses, mentoring students, or checking out what's new at Northwestern, we 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.

**NEW: Thursday events have now been added!*

Book your hotel now! Hotel rooms have been arranged at various local hotels at discounted rates. Visit the **"2024 Travel and Accommodations"** portion of our [Alumni Weekend website](#) for more information. Stay tuned for additional updates, including the full weekend schedule and event details coming in early January 2024. **Online registration opens February 1!**

[VIEW THE ALUMNI WEEKEND 2024 TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS](#)

From the Director's Desk:



Dear Alumni,

I hope that you are having a wonderful holiday season! We have many activities planned for the start of the new year. We will be holding events in La Quinta, California; Boca Raton and Naples, Florida; and Scottsdale, Arizona. If you live near or are planning to visit any of these cities, please reach out to me so we can confirm that you will receive an invitation to our events!

Additionally, please mark your calendar for Alumni Weekend 2024, taking place April 18–20 in Chicago. Stay tuned for more information coming in January 2024. Registration opens February 1.

Please reach out with any questions. Happy Holidays!

Thank you,
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Babette Henderson '21

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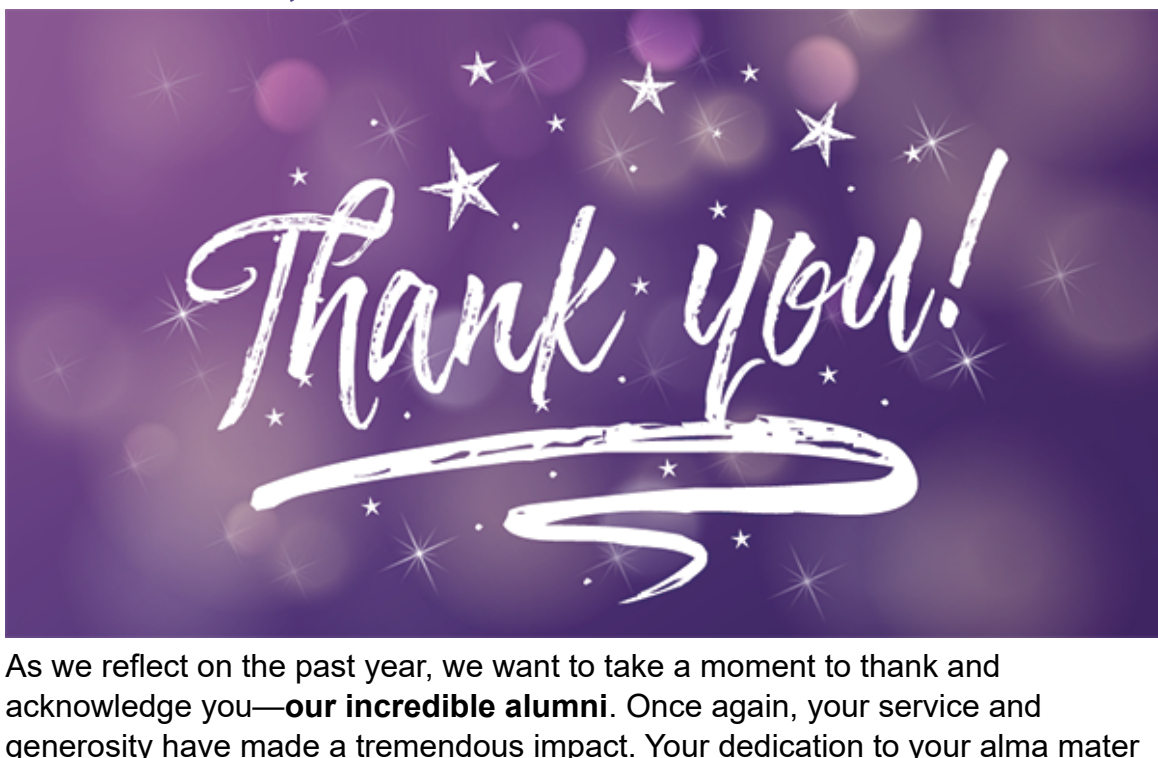
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Thank You, Alumni!



As we reflect on the past year, we want to take a moment to thank and acknowledge you—our **incredible alumni**. Once again, your service and generosity have made a tremendous impact. Your dedication to your alma mater allows us to further our goals, offer greater support to our medical students, and effectively shape the future of medicine. Whether you volunteered your time, made a gift, mentored a student, or participated in an MAA event, we thank and appreciate you.

Because of you, in fiscal 2023:

- 1,604 alumni participated in 26 engagement events
- We hosted in-person events with alumni in 14 cities
- We hosted 26 mentoring events to connect our students with alumni
- 1,723 alumni made a gift to the medical school
- 85 alumni made a gift to the medical school for the first time
- 251 alumni made a gift to the medical school in honor of their reunion
- 125 alumni purchased white coats for the incoming medical students
- The MAA Newsletter grew to 17,620 subscribers
- Our social media impressions surpassed 25,000 across platforms

We're grateful for your dedication and support this past year, and always.

Our Commitment to Scholarships



We're thrilled to share with you our [new video](#) highlighting our Commitment to Scholarships. Hear from our students, alumni, and faculty on the importance of this endeavor and how, through your support of scholarships, you foster the promising futures of deserving and exceptional students, making a lasting impact on today's students and their medical careers.

401, or approximately 66%, of our medical students received scholarships for the 2023-2024 academic year. At Feinberg, we want to offer a medical education to individuals who dream of helping others through a career in medicine—regardless of their financial means.

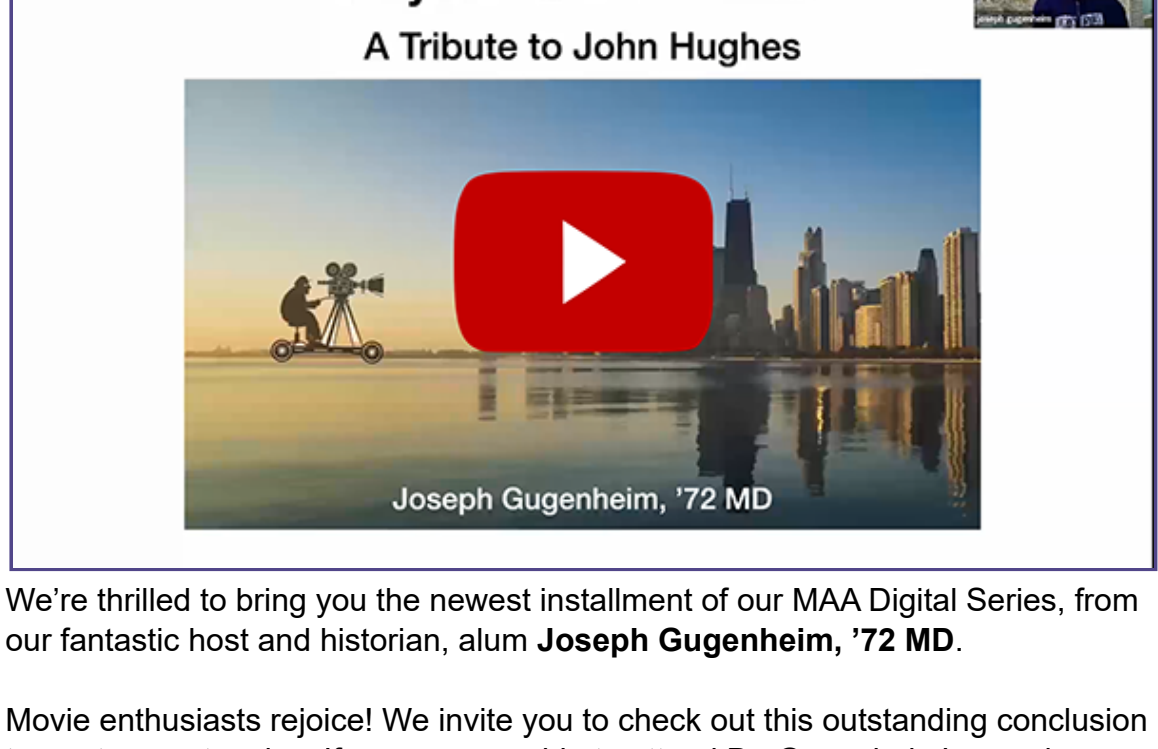
Along with an outstanding faculty, meaningful clinical experiences, and top-notch research opportunities, our scholarship funding enables us to attract and retain these remarkable students.

To learn more about our Commitment to Scholarships, please visit our [website](#).

[VIEW OUR NEW COMMITMENT TO SCHOLARSHIPS VIDEO](#)

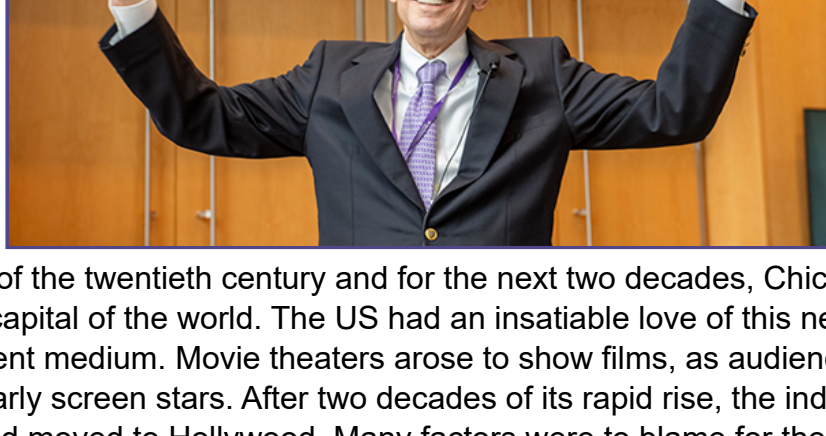
MAA Digital Series: Hosted by Joseph Gugenheim, '72 MD

"Hollywood on the Lake: A Tribute to John Hughes—Part II"



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**.

Movie enthusiasts rejoice! We invite you to check out this outstanding conclusion to our two-part series. If you were unable to attend Dr. Gugenheim's popular Alumni Weekend presentation that was held on campus in the Hughes Auditorium, then pop some popcorn and settle in for this month's episode.



At the turn of the twentieth century and for the next two decades, Chicago was the movie capital of the world. The US had an insatiable love of this new entertainment medium. Movie theaters arose to show films, as audiences fell in love with early screen stars. After two decades of its rapid rise, the industry left Chicago and moved to Hollywood. Many factors were to blame for the move, including the weather, Thomas Edison, and censorship. Although a few landmark films continued to be produced in Chicago, it was not until the 1980s that Chicago regained its importance in movie production. John Hughes was largely responsible for this revival of the film industry in Chicago. This two-part presentation traces the history of the movie industry in Chicago from the late nineteenth century, through the Hughes era, to the present day.

Dr. Gugenheim presents **"Hollywood on the Lake: A Tribute to John Hughes—Part II."**

Thank you, Dr. Gugenheim!

[VIEW "HOLLYWOOD ON THE LAKE: A TRIBUTE TO JOHN HUGHES—PART II"](#)

COMING SOON!

Chicago's Navy Pier is an iconic landmark in the Windy City and the location for some of Feinberg's annual graduation ceremonies. But how much do you know

about the origins of the world's longest public pier? Join Dr. Gugenheim in the New Year as he delves into the history and future of this fun and functional pier. **Coming in January 2024!**

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

San Francisco and Mountainview Dinners



Thank you to all the alumni and friends of the medical school who joined us for dinner in California last month! On November 14, we hosted a Medical Alumni Association dinner in Mountainview, and the following day, we dined with alumni and friends in San Francisco. We loved the opportunity to meet and catch up with so many of our wonderful California alumni over the course of these two days. To view photos from the dinners, please see our [MAA San Francisco and Mountainview Dinners Photo Album](#).

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A Night With Northwestern in Houston: Frontiers of the Brain

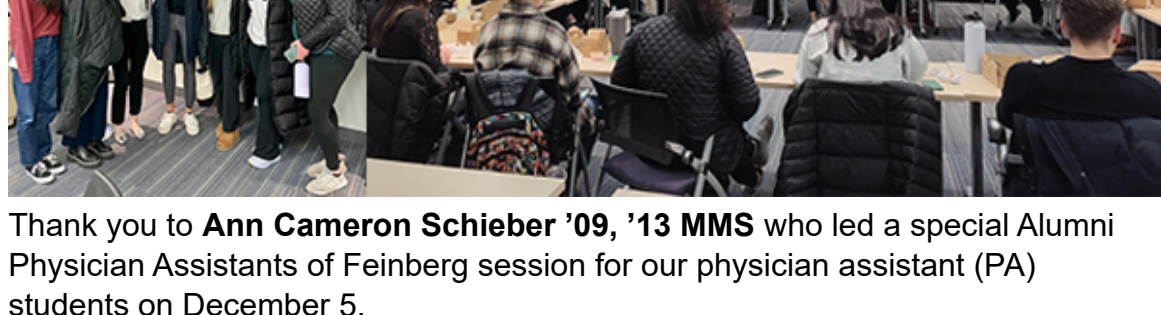


On December 6, in collaboration with the Northwestern Alumni Association, we hosted "A Night with Northwestern" in Houston, Texas, and welcomed alumni and guests for an excellent presentation: "Frontiers of the Brain." Alfred L. George, Jr., MD, chair of the Department of Pharmacology; director of the Center for Pharmacogenomics; and the Alfred Newton Richards Professor of Pharmacology, along with Sachin Patel, MD, PhD, chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences; the Lizzie Gilman Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences; and professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences in the Division of General Psychiatry led the presentation. At Houston's Post Oak Hotel, they shared recent advances in neuroscience and what lies ahead for research on brain health. After the presentation, several alumni and friends joined us for dinner to continue the conversation. We invite you to check out [photos](#) from the event.

We love our Houston alumni! Thank you to all who joined us.

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Alumni Physician Assistants of Feinberg



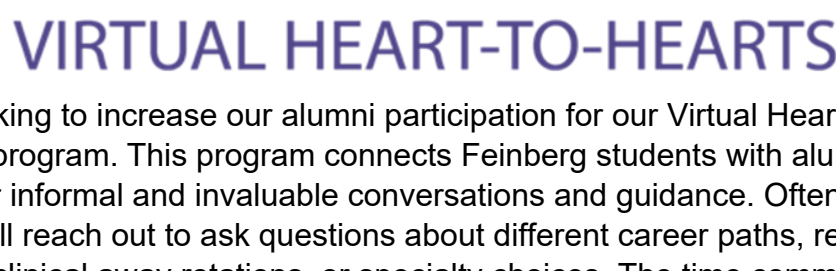
Thank you to **Ann Cameron Schieber '09, '13 MMS** who led a special Alumni Physician Assistants of Feinberg session for our physician assistant (PA) students on December 5.

The PA students were eager to ask PA Cameron Schieber questions about her schooling and career. She shared that it's important for the students to "put themselves out there" and encouraged collaboration with physicians and other colleagues.

We're grateful to Ann Cameron Schieber for sharing her time, insights, and experiences with our PA students.

For more information on this event and our other mentoring programs, contact Allison Glibowski at allison.glibowski@northwestern.edu.

Want to Connect with Our Students?



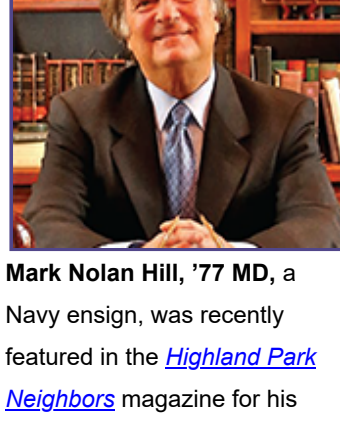
We are looking to increase our alumni participation for our Virtual Heart-to-Hearts mentoring program. This program connects Feinberg students with alumni mentors for informal and invaluable conversations and guidance. Oftentimes students will reach out to ask questions about different career paths, residency programs, clinical away rotations, or specialty choices. The time commitment is short, the profile is easy to set up, and the connections made are meaningful for both students and alumni alike. Please submit or update your profile to allow our current students to reach out to you for advice.

Questions? Please contact Allison Glibowski at allison.glibowski@northwestern.edu.

To learn more and sign up, visit our Virtual Heart-to-Hearts [website](#).

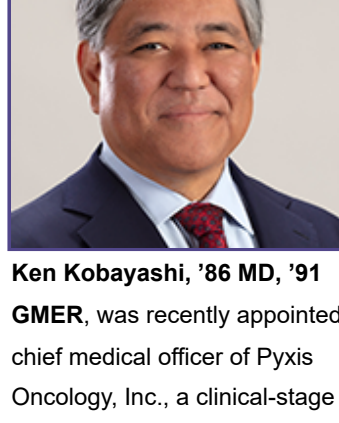
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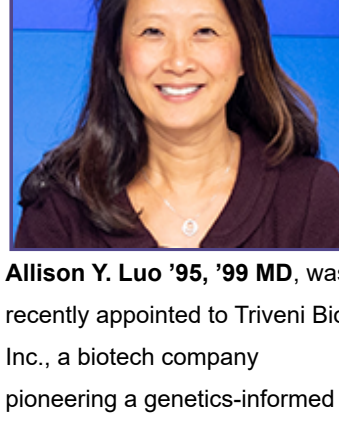


Mark Nolan Hill, '77 MD, a Navy ensign, was recently featured in the [Highland Park Neighbors](#) magazine for his unique medical military mentorship of a young naval cadet who aspires to follow in Dr. Hill's footsteps and enter the field of medicine. His mentee, Cadet Abigail Smilovitz, was recently admitted to the Rickover Naval Academy in Chicago and accompanied Dr. Hill to "A Final Salute" on September 30—a Lake County ceremonial event sponsored by the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and attended by a number of government legislators. Dr. Hill is professor of Surgery at The Chicago Medical School and adjunct professor of Surgery at the Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine. Congratulations, Dr. Hill!

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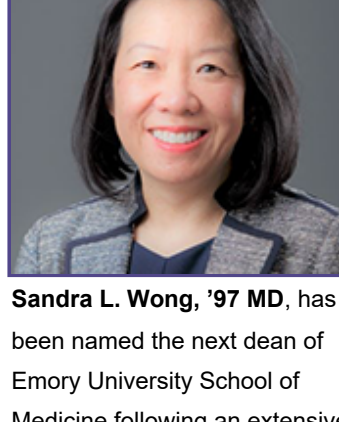
Ken Kobayashi, '86 MD, '91 GMER, was recently appointed chief medical officer of Pyxis Oncology, Inc., a clinical-stage company focused on developing next-generation therapeutics to target difficult-to-treat cancers. Dr. Kobayashi has served as a clinician-scientist, regulator, scientific diplomat, and drug developer across the US, Europe, Latin America, and Japan/Asia. He previously served as senior vice president of Clinical Development at Kinnate Biopharma and as a senior executive at Pfizer, Daiichi Sankyo, AstraZeneca, Janssen, and Novartis. Congratulations, Dr. Kobayashi!



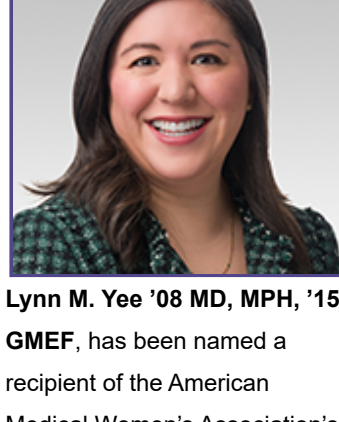
Allison Y. Luo '95, '99 MD, was recently appointed to Triveni Bio Inc., a biotech company pioneering a genetics-informed precision medicine approach to develop functional antibodies for the treatment of inflammation and immunology disorders. Dr. Luo has over two decades of biopharmaceutical clinical development expertise, having previously served as chief medical officer of Prometheus Biosciences, Escalier, and Oppilan (Ventyx). She also held senior leadership roles at Progenity (Biora) and Ophthotech (Iveric Bio), and worked at Bristol Myers Squibb. Congratulations, Dr. Luo!



Oanh H. Truong, MD, '21 GMER, recently joined Baton Rouge General (BRG) Physicians as a family medicine physician, seeing patients at one of BRG's Mid-City clinic locations, Family Health Center. She also serves as faculty in BRG's Family Medicine Residency Program and is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians, Louisiana Association of Family Physicians, and the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine. Congratulations, Dr. Truong!



Sandra L. Wong, '97 MD, has been named the next dean of Emory University School of Medicine following an extensive national search. Dr. Wong is the first female dean of the School of Medicine in university history. She also will serve as chief academic officer for Emory Healthcare. Dr. Wong is a surgical oncologist specializing in the management of soft tissue sarcomas, melanoma, and non-melanoma skin cancers. She currently serves as chair in the Department of Surgery at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center and professor of Surgery in the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. She has held leadership positions in the Society of Surgical Oncology, the Society of University Surgeons, and the Society of Surgical Chairs. She also is an editorial board member of the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons* and the *Journal of Surgical Oncology*, a deputy editor for *Annals of Surgical Oncology*, and an associate editor for *Annals of Surgery*. Congratulations, Dr. Wong!



Lynn M. Yee '08 MD, MPH, '15 GMEF, has been named a recipient of the American Medical Women's Association's 2023 INSPIRE Award, which celebrates accomplished women in medicine who exemplify the highest values in vision, integrity, service, and collaboration in medicine and healthcare. For the complete list of INSPIRE Award recipients, visit the AMWA [website](#). Congratulations, Dr. Yee!

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: Mark Your Calendars!



[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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[Breaking Barriers | Hybrid: Chicago, Illinois and Livestream](#)

Friday, January 19, 2024 | 3:00–5:00 p.m. CST

In celebration of the 30th anniversary of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Revitalization Act, landmark legislation that reshaped the landscape of women's health research and advocacy, [Northwestern University Clinical and Translational Sciences \(NUCATS\)](#) invites you to join a multi-institutional event on January 19. Attend in person or virtually!

MATTER
222 West Merchandise Mart Plaza
Suite #1230
Chicago, Illinois

Advance registration is required.

REGISTER TODAY

[SAVE THE DATE | Webinar | Motherhood in Medicine: Raising Kids for Gender Equity](#)

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 | 4:00–5:00 p.m. CST

"As women in a historically male dominated profession, we have witnessed layers of inequity built into not only our health care systems but also in our communities and families. As mindful parents, especially those of us raising sons, we have an opportunity to create the change we wish to see in the world. Join this conversation between two Northwestern physician moms of sons as we continue to tilt the needle towards greater gender equity."

Featuring MAA Women in Medicine Committee co-chair **Shelly Vaziri Flais '95, '99 MD, '02 GMER**, and **Ingrid Lim, '02 MD**.

Stay tuned for more information coming in January 2024.

[Northwestern Connects Event | Tucson, Arizona](#)

Tuesday, January 30, 2024 | 5:30 p.m. CST

The Northwestern Tucson Club, in collaboration with Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, invites you to an upcoming presentation: "Is Aging Inevitable or Preventable?"

Tuesday, January 30, 2024
5:30 p.m. Check-in, Reception
6:45 p.m. Presentation, Q&A
8:00 p.m. Event Concludes

Featuring:
Douglas E. Vaughan, MD
Director, Potocsnak Longevity Institute
Irving S. Cutter Professor of Medicine Emeritus
Professor of Medicine (Cardiology)

Why do some people age faster than others? Tests can now pinpoint how long an individual will live. Do you want to know? Once you know, what's next? Come learn how industry focus has shifted from prolonging lifespan to extending "healthspan" and what that might mean for your future healthcare.

The Graduate | 930 East 2nd Street | Tucson, Arizona 85719

Reception includes beer, wine, soft drinks, and hors d'oeuvres.

Now in its ninth year, [Northwestern Connects](#) is an annual networking event held on the same night in dozens of cities across the globe. Don't miss this opportunity to expand your personal and professional networks while celebrating your Purple Pride.

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[SAVE THE DATE | MAA Brunch: Is Aging Inevitable or Preventable? | Naples, Florida](#)

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 | 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. EST

The NU Club of Greater Naples and the Half Century Club of Northwestern University's Medical Alumni Association invite you to join us at The Ritz-Carlton Naples, Tiburón, for a discussion featuring faculty members Douglas E. Vaughan, MD; Francesca E. Duncan, PhD; and Rod S. Passman, MD, MSCE.

Stay tuned for more information coming in January 2024.

[2024 Northwestern Dental School Midwinter Reception and Reunion | Chicago, Illinois](#)

Friday, February 23, 2024 | 5:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m. CST

You are cordially invited to the Northwestern University Dental School (NUDS) Alumni Midwinter Reception.

Cost: \$20 per person in advance; \$25 at the door. Hors d'oeuvres, pasta bar, and dessert will be served. Wine, beer, and soft drinks are included.

Please note that online and phone registration closes Monday, February 19, 2024. To purchase your ticket via phone, please call the Northwestern Alumni Association (NAA) at 847-491-7988.

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[SAVE THE DATE | Music and Medicine at the Musical Instrument Museum | Phoenix, Arizona](#)

Saturday, March 2, 2024 | 5:00 p.m. MST

Musical Instrument Museum

Please reserve your travel and hotel accommodations now as this is expected to be a very busy weekend in Arizona.

Stay tuned for more information coming in January 2024.

[SAVE THE DATE | Cubs Spring Training Game | Mesa, Arizona](#)

Sunday, March 3, 2023 | 1:05 p.m. MST

Chicago Cubs vs. Cleveland Guardians

The Medical Alumni Association is proud to once again host alumni and friends for a spring training game at Sloan Park in Arizona.

Limited tickets will be available, and we expect to sell out quickly.

Please reserve your travel and hotel accommodations now as this is expected to be a very busy weekend in Arizona.

Stay tuned for more information coming in January 2024.

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