

As the chairs of the Inclusion and Allyship Committee of your Medical Alumni Association Board, we want to recognize Black History Month by highlighting our alumni and sharing the achievements of our current students.

**Daniel Hale Williams, 1883 MD, and Emma Ann Reynolds, 1895 MD**, are two of our most celebrated medical alumni. We invite you to learn more about their storied careers [here](#). Drs. Williams and Reynolds were the first Black male and female graduates (respectively) to earn MD degrees from Northwestern's medical school. Feinberg honors their transformative contributions and continues this tradition of excellence by investing in the future changemakers of our Black medical community.

Currently at Feinberg, affinity groups are a way for our medical students to connect with each other. One affinity group we would like to highlight is the Feinberg Chapter of the [Student National Medical Association \(SNMA\)](#). Their mission is to support current and future underrepresented minority medical students and address the needs of underserved communities.



On February 4, in partnership with Feinberg's Admissions Office and other medical school affinity groups, the SNMA hosted an application workshop to encourage underrepresented

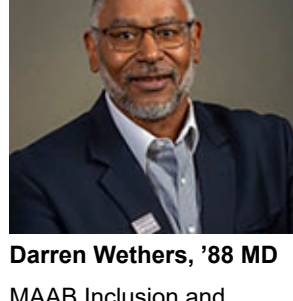
minority students on a premed track to apply for medical school. The workshop included a medical student panel, MD Admissions panel, interview workshop, and a campus tour.

That same weekend, the SNMA also hosted a meet-and-greet to celebrate and honor Black History Month that included students and local Black professionals. The group enjoyed an evening of networking and fellowship.

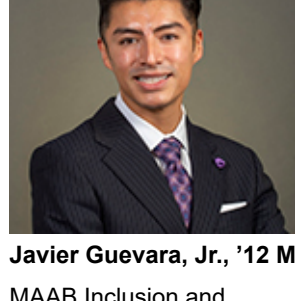


To learn more about the SNMA, please visit their [website](#).

The focus of the [Inclusion and Allyship Committee](#) is to advocate for and mentor our diverse student and alumni population. For more information about our committee or if you want to get involved, please contact us at [medalum@northwestern.edu](mailto:medalum@northwestern.edu).



**Darren Wethers, '88 MD**  
MAAB Inclusion and Allyship Co-Chair



**Javier Guevara, Jr., '12 MD**  
MAAB Inclusion and Allyship Co-Chair

## Hello Again, Naples!



After a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the Medical Alumni Association was pleased to once again welcome alumni and friends to our Naples brunch held in partnership with the NU Club of Greater Naples at the Ritz-Carlton Naples, Tiburón on February 9.

Thank you to Dr. Daniel Corcos who gave an excellent presentation on "Aging and the Beneficial Effects of Exercise." For more information on Dr. Corcos's research, we invite you to check out his episode on the Feinberg *Breakthroughs* podcast—"Can Exercise Slow Parkinson's Disease Progression?" Interest in this annual event has become so great, that the number of attendees doubled from our previous brunch in 2019!

The next evening, on February 10, Northwestern Medicine hosted a reception and conversation with Northwestern Medicine leaders about [Northwestern Medicine Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute](#) and [Potocsnak Longevity Institute](#) at the Royal Poinciana Golf Club.

Thank you to all who joined us for these terrific events. To stay informed of upcoming events in the Naples area, please reach out to us at [medalum@northwestern.edu](mailto:medalum@northwestern.edu).



## Mourning Dr. Rebecca Blank



With a heavy heart, we share that Rebecca M. Blank, PhD, former president-elect and professor of economics at Northwestern, passed away on February 17.

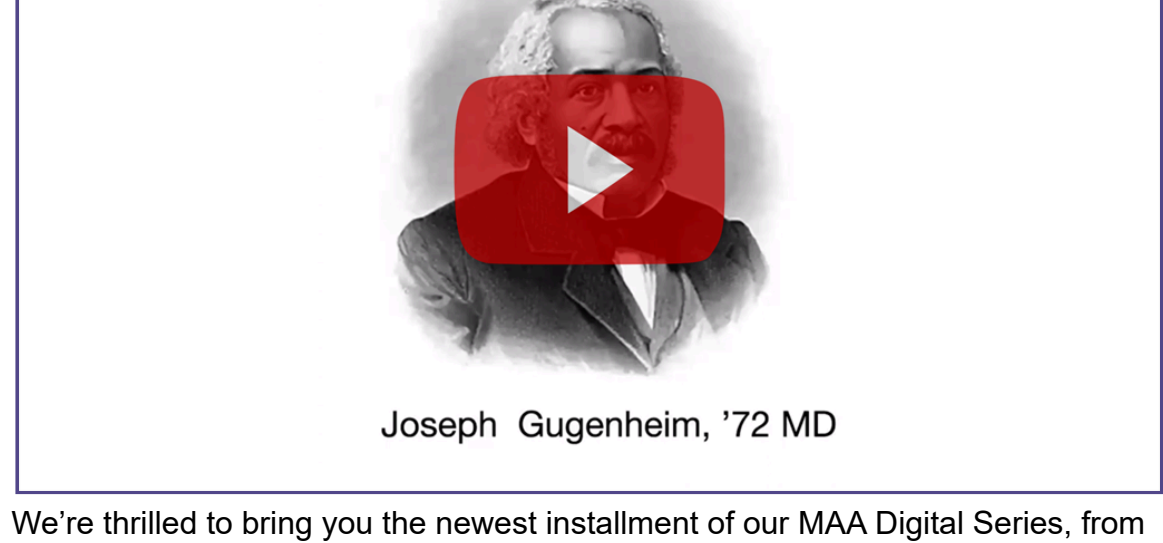
Dr. Blank was named Northwestern's president-elect in October 2021, succeeding Morton Schapiro, PhD. Prior to accepting the role, Dr. Blank served as chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison until May 2022. However, in July of that same year, she announced that she had been diagnosed with cancer and would step down in order to focus on her health and her family.

Dr. Blank was 67 years old. The Medical Alumni Association extends our deepest sympathies to the family, friends, and colleagues of Dr. Blank.

Read more about her life and career on the *Northwestern Now* [website](#).

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

"James McCune Smith, MD"



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!**

In celebration of Black History Month, this month's episode explores the life and groundbreaking career of James McCune Smith. A prominent abolitionist, Dr. McCune Smith was a pioneer in the field of medicine, becoming the first Black physician in the United States to graduate from medical school.

Dr. Gugenheim presents "[James McCune Smith, MD.](#)"

Thank you, Dr. Gugenheim!

[VIEW "JAMES MCCUNE SMITH, MD"](#)

### STAY TUNED!

*For Women's History Month...*

Join us in March for a **Women's History Month** presentation on Rebecca Lee Crumpler, MD...

Next month's episode will celebrate the life and career of Dr. Crumpler, a pioneer who was the first Black woman physician in the United States to earn a medical degree.

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

## Bay Area Alums Meet the President





(Pictured left to right) **Larry Kuhn '02 CERT**, **Richard C. Livermore**; and **David Y. Kan '95, '99, '99 MD**



(Pictured left to right) **Bruce F. Scharschmidt '68, '70 MD**; **Marsha Lightfoot**; and **David V. Lightfoot, '80 MD**



(Pictured left to right) **Bruce F. Scharschmidt '68, '70 MD**; **Meghan Monaghan '19 CERT**; **Carole Raisbeck '60**; **Larry Kuhn '02 CERT**; and **Steven R. Deitcher '86, '88 MD**

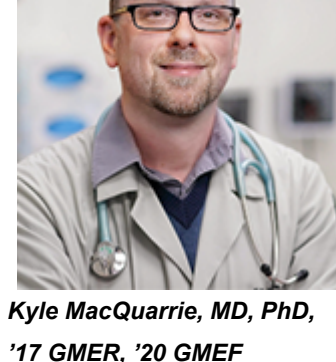
On February 2, Bay Area medical alumni gathered together with University Trustee **Du Chai '94, '01 MBA**, and fellow alumni at the Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco to welcome Northwestern University's 17th president, Michael H. Schill to the Northwestern community.

President Schill took office on September 12, 2022 and will be inaugurated on June 2. For more information on his career and vision for the future of Northwestern, please visit the Northwestern Office of the President [website](#).

## Stellar February APFs

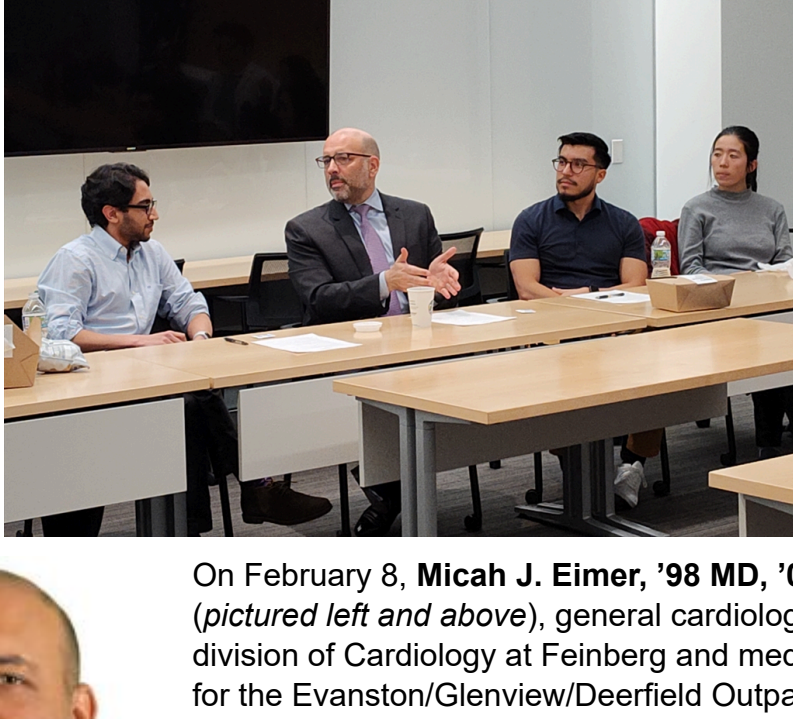
The Medical Alumni Association was pleased to welcome two of our distinguished alumni faculty to speak in our [Alumni Physicians of Feinberg \(APF\)](#) series this month.

During these outstanding APFs, medical students had the opportunity to hear from **Kyle MacQuarrie, MD, PhD, '17 GMER, '20 GMEF**, and **Micah J. Eimer, '98 MD, '06 GMEF**.



**Kyle MacQuarrie, MD, PhD, '17 GMER, '20 GMEF**

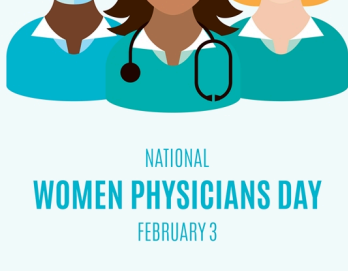
On February 6, **Kyle MacQuarrie, MD, PhD, '17 GMER, '20 GMEF** (pictured left and above), pediatric oncologist at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, spoke with our students about his research, his path to this specialty, and how to find work/life balance. Dr. MacQuarrie shared his thoughts and insights on the critical topic of how to talk with patients and their families who are dealing with a terminal diagnosis. Our students greatly appreciated his time and advice. Thank you, Dr. MacQuarrie!



**Micah J. Eimer, '98 MD, '06 GMEF**

On February 8, **Micah J. Eimer, '98 MD, '06 GMEF** (pictured left and above), general cardiologist in the division of Cardiology at Feinberg and medical director for the Evanston/Glenview/Deerfield Outpatient Centers for Northwestern Medicine, met with our students and offered unique perspective on the driving factors that led to his path to cardiology. Dr. Eimer encouraged the students to be less anxious about what they don't yet know because confidence comes with experience. The students were grateful for the opportunity to speak with and learn from Dr. Eimer. Thank you, Dr. Eimer!

## National Women Physicians Day



**NATIONAL WOMEN PHYSICIANS DAY**  
FEBRUARY 3

February 3 is National Women Physicians Day. On this day and every day, we celebrate all our incredible alumnae for their vital contributions to the field of medicine and the betterment of human health.

Here's to you! 🏠👩⚕️

## Vote: Best Hospital Reputation Survey



Voting for the 2023 *U.S. News & World Report* Best Hospital Reputation Survey is currently underway. As alumni of the medical school or McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University, we hope that you consider your training site as one of the top hospitals in the nation. Please consider casting a vote for **Northwestern Memorial Hospital**, **Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago**, and **Shirley Ryan AbilityLab** in this year's survey.

To vote, go to [doximity.com](https://doximity.com), visit your profile page, and click the VOTE button. Thank you for your support!



## Milestone Celebration: NUPT 25th Reunion

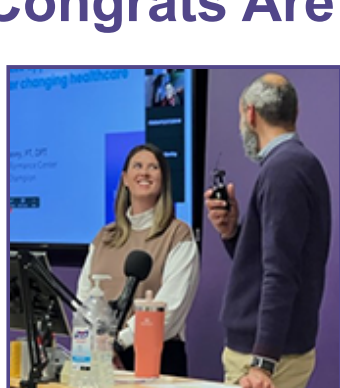


(Pictured left to right) **Kristen Parent Lipsey '98 MPT**, **Wendy Wagner '98 MPT**, **Ellen D. Pendelton '98 MPT**, and **Tasha M. Weatherspoon '98 MPT**, classmates from the Northwestern University Physical Therapy class of 1998, recently gathered together in advance of their upcoming 25th reunion.

Thank you for sharing this wonderful photo with us, Class of '98!

If you have your own photos or memories to share with us, please contact us at [medalum@northwestern.edu](mailto:medalum@northwestern.edu).

## Congrats Are in Order!



**Mary Catherine Casey '09, '13 DPT**, recently led her fantastic continuing education course *"Building the Caseload of Your Dreams: A Multifaceted Sales Approach to Help PTS Succeed in This Ever-Changing Healthcare World"* on January 19. The event was hosted by the Northwestern University Physical Therapy Alumni Association. Congratulations, Dr. Casey!



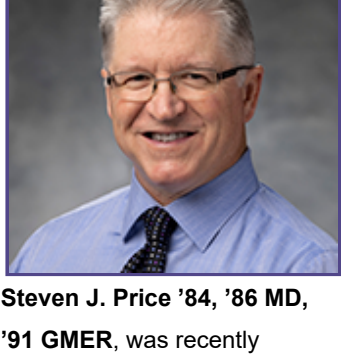
**Sally C. Edelsberg, PT, '72 MS**, former Northwestern University Physical Therapy (NUPT) director, and retired NUPT faculty member Gail Huber, PT, PhD, recently served as participants in the Lifespan II Community Volunteer Lab. Northwestern University Physical Therapy Alumni Association President **Tasha Weatherspoon, '98 MPT** served as one of the faculty members leading the lab (pictured left to right). Congratulations to all on a successful event!



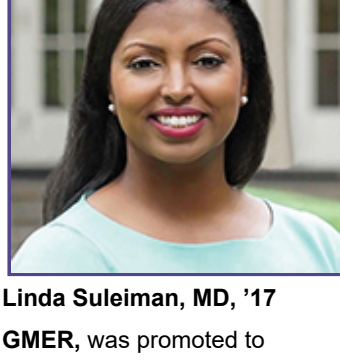
**Emily Finn, '14 DPT**, was recently honored by the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Section on Pelvic Health for being a 2022 Emerging Leader. This award recognizes an individual in their respective section of the APTA who has demonstrated extraordinary service in their early physical therapy career. Congratulations Dr. Finn!



**Kathryn Hufmeyer, '11 MD, '14 GMER**, will rejoin the medical school and Feinberg faculty as associate dean for Curriculum and associate professor of Medicine in the Division of General Internal Medicine, effective July 1. Dr. Hufmeyer is the prior recipient of Feinberg's Augusta Webster Faculty Fellowship in Educational Research and Innovation, the John X Thomas, Jr. Best Teachers of Feinberg Award, and the Excellence in Teaching



**Steven J. Price '84, '86 MD, '91 GMER**, was recently appointed to the board of trustees of ThedaCare. Dr. Price is founder and managing partner of the Neuroscience Group, an independent practice working closely with ThedaCare. Comprised of seventeen physicians and surgeons and a total of forty-eight providers, Neuroscience Group is currently seeking more neurologists. To be connected with the Neuroscience Group, please



**Linda Suleiman, MD, '17 GMER**, was promoted to associate dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Feinberg, effective February 1. Dr. Suleiman also is assistant professor of Orthopaedic Surgery and of Medical Education and director of Diversity and Inclusion at McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University. Prior to the promotion, she served as assistant dean of Medical



Award. Congratulations, Dr. Hufmeyer!

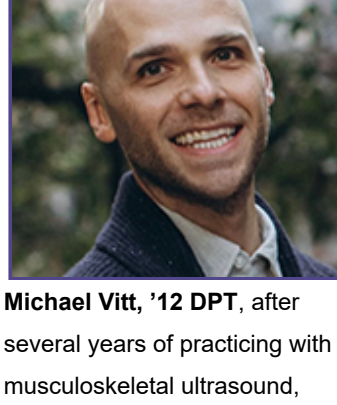
[email the MAA](#). Dr. Price also is an active member of the American Academy of Neurology and the National Headache Foundation.

Education. Congratulations, Dr. Suleiman!

Congratulations, Dr. Price!



**Michael J. Vasconcelles '85, '89 MD**, has been appointed executive vice president of Research, Development, and Medical Affairs at ImmunoGen, Inc. Dr. Vasconcelles is senior adviser to the Life Sciences team at Frazier Healthcare Partners, non-executive director of Molecular Partners AG and Magenta Therapeutics, Inc., a member of the board of the Personalized Medicine Coalition, and a member of the Eastern New England Board of the American Cancer Society. He previously served as chief medical officer and head of the Medical and Scientific Organization at Flatiron Health in New York, associate physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and on faculty at Harvard Medical School. Congratulations, Dr. Vasconcelles!



**Michael Vitt, '12 DPT**, after several years of practicing with musculoskeletal ultrasound, recently passed the Registered in Musculoskeletal Sonography credentialing exam. Congratulations, Dr. Vitt!



**Wendy Wagner, '98 MPT**, co-authored "Presentation and Physical Therapy Management of Upper Cervical Instability in Patients with Symptomatic Generalized Joint Hypermobility: International Expert Consensus Recommendations" which was recently published in the [Frontiers in Medicine Journal](#). Congratulations, Ms. Wagner!

*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).

## 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.



VISIT THE MAA'S PLAN IT PURPLE PAGE

## Is Aging Inevitable or Preventable? | New York, NY

### A Night with Northwestern in New York

Thursday, March 9, 2023 | 5:15 – 7:30 p.m. EST

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.

Cure | 345 Park Avenue South | New York, New York

\$15 - Recent Alumni (undergraduate classes 2012–22) and Current Students  
\$20 - Alumni and Friends

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

Presented in collaboration with the Northwestern Alumni Association.

Please email [alumnieducation@northwestern.edu](mailto:alumnieducation@northwestern.edu) or call 847-791-7200 with any questions.

Register by March 6.

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## Northwestern University Orthopaedic Surgery Alumni Reception | Las Vegas, NV

Thursday, March 9, 2023 | 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. PST

Meet and reconnect with orthopaedic surgery alumni.

Treasure Island – TI Hotel and Casino  
Room – Antilles AB  
3300 Las Vegas Blvd South  
Las Vegas, NV 89109

No RSVP required.

## Friends of Prentice Lecture: Practicing ART in a Post-Roe World | Hybrid

Friday, March 10, 2023 | 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. CST

Susan L. Crockin, JD, from Georgetown University will give a lecture on meeting the unique medical, legal, ethical, and psychosocial challenges in a post-Roe world.

Canning Auditorium  
Prentice Women's Hospital  
250 East Superior Street, 3rd Floor  
Chicago, IL 60611

Via Zoom (Meeting Link [Here](#))  
Meeting #: 895 096 4452  
Password: OBGYN123

No RSVP required.

## Third-Party Event Highlighting the TBI/Veterans-Focused Research of Dr. Theresa Bender Pape | Elmhurst, Illinois

Thursday, March 23, 2023 | 6:00 p.m. CST

Friends of Dr. Theresa Bender Pape are sponsoring an event to raise funds and awareness for Dr. Pape's research surrounding traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Guaranteed Rate  
115 West Adelaide Street  
Elmhurst, IL 60126

To RSVP, please email [Miranda Nwamara Nwakah at miranda.nwakah@northwestern.edu](mailto:Miranda Nwamara Nwakah at miranda.nwakah@northwestern.edu).

RSVP TODAY

## 5th Annual Northwestern Women in Medicine Conference | Hybrid

### The Joy and Power of Our Community

Friday, March 24, 2023 | Northwestern Memorial Hospital & Livestream



Women in medicine face unique challenges and barriers throughout their professional paths. These obstacles may impact leadership opportunities and career advancement, resulting in a gender gap in the governance of academic medical centers.

The [5th annual Northwestern Women in Medicine](#) conference will help to identify the factors that contribute to gender inequity and shed light on such disparities, as well as share experiences and tools to overcome them so as to empower the next generation of female physicians and foster a network of support.

If attending in person, join the MAA for the evening's cocktail reception that we'll be co-hosting with Northwestern Women in Medicine.

Advance registration required.

REGISTER TODAY

## SAVE THE DATE: MAA Get-Together | Phoenix, AZ

Thursday, March 30, 2023

Join your Medical Alumni Association for a gathering with alumni and friends in Phoenix, Arizona!

Stay tuned for more information coming soon.

## Northwestern Connects | Global Event

Thursday, March 30, 2023



Join the Northwestern Alumni Association for a global of networking with fellow alumni. Now in its eighth year, Northwestern Connects is held on the same evening in dozens of cities around the globe. Our goal is to have alumni gather in 100 cities around the world.

Don't miss this opportunity to expand your personal and professional network and celebrate your Purple Pride. You can attend an event where you live or wherever you'll be on March 30! [Find the 2023 locations](#) (other cities are being added, so please keep checking).

Email [Lucie Sandel](#) with any questions about specific event locations. Don't see an event in your city? Complete the host form, and we'll follow up with you.

Most events are free, but advance registration is required. We can't wait to get together on March 30!



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## Pappas Lectureship in the Department of Ophthalmology | Chicago, IL

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 | 5:00 p.m. CST (with a reception following)

Arun D. Singh, MD, from the Cleveland Clinic, will give a lecture on ocular (adnexal) lymphoma.

Simpson Querrey Institute  
Potocsnak Family Atrium and Simpson Querrey Auditorium  
303 East Superior Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

To RSVP, please email Andrew Christopherson at [andrew.christopherson@northwestern.edu](mailto:andrew.christopherson@northwestern.edu) or call 312-503-3080.

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## Portrait Unveiling and Reception Honoring the Memory of John Csernansky, MD, Former Chair of the Department of Psychiatry | Chicago, IL

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

Memorial and Portrait Unveiling for John Csernansky, MD, former chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.

Simpson Querrey Institute  
Hughes Auditorium  
303 East Superior Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

If you have any questions, please email Andrew Christopherson at [andrew.christopherson@northwestern.edu](mailto:andrew.christopherson@northwestern.edu) or call 312-503-3080.

## Malnati Brain Tumor Institute Minds Matter Benefit Event | Chicago, IL

Benefitting the Lou and Jean Malnati Brain Tumor Institute (MBTI)

Friday, May 5, 2023 | The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago

The Minds Matter Benefit is Malnati Brain Tumor Institute's largest annual fundraiser. Proceeds from this signature event will support the life changing work done at the 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.

For more info, please contact Ashley May Coussens at 312-503-0759 or [ashleymay@northwestern.edu](mailto:ashleymay@northwestern.edu).

## SAVE THE DATE: 29th Annual Alzheimer's Day | Chicago, IL

Thursday, May 11, 2023 | 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. CST

Showcase on Alzheimer's-related dementia and aging research conducted at Northwestern to bring awareness to the community.

Feinberg Pavilion Conference Center  
251 East Huron Street, 3rd Floor  
Chicago, IL 60611

RSVP on or after March 1 [here](#).

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

For more info, please contact Ashley May Coussens at 312-503-0759 or [ashleymay@northwestern.edu](mailto:ashleymay@northwestern.edu).

## Lurie Cancer Center Cancer Survivors' Celebration Walk & 5K | Chicago, IL

Sunday, June 4, 2023 | Grant Park

Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center's 30th Annual Cancer Survivors' Celebration Walk & 5K is 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 providers who support them every step of the way.

For more info, please contact Ashley May Coussens at 312-503-0759 or [ashleymay@northwestern.edu](mailto:ashleymay@northwestern.edu).

## Day 1 Survivors Grand Garden Party and 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 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 Lurie Cancer Center's survivorship programs.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit [A Grand Garden Party & Bocce Ball Tournament](#).

PURCHASE TICKETS

## The H Foundation's 21st Annual Goombay Bash | Chicago, IL

Saturday, July 22, 2023 | 5:00 p.m to Midnight CST | Aon Grand Ballroom at Navy Pier

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](http://goombaybash.com/goombay-bash).

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