



Alumni Weekend Registration is Open!

Early Bird Discounts Until February 28

Think spring and plan to join us this April for what's shaping up to be our best [Alumni Weekend](#) yet (**April 29-30**)!

This year, we welcome our 2022 reunion classes, as well as our 2021 and 2020 reunion classes for their postponed celebrations—all classes whose graduation years end in **0, 1, 2, 5, 6, or 7**. We are hard at work planning reunion class dinners, an all-alumni party catered by Gibsons Steakhouse that you definitely won't want to miss, mentoring and networking opportunities, continuing medical education courses, city sightseeing tours, and so much more! If you have any questions about your reunion or [Alumni Weekend](#), please [contact us](#).

COVID-19 Safety Notice: Please note that only fully vaccinated individuals are permitted to attend Alumni Weekend 2022. Proof of full vaccination is required to attend ANY event. Visit our Alumni Weekend [website](#) for more details.

Join your fellow alumni and register today! Visit our [website](#) to sign up.

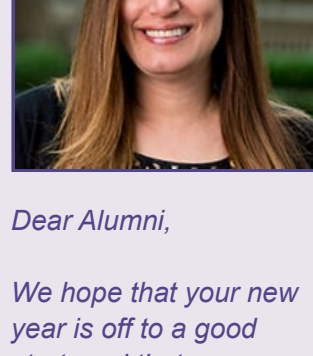
MAA Returns to Los Angeles



On January 12, the MAA was thrilled to once again return to the West Coast and host our Los Angeles alumni for a safe, outdoor gathering at Yardbird Table and Bar. Many members in attendance will be celebrating a milestone reunion this April and plans were made to reconnect this spring. We were thrilled to see old friends and meet new ones at this terrific gathering.

Thank you to all who attended! If you are interested in helping to organize an outdoor alumni gathering in your area, please reach out to us at medalum@northwestern.edu.

From the Director's Desk:



Dear Alumni,

We hope that your new year is off to a good start, and that you are well and staying safe.

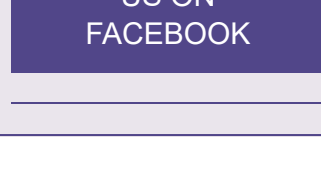
As we send this newsletter, we are only **92 days** from Alumni Weekend! Registration opened on January 5, and we are excited to have you join us back on campus. To keep our alumni safe, we will be adhering to all city and state protocols, and attendees will need to be fully vaccinated. We look forward to welcoming back all alumni and those who are celebrating their reunion milestones from 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Early bird pricing ends February 28. Please do reach out with any questions, and we hope to see you in April!

Thank you,
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New: Northwestern Alumni WIM Instagram Exclusively for Women in Medicine



The Northwestern Medical Alumni Association Board Women in Medicine committee serves to connect, educate, inspire, and amplify each other. The pandemic has only magnified the need for us to stay connected and network virtually. As a diverse group of women spanning multiple generations, we are pleased to introduce a brand-new Instagram platform to expand our social media presence, [Northwestern Alumni WIM](#).

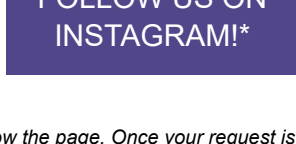
Connect with us to stay current on upcoming events and updates. Please be sure to join our existing [Facebook](#) group too.

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



Shelly Vaziri Flais '95, '99 MD, '02 GMER
MAA Board Women in Medicine Co-Chair

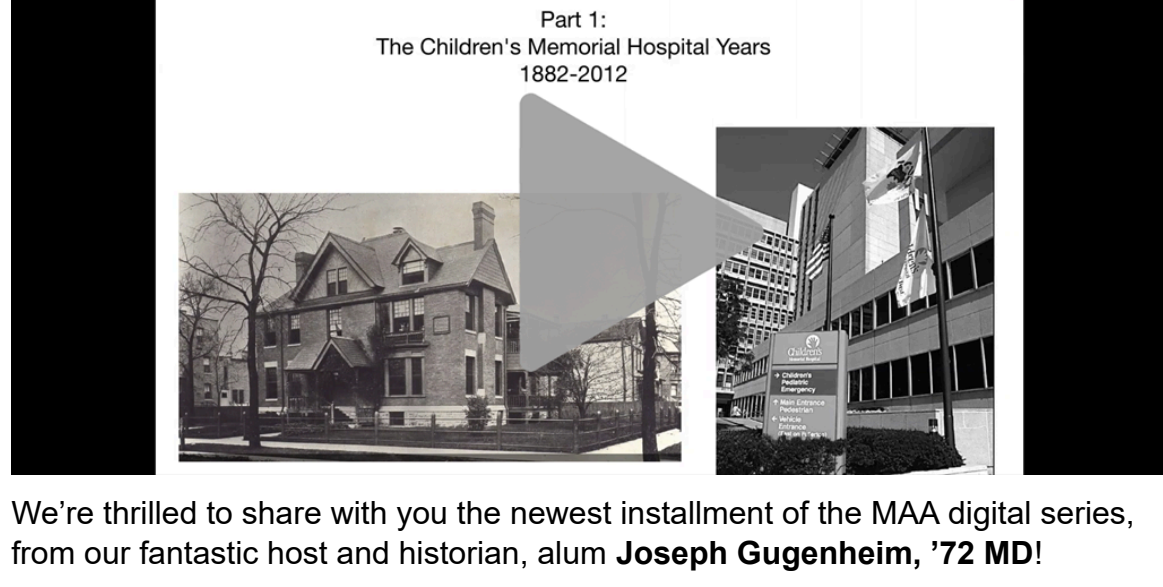
Kavitha Gandhi '94, '98 MD, '99 GMER
MAA Board Women in Medicine Co-Chair



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

"Pediatrics at Northwestern, Part 1: The Children's Memorial Hospital Years, 1882-2012"



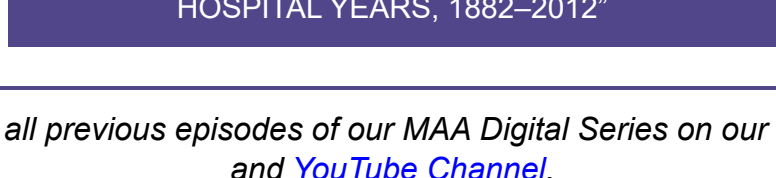
We're thrilled to share with you the newest installment of the MAA digital series, from our fantastic host and historian, alum **Joseph Gugenheim, '72 MD!**

Join Dr. Gugenheim as he kicks off our MAA Digital Series 2022 season with an intriguing two-part presentation on Pediatrics at Northwestern, tracing its origins back to an eight-bed hospital in 1882. Dr. Gugenheim explores the various iterations of the hospital up to the final locking of the doors at Children's Memorial Hospital in 2012, paving the way for its move to the medical school campus.

Dr. Gugenheim presents "[Pediatrics at Northwestern, Part 1: The Children's Memorial Hospital Years, 1882-2012](#)."

Thank you, Dr. Gugenheim!

Stay tuned next month for the fascinating conclusion to this two-part series in which Dr. Gugenheim will highlight the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, a state-of-the-art facility leading the way in the field of pediatric care.



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

MAA Webinars Available On Demand



During the pandemic, the Medical Alumni Association pivoted to a virtual format for our events, hosting a number of well-received and highly-attended webinars for our alumni and friends of the medical school. Topics include medical school and campus history, conversations with Feinberg faculty and alumni who are leading experts in their fields, estate planning, panel discussions, and more.

We are thrilled to now share the digital archives of many of these recorded presentations with you. If you missed a presentation or would simply like to revisit the conversation, we invite you to explore the new virtual event recording archive on our [website](#).

If you would like to learn more about a particular topic or have a question about a presentation not featured in our archives, please reach out to us at medalum@northwestern.edu.

Look for more MAA webinars coming soon in the "Upcoming Events" portion of this newsletter.



Celebrating Purple Pride



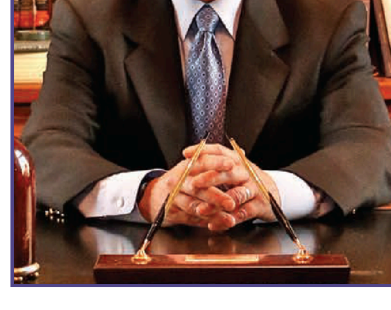
Kathy R. Sonenthal, MD, '92 GMER, was recently featured in the Winter 2022 edition of [NU Loyal News](#), along with her husband Ron, for their family's commitment to supporting Northwestern and its students.

Purple pride runs deep in the Sonenthal family. In addition to Dr. Sonenthal being a Northwestern alum, daughter **Haley Sonenthal '15, '21 MBA**, graduated from the School of Education and Social Policy in 2015 and later earned her master's in business administration from the Kellogg School of Management in 2021, while youngest daughter **Mallory Sonenthal, '21 DPT**, obtained her doctorate in physical therapy from NUPTHMS in 2021. Read more about their Northwestern roots [here](#).

Congratulations to the Sonenthal family, and thank you for your support of Northwestern!

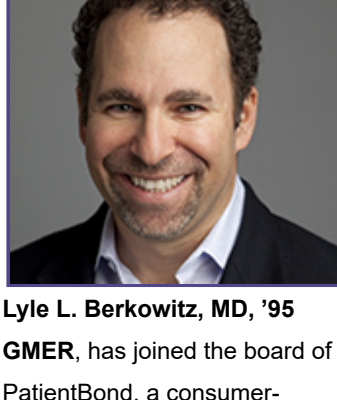
Have your own purple pride story to share with us? Contact us at medalum@northwestern.edu.

Congrats Are in Order!



Mark Nolan Hill, '77 MD, FACS, was recently featured as the cover story for the January 2022 issue of *Highland Park Neighbors* magazine. The profile on Dr. Hill celebrates his lifelong and passionate dedication to a productive life of service through medicine, civic and community involvement, music, education, and environmental impact. An accomplished musician, Dr. Hill has been in practice on Chicago's North Shore for 40 years. He is professor of Surgery at the Chicago Medical School and the new Kansas College of Osteopathic Medicine, where he is developing a new surgical curriculum. Dr. Hill also is president and chief executive officer of his medical practice, North Shore Surgical Associates. Read the feature on Dr. Hill [here](#). Congratulations, Dr. Hill!

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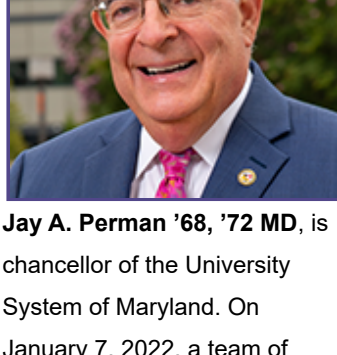
Lyle L. Berkowitz, MD, '95 GMER, has joined the board of PatientBond, a consumer-science-driven patient engagement software service provider. Dr. Berkowitz is associate professor of Clinical Medicine at Feinberg and editor-in-chief of *Telehealth and Medicine Today*. Dr. Berkowitz serves on the board of directors of Oneview Healthcare and as an advisor to a variety of digital health companies and venture firms. Previously, Dr. Berkowitz was the founder and chair of healthfinch and chief medical officer for MDLIVE. Congratulations, Dr. Berkowitz!



Alexandru B. Chicos, MD, '09 GMEF, was co-author of a study recently published in the journal *Circulation* and supported by Boston Scientific which found that electric shocks delivered by subcutaneous defibrillators are equally effective compared to shocks delivered by conventional transvenous defibrillators, bolstering evidence of subcutaneous defibrillators being an effective therapy. Read more about the study in the [Feinberg News Center](#). Dr. Chicos is associate professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology. Congratulations, Dr. Chicos!



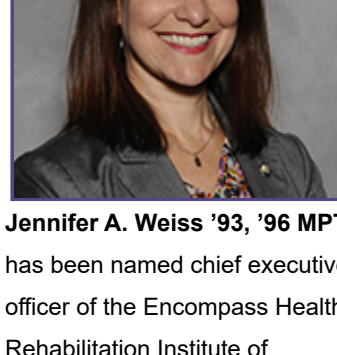
Jessica L. LeJeune, '12 DPT, developed an on-demand webinar through the American Physical Therapy Association Section on Pelvic Health titled "Acute COVID-19 and Respiratory Failure in Pregnancy: Physical Therapy Management." Dr. LeJeune identified the need for specialized care of these patients during the COVID-19 pandemic through her acute care work in women's health. Dr. LeJeune developed this course to help other clinicians provide evidence-based care for this highly specialized population. Congratulations, Dr. LeJeune!



Jay A. Perman '68, '72 MD, is chancellor of the University System of Maryland. On January 7, 2022, a team of surgeons at the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) performed the first transplant of a genetically engineered pig heart into a human. The xenotransplantation was completed on a 57-year-old patient with terminal heart disease determined to be ineligible for a human heart transplant. With the patient's consent, the UMSOM team sought a "compassionate use" authorization from the US Food and Drug Administration. The outcome of the transplant will provide more research on the possibility of xenotransplantation being an alternative to future shortages in human organs. Read more on the UMSOM [website](#). Congratulations, Dr. Perman and UMSOM!



Rodney L. Weir '99 MPT, DPT, DHS, NCS, recently founded the Rodney Weir Marching Band Scholarship, given to the Berrien, Michigan Community Foundation. A 1992 Rose Parade drum major, Dr. Weir started this scholarship as a way to celebrate the importance of education and the opportunities marching band provided him. Dr. Weir is assistant professor of Physical Therapy at Western Michigan University. Read more about the scholarship [here](#). Congratulations, Dr. Weir!



Jennifer A. Weiss '93, '96 MPT has been named chief executive officer of the Encompass Health Rehabilitation Institute of Libertyville, Illinois—a 60-bed hospital, expected to open in March 2022, that will provide round-the-clock nursing care and physical, occupational, and speech therapies to patients recovering from major illnesses and injuries. Ms. Weiss most recently served in leadership roles at AMITA Health, including regional director of Rehabilitation Services and director of Respiratory Care. She previously served as system director of Rehabilitation Services at Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital and as coordinator of Inpatient Rehabilitation at Ingalls Memorial Hospital. Congratulations, Ms. Weiss!

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.

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.

Virtual Event | Major Trends and Opportunities in Digital Health

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 | 5:30–6:30 p.m. CST

Join **David Rhew, '92 MD**, global chief medical officer and vice president of Healthcare for Microsoft, for a special virtual event. In this presentation, Dr. Rhew will discuss three major trends in digital health and provide examples of how artificial intelligence can be applied to transform virtual care. He also will describe some of the limitations and opportunities of remote patient monitoring. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A.

Advance registration required.

REGISTER TODAY

SAVE THE DATE: WIM Virtual Yoga Classes

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 | 6:30–7:00 a.m. CST

Wednesday, February 23, 2022 | 7:30–8:00 a.m. CST

The MAA Women in Medicine subcommittee invites you to save the date for our February WIM Virtual Yoga Classes. Whether you are a regular yogi or a brand new one, come be part of our Vinyasa classes for women in medicine with **Anjali Gupta '91, '94 MD, '96 GMER**, a certified RYT-200 yoga teacher. All levels are welcome.

More information on how to register coming soon.

Virtual Event | The Emotional Lives of Black Women

Thursday, February 17, 2022 | 4:00–5:00 p.m. CST

In celebration of Black History Month, the Northwestern University Medical Alumni Association Women in Medicine Subcommittee and Inclusion and Allyship Subcommittee invite you to a virtual event, The Emotional Lives of Black Women, featuring **Inger E. Burnett-Zeigler, '09 PhD**, associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences (Psychology) at Feinberg. Dr. Inger Burnett-Zeigler will discuss themes from her book [Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen: The Emotional Lives of Black Women](#). She will examine how Black women's strength is intimately tied to their unacknowledged suffering and explore how trauma and adversity have led to deep emotional pain and shaped how they walk through the world. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A. Moderated by MAA Board member **Sabrina Kendrick '86, MD, '95 GMEF**.

Advance registration required.

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Northwestern University Dental School (NUDS) Alumni Annual Midwinter Reception | Chicago, Illinois

Friday, February 25, 2022 | 5:30–9:00 p.m. CST

Calling all dental alums! You are cordially invited to the (NUDS) Alumni Midwinter Reception at Maggiano's Little Italy.

Online registration closes Tuesday, February 22, 2022. Onsite registration will not be available this year. Registration is required to attend, and walk-ins will not be accepted. For more information and COVID guidelines, visit the [event page](#).

Questions can be directed to **Adrian Codel, '01 DDS**, at nuds@alumni.northwestern.edu.

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