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Thank you to all those who joined us on January 19 for an engaging evening in Palm Springs, California, with Northwestern University and the Institute for Sexual and Gender Minority Health and Wellbeing (ISGMH).

We enjoyed the lively conversation, connecting with friends, and your interest in and support of LGBTQ+ health equity. You are a vital and valued part of our community. We invite you to view photos from this wonderful event <u>here</u>.

If you're interested in learning more about ISGMH, please contact us at <u>medalum@northwestern.edu</u>.

Thank you again, and let's stay in touch!



From the Director's Desk:



Dear Alumni,

Happy New Year! We hope that you had a happy holiday season. We are busy with some exciting events coming up in the first quarter of 2023.

We will be hosting a Cubs Spring Training Game on February 25 at Sloan Park in Mesa, Arizona. Please see below for further information. The event has limited space remaining, so be sure to purchase your tickets now.

As always, please reach out with any questions. We hope to see you soon!

Thank you, Babette Babette Henderson '21 CERT Senior Director, Alumni Engagement 312-503-0855

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Reminder: New Alumni Weekend Dates in 2023

Alumni Weekend 2023: October 13–14





Hello alumni! My name is **Katie Bradshaw**, and I am the newest member of the Feinberg Alumni Relations team. In my role as assistant director of Reunion and Leadership Giving, I have the distinguished honor of working with our MD classes who are celebrating reunion this year.

In 2023, we are excited to welcome back the classes of 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2013, and 2018.

Please join us in the fall for Alumni Weekend 2023, October 13–14!

We moved Alumni Weekend 2023 to autumn this year after listening to your feedback and determining that the fall season may offer more free time and (hopefully) better Chicago weather! Though we'll be celebrating in a different season, you can still expect the same robust menu of offerings, including our most popular activities: CME forums, tours of Chicago's best attractions, mentoring opportunities, our annual Women in Medicine Tea, Half Century Club and reunion class dinners to reconnect with old friends, and more. While we will especially celebrate our reunion classes ending in 3 and 8 this year, Alumni Weekend is an ALL ALUMNI event. We invite you to join us and "Fall Back to Campus!"

If you have interest in being a reunion volunteer for your class, please reach out to me at <u>kaitlin.bradshaw@northwestern.edu</u>.

Stay tuned for more information coming this spring!

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

"Chicago's Magnificent Mile, Part Two"



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 a continuation from December's, which examined the history of the Magnificent Mile. Now we look to its bright future.

Dr. Gugenheim discusses various proposals for the revamping of Michigan Avenue, including a new bridge over Lake Shore Drive to connect the busy street to the popular Oak Street Beach. A "bold and audacious" plan to state: "Chicago is back!"

Without further ado, Dr. Gugenheim presents "<u>Chicago's Magnificent Mile, Part</u> <u>Two</u>."



STAY TUNED!

For Black History Month...

Join us in February for a **Black History Month** presentation on James McCune Smith, MD, the first Black physician in the US to graduate from medical school.

Next month's MAA Digital Series will delve into the life and career of this prominent and effective abolitionist who was a pioneer in the field of medicine.

In the meantime, catch up on all previous episodes of our MAA Digital Series on our <u>MAA website</u> and <u>YouTube Channel</u>.

The Half Century Club Welcomes 1973!

The <u>Half Century Club (HCC)</u> recognizes our alumni who graduated 50+ years ago and celebrates your lifelong dedication to the betterment of human health.

As a member, we invite you to connect with fellow alumni, join us at local or virtual events, celebrate at reunion gatherings, and regale us with tales of your career.



Class of 1973, please watch for an email near the end of the month with more information on the HCC, how to stay connected with your fellow alumni, and ways to get involved with your 50th class reunion on October 13–14, 2023.

CENTURY CLUB

In the meantime, please reach out to **Allison Glibowski**, assistant director of Alumni Engagement, at <u>allison.glibowski@northwestern.edu</u> with any questions.

Welcome to the Half Century Club!

Northwestern Medicine Magazine



Explore the most recent issue of Northwestern Medicine Magazine:

- A <u>note from MAA Board President</u> Edward S.H. Kim '92, '96 MD: "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants"
- Read "<u>Scientific Solutions From No Man's Land</u>" to discover how Lara C.
- **Pullen, '93 PhD**, co-founded Chion Foundation with the mission of improving the quality of life for families touched by Prader-Willi Syndrome and other rare diseases
- In "<u>Biotech Boss</u>," learn about how **Sheila K. Gujrathi '92, '96 MD**, is opening doors for people with diverse perspectives in biotech
- Relive the <u>15th Annual Robert J. Havey, MD Institute for Global Health Benefit</u> <u>Dinner</u> where more than 250 friends and members of the Feinberg community came together to sustainably combat healthcare problems in low-income countries across the world
- Visit our "<u>In Memoriam</u>" section as we honor the lives and legacies of our alumni and dear friends, including **Frank L. Frable Jr., '51 MD**, an avid supporter of our students and dear friend to so many in our alumni community
- Explore the alumni "<u>Progress Notes</u>" to hear personal and professional updates from your fellow alumni
- And more!

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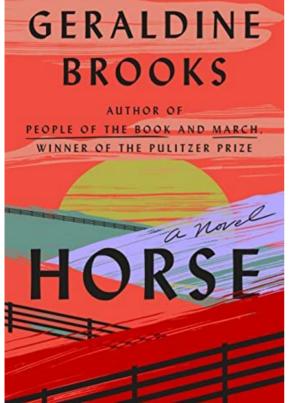
Alumni Book Clubs For Wildcat Readers

2023 Winter Selections (January–March)



Welcome, Wildcat readers! The Northwestern Alumni Association offers two virtual book clubs—the <u>Northwestern University Alumni Book Club</u> and <u>iN</u> <u>Focus</u>—for alumni, parents, and friends. Registrants can log on to our private online forum to discuss current books, which pull from a variety of literary genres.

Join either club now to share your opinions, post questions, and participate in live discussions with select authors.



A GOOD PROVIDER IS ONE WHO LEAVES

ONE FAMILY AND MIGRATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY



TWO-TIME PULITZER PRIZE FINALIST

Northwestern University Alumni Book Club

iN Focus Book Club: Specialty Topics

Mini 45th NUPT Reunion in Florida





Left to right: **Catherine T. Ottmar '77**, **Jamie W. Fisher '77**, **Susan Limburg '77**, **Mary P. Massery '77**, and **Kristan D. O'Brien '77**, held a mini 45th Northwestern University Physical Therapy reunion in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Thank you for sharing this wonderful photo with us, Class of '77!

If you have your own photos or memories to share with us, please contact us at <u>medalum@northwestern.edu</u>.

Congrats Are in Order!





Kelly R. Culwell, MD, '07 GMEF, '09 MPH, was appointed head of Research and **Development of Sebela** Pharmaceuticals' newly created division, Sebela Women's Health. Known as "Dr. Lady Doctor," Dr. Culwell brings over 20 years of experience in women's health across public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Previously, she was senior vice president and chief medical officer at Afaxys, where she led the company's drug research and development programs. Congratulations, Dr. Culwell!



Amy Paller, MD, '83 GMER, chair and Walter J. Hamlin Professor of Dermatology, was named the winner of the <u>2022 Tripartite Legacy</u> <u>Faculty Prize</u> in Translational Science and Education. "I'm so incredibly humbled and honored to be the recipient of this year's Tripartite Award," said Dr. Paller, director of the Skin Biology and Diseases Resource-Based Center. "It's particularly meaningful because I've been at Northwestern for a very long time and I've watched the rise of this institution as a premier research intuition." Congratulations, Dr. Paller!



Mark C. Delano, MD, '90 GMER, was appointed chair of the Department of Radiology at Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. Dr. Delano has been part of the department since 1996. He previously served in multiple leadership roles at the Spectrum Health System. His current interests include advanced MR techniques, imaging biomarkers, imageguided cancer screening, and pathways to reduce the cost of care and improve outcomes. Congratulations, Dr. Delano!





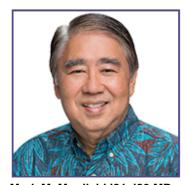
Alexis M. Demopoulos, '96 MD, joined the Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute in Connecticut. With over 27 years of experience, he is the primary investigator on a study evaluating the use of radiation therapy and medication to treat newly diagnosed glioblastomas. Previously, he led the brain tumor program at Northwell Health System in New York as director of the Division of Neuro-Oncology. Congratulations, Dr. Demopoulos!



David H. Epstein '80, '82 MD, is the recipient of the 2022 Global Humanitarian Award by the American College of Radiology Foundation in recognition of his years of work in Central America, northern Iraq, and more recently, Ukraine. Dr. Epstein is a participating physician and board member of the Global Surgical and Medical Support Group, a global nonprofit dedicated to providing medical relief to communities in conflict zones and disaster areas. He is past president of Florida Radiology Society and also active in medical advocacy. Congratulations, Dr. Epstein!



Justin Lantz, '12 DPT, had his research, "Incidence of **Complications Associated With** Cervical Spine Surgery and Post-operative Physical Therapy and Implications for Timing of Initiation of Post-operative Physical Therapy" published in the *European Spine Journal*. Dr. Lantz is director of the University of Southern California (USC) Spine Physical Therapy Fellowship program and assistant professor of Clinical Family Medicine at the Keck School of Medicine of USC. Congratulations, Dr. Lantz!



Constance D. Fields, '82 MD, has joined Palm Beach Health Network Physician Group -Cardiovascular Care. Dr. Fields has practiced cardiology in the Boca Raton community since 1993. She specializes in preventive cardiology, nuclear cardiology, hypertension, coronary heart disease, exercise physiology, lipid screenings, baseline cardiac evaluations, as well as congestive heart failure and chest pain evaluations. Dr. Fields was the recipient of the **Exceptional Women in Medicine** award in 2020 and 2021. Congratulations, Dr. Fields!



Marissa O. Liveris, '13 MMS, was once again inducted into the Feinberg Academy of Medical Educators (FAME) in 2022. FAME was founded in 2010 to support the medical school's educational mission recognizing outstanding faculty educators. Currently, Ms. Liveris is instructor of Medical Education (Physician Assistant Program) at Feinberg. She also is a prior recipient of the John X. Thomas, Jr. Best Teachers of Feinberg Award. Congratulations, Ms. Liveris!



Dhanesh K. Gupta '93, '96 MD, '97 GMER, was named anesthesia medical director of Duke University Hospital in North Carolina. Previously, Dr. Gupta was chief of the Division of Neurosurgical & Spine Anesthesiology at Duke Health. His research focuses on the application of clinical pharmacology tools for the individualized care of high-risk surgical patients, especially those undergoing neurosurgical procedures. He also is professor of Anesthesiology at Duke University. Congratulations, Dr. Gupta!



Michael T. Lotze '73, '75 MD, was appointed to KaliVir Immunotherapeutics' scientific advisory board as the biotech company advances its oncolytic viral immunotherapies. Currently, he is chief cellular therapy officer at Nurix and professor of Surgery, Immunology, and Bioengineering at University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, as well as assistant vice chancellor of Sponsored Training Grants at the University of Pittsburgh Schools of the Health Sciences. Congratulations, Dr. Lotze!



Mark M. Mugiishi '81, '83 MD, was appointed to the boards of directors at both First Hawaiian Bank and its parent company First Hawaiian. Dr. Mugiishi is president and chief executive officer of Hawaii Medical Service Association. Previously, he served as associate chair of the Department of Surgery and director of Surgical Education at the University of Hawaii Medical School. Congratulations, Dr. Mugiishi! Melinda N. Pierce '88 PT, had her research, "Ai Chi for Long COVID: Transitioning to a Post-Rehabilitation Community Program," published in <u>The</u> <u>Journal of Aquatic Physical</u> <u>Therapy</u>. Previously, she specialized in geriatric physical therapy at Presbyterian Homes in Evanston, Illinois before retiring. Congratulations, Ms. Pierce! Robert M. Pick, '80 DDS, '82 MS, '84 MS, was once again appointed to Northwestern Memorial Hospital medical staff and Feinberg faculty as clinical associate professor of Surgery in the Department of Otolaryngology, Division of Dentistry. Friend to the Medical Alumni Association, Dr. Pick specializes in periodontics and implants and has published numerous articles in the field. Congratulations, Dr. Pick!

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.

For Valentine's Day in February Share Your Love Story With Us!



Alumni, tell us your love story! Share your sweethearts with us for a **Valentine's Day special** in our February newsletter coming next month. Space is limited, so email us your picture and love story today at <u>medalum@northwestern.edu</u>.

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 <u>Plan It</u> <u>Purple</u> calendar?

With the <u>Plan It Purple</u> 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 <u>MAA calendar</u> or visit the <u>MAA home</u> <u>page</u> to keep tabs on all of our upcoming events.

MAA Brunch: Aging and the Beneficial Effects of Exercise | Naples, Florida Thursday, February 9, 2023 | 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 **The Ritz-Carlton Naples, Tiburón**, for a discussion on **"Aging and the Beneficial Effects of Exercise"** featuring <u>Daniel M. Corcos, PhD</u>, professor of Physical

Therapy and Human Movement Sciences at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

Please join us for discussion and brunch is on us!

This event has reached capacity. To be placed on a waiting list, please contact Emma Wittkowski at <u>medalum@northwestern.edu</u>.

Northwestern Medical Orchestra: Winter Chamber Music Concert | Hybrid

Friday, February 17, 2023 | 7:00 p.m. CST





The Northwestern Medical Orchestra (NMO) is pleased to invite you to its Winter 2023 Chamber Music Concert featuring members of the Northwestern medical community.

Please join us for an evening of chamber music by Dvořák, Beethoven,

Giacchino, and more. Come by to enjoy the music and meet the musicians.

Admission is free, but advance registration is required.

For questions or more information about the NMO, please contact <u>nmorchestra@u.northwestern.edu</u>.

REGISTER TODAY

An Afternoon With Northwestern at the Theater: Toni Stone | Chicago, Illinois Sunday, February 19, 2023 | 2:00 p.m. CST

The Northwestern Alumni Association invites you to a matinee performance of *Toni Stone*, followed by a talkback with School of Communication Dean E. Patrick Johnson and playwright Lydia Diamond '92.

Toni Stone is an encyclopedia of baseball stats. She's got a great arm. And she doesn't understand why she can't play with the boys. Rejected by the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League because of her race, Toni sets out to become the first woman to play in baseball's Negro Leagues. Challenges on and off the field—from hostile crowds to players who slide spikes-first—only steel her resolve to shatter racist and sexist barriers in the sport she's loved since childhood.

An original play inspired by the book *Curveball: The Remarkable Story of Toni Stone by Martha Ackmann*, this New York Times Critic's Pick will have you cheering along.

Goodman Theatre

Space is limited. Register by **February 17** (or until tickets sell out). Please email <u>alumnieducation@northwestern.edu</u> or call 847-491-7975 with questions.

REGISTER TODAY

2023 MAA Get-Together | San Diego, California

Thursday, February 23, 2023 | 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. MST

Join your Medical Alumni Association for a gathering with alumni and friends in San Diego, California!

This event is open to all medical alumni. We are pleased to welcome our physical therapy alumni who are attending the 2023 American Physical Therapy Association Combined Sections Meeting.

Advance registration required.

REGISTER TODAY

2023 NU Dental School Midwinter Reception | Chicago, Illinois

Friday, February 24, 2023 | 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. Hors d'oeuvres, heavy buffet, and dessert will

be served. Wine, beer, and soft drinks are included.

Please note that online and phone registration closes Tuesday, February 21, 2023. To purchase your ticket via phone, please call the Northwestern Alumni Association (NAA) at 847-491-9630.

REGISTER TODAY

<u>Cubs Spring Training Game | Mesa,</u> <u>Arizona</u>

Chicago Cubs vs. San Francisco Giants

Saturday, February 25, 2023 | 1:05 p.m. MST

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

Your \$35 purchase includes one game ticket, food, soda, and two adult beverage tickets. Exclusively for members of The Founders Society, Half Century Club, and Northwestern alumni.

Limited tickets remain, so get yours today!

Sorry, no refunds and no exchanges. All ticket sales are final. Tickets are transferable but not refundable.

REGISTER 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 <u>5th annual Northwestern Women in Medicine</u> 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.

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