

**A Month of Celebration!**



June is a great month to celebrate and reflect on the history of many different communities in America and abroad.

As co-chairs of the Inclusion and Allyship committee of the Medical Alumni Association, we want to wish everyone a Happy Pride Month! We continue to celebrate love and diversity, and we remain steadfastly supportive of our LGBTQ+ community.

On behalf of the committee, we would like to share historical accounts of why we celebrate this month and introduce to you a few inspiring LGBTQ individuals who helped shape the community into what it is today. Please take a moment to review the [Library of Congress Pride message](#). These experiences and individuals inspire us and remind us to continue to fight for equality and celebrate the freedom to be ourselves. We can think of no better way to salute our LGBTQ community members than to recognize them as what they have always been: our equals.

Simultaneously this month, we celebrate Juneteenth. Juneteenth is an annual day of remembrance and reflection in recognition of everything that the Black community has endured and fought for, while also acknowledging how much work still needs to be done.

On Juneteenth, we are reminded of the importance of justice, equality, and the ongoing journey toward true freedom for all.

We honor you, our colleagues, and your contributions to the field of medicine and human health. We wish you a Happy Juneteenth and a joyous Pride Month!



**Javier Guevara Jr., '12 MD**

MAAB Inclusion and Allyship Co-Chair

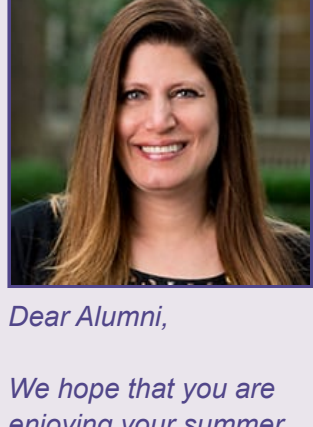


**Darren Wethers, '88 MD**

MAAB President-Elect  
MAAB Inclusion and Allyship Co-Chair

*The Inclusion and Allyship subcommittee is dedicated to fostering relationships and building allyship across our alumni community. For more information and to get involved, please [visit our website](#) and follow the Inclusion and Allyship committee's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.*

**From the Director's Desk:**



Dear Alumni,

*We hope that you are enjoying your summer. Please mark your calendars for **Alumni Weekend 2025, May 2-3**.*

*For those of you in reunion year next year, congratulations! We will be sending out more information on how to get involved and attend.*

*Alumni Weekend has programming for all alumni, including special programming for our Half Century Club members (those past their 50-year reunion), so please be on the lookout for more information and be sure to reach out to us with any questions.*

*We hope that you will attend our next Alumni Weekend and return to campus in 2025!*

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

“George Streeter: The Man and the Myth”



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 centers on the famed Streeterville namesake, George Wellington Streeter. The rumors and legends about Streeter are vast and ever-changing, much like the Streeterville shoreline. From logger, circus owner, and vaudeville performer to gun runner, attempted murderer, and polygamist, the truth about this mysterious man can be difficult to determine. Join Dr. Gugenheim as he sorts facts from fiction regarding this Chicago legend.

Dr. Gugenheim presents “[George Streeter: The Man and the Myth](#).”

Thank you, Dr. Gugenheim!

**VIEW “GEORGE STREETER: THE MAN AND THE MYTH”**

**COMING SOON!**

July 17 is National Hot Dog Day. This summer staple also happens to be the topic for the next installment in our digital series.

When you think of quintessential Chicago food items, the classic Chicago-style hot dog would undoubtedly be near the top of that list. This all-beef frankfurter on a poppy seed bun is known for being “dragged through the garden” with a topping list a mile long. Ketchup, however, need not apply.

Learn more about this Chicago favorite as we join Dr. Gugenheim next month for “Hot Dog! Meat in a Bun, Chicago-Style.”

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

**A Day in the Life: MSTP Edition**



Curious about what life is like for a medical scientist training program (MSTP) student today? Learn more about the MSTP program at Feinberg with an inside look at a typical day for one of our students, Juliana Feng.

Follow Juliana to learn more about what she's experiencing during the graduate school portion of her program via our interactive [timeline and videos](#).

**VIEW A DAY IN THE LIFE: MSTP EDITION**

**Alumni Benefits & Perks**

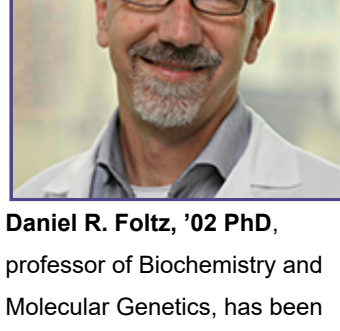


Learn about all the perks available to you as a Northwestern alum and start taking advantage of your alumni benefits today:

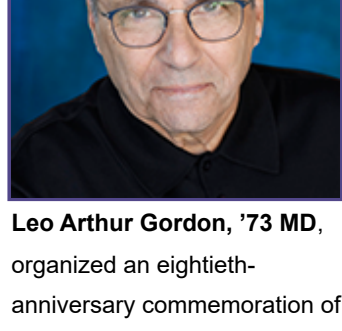
- **Email for Life:** Sign up for your free Google-powered Northwestern email account.
- **Free Online Courses:** Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are available through the Coursera platform.
- **Access to Galter Library:** Planning a visit to campus? Contact us for your Medical Alumni Association Alumni ID Card.
- **Continuing Medical Education:** Explore conferences and distance learning opportunities.

Graduated recently? Moved? Do you have a new phone number or email address? Please share your [updated contact information](#).

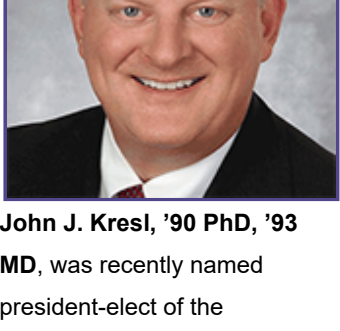
**Congrats Are in Order!**



**Daniel R. Foltz, '02 PhD**, professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics, has been named director of the Walter S. and Lucienne Driskill Graduate Program in Life Sciences. Dr. Foltz will lead the very program from which he obtained his PhD in 2001. His research is centered on how chromosomes



**Leo Arthur Gordon, '73 MD**, organized an eightieth-anniversary commemoration of D-Day at the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles on June 6, 2024. Dr. Gordon delivered the keynote address at that conference. “Miracles on the Beach—The Medicine of D-Day” reviewed America’s



**John J. Kresl, '90 PhD, '93 MD**, was recently named president-elect of the Radiosurgery Society (RSS), an international organization. Having previously served as treasurer of the RSS Board of Directors, he is chair of the RSS Investment Committee and a member of the Scientific



are segregated during cell division to ensure the complete and accurate inheritance of the genome, which has critical implications for cancer treatment. Dr. Foltz also is a member of the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University and the Simpson Querrey Institute for Epigenetics. For more information on Dr. Foltz's appointment, visit the [Feinberg News Center](#). Congratulations, Dr. Foltz!

preparation for D-Day and other aspects of medicine during World War II. Changes in medical education, preparation of the nurses, the role of the combat medic, the institution of an organized chain of evacuation, and the medical advances that arose from the war were reviewed. The *Los Angeles Times* interviewed him about the medical preparations for D-Day. Dr. Gordon used a [photo of Northwestern medical school graduates](#) who served in that conflict. He would be most appreciative if any members of the alumni community can identify these individuals (below). The event was recorded. Those interested in reviewing this commemorative event should send a request to Dr. Gordon at [LeoGordonMD@gmail.com](mailto:LeoGordonMD@gmail.com). Congratulations, Dr. Gordon!



Planning Committee. An accomplished author, editor, and principal investigator, Dr. Kresl is an internationally recognized expert in stereotactic radiosurgery and stereotactic body radiotherapy and holds multiple US patents for novel methods of diagnosing and treating cancer. Dr. Kresl is medical director of Phoenix Cyberknife and Radiation Oncology Center and managing partner for Palo Verde Cancer Specialists and Radiation Oncologists of Central Arizona. Congratulations, Dr. Kresl!



**Amish M. Shah '97, '01 MD, MPH**, is running for US Congress in Arizona's 1st congressional district. Dr. Shah is a former member of the Arizona House of Representatives, having served Central Phoenix, Sunnyslope, and South Scottsdale since 2019. A Chicago native, Dr. Shah previously served as a faculty member and academic researcher at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York. He also led the New York Jets Airway Management Team, helping the NFL improve its emergency management through research in response to the potential for catastrophic injuries. His work was presented at the NFL Physicians' Society. Specializing in emergency and sports medicine, Dr. Shah practices throughout Arizona. In addition, he is the founder of the first Arizona Vegetarian Food Festival and the recipient of several awards including the Arizona Capitol Times' Best Political Rising Star, the Arizona Medical Association's Distinguished Community Service Award, and the Humane Society's Legislator of the Year. He also is the 2022 recipient of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology's Legislator of the Year/Womens' Health Champion Award. For more information on Dr. Shah's campaign, please [visit his website](#). Congratulations, Dr. Shah!



**Jeffrey Sherman, MD, '84 GMER, '85 GMER ('10 P)**, co-chair of the MAA Board's The Business of Medicine committee, was prominently featured in *The Inner Circle* and acknowledged as a pinnacle lifetime member for his contributions to medical innovations and advocacy. Specializing in internal medicine and infectious diseases, Dr. Sherman's areas of expertise include biopharmaceuticals, education, and advocacy. He is affiliated with the American College of Physicians, Erie Health Foundation, and the Center for Healthcare Innovation. Dr. Sherman previously served as a liaison to the Food and Drug Administration's Clinical Trial Transformation Initiative steering committee and on the Board of Advisors of the Center for Information and Study on Clinical Research Participation. Congratulations, Dr. Sherman!

*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](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  
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## Wellness Walks | Chicago, Illinois

Spring–Fall 2024

Chicago Parks Foundation (CPF) presents Wellness Walks, led by local medical professionals in the parks. Wellness Walks is a seasonal walking program where medical professionals lead 45-minute park walks and informal discussions on health-related topics like sleep, nutrition, and exercise. CPF is partnering with students and healthcare providers from local medical institutions including Northwestern Medicine to lead their walking program.

CPF's Wellness Walks are a free, low-pressure way to get some movement, connect with fellow community members, learn about your own health, and enjoy your beautiful parks. Get outside and join us!

VISIT THE WELLNESS WALKS WEBSITE

## Northwestern Medical Orchestra Summer 2024 Wind Band Concert | Hybrid

Friday, July 12, 2024 | 7:00 p.m.

The Northwestern Medical Orchestra is pleased to invite you to its Summer 2024 Wind Band Concert featuring members of the Northwestern medical community.

Join us for an evening of exciting fanfares, marches, band classics, and music from *Wicked*. Come by to enjoy the music and meet the musicians!

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Thorne Auditorium  
375 East Chicago Avenue | Chicago, Illinois

Attend in-person or via livestream.

For questions or more information about the Northwestern Medical Orchestra, please contact [nmorchestra@u.northwestern.edu](mailto:nmorchestra@u.northwestern.edu).

REGISTER TODAY

## MAA Backyard Patio Party | River Forest, Illinois

Saturday, July 20, 2024 | 1:00–4:00 p.m.

Celebrate the summer with us!

We invite you to attend our backyard patio party in River Forest, Illinois, for some outdoor fun, food, and drinks. This is a great opportunity to reunite with your fellow Northwestern alumni and friends.

We welcome all Chicago-area Medical Alumni Association, Half Century Club, The Founders Society, and Henry and Emma Rogers Society members to this exclusive event.

Full details will be provided upon RSVP. Presented by Your Northwestern Medical Alumni Association and The Founders Society.

In celebration of his 40th medical school reunion next spring, this private event will be graciously hosted at the lovely home of **Jeffrey J. Schaidler '83, '85 MD**, co-chair of the MAA Board Alumni and Student Connections Committee.

Medical school leadership will also be joining us to share some brief updates about cutting-edge research and education at Feinberg. Learn more about how we are educating the next generation.

Featuring Eli Zimmerman, MD, associate dean for Student Affairs and associate professor of Neurology (Stroke and Vascular Neurology).

Space is very limited for this event. For questions, please contact Emma Wittkowski at [medalumevents@northwestern.edu](mailto:medalumevents@northwestern.edu).

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## Medical Alumni Association Get-Together | Iowa City, Iowa

Wednesday, July 31, 2024 | 5:30–7:30 p.m.

We're Coming to Iowa City! Join us and connect with fellow Northwestern alumni and friends of the medical school at our Medical Alumni Association Get-Together.

**Big Grove Brewery | 1225 South Gilbert Street | Iowa City, Iowa 52240**

Feel free to bring a guest and please let us know of any Northwestern-affiliated friends or colleagues who may be interested in this event.

To RSVP, please contact Emma Wittkowski at [medalumevents@northwestern.edu](mailto:medalumevents@northwestern.edu).

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## SAVE THE DATE: The Landsberg Society Late Night Morning Report and Dinner

Thursday, September 26, 2024

The Landsberg Society Board is excited to host, with our chief medical residents and special guests, a lively and interactive discussion of interesting cases in the classic case conference format. Prior to the discussion, join fellow alumni and current faculty, residents, and fellows for cocktails, dinner, and camaraderie. **The registration link for this event will be available August 1.**

Please email [landsbergsociety@northwestern.edu](mailto:landsbergsociety@northwestern.edu) for more information about this event or the Landsberg Society.

## SAVE THE DATE: Northwestern Leadership Symposium

Wednesday, November 13–Friday, November 15, 2024

Join this complimentary symposium for our most engaged alumni volunteer leaders to learn from expert faculty members, network with fellow alumni, and enhance your volunteer role with the University. Events begin Wednesday evening before Homecoming and Reunion Weekend.

The NAA will share the full schedule, event registration, and hotel accommodations this summer. Visit the [Leadership Symposium page](#) for additional resources. Information will be updated frequently.

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