

# IMPACT STORIES 2023



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at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

# A Message from the Dean



Dr. Eric G. Neilson

Dear Fellow Members of The Founders Society:

Every day, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine is making a positive impact on people worldwide because of you and your vital support.

Our academic medical center is a bustling place, brimming with activity that leads to better health for all. At the Feinberg School of Medicine, we educate the next leaders in medicine — physicians and scientists who are the future of medical innovation and patient care. Our world-class

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In the following pages, we share your stories because your stories are part of our story. You provide the foundation from which we can educate and train the next generation of medical leaders, lead high-impact research, and save lives. Thank you.

Warmest regards,

Eric G. Neilson, MD  
Vice President for Medical Affairs  
Lewis Landsberg Dean  
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

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# Pon Satitpunwaycha, MD, '69 GME

Member of the Benefactor Society and  
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**D**uring his 42 years in practice, Houston-based general surgeon Pon Satitpunwaycha, MD, '69 GME, witnessed many transformative changes in medicine that vastly improved patient care. Now retired and living in Seattle, "Dr. Pon," as he is known, is helping to lead lifesaving innovations in lung transplant surgery at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine through his exceptional generosity.

Always grateful for his Northwestern training, Dr. Pon, a native of Bangkok, Thailand, had previously funded a resident research program in the Department of Surgery. When he retired in October 2020, he had the opportunity to do even more to support his alma mater. In two separate gifts of \$500,000, he has contributed a remarkable \$1 million to support research in the Division of Thoracic Surgery and specifically, the groundbreaking work of Ankit Bharat, MBBS, chief of Thoracic Surgery and director of the Northwestern Medicine Canning Thoracic Institute.

In June 2020, a Northwestern Medicine organ transplant team led by Dr. Bharat, the Harold L. and Margaret N. Method Professor of Surgery, performed the nation's first double-lung transplant on a young woman with lungs damaged beyond repair by COVID-19. In September 2021, Dr. Bharat's team built on what they learned to perform the first double-lung transplant on a middle-aged man with stage 4 lung cancer and only weeks to live. This innovative achievement saved the patient's life. It also launched a first-of-its-kind clinical program at Northwestern Medicine called Double Lung Replacement and Multidisciplinary Care (DREAM)—which is now gaining momentum thanks, in part, to the support from Dr. Pon's charitable trust.

"As an alum, I am so proud of Dr. Bharat and his dedication to saving the lives of patients," said Dr. Pon. "He is a distinguished specialist in lung disease who is helping to make a hopeless situation for lung cancer patients hopeful."

The leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States, lung cancer kills more people than colon, breast, and prostate cancers combined. Although Dr. Pon didn't care for patients with lung cancer in his surgery practice, he is well aware of the challenges in treating the disease. "Lung cancer has been with us for a long time, and yet the mortality remains so high."

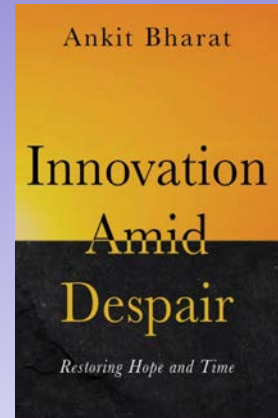
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— Dr. Bharat





Dr. Bharat speaking at his 2018 investiture as the Harold L. and Margaret N. Method Professor of Surgery. He is also professor of Medicine (Pulmonary and Critical Care).



Dr. Pon cites Dr. Bharat's book, which reflects on how his team worked to combat COVID-19 by pioneering the double lung transplant procedure, as one of the inspirations behind his second gift to Feinberg.

### Dreaming Bigger

To date, the Northwestern transplant team has given new lungs to a total of five individuals with no other options. DREAM is for patients whose lung cancer has not responded to conventional or experimental therapies. Lung transplantation has not been commonly used to treat lung cancer for fear that cancer cells will travel from the lung into the rest of the body during the procedure, according to Dr. Bharat. However, Dr. Bharat and his colleagues have developed a workaround to that problem by using a bypass machine and then washing the airways and chest cavity to clear cancer before putting in the new lungs.

The only program of its kind in the country, DREAM not only provides patients with cancer-free lungs but also provides first-time access to diseased tissue. "These biosamples have never before been available," said Dr. Bharat. "Now we have an opportunity to study the genetics of resistance to therapy so we can identify new targets and develop more effective treatments."

### Improving Screening and Diagnosis

While smoking is a driving factor for the majority of lung cancers, some 20,000 to 40,000 lung cancers each year occur in people who have never smoked or smoked fewer than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. At the moment, current screening guidelines for lung cancer only focus on the heaviest smokers, leading to many undetected lung cancers in people deemed at low risk.

Said Dr. Bharat, "We need to develop universal lung cancer screening to capture more patients with non-tobacco-related disease."

To that end, Dr. Pon's generosity is also supporting an innovative initiative called the "Friends and Family Program." Patients with lung cancer are asked to identify individuals within their circles who might be at risk and could benefit from screening. The homegrown Northwestern program has already identified lung cancer in individuals who would have never met the narrow criteria for screening now in place, according to Dr. Bharat.

A skilled surgeon and prolific innovator, Dr. Bharat has no shortage of ideas for helping patients in the best and worst of times.

"I am so grateful for Dr. Pon's support and for his trust in us," said Dr. Bharat. "He has helped to provide the catalyst for our programs and set us on a very good path moving forward."

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# Enduring Ties: Honoring Northwestern Families

## Lynn W. Boynton, '62 MD, and Jacqueline Duncan Boynton

Members of the Lifetime Giving Society and The Founders Society-NULC (Deans' Circle)



Dr. Lynn Boynton has purple and white in his genes, with both his parents and two sons, Mel and Chuck, Northwestern alumni. Pictured from left to right, Lynn F. Boynton, Rebecca Boynton Montgomery, Jacquie Boynton, Lynn W. Boynton, '62 MD, Melbourne D. Boynton, '87 MD, and Chuck Boynton '97.

When it comes to Northwestern, the Boynton family gives new meaning to the number three. Not only did Ben Boynton, '37 MD, graduate from the medical school, but also did one of his sons, Lynn Boynton, '62 MD, and one of his grandsons, Melbourne "Mel" Boynton, '87 MD. A distinguished Northwestern faculty member, Dr. Ben Boynton served as the third chair of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R). He was also the first medical director of the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago (now known as the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab).

In 2000, the Boynton family established the annual Ben L. Boynton, MD, Lecture in PM&R to honor his legacy as a teacher, mentor, and leader. Scientific lectures provide invaluable opportunities to share the latest research insights and ideas and further medical education. The establishment of endowed lectureships, such as the Boynton Lecture, propels the medical school's academic mission in ways that touch the Northwestern community and beyond.

"We wanted to create a fitting tribute to my dad and all he did to help others," said Dr. Lynn Boynton, whose philanthropic support of Northwestern spans some 50 years. "My dad was very modest, so he probably would have been a bit embarrassed by all of the fuss. But he would have loved the lectures."

The 2022 Boynton lecture featured Nneka Ifejika, MD, MPH, section chief of Stroke Rehabilitation at UT Southwestern Medical Center, who gave a talk on the important role of psychiatry in cerebrovascular disease recovery. She shared her expertise in transitions of care after stroke with Northwestern students, physicians, scientists, and other health professionals as well as interested members of the public.

The Boynton family's connections to Northwestern run deep. Dr. Lynn Boynton's mother, Elizabeth, earned her undergraduate degree from the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences in 1933. He and his wife Jacqueline's other son, Chuck, is a Class of 1997 Kellogg School of Management alumnus and currently serves as chief financial officer for Logitech. A former clinical faculty member at the University of Toledo's College of Medicine and Life Sciences, Dr. Boynton practiced orthopaedic surgery in Ohio for 30 years.



Pictured at the 20th Annual Ben L. Boynton, MD, Lecture in 2019, from left to right, Dr. Lynn Boynton; Jacqueline Duncan Boynton; the 2019 Boynton Lecture speaker, Michelle Gittler, MD, '92 GME; and Elliot Roth, '82 MD, '85 '86 GME, chair of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Dr. Roth has nurtured the academic excellence of the Boynton Lecture for over 20 years, and Dr. Lynn Boynton credits him with its success and prestige.

Dr. Mel Boynton followed in his father's specialty footsteps and currently serves as chief medical director and medical director of Orthopaedic Surgery at Rutland Regional Medical Center in Vermont.

The Boyntons remain close to the purple and white, from the medical school to athletics — cheering for the Northwestern Wildcats football team whenever possible. Residing in Michigan and Florida, they have attended more than half of the Boynton Lectures at Northwestern. "It gives us a warm feeling to know my father's legacy will carry on into the future long after we are gone," said Dr. Boynton. Giving back is all about paying forward, according to Mrs. Boynton. "We greatly appreciate the education and experience that Northwestern has provided to our family and continues to do for so many others."

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## Micah Eimer, '98 MD, '03, '06 GME, and Jonna Daleiden Eimer, '97 Law Members of The Founders Society-NULC (Fellow)



A health system clinician of Medicine (Cardiology), Dr. Eimer, third from left, is medical director of three Northwestern Medicine outpatient clinics in Evanston, Glenview, and Deerfield. Jonna Eimer, far right, is a corporate healthcare attorney at law firm Much Shelist in Chicago.

“Our love affair with Northwestern started with our dads, who both graduated from the law school. Many years later, we met as students: We lived on the same floor in graduate student housing on the Chicago campus.

In 2022, our daughter, Ellie, earned her undergrad journalism degree on the Evanston campus. We have another child applying this year. We are truly die-hard Northwestern fans in every way! We owe so much to the wonderful experiences, relationships, and careers that Northwestern has made possible for our family. That’s why we gladly give to support the law school, medical school, various student funds, and Athletics. The faculty also greatly influenced both of us. It is really the amazing people you meet at Northwestern who you carry with you forever. Dr. Lewis Landsberg was one of those giants. Former dean and chair of the Department of Medicine, he was an iconic figure with his exceptional intelligence and wit and remarkable dedication to mentorship. Supporting the Landsberg Society has been another way to contribute to the medical school while also memorializing Dr. Landsberg so that his former students never forget him, and current and future students have the opportunity to experience his legacy.”

## Pedro L. Dago, MD, and Angela Dago Members of The Founders Society-NULC (Fellow)

This March, Dr. Pedro Dago retired after 25 years and three months as a faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, where he had the privilege of caring for patients and teaching students. At Feinberg, Angela Dago worked as a standardized patient to help aspiring physicians learn clinical skills. In 2017, the Dagos’ daughter, Gabriela, graduated from Northwestern with a bachelor’s degree in political science and is now employed by Google. In high school, their children participated in the medical school’s Health Professions Recruitment and Exposure Program. Their oldest daughter, Rebecca, is now a child psychiatrist and their son, Alexander, works on Wall Street.

“Our family has greatly benefited from our many connections to Northwestern. Northwestern helped us to build our wealth and educate our children. In appreciation, we have supported the Annual Fund and the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, especially the chairs, over the years, as we believe strong teams need strong leaders. We continue to look for different ways to keep giving, like investing in scholarships. We both were supported by scholarships when we were in college. By supporting scholarships at Feinberg, we want deserving recipients to know that when you work hard, there are people here to help you be successful.”

For more information on the Landsberg Society, please contact **MaryPat Mauro** at [marypat.mauro@northwestern.edu](mailto:marypat.mauro@northwestern.edu). For more information on the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, please contact **Andrew Christopherson** at [andrew.christopherson@northwestern.edu](mailto:andrew.christopherson@northwestern.edu).



Supporting education through scholarships means the world to Dr. Dago (far left) and Angela Dago (far right), who met as students at the University of Chicago. They are pictured here with their children (from center left), Rebecca, Alexander, and Gabriela.

*“Our family has greatly benefited from our many connections to Northwestern.”*

# Jamey and Ryan Maniscalco

Members of The Founders Society-NULC (President's Circle) and the Associate Board of the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University



At the 2018 Lurie Cancer Center's Cancer Survivors' Celebration Walk & 5K, (from left to right) Jamey, Chuck, and Ryan Maniscalco celebrated crossing the finish line together.

An avid runner and nonsmoker, Chuck Maniscalco was blindsided by his advanced lung cancer diagnosis, but he refused to let it define him. In fact, it emboldened the Chicago resident to fight the disease not just for himself but also for others combatting cancer. A former CEO at Quaker Oats and then Seventh Generation, Chuck spent much of his career in market research and understood the importance of garnering support for cutting-edge research and development that can lead to cures and improved cancer care. During his final years, Chuck leveraged his communication and motivation skills to support the work of the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University as a speaker and advocate, even joining Lurie Cancer Center's team in Washington, D.C., to promote increased federal funding for cancer research. His overarching goal through this work was to encourage physicians, nurses, and staff to consider a simple question that has an invariably complicated answer: How can I help those with cancer not just survive, but thrive?

In 2019, when Chuck passed away at age 65, his sons, Jamey and Ryan, picked up their beloved father's torch and continue to support Lurie Cancer Center in ways they know would make their father proud. In 2021, the brothers helped establish a first-ever Associate Board of Lurie Cancer Center comprised of young professionals who share a common interest in the fight against cancer. This group of next-gen philanthropists raises funds to support cutting-edge cancer research by awarding an annual Associate Board Innovative Research Award to a Lurie Cancer Center faculty member requesting seed funding for high-risk, high-reward cancer studies ranging from cells in petri dishes to clinical care.



A bridge to the future, the Associate Board of Lurie Cancer Center brings together the next generation of philanthropists who share a common interest in the fight against cancer by raising funds for high-impact research.

“By funding research that might be considered too risky by others, the Associate Board has a clear impact on the future of research at Lurie Cancer Center, and we do not take that responsibility lightly,” said inaugural co-chair Jamey, an assistant professor of Neuroscience at Regis University in Denver. “We ask our board members to intellectually engage in the grant award process by coming together once a quarter to review applications and meet researchers. In this way, we make informed decisions regarding the research proposals with the most promise to revolutionize cancer care at Lurie Cancer Center and beyond.” With a PhD in Neuroscience, Jamey uses his expertise to help elucidate technical scientific content for his fellow board members who come from diverse backgrounds.

In 2022, the Associate Board selected Marcelo Bonini, PhD, professor of Medicine and Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics, as its first Innovative Research Award Scholar. Dr. Bonini's team received \$115,000 to advance research investigating how metabolic changes due to natural aging may lead to tumor development. Said Dr. Bonini, “The Associate Board is helping make our dream come true to transform our research into something that helps people with cancer.”

Ryan, a cybersecurity analyst in Chicago, also sits on the board. “It has been incredibly cool to see the actual output of my participation on the board and know exactly where my giving is going,” he said. “I am even more grateful for the progress in cancer care therapies that allowed my father to live a normal life as long as possible. These treatments gave us more time with Dad as himself, and we hope that the work we are funding through the Associate Board will do this for others.”

Jamey and Ryan are also passionate supporters of the Northwestern Simulation Program in Healthcare Communication at Northwestern Medicine to ensure the delivery of holistic patient care in honor of the care their father received. Said Jamey, “Lurie Cancer Center treated our father not just for his cancer but as a person. That really hit home for us. Our support reflects both our gratitude for the care our family received as well as our desire to help others with cancer not just survive, but thrive.”

For more information on Lurie Cancer Center and the Associate Board, please contact [Nicole Langert](mailto:nicole.langert@northwestern.edu) at [nicole.langert@northwestern.edu](mailto:nicole.langert@northwestern.edu). Please enjoy [this short video](#) for a special thank you to our donors and the Lurie Cancer Center Associate Board.

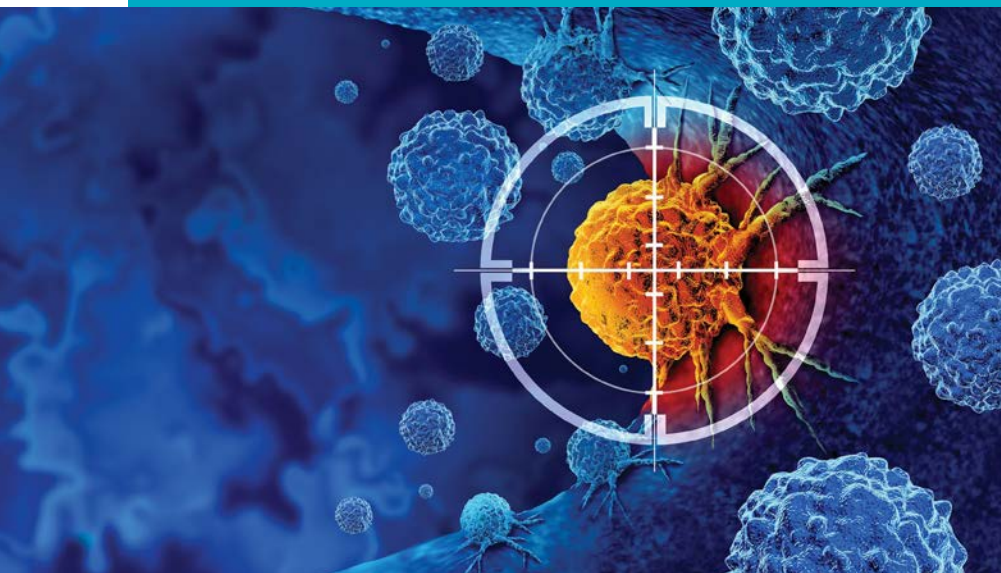


# Matt Maloy and Mike Mendez

Members of The Founders Society and the Henry and Emma Rogers Society



New Chicago transplants Mike Mendez (left) and Matt Maloy have placed their trust in Northwestern as patients and donors.



Twenty-five years ago, Matt Maloy and Mike Mendez fell in love with Chicago, and it soon became their favorite city. The San Antonio-based couple enjoyed all the Windy City offered from its nationally recognized foodie scene and diverse cultural vibe to even the change of seasons. So when the two accountants and recent coffee shop owners retired, they did the reverse of most retirees and moved to cooler climes to escape the heat of Texas.

“We wanted to move to a walkable city that had all the important amenities like good medical care,” said Matt. As luck would have it, the couple’s Chicago condo is 10 minutes by foot from Northwestern Medicine, where the new Chicagoans now see all their doctors, including cancer specialists at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University. In 2017, Mike was diagnosed with Waldenström macroglobulinemia, a rare form of non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. Currently in remission, he requires regular six-month checkups.

“Access to Lurie Cancer Center was a big part of our decision to live in Chicago,” said Mike.

Cancer has also directly impacted Matt’s life. With a family history of skin cancer, he has overcome melanoma.

Serendipitously, Northwestern’s close proximity played a key role in the couple’s update of their wills since getting married in 2014 and their retirement. Touched by cancer like so many people, Matt and Mike decided to support charity and specifically, cancer research. Learning more about Lurie Cancer Center’s \$100 million

“Campaign for the Future” to accelerate highly innovative research, training, and community impact in Chicagoland and beyond, the couple chose to make Northwestern a part of their estate plans. Their bequest will support basic and translational cancer research at Lurie Cancer Center.

Four years ago, Mike needed to undergo chemotherapy and immunotherapy to fight his non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. Both Mike and Matt came to quickly appreciate the importance of basic science research to better understand the drivers of cancer and translational research to bring innovative treatments like immunotherapy from the laboratory to the clinic, while also bringing new insights from the clinic to the laboratory for further investigation.

“We are so impressed by the headway being made in understanding cancer through research and finding new ways to treat it,” said Matt. “Searching for an organization with a strong cancer program, we looked carefully at Northwestern and felt it would be a good steward of our investment.”

“When I was diagnosed with cancer, I became aware of all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes in medical research,” said Mike. “We are happy to contribute in this very small way to future treatments and cures. It’s just nice to know that we will be a part of that.”

For more information on the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University, please contact **Terri Dillon** at [terri-dillon@northwestern.edu](mailto:terri-dillon@northwestern.edu).

# Young Alumni Support Physical Therapy Scholarships

As the oldest physical therapy educational program in the United States, Northwestern Physical Therapy & Human Movement Sciences has a global reputation for excellent training and federally funded movement science research resulting in a long history of improving the lives of patients throughout Chicago and beyond. Alumni and philanthropic individuals provide vital support that allows us to prioritize the discovery and integration of new science-underpinned knowledge with education and clinical practice. Supporters of scholarships, in particular, have a lasting impact on today's Doctor in Physical Therapy students and their future careers. I am grateful to our generous alumni and friends who help us offer a world-class education to individuals who dream of helping others through a career in physical therapy. On behalf of our students and faculty, thank you.

— Julius Dewald, PhD, Chair, Department of Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences



Dr. Julius Dewald

The Philip A. Hageman Scholarship Fund was established in 2022 to honor the memory of Phil Hageman, '21 PTF, an inaugural member of the post-professional orthopaedic fellowship program at PTHMS who passed away in 2021. The scholarship was established by Phil's family and friends and is intended to support post-professional students who embody Phil's love of life, practice, and teaching.



Kyle Denlinger and Phil Hageman

"Phil brightened every room he walked into with his cheerful, funny demeanor. He was an amazing clinician and was extremely passionate in his goal of educating and empowering PT students and growing clinicians. Phil embodied the Bible verse, "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). I miss my friend every day, and I try to honor him by treating each patient to the best of my ability and helping my PT students learn and grow. It is an honor to support his scholarship to foster the growth of clinicians to become the best they can be."

— Kyle Denlinger, '15 DPT, '21 PTF, Young Alumni Member of The Founders Society

"I give to the Physical Therapy Scholarship Fund in gratitude for the education I received, which prepared me for a career as an acute care physical therapist. My job challenges me daily, and I am grateful for the foundational knowledge and critical thinking skills developed during the DPT program. I also give back in recognition of the immense costs associated with post-graduate education and in the spirit of my parents who instilled in me, through their own philanthropy, the importance of fostering the pursuit of education. Those seeking careers to better the lives of others should be encouraged and supported."

— Margot Miller, '19 DPT  
Young Alumni Member of The Founders Society



Margot Miller, pictured after work, caught a few minutes of a UC basketball game with her son, Felix.

For more information on supporting scholarships in Physical Therapy & Human Movement Sciences, please contact **Vic Maurer** at [victor.maurer@northwestern.edu](mailto:victor.maurer@northwestern.edu).

# Sabrina Kendrick, MD, '86 WCAS, '95 GME

Member of the Service Society, The Founders Society-NULC (Member), and Medical Alumni Association Board Member

Raised on Chicago's south side, Sabrina Kendrick, MD, '86 WCAS, '95 GME, dreamed of becoming a doctor. Without any role models for medicine, she turned to the Chicago Area Health and Medical Careers Program for mentorship. For more than 40 years, the program has introduced the city's underrepresented youth to careers in medicine. She recalled, "Seeing doctors taking care of patients made me think that maybe I could be one, too."

In 1986, Dr. Kendrick graduated from Northwestern with a BA degree in psychology. After earning her MD from the Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University, she went to Emory University for her internal medicine residency and returned to Northwestern for an infectious diseases fellowship. A longtime faculty member at Rush University, Dr. Kendrick focuses on the care of patients with HIV/AIDS. This March, she was named director of Inpatient HIV Services at John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County.

Dr. Kendrick has given back to her alma mater in many ways — especially through the gift of time. She has mentored undergrads through the Northwestern University Black Alumni Association (NUBAA). Two years ago, she joined the Medical Alumni Association Board and helped launch the Board's Inclusion and Allyship Subcommittee. The group works to support all Feinberg alumni and students who represent diverse experiences of ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, socioeconomic status, and/or physical ability.

*"Many people volunteered tidbits of advice to help me become who I am today. I wouldn't have known what to do without their kindness. It is important for me to do the same for others."*



Through her volunteer service on the board, Dr. Kendrick hopes to help many other aspiring physicians to achieve their dreams like she did.

Here, Dr. Kendrick shares more about her Northwestern experience and why she gives her time and support.

## How did Northwestern help shape your career?

I became interested in infectious diseases just at the forefront of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Although it was a scary time in healthcare, I loved taking care of these patients. Northwestern's infectious diseases faculty were pioneers in the field. I got the best training from Dr. John Phair, who was head of the division when I was a fellow. Because of Northwestern, I have successfully been able to care for HIV positive patients for the past 28 years.

## What inspires you to donate your time to Northwestern?

Many people volunteered tidbits of advice to help me become who I am today. I wouldn't have known what to do without their kindness. It is important for me to do the same for others. In October 2021, I hosted an Alumni Physicians of Feinberg event for first- and second-year students to talk about subspecialty training. At that stage, students have no idea where to start. Step by step, I shared how I became an infectious diseases specialist.

## Why do you support the Feinberg Promise Scholarship?

I was the first Black fellow in my division at a time when Northwestern was not diverse. I have long supported NUBAA's Promise Scholarship fund to support students of color. When the Feinberg Promise Scholarship was created, I also was happy to support it. Many medical students face financial hardship. Because of the opportunities that were afforded to me, I am reaching back and helping others because they need our help.

For information on the Feinberg Promise Scholarship and alumni volunteer opportunities, please contact [Allison Glibowski](mailto:allison.glibowski@northwestern.edu) at [allison.glibowski@northwestern.edu](mailto:allison.glibowski@northwestern.edu).

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