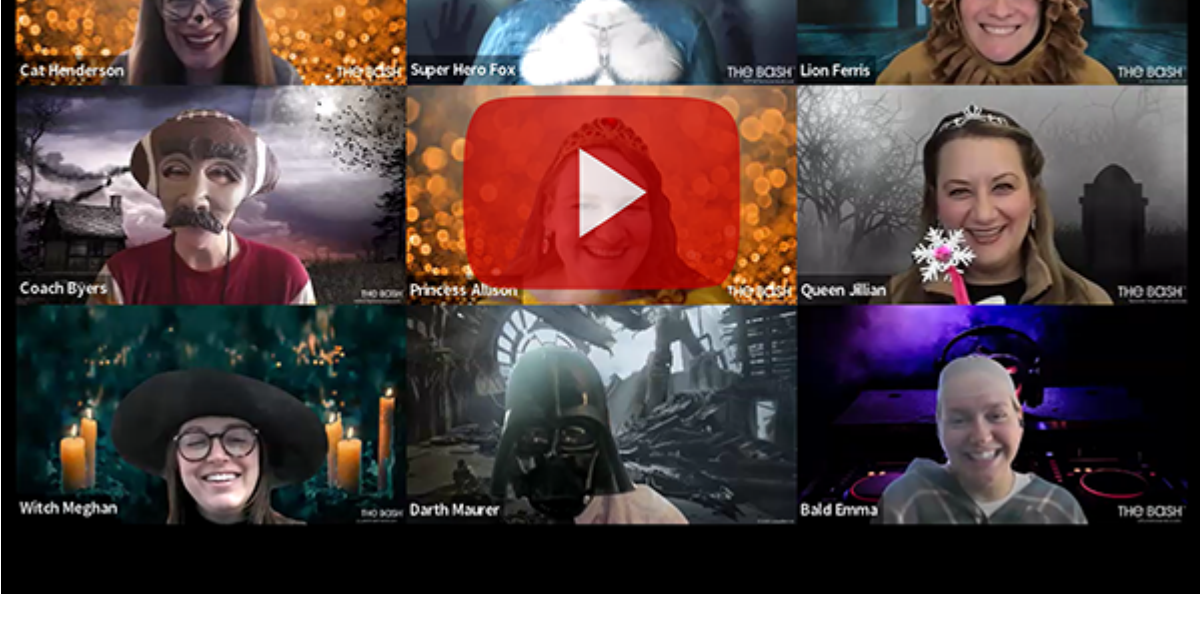




Happy Halloween!

A Trick-or-Treat Trivia

Giveaway



Happy Halloween, Alumni! Treats await you. We’re creeping it real this Halloween with [a special message from your Alumni Relations team](#). No cobwebs or cauldrons, just some spirited greetings and a little treat to make you smile.

This spooktacular Halloween edition of the newsletter is bubbling over with purple pride, festive costumes, and a few surprises brewing inside.

We also wanted to send a big **fang you** for being such an important part of our Northwestern family. We had a skele-ton of fun recording this message and hope it lifts your spirits.

Don’t ghost us! There’s a frightfully interesting Feinberg trivia question waiting for you at the end of the video. Get it right and you could **win some wicked good Feinberg swag**.

Think you know the answer? Email medalum@northwestern.edu for your chance to win.

Wishing you a fa-boo-lous Halloween from your Medical Alumni Association!

Check Out Our Halloween Message

Answer the Trivia Question and Win Swag

Devilishly Delightful Details from the Director’s Desk:

Dear Alumni,

We hope that you’re having a fabulous fall! We’re already planning our spring activities. Please save the date for our annual Cubs Spring Training game, taking place this year on opening weekend—Saturday, February 21—in Mesa, Arizona. More details to follow but be on the lookout for additional information coming later this year.

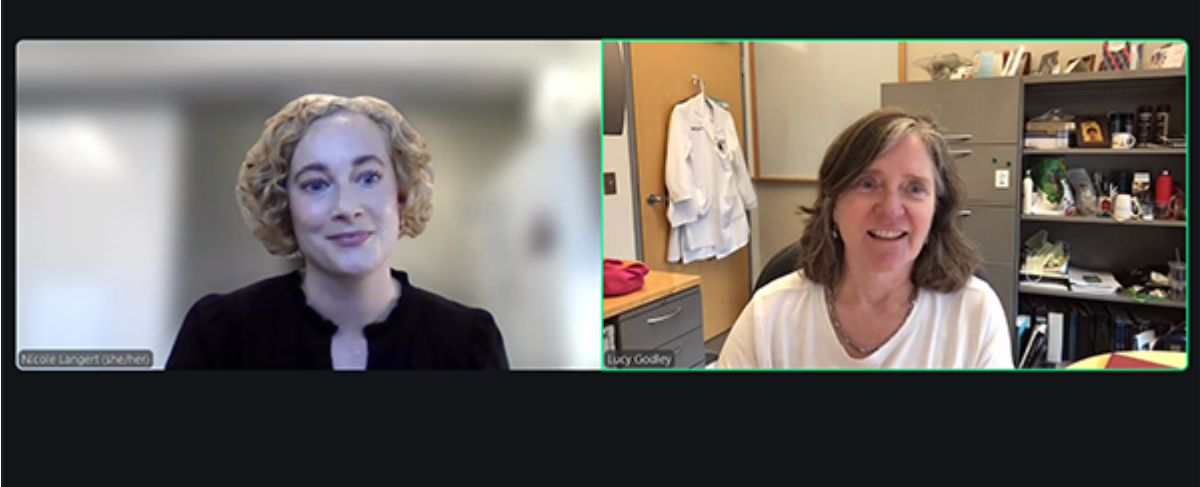
Be sure to send me any updates to your mailing address, email, or phone number so we can keep your information current and send you updates on upcoming alumni engagement events in your area.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions

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Spellbinding Session on Science & Discovery



On October 6, alumni and friends of the medical school joined us for the next webinar in our MAA series, “A Model for Fostering Translational Research: The Silver Family Blood Cancer Institute,” featuring **Lucy A. Godley, MD, PhD**, the Jeffrey and Marianne Silver Family Professor of Oncology; professor of Medicine in the Division of Hematology/Oncology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine; director of the Silver Family Blood Cancer Institute; and clinical director of Cancer Genetics at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University.

During the presentation, Dr. Godley shared how the institute serves as a dynamic bridge between the lab and the clinic, uniting investigators focused on blood and bone marrow–derived cancers. She illustrated how patient-derived samples open the door to innovative research questions and new approaches to understanding disease mechanisms. Through this collaborative framework, the Silver Family Blood Cancer Institute is paving the way for discoveries that translate directly into improved diagnostics and therapies for patients.

This webinar series continues to draw great interest, and you can register to receive the recording directly in your inbox. Stay tuned for our next invitation!

Missed it? You can stream this session and all of our previous MAA webinars anytime via our [MAA Virtual Event Recording Archives](#).

At the Crossroads: A Discussion on Research Funding



On September 7, 2025, the NU Club of Washington, DC, hosted “Medical Research Funding at the Crossroads” at the Medill Washington Newsroom. The event was a fact-based, non-partisan discussion on the future of medical research funding and its impact on American health, innovation, and higher education.

Panelists included Daniel M. Corcos, PhD, professor of Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences and principal investigator of the SPARX3 NIH clinical trial for Parkinson’s disease; William L. Dahut, MD, chief scientific officer at the American Cancer Society overseeing \$400 million in research funding; and MAA Board member **Michael J. Vasconcelles ’85, ’89 MD**, head of Research and Development at Day One Biopharmaceuticals and experienced life science leader, academic physician, and hematologist-oncologist.

The conversation explored how federal policies shape tomorrow’s medical breakthroughs, what’s at stake, and the critical decisions that lie ahead.

Thank you to all who joined us for this important discussion!

MAA Digital Series: Bewitchingly Hosted by Joseph Gugenheim, ’72 MD

“Improv in Chicago: Where It All Began”



We’re thrilled to the bone to bring you the newest installment of our MAA Digital Series from our spirited host and favorite historian, alum **Joseph Gugenheim, ’72 MD**.

This month, Dr. Gugenheim raises the curtain—and maybe a few spirits—on how a revolution in performance art took shape right here in Chicago. From Viola Spolin’s spellbinding “Theater Games,” conjured at a local settlement house, to the daring experiments of The Compass Players and the rise of The Second City, improvisation emerged from playful exercises into a cultural phenomenon that continues to cast its charm across comedy, theater, and even therapy.

Along the way, you’ll meet the creative conjurers who gave life to improv and the Northwestern alumni who carried this Chicago export onto stages near and far, enchanting audiences everywhere.

Dr. Gugenheim presents “**Improv in Chicago: Where It All Began.**”

Thank you, Dr. Gugenheim!

Stream “Improv in Chicago:
Where It All Began”

COMING SOON:
“Chicago Pizza Redux”

Next month, Dr. Gugenheim returns to a topic that had us drooling: Chicago pizza. He slices into its origins, the style that sets it apart, and iconic pizzerias like Lou Malnati’s, Pizzeria Uno, and Gino’s East that made it a local favorite.

Whether you’re a deep-dish devotee or just curious about the story behind the slice, this episode serves up a savory journey through Chicago’s culinary history.

Save some room: This episode will be so good, it’s scary!

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

A Hauntingly Good Read: What’s New at Northwestern



We invite you to check out [What’s New at Northwestern](#).

Feinberg’s Development and Alumni Relations office brings you the latest from the medical school, including updates on innovative research, leadership news, student and alumni achievements, faculty accomplishments, and the impact of philanthropy and grants.

Take a moment to explore the thrilling ways that our community continues to advance medicine.

Explore What’s New at
Northwestern: Fall 2025

Double the Treats: Honoring PT and PA Alumni



October brings a special opportunity to recognize two outstanding groups of alumni. During National Physical Therapy Month, we celebrate our physical therapy (PT) alumni for their leadership, clinical excellence, research, and advocacy—work that improves patient care and advances health and wellness in communities near and far.

At the same time, we honor our physician assistant (PA) alumni during Physician Assistant Week, October 6–12, for their essential role in delivering high-quality, patient-centered care and making a meaningful impact across healthcare settings.

We are proud to recognize both groups for their dedication, innovation, and tireless commitment to advancing human health. Join us in celebrating the extraordinary contributions of our PT and PA alumni!

No Bones About It: NUPOC News Delivers

NUPOC NEWS

The official newsletter of the
Northwestern University Prosthetics-Orthotics Center



Check out the October 2025 edition of *NUPOC News*, the quarterly newsletter from the Northwestern University Prosthetics-Orthotics Center. This publication highlights student achievements, staff updates, and more. [Download the full newsletter](#) and visit the [NUPOC website](#) to learn more about their mission of helping people affirm their lives with hope, independence, and enthusiasm by advancing technology and knowledge about prostheses and orthoses.

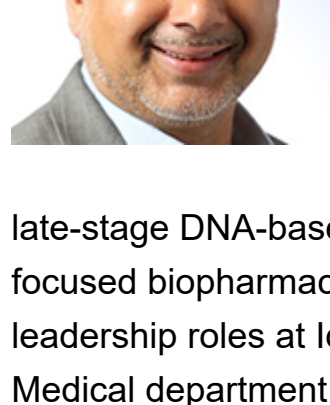
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Thrilling Achievements!



Pictured above, left to right: Meghan Monaghan '19 CERT; Melvin V. Gerbie, '60 MD; Sandra A. Carson '75, '77 MD, '81 GMER; Serdar E. Bulun, MD, '10 Cert ('21 P)

Sandra A. Carson '75, '77 MD, '81 GMER, has been named the 2025 Distinguished Alumnae Award recipient by The Alumnae of Northwestern University, recognizing her exceptional contributions to reproductive medicine and endocrinology. Dr. Carson retired last year as professor and section chief of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility (REI) at Yale School of Medicine, where she now serves as adjunct professor. She previously served as vice president of Education for the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and as professor and REI director at Women and Infants Hospital of Rhode Island, Brown University, and Tufts University School of Medicine. A pioneer in her field, Dr. Carson has been nationally recognized for her clinical innovation and mentorship of future leaders. The Alumnae of Northwestern University established the Distinguished Alumnae Award in 1976 to honor an outstanding alum who has made significant contributions in their field and who has attained national recognition. Read more on [The Alumnae of Northwestern University website](#). Congratulations, Dr. Carson!

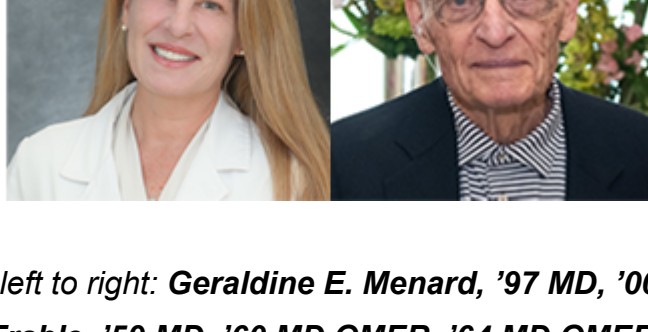


Ajay Ahuja, MD, '98 GMER, MBA, has been named chief medical officer of MannKind Corporation, a company developing and commercializing innovative inhaled therapeutics for patients with endocrine and orphan lung diseases. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Ahuja served as development and launch leader for a late-stage DNA-based therapeutic at Kardigan Bio, a cardiology-focused biopharmaceutical company. He also previously held senior leadership roles at Idorsia Pharmaceuticals, where he built the US Medical department and launched multiple novel compounds, and at Allergan, where he served as global head of Medical Affairs. Dr. Ahuja also practiced medicine at Boston Children's Hospital for more than a decade. Congratulations, Dr. Ahuja!



Paul R. Haut, MD, '97 GMEF, has been named president of the Children's Hospital Association, effective October 14, 2025. Dr. Haut previously served as chief medical officer and chief operating officer at Riley Children's Health in Indiana. After two decades with Riley Children's Health, he served as associate professor of

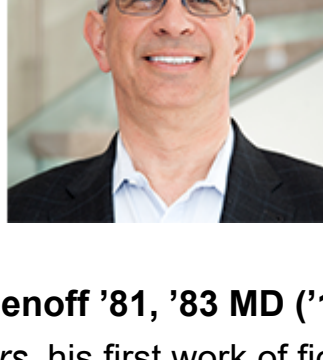
Pediatrics at Indiana University School of Medicine before becoming a certified professional leadership coach, founding the firm, PRHaut Leadership. In his new role with Children's Hospital Association, Dr. Haut will oversee education, programming, member experience, quality and patient safety, information technology, data analytics, finance, and strategic planning. Congratulations, Dr. Haut!



Pictured above, left to right: Geraldine E. Menard, '97 MD, '00 GMER ('24 P); and William J. Frable, '59 MD, '60 MD GMER, '64 MD GMER ('97 P) ('24 GP)

Geraldine E. Menard, '97 MD, '00 GMER ('24 P), has been named the 2026 recipient of the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) Exceptional Mentor Award. This honor celebrates those who have made an impact on the lives of students in medicine, going above and beyond what is required and actively reaching out to those around them to help guide them in their career path. The award will be presented at the Awards Gala of the AMWA's 111th Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California, March 27–29, 2026. Dr. Menard is section chief of General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics and vice chair of Clinical Affairs in the Deming Department of Medicine at Tulane University School of Medicine. Congratulations, Dr. Menard!

Thank you to Dr. Menard's father, **William J. Frable, '59 MD, '60 GMER, '64 GMER ('97 P) ('24 GP)**, for alerting us to this wonderful news!



Ronenn Roubenoff '81, '83 MD ('18 P), recently authored *The Biotech Murders*, his first work of fiction. The book is a medical thriller set in the world of biotech and pharmaceutical development. Dr. Roubenoff is a biotech and pharmaceutical drug development consultant. He previously served as professor of Medicine and Nutrition at Tufts University before moving to biotech with leadership roles at Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Biogen Idec, and Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research. In 2023, he retired as Global Head of Translational Medicine Discovery and Profiling at Novartis in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Basel, Switzerland. Dr. Roubenoff's expertise is in muscle disease, obesity, arthritis, translational medicine, and the use of biomarkers in drug development. *The Biotech Murders* is now available on [Amazon](#). Congratulations, Dr. Roubenoff!

It Will Haunt You If You Miss These... Upcoming Events!



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 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 Plan It Purple Calendar



We Give Blood Drive | Nationwide

Wednesday, August 27–Friday, December 5, 2025

Northwestern is competing in the Abbott and Big Ten “We Give Blood Drive” throughout the football season. The drive challenges all Big Ten schools to see which can generate the most blood donations, with the winning school earning a \$1 million gift from Abbott to support student or community health initiatives.

This campaign gives Wildcat students, fans, staff, and alumni the chance to save lives. Donors will also receive a limited-edition T-shirt once they submit their donation for Northwestern via the website or text (while supplies last).

Learn more and find Northwestern-specific drives on the [Big Ten website](#).

Give Blood



Medical Alumni Association Brunch | Los Angeles, California

Friday, November 7, 2025 | 1–3 p.m. PST

Are you from the Los Angeles area or planning to be in town for the Northwestern Wildcats vs. University of Southern California (USC) game on November 7?

We invite all alumni, friends, and supporters of Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine to join us for a game day brunch, hosted by the Medical Alumni Association, just before the Wildcats take on the Trojans!

Just 10 spots remain for the brunch, so please RSVP ASAP!

Even if you’re not attending the game or pep rally, we would still love for you to join us for brunch and connect with alumni and friends.

USC Garden Patio
[3540 South Figueroa Street | Los Angeles, CA 90007](#)

Advance registration is required for this exclusive event.

Register for Brunch in Los Angeles

Parking Information

Parking for our brunch event and game day is available at USC’s Figueroa Parking Structure, located directly behind the USC Hotel and convenient for all-day use. If the structure is full, alternative parking is available at the Flower Street Parking Structure. Parking is offered at a flat rate of \$50 per car on game day.

Parking in both structures is available through text-to-park options. Please follow the posted signage in the structure using your mobile device. This will allow you to register your vehicle’s license plate online and pay for parking through the online terminal.

For more information, please refer to the [directional guide for parking](#), which includes addresses for both structures.

Figueroa Parking Structure
[3540 South Figueroa Street | Los Angeles, CA 90007](#)

Flower Parking Structure
[3709 Flower Street | Los Angeles, CA 90007](#)

N Zone Pep Rally and Game
The N Zone Pep Rally (beginning immediately after at 3:30 p.m.) will be located at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum—South Lawn, Exposition Park, which is approximately 7 blocks from the USC Hotel. You must register separately for the N Zone Pep Rally event.

For more information on the N Zone Pep Rally and game tickets, visit the Northwestern Alumni Association’s [Cats in Los Angeles webpage](#).



Have Coffee and Conversations with Katie Lattal | Webinar

Tuesday, November 11, 2025 | 10–11:30 a.m. CST

Our “Have Coffee and Conversations” series is a unique opportunity for you to reconnect with fellow alumni, share your experiences, and enjoy meaningful conversations in a relaxed setting. This month, we’re taking a look back at the incredible legacy of The 12th General Hospital.

Virtual via Zoom: Link will be provided when you register.

In honor of Veterans Day, join [Katie Lattal](#), head of Special Collections at Galter Health Sciences Library and Learning Center, for a presentation on the 12th General Hospital, the Army field hospital unit staffed primarily by Northwestern doctors and nurses during World War II. Illustrated by photographs and documents from Galter’s archives, this presentation will review the timeline of the unit’s service throughout the war, highlight the kinds of medical care provided by the unit, and share anecdotes about what life was like for the Northwestern doctors and nurses while they were stationed in North Africa and Italy.

The Half Century Club (HCC) recognizes our alumni who graduated 50+ years ago and celebrates your dedication to the betterment of human health. We have created this club to honor you because you are an important part of our Medical Alumni Association family. As a member, you are invited to connect with fellow alumni, join us at local or virtual events, celebrate at reunion gatherings, and regale us with tales of your career. Learn more on the [HCC website](#).

For questions, contact Allison Glibowski at allison.glibowski@northwestern.edu.

Register for the HCC
Webinar



A Night With Northwestern at the Theatre: The Addams Family—A New Musical Comedy | Chicago, Illinois

Saturday, November 15, 2025 | 7:30 p.m. CST

Eccentric, morbid, spooky, and more than a little bit kooky, the far-from-normal Addams family faces a normal family challenge when their macabre daughter, Wednesday, falls in love with Lucas, a sweet young man from a respectable family whom her parents have never met. Worried her family might not approve of this all-too-normal match, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother. Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before—keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Things take a hilarious turn when the Addams family hosts a dinner for Lucas and his unsuspecting parents. On that fateful evening, relationships are tested, secrets are revealed, and the Addams family tackles both love and change by embracing the wackiness that resides in every family.

Ethel M. Barber Theater | 30 Arts Circle Drive | Evanston, Illinois

Suggested Ages: 10 and up | General Admission: \$18.50

Questions? Email alumnieducation@northwestern.edu.

Register for a Night with
Northwestern at the Theatre



SAVE THE DATE: Alumni Weekend 2026 | Chicago, Illinois

Friday, May 1—Saturday, May 2, 2026

Celebrate in Chicago next spring!

Alumni Weekend is the cornerstone event for the Medical Alumni Association. Spend the weekend reconnecting with friends and classmates as you explore campus, participate in lectures and tours, and celebrate at class dinners. We are thrilled to welcome our 2026 reunion classes, as well as all members of our Half Century Club.

Not your reunion year? Not a problem! There's so much to see and do. Plan to spend the weekend with us.

Don't wait: Secure your hotel for Alumni Weekend 2026 now!

We've arranged discounted room blocks at several local Chicago hotels, including Aloft Chicago Mag Mile, Omni Chicago Hotel, and The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago. Early booking is strongly recommended, as rooms are limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Visit the **"2026 Travel and Accommodations"** portion of our [Alumni Weekend website](#) for more information.

See you in Chicago!

Stay tuned for more information coming later this year.

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