

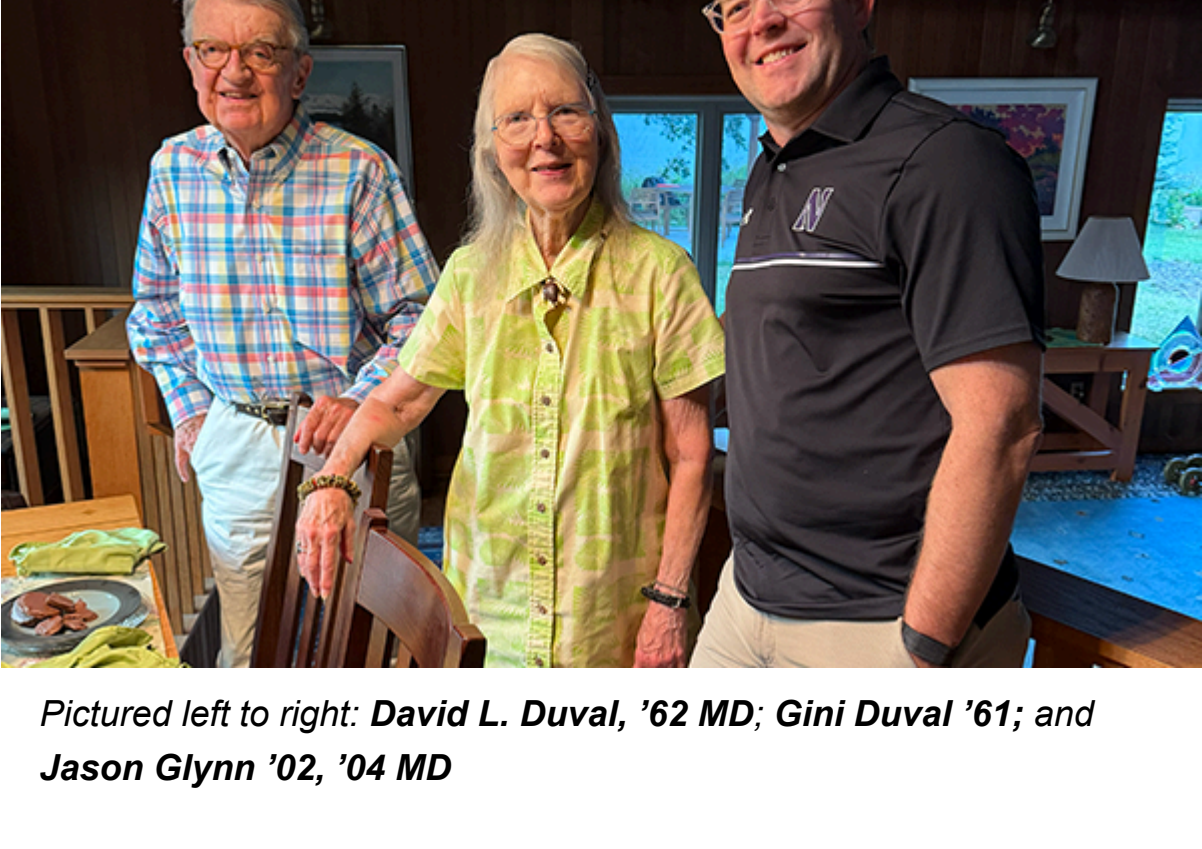


One the Road with the MAA

We wrapped up summer 2026 with two days of alumni connections in Fargo, North Dakota, and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

August 25 brought us to Fargo, where **David L. Duval, '62 MD**, and Center for Nursing alum **Gini Duval '61** generously opened their home to us for a fantastic dinner with fellow Northwestern alumni and friends. The following evening, August 26, we hosted Minneapolis-area alumni at The Market at Malcolm Yards (*pictured above*) for drinks, delicious food, and great conversation.

Thank you to everyone who joined us, and a special thank you to Dr. and Mrs. Duval for welcoming us into their home. We loved connecting with our alumni in Fargo and Minneapolis and look forward to seeing you at future MAA events!



*Pictured left to right: **David L. Duval, '62 MD**; **Gini Duval '61**; and **Jason Glynn '02, '04 MD***

Minneapolis Photo Album

From the Director’s Desk:

Dear Alumni,

We hope that you are enjoying the beginning of the fall season. We are starting our planning for Alumni Weekend 2027! **Please save the date for April 30–May 1.** Our discounted hotel blocks are now listed on our [website](#). Share this information with your classmates and book your hotel early, as our room blocks tend to sell out. Be on the lookout for more updates in the coming months.

Please reach out with any questions.

Thank you,
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Make Your Plans: Book Your Hotel for Alumni Weekend 2027

Alumni Weekend 2027
Friday and Saturday | April 30–May 1, 2027



Planning to join us in Chicago for Alumni Weekend 2027? Now is a great time to reserve your hotel.

We’ve secured discounted room blocks at several local hotels, with options including Aloft Chicago Mag Mile, Hyatt Centric Chicago Magnificent Mile, Omni Chicago Hotel, and The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago. Rooms are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis, so we encourage you to make your reservation early.

Alumni Weekend is open to ALL, and we look forward to welcoming alumni from across the country, including our reunion classes (ending in 2 and 7) and all Half Century Club members. Whether you’re returning to celebrate a milestone, reconnect with classmates, or simply spend a weekend in Chicago, staying at one of our partner hotels can make it easy to enjoy everything the weekend has to offer.

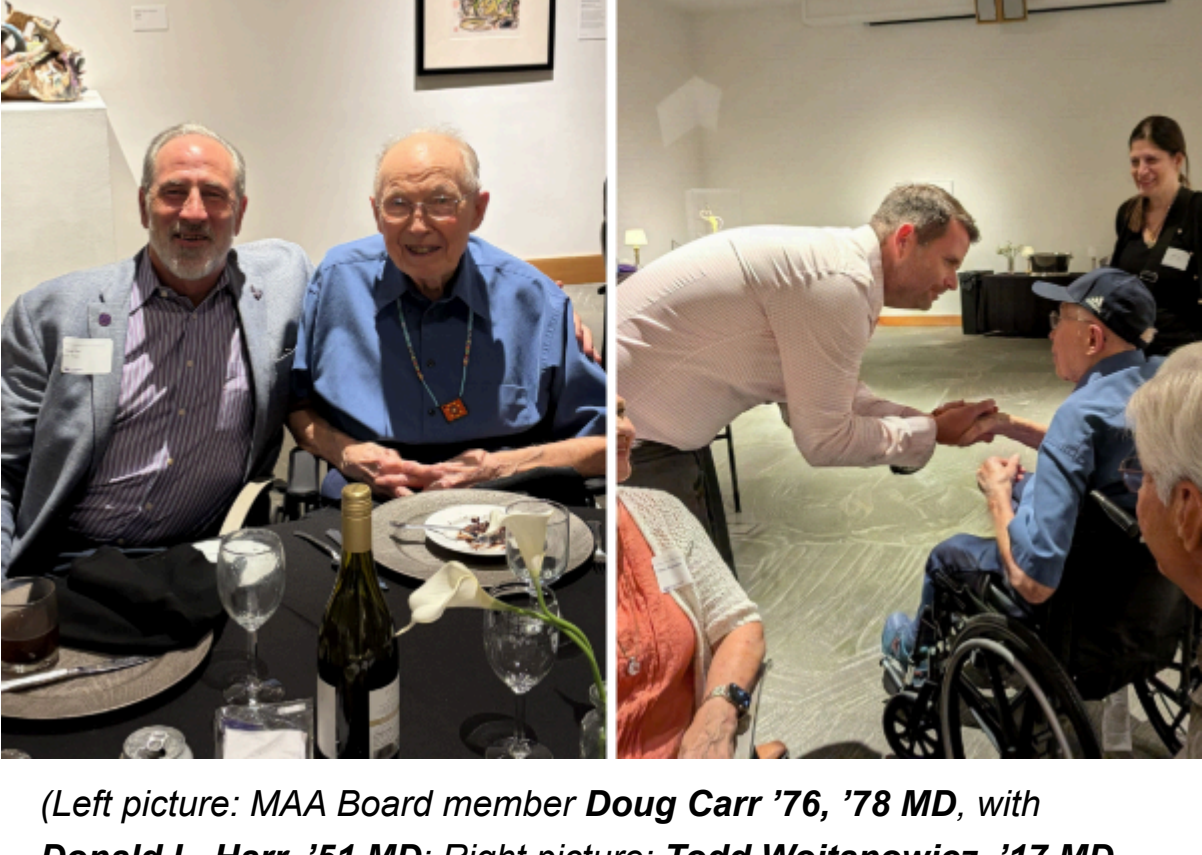
Though our website still reflects a recap of our recent Alumni Weekend 2026, the hotel arrangements that we’ve made for you for Alumni Weekend 2027 are available now on our site. Visit the “**[2027 Travel and Accommodations](#)**” section of the Alumni Weekend website for hotel information and booking details.

More Alumni Weekend 2027 details are on the way later this year, so stay tuned as we continue to build the weekend!

For questions, contact us at medalum@northwestern.edu.

Visit Our “2027 Travel and Accommodations” Page





(Left picture: MAA Board member **Doug Carr '76, '78 MD**, with **Donald L. Harr, '51 MD**; Right picture: **Todd Wojtanowicz, '17 MD**, shaking hands with **Dr. Harr**)

When the Medical Alumni Association recently gathered with alumni in Billings, Montana, we had the pleasure of spending time with **Donald L. Harr, '51 MD**, who will celebrate his 103rd birthday next month.

Dr. Harr has dedicated much of his career to improving mental healthcare in Montana. He joined the Montana Medical Association in 1957 and served as its president from 1989–1990. Over the years, he advocated for improved mental health laws, including involuntary commitment laws that required legal representation for patients. He also held numerous leadership roles, including director of the Mental Health Center in Billings, mental health director of the Deaconess Psychiatric Unit, and director of the Montana Youth Treatment Center.

Dr. Harr continues to share his experience and wisdom with others. In 2024, local news station KTVQ featured him in its “[Super Seniors](#)” series, highlighting his continued commitment to helping others at age 100. More recently, in 2025, he spoke with the [Montana Cross-Community Reconciliation Project](#) about overcoming fear, fostering understanding, and building connections across community.

We’re grateful that Dr. Harr continues to stay connected with Northwestern and his fellow alumni, and we’re delighted to celebrate this remarkable milestone with him. Happy Birthday, Dr. Harr!

Are you a centenarian? We’d love to hear from you!

Dr. Harr’s story is a wonderful reminder of the experiences, perspectives, and wisdom our alumni have gathered over the years. If you’re 100 or older, or know a fellow Northwestern alum who is, we’d love to celebrate you, too. Send us an update, tell us what you’ve been up to, or share a photo.

We also invite our Half Century Club members to share their Pearls of Wisdom. Tell us about a lesson from your career, a meaningful experience, advice for the next generation, or a favorite Northwestern memory. You can also share photos and other memories through our [Pearls of Wisdom Kudoboard](#).

Help us continue celebrating the stories, experiences, and legacy of our incredible alumni.

Pearls of Wisdom Kudoboard

Contact the Medical Alumni Association

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

“History of the Big Ten”



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**.

To commemorate the debut of Northwestern University’s new Ryan Field on Friday, October 2, this month’s presentation is a lighthearted look at the history of the Big Ten athletic conference. You don’t need to know a touchdown from a first down to enjoy this whimsical look at the megaconference, which now spans the entire country from the Atlantic to the Pacific. You will learn the Monsters of the Midway were not dinosaur bones unearthed at the airport.

You won’t learn the difference between a 4-3 defense and a 3-4 defense, but you will learn how the conference known as the Big Ten began as a meeting of seven university presidents at the Palmer House Hotel in Chicago’s Loop.

Dr. Gugenheim presents “**History of the Big Ten.**”

Thank you, Dr. Gugenheim!

Stream “History of the Big Ten”

COMING SOON:

“A Grave Matter: Chicago’s Weird Cemeteries”

Join Dr. Gugenheim next month as he kicks off a fascinating two-part series exploring Chicago’s cemeteries. From the weird to the beautiful, this presentation takes a closer look at the evolution of these sacred grounds, the stories behind their monuments, and even some of the legends surrounding reports of paranormal activity.

Discover the surprising role cemeteries have played in Chicago’s history and uncover the stories that make these places so much more than final resting places.

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

HCC Explores Simulation-Based Mastery Learning



On September 15, Half Century Club (HCC) alumni joined us virtually for a *Have Coffee and Conversations* session with **Jeffrey H. Barsuk '99 MD, '02 GMER, '10 MS**. Dr. Barsuk explored simulation-based mastery learning, an approach to medical education in which all learners must demonstrate a high level of skill before completing their training.

Dr. Barsuk discussed the principles and evidence behind simulation-based mastery learning, as well as its impact on clinical outcomes. He also shared how this approach is being used at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and Northwestern Memorial

Hospital and answered questions from alumni about the role of simulation in preparing clinicians to deliver safe, effective care.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and contributed thoughtful questions and conversation. We're grateful for your continued engagement with the [Half Century Club](#) and your interest in learning about the innovative work taking place across Northwestern.

Looking ahead, we hope that you'll join us for our next *Have Coffee and Conversations* session on Tuesday, November 17, 2026, from 10–11 a.m. CST, held virtually via Zoom. Stay tuned for more details about our featured speaker and topic coming soon.

For more information on upcoming HCC events or to get involved, please contact:



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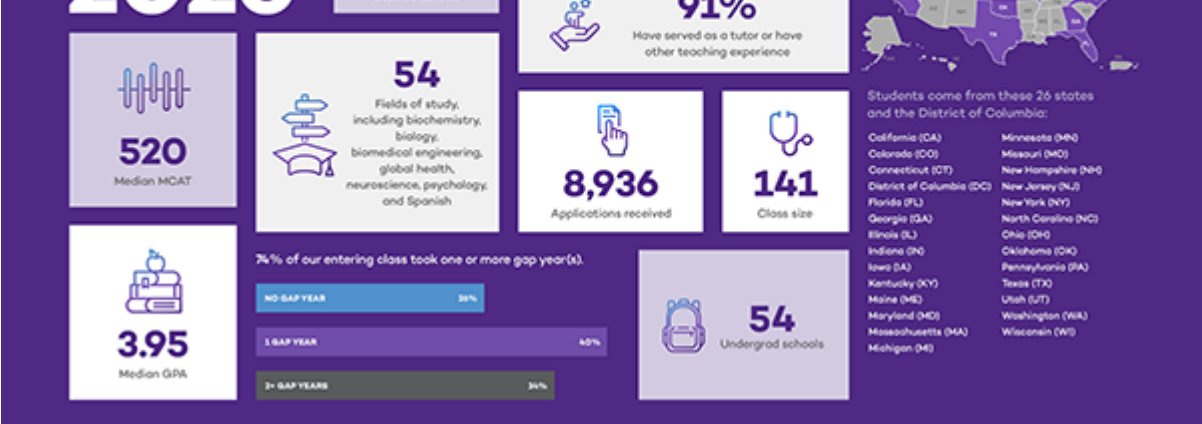


Photo by Nathan Mandell

Last month, Feinberg welcomed the MD Class of 2026 with a weeklong “Introduction to the Profession” orientation, introducing students to the foundations of their medical education while beginning to build community among classmates and faculty. Throughout the week, students explored the many roles of a physician through hospital experiences, their first patient interviews, and activities focused on Feinberg’s core competencies.

Students also had the opportunity to learn more about the Chicago communities they will serve, including a visit to Bronzeville, and connect with classmates and faculty outside the classroom at a welcome picnic outside the Museum of Contemporary Art.

This year’s class includes 141 new first-year students from 26 states and the District of Columbia, hailing from 54 different undergraduate schools, where they pursued 54 fields of study. All members of the 2026 entering class engaged in research at the undergraduate or graduate level. The class boasts a median 3.95 GPA and a median score of 520 on their MCAT.



Welcome to the fold, M1s!

To learn more about the Entering Class of 2026, visit the [Feinberg News Center](#) and [MD Admissions website](#).

Feinberg News Center Article

Entering Class of 2026 Profile

Society Olympics 2026

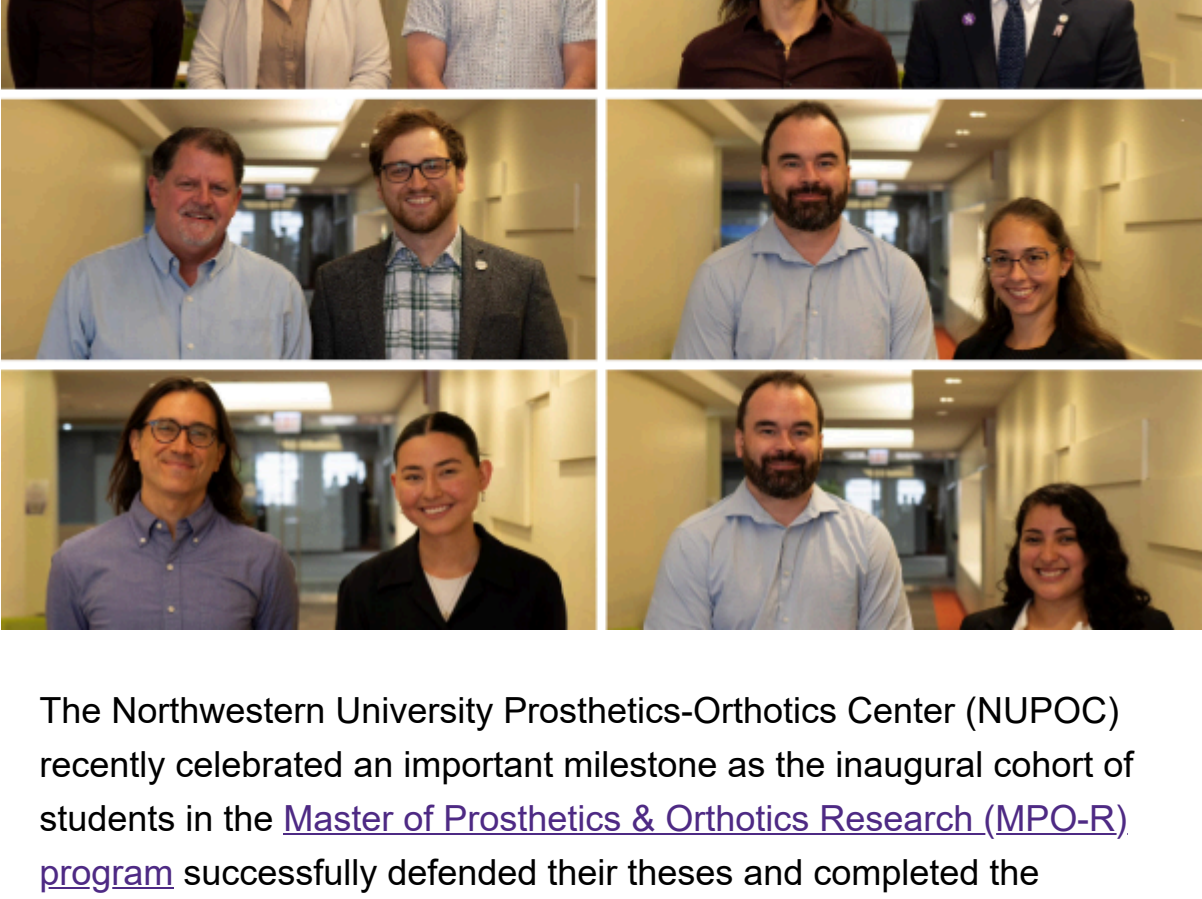


The Medical Alumni Association was excited to join Feinberg students for this year’s Society Olympics on August 28. The annual tradition brings together students from the Ricketts, Lawless, Thompson, and Cooper societies, each named in honor of a distinguished alum, for a day of competition, collaboration, and fun.

Students put their teamwork and skills to the test through a variety of physical and mental challenges, bringing plenty of energy and enthusiasm to the day. Once again, the Ricketts Society came out on top, taking home the Feinberg Cup for the sixth consecutive year.

Congratulations to Ricketts on another impressive win, and to all four societies for making this year’s Society Olympics another memorable celebration of Feinberg spirit!

A First for Prosthetics and Orthotics Research



The Northwestern University Prosthetics-Orthotics Center (NUPOC) recently celebrated an important milestone as the inaugural cohort of students in the [Master of Prosthetics & Orthotics Research \(MPO-R\) program](#) successfully defended their theses and completed the program.

The six graduates, Amanda Kemper, Owen Albrecht, Christian Moran, Elyssia Robbins, Elizabeth Ibata-Arens, and Maria Gamez (*pictured left to right, top to bottom*), are the first to earn the MPO-R degree, the first- and only-degree program of its kind in the United States. The program combines Northwestern’s rigorous Master of Prosthetics and Orthotics clinical education with advanced training in research design, biomechanics, statistics, and scientific writing.

Over nine academic sessions, students completed the requirements of the MPO-R program while developing and conducting original research projects under the guidance of faculty mentors. Their work prepares them to bridge clinical practice and research as clinician-scientists, helping translate scientific discoveries into improved patient care and advance the evidence base of the prosthetics and orthotics profession.

Congratulations to the inaugural MPO-R graduates on this significant achievement and for helping launch a new chapter in prosthetics and orthotics education and research at Northwestern!

Members of 1965 Gather in Tucson



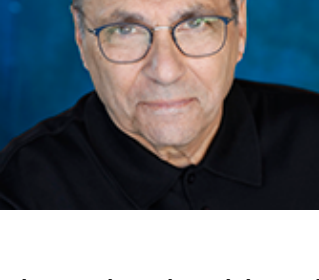
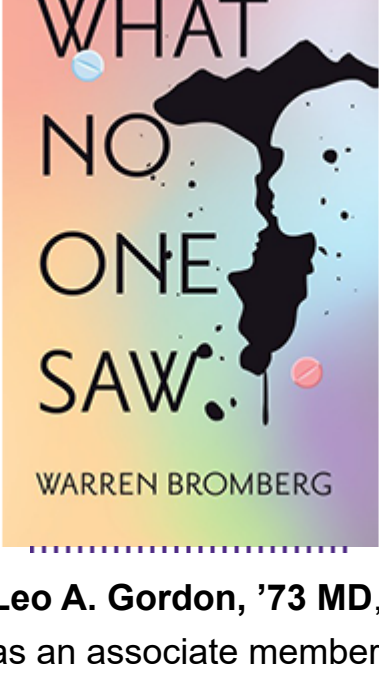
Three members of the Feinberg Class of 1965 recently gathered for a mini reunion in Tucson, Arizona. **Courtland L. Munroe, '65 MD**; **Thomas J. Ekkers, '65 MD ('98 P)**; and **William S. Nevin, '65 MD** (*pictured left to right*); enjoyed time together at Dr. Ekkers's home, offering a wonderful glimpse of the Class of 1965 today.

We're always glad to see our alumni staying connected with one another, especially decades after medical school. Thank you to Dr. Ekkers for sharing this terrific photo and showing us how the Class of 1965 continues to stay in touch!

Congrats Are in Order!



Warren D. Bromberg, MD, '91 GMER, retired after more than 30 years in private practice as a urologist in Mount Kisco, New York, caring for both adults and children. He has since transitioned to a second career writing fiction, noting that medicine was a perfect prelude to writing novels. His debut novel, *What No One Saw* (*pictured below*), is [now available](#) in Kindle, hardcover, and paperback editions, and he is busy writing his next book. The novel explores the complexities of raising children in the modern world through a family's journey of crisis, reflection, and reconciliation. Congratulations, Dr. Bromberg!



Leo A. Gordon, '73 MD, was formally inducted as an associate member of the American College of Surgeons Academy of Master Surgeon Educators at a black-tie ceremony held September 10, 2026, in Chicago. The mission of the American College of Surgeons Academy of Master Surgeon Educators® is to play a leadership role in advancing the science and practice of education across all surgical specialties. It seeks to promote the highest achievements in the lifetimes of surgeons. Dr. Gordon's work on the morbidity and mortality meeting, the role of medical humanities in medical education, and his efforts to refine presentation and speaking skills among residents played a central role in his induction. Dr. Gordon shared that his remarks at the event focused on the brevity of his speech, as he had to return his rented tuxedo by 9:30 p.m. Congratulations, Dr. Gordon!

Helain J. Landy, '82 MD, retired July 1, 2026, as chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital after 23 years. She is continuing her clinical maternal-fetal medicine practice at MedStar Health. Dr. Landy was named the first clinical chair in the history of Georgetown University Medical Center in 2003. She has established the Helain J. Landy Prize for Excellence in Women's Health Care. The prize will annually recognize a graduating MedStar Health Ob/Gyn who exemplifies excellence in women's healthcare, inspiring future generations of clinicians and leaders in caring for our daughters and granddaughters. Congratulations, Dr. Landy!

Do you have news to share with us or know of an alum we should recognize? Tag us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#), or email us at medalum@northwestern.edu.

Upcoming Events



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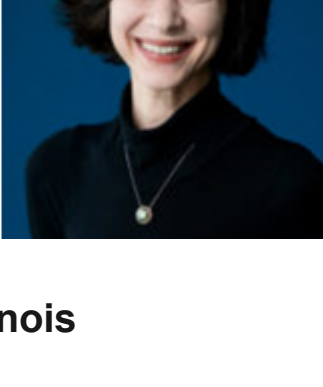
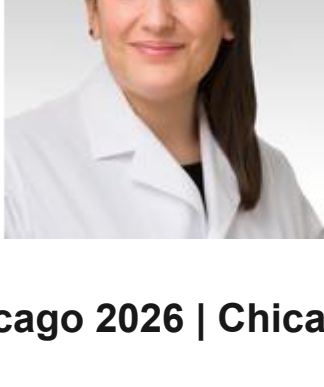
Did you know that the MAA has its very own [Plan It Purple calendar](#)?

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



TEDxChicago 2026 | Chicago, Illinois

Saturday, October 3, 2026 | 10 a.m.–6:30 p.m. CDT

Join TEDxChicago for a day of ideas, conversation, and inspiration featuring speakers from across Chicago. This year's event, "We the People," will feature Feinberg faculty members **Tamar Gefen, '12 MS, '15 PhD**, and Jessica L. Schleider.

Location: Harris Theater for Music and Dance | Millennium Park | 205 East Randolph Street | Chicago, Illinois

Tickets are available through [TEDxChicago](#).

Register for TEDxChicago



Health Equity Week | Chicago, Illinois and Virtual

Monday, October 12–Saturday, October 17, 2026 CDT

McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University invites you to join nationally recognized experts and Northwestern faculty for the sixth annual Health Equity Week, a weeklong series of curated speakers and thought-provoking discussions that explore today's most pressing equity issues.

McGaw Medical Center of Northwestern University is committed to fostering an inclusive learning environment and advancing equitable care for every patient. Speakers will explore the complex factors that shape health equity, share emerging research and best practices, and facilitate meaningful dialogue that equips participants with practical strategies to create more equitable systems of care, education, and leadership.

Credit Designation Statement: Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 4 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Visit the [Health Equity Week website](#) for the full schedule, session details, and locations.

Advance registration is required.

Register for Health Equity Week



Feinberg Founders and Notables: Historical Walking Tour of Graceland Cemetery | Chicago, Illinois

Friday, October 16, 2026 | 2–3:30 p.m. CDT

Join the Galter Health Sciences Library and Learning Center at Graceland, a beautiful cemetery and certified arboretum in the North Side neighborhood of Uptown, as we explore the final resting places of five of the founders of Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. During this tour, you will learn about the founding and early years of the medical school, nineteenth-century medical education, and early Chicago. Don't miss this opportunity to engage with institutional history in one of Chicago's loveliest landmarks. Lasting roughly 90 minutes, the tour involves 1 to 1.5 miles of walking over paved streets and uneven grass. Weather permitting. Confirmation will be sent the morning of the tour. **Transportation to and from Graceland is not provided.**

Hosted by Katie Lattal, MA, Special Collections librarian, and Emma Florio, MLIS, archives and research specialist.

For more information and to register, visit the [event registration page](#).

Advance registration is required.

For questions, contact ghsl-specialcollections@northwestern.edu.

Register for Graceland Cemetery Tour



Revolutions in Medicine: 250 Years of Medical Progress | Chicago, Illinois

Tuesday, December 8, 2026 | Noon–12:45 p.m. CST

You're invited to visit the new Galter exhibit honoring the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. It highlights four breakthroughs that sparked their own revolutions and transformed medicine forever: the development of modern epidemiology, the invention of vaccination, the advancement of surgical anesthesia, and the discovery of X-rays.

Now on display in the Eckenhoff Reading Room, [Revolutions in Medicine: 250 Years of Medical Progress](#) traces the scientific developments that have led to the rapidly changing field of medicine we know today.

Galter Library | 320 East Superior Street | Chicago, Illinois
Meet at the circulation desk.

Advance registration is required.

For questions or more information, contact ghsl-specialcollections@northwestern.edu.

Register for Revolutions in Medicine



Landsberg Society: Late Night Morning Report | Chicago, Illinois

Thursday, October 29, 2026 | 6–9 p.m. CDT

The Landsberg Society, together with the Department of Medicine, invite you to join fellow alumni, faculty, residents, and fellows for cocktails, dinner, and some fun at our 2026 Late Night Morning Report. The evening will include a case led by our chief medical

residents in the classic morning report format and our traditional paddle raise.

The Ritz-Carlton, Chicago | 160 East Pearson Street | Chicago, IL 60611

6–7 p.m.: Cocktails | Grand Foyer

7–9 p.m.: Dinner and Program | The Ritz-Carlton Ballroom

Please note that the attire is Business Cocktail.

Advance registration is required.

For questions, contact landsbergsociety@northwestern.edu.

Register for Late Night
Morning Report



SAVE THE DATE: Alumni Weekend 2027 | Chicago, Illinois

Friday, April 30–Saturday, May 1, 2027

Get ready to celebrate in Chicago next spring!

Return to campus, reconnect with classmates and friends, enjoy lectures and tours, and gather for memorable class dinners. We're excited to welcome our 2027 reunion classes and Half Century Club members, and we invite all alumni to join us for the weekend.

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 2027 now!

We've arranged discounted room blocks at several local Chicago hotels, including Aloft Chicago Mag Mile, Hyatt Centric Chicago Magnificent 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 "[2027 Travel and Accommodations](#)" portion of our Alumni Weekend website for more information.

Stay tuned for more information coming later this year.

Questions? Contact the Medical Alumni Association at medalum@northwestern.edu.

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