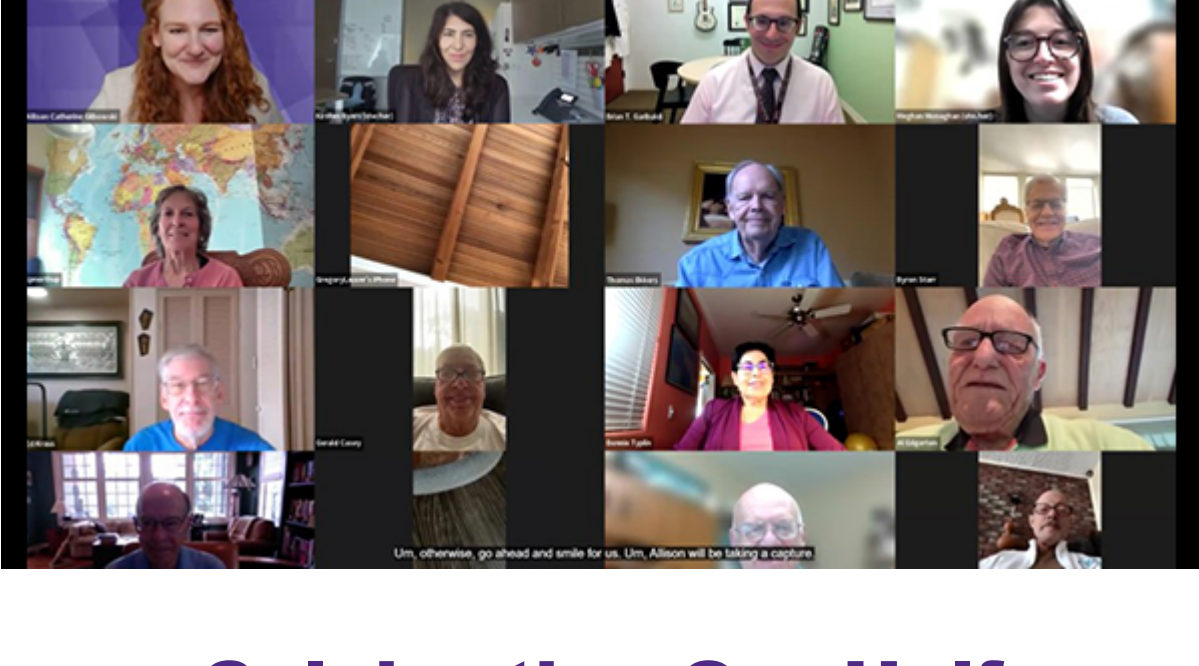


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Celebrating Our Half Century Club



The [Half Century Club \(HCC\)](#) is more vibrant than ever, and we want you to be part of it!

On September 9, HCC alumni participated in our Have Coffee and Conversations series with Brian T. Garibaldi, MD, MEHP, for an engaging discussion on *Bedside Medicine: Redefining the Modern Clinical Encounter*. The session sparked lively questions and meaningful reflections among our HCC attendees, reminding us why these conversations are so valuable.

Don't miss our next Have Coffee and Conversations on Tuesday, November 11, from 10–11 a.m. CST. Details on our featured speaker and topic are coming soon.

HCC members: Plan to join us for **Alumni Weekend 2026, May 1–2 in Chicago**, our signature event of the year. The Half Century Club will be at the heart of the weekend, with exclusive programming and opportunities to reconnect with classmates and the broader alumni community. We invite you to revisit campus and take part in a weekend that celebrates the legacy and future of our alumni community.

We need you!

Help us make your Alumni Weekend unforgettable:

- Volunteer to support HCC programs
- Reach out to classmates and encourage them to reconnect with their alma mater
- Help spread the word and personally invite fellow alumni to join the celebration

Every connection you make strengthens our alumni network and helps it thrive.

Membership in the HCC is automatic for alumni 50+ years out and includes year-round benefits such as exclusive gatherings, early registration and discounts for alumni programs, complimentary parking for on-campus events, and more.

Mark your calendar: Your HCC community will be waiting for you at Alumni Weekend 2026!

Get Involved with Your Half
Century Club

Ready to get involved? Contact Allison Glibowski, assistant director of Alumni Engagement at allison.glibowski@northwestern.edu.



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From the Director's Desk:

Dear Alumni,

We are about a month away from our Los Angeles events around the Northwestern vs. University of Southern California (USC) game on November 7.

Will you be in town to attend? The Medical Alumni Association will host a special gameday brunch for alumni.

If you can't attend the football game but will be in the Los Angeles area, we'd still love for you to join us for brunch!

Please see the "Upcoming Events" section of this newsletter for more information and to register. As always, reach out to me with any questions.

Go 'Cats!

Thank you,
Babette



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Get Ready: Book Your Hotel for Alumni Weekend 2026

Alumni Weekend 2026:
Friday and Saturday | May 1–2, 2026

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.

Alumni Weekend is open to ALL, and we're especially excited to welcome back our reunion classes and Half Century Club members. Whether you're returning to celebrate milestones, reconnect with classmates, or enjoy the city, reserving your hotel now ensures a convenient stay close to all the action.

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

Though our website still reflects a recap of our recent Alumni Weekend 2025, the hotel arrangements that we've made for you for Alumni Weekend 2026 are available now on our site.

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

Stay tuned for more Alumni Weekend information coming later this year!



Visit Our “2026 Travel and Accommodations” Page

A Special Message of Hope from Pope Leo XIV



Since 1979, the [Les Turner ALS Foundation](#) has been an incredible partner and supporter of ALS research, training, and care at Northwestern. Our [Les Turner ALS Center at Northwestern Medicine](#) is led by the most well-respected scientists and clinicians in the field, advancing research into causes, treatment, and cures for the disease.

This year’s [Les Turner ALS Walk for Life at Soldier Field began with a special message from Pope Leo XIV](#), who shared words of hope and love while expressing his admiration, gratitude, and encouragement to the researchers and scientists from Northwestern Medicine and beyond in attendance at the walk.

We invite you to stream his full remarks on the [Les Turner ALS Foundation website](#).

Stream Remarks by Pope Leo XIV

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

“Deering University? The University You Know by a Different Name”



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, Dr. Gugenheim uncovers the far-reaching influence of William Deering, believed to have trained as a physician but never known to have practiced. His name lives on through Deering Library and Deering Meadow, yet his story remains largely untold. Deering built his legacy in business and quietly wielded power on Northwestern’s Board of Trustees for nearly four decades. From rivalries with the McCormicks to strategic gifts that reshaped campus life, his behind-the-scenes impact continues to shape the University today. Join us to explore how this woolen wholesaler’s vision and generosity left an enduring mark that still echoes across Northwestern.

Dr. Gugenheim presents “**Deering University? The University You Know by a Different Name.**”

Thank you, Dr. Gugenheim!

Stream “Deering University? The University You Know by a Different Name”

COMING SOON: “Improv in Chicago: Where It All Began”

Next month’s episode is not to be missed. Dr. Gugenheim further delves into the history of our Sweet Home Chicago, where a revolution in performance art took root. From Viola Spolin’s “Theater Games” created at a settlement house to the daring experiments of The Compass Players and the rise of The Second City, improvisation grew from playful exercises into a cultural force that transformed comedy, theater, and even therapy. Along the way, you’ll meet the visionaries who shaped the form and the household names—including Northwestern alumni—who carried the principles of improv from Chicago to the world’s stage.

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

Feinberg Joins the Northwestern Network Mentorship Program



To better serve the entire Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine community, our Alumni and Student Network platform has merged with the [Northwestern Network Mentorship Program](#). This online platform brings together students and alumni from all Northwestern schools and programs under one accessible system.

Designed to cultivate meaningful mentorship opportunities across the global Northwestern community, the Northwestern Network Mentorship Program allows alumni mentors to offer valuable support and guidance as mentees navigate their careers. Students and alumni can use the platform to connect with alumni working in a wide range of career fields. Alumni from all class years, programs, and schools may participate as volunteer mentors, mentees, or both. Degree-seeking students may participate as mentees. Learn more about becoming a [mentor](#) or participate as a [mentee](#).

Registration is easy! If you previously signed up for the Alumni and Student Network platform, login with the same email and password and begin your student or alumni registration:

Register for the Northwestern Network Mentorship Program

Registration takes just 10 to 15 minutes.

For more information about the platform, please visit the [Northwestern Network Mentorship Program website](#).

We’re thrilled to expand our mentorship capabilities and offer these resources to all Feinberg programs!

For questions, please reach out to Allison Glibowski, assistant director of Alumni Engagement, at allison.glibowski@northwestern.edu.



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Meet Our Future Medical Alumni



Learn more about the entering MD class profile on the [Feinberg Admissions website](#).

This year’s impressive M1 class includes 140 students from 32 states and 50 undergraduate institutions, with a median GPA of 3.93, a median MCAT of 521, and a multitude of experience ranging from research and teaching to global study and athletics.

With our phenomenal alumni as their example, we look forward to witnessing all they will achieve.

Welcome to the fold, Class of 2029!

Born to Be a Wildcat!



A big thank-you to **David V. Lightfoot, '80 MD**, for sharing this sweet photo of him and his granddaughter, Tessa, proudly dressed in their Northwestern gear (*pictured left*). In the photo on the right, Dr. Lightfoot and Tessa are pictured with his daughter Laura.

Clearly born to be a Wildcat, Tessa carries on the Northwestern pride that runs deep in the Lightfoot family. Go 'Cats!

Congrats Are in Order!



Sudip K. Bose '95, '99 MD, was recently featured on the cover of [Forbes Scotland](#) in a story highlighting his remarkable journey from military and emergency medicine to healthcare reform and innovation. A former US Army combat physician, Dr. Bose provided care to soldiers in Iraq’s most dangerous war zones and treated Saddam Hussein following his 2003 capture. He currently practices emergency medicine at Medical Center Hospital in West Texas, the highest-level trauma center across 38,000 square miles, and continues to drive systemic improvements in healthcare delivery. Dr. Bose also is the subject of the gripping documentary [Desert Doc](#) on Prime Video.



Mitchell D. Creinin '86, '88 MD, was [recently named the recipient](#) of the Society of Family Planning Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Creinin is professor and director of the Complex Family Planning Fellowship at the University of California, Davis. He previously served as director of Family Planning and Gynecologic Specialties and as professor of Epidemiology at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health. Dr. Creinin also is a past president of the Society of Family Planning. Congratulations, Dr. Creinin!



David C. Rhew, '92 MD, was recently named to the board of directors for IgniteData, a leader in intelligent clinical trial data automation. He is global chief medical officer and vice president of healthcare at Microsoft and previously served as Microsoft’s international coordinator for pandemic response, collaborating with the World Health Organization to develop the World Health Data Hub, partnering with the CDC to establish its vaccine data lake, and supporting US states in COVID-19 vaccine distribution. He also helped launch the Trustworthy & Responsible AI Network and the Alliance for Healthcare from the Eye, global initiatives focused on promoting safe and effective use of AI in healthcare. Dr. Rhew also serves as an adjunct professor at Stanford University. Congratulations, Dr. Rhew!



Gregory J. Soderberg '78, '79 PT, '85 MPT is riding 409 miles in the Great Cycle Challenge to support children’s cancer research. He rides as part of the “Cats Against Cancer” team, founded and largely comprised of former Northwestern athletes and alumni. The team has participated in this Children’s Cancer Research Foundation fundraiser for more than six years and is currently ranked fourth in the nation in the team category for donations. Since joining the challenge in 2020, the Cats Against Cancer team has raised \$206,333 and ridden 16,868 miles in support of pediatric cancer research. Alumni and friends interested in joining the team are welcome to participate. For more information, visit the [Great Cycle Challenge](#). Congratulations, Greg!



Jamie E. Terry, '89 MD, Medical Alumni Association Board member, co-authored “Assessing Equity of Care Across Metastatic Breast Cancer Treatment Junctures: A Multi-Site Retrospective Cohort Study,” published in [BMC Cancer](#) . Conducted in partnership with researchers at the University of Texas, the study followed 460 Medicare patients across four key stages of treatment, from diagnosis through end-of-life care, and highlighted the need for more proactive and equitable care. Dr. Terry recently shared her findings in the Texas Oncology Newsletter, *The Beacon*, in a feature titled “Unequal Journeys: New Study Reveals Gaps in End-of-Life Care for Metastatic Breast Cancer Patients.” Dr. Terry notes, “Nothing is out of reach academically as long as you follow your passion and commitment to serve the ‘common good’ for all.” Congratulations, Dr. Terry!



Christina J. Yang '04, '08 MD, recently joined New York University (NYU) Langone Health as chief of the Division of Pediatric Otolaryngology in the Department of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery at NYU Grossman School of Medicine. She also serves as lead for Pediatric Otolaryngology Services at Hassenfeld Children’s Hospital at NYU Langone. Dr. Yang brings extensive expertise in pediatric airway and

aerodigestive disorders and is recognized for advancing clinical practice, research, and education in her field. Learn more on the [NYU Langone Health website](#). Congratulations, Dr. Yang!

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

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

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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

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Q Founder Series: Flunking with Steven R. Deitcher, MD | Webinar

Friday, October 3, 2025 | Noon–1:00 p.m. CDT

This interactive webinar will explore the realities of failure in life science innovation, including why even “great” ideas sometimes stall, falter, or never make it to market. Participants will examine the many possible causes of failure, from scientific and technical hurdles to market misalignment, team dynamics, and investor skepticism.

The session will highlight how to identify early warning signs, strategies to troubleshoot and potentially resuscitate promising concepts, and how to capture valuable lessons from ventures that don’t move forward.

Far from being purely pessimistic, the conversation will underscore how failure can provide unique opportunities for growth, sharpen future decision-making, and strengthen resilience for founders and teams navigating the high-risk world of entrepreneurship.

[Steven R. Deitcher '86, '88 MD](#), is founder, chief executive office, and chair of Bespoke Biotherapeutics, a Bay Area company developing genome-engineered B-cell therapeutics for hemophilia A and HER2+ breast cancer, and co-founder of a stealth clinical-stage cell therapy company focused on brain regeneration. He has held executive roles at Radimmune Therapeutics, Medeor Therapeutics, and Talon Therapeutics, where he led Marqibo® from IND to FDA accelerated approval and eventual acquisition by Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, as well as at Nuvelo.

Register for the Q Founders Series Webinar

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A Model for Fostering Translational Research: The Silver Family Blood Cancer Institute | Webinar

Monday, October 6, 2025 | 4:00–5:00 p.m. CDT

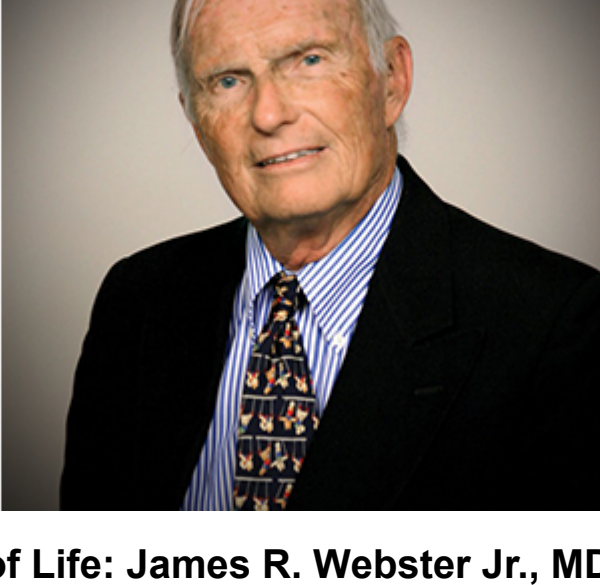
The Silver Family Blood Cancer Institute fosters translational research in blood and bone marrow-derived cancers, for both patient- and laboratory-facing investigators. This webinar will highlight how the institute enables cutting-edge research questions to be addressed using precious patient-based samples and what this means for advancing care.

[Lucy A. Godley, MD, PhD](#), is 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.

Advance registration is required.

Register for the Blood Cancer Webinar

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Celebration of Life: James R. Webster Jr., MD, MS

Friday, October 10, 2025 | 3–4 p.m. CDT Reception; 4 p.m. CDT Program Begins

We invite family, friends, and colleagues to join the Northwestern community to remember the life of [James R. Webster Jr. '53, '56 MD, MS, '60 GMER, '64 GMEF](#), honor his contributions to medicine, and celebrate his lasting impact and legacy.

**Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Simpson Querrey Biomedical Research Center Auditorium**
303 East Superior Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Please look for signage to guide you to the auditorium.

Visit the [event registration page](#) for complimentary parking information.

For more information on the newly announced James R. Webster, Jr., MD, Scholarship Fund, please contact Associate Dean Larry Kuhn at larry-kuhn@northwestern.edu.

RSVP by October 3, 2025. Registration is required.

Register for Dr. Webster's Memorial



Landsberg Society: Late Night Morning Report | Chicago, Illinois

Thursday, October 30, 2025 | 6–9 p.m. CDT

The Landsberg Society Board is excited to host, with their 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 Ritz-Carlton, Chicago
160 East Pearson Street | Chicago, IL 60611

6–7 p.m.: Reception | Grand Foyer
7–9 p.m.: Dinner, Paddle Raise, and Late Night Morning Report | The Ritz-Carlton Ballroom

Advance registration is required.

For questions, contact landsbergsociety@northwestern.edu.

Register for Late Night Morning Report



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!

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](#).



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.

Add Alumni Weekend 2026 to My Calendar



From the South Side to Streeterville: The Creation of the Chicago Campus | Hybrid

Now Available In Person and Online

One hundred years ago, on May 8, 1925, Northwestern administrators, students, and major donors gathered to break ground on a new campus in the up-and-coming Streeterville neighborhood. This campus would bring together Northwestern’s medical, dental, law, and business schools for the first time, fulfilling a vision nearly 20 years in the making. Those 20 years had seen many changes in medicine and medical education, and the planned Ward Memorial Building, home of Northwestern University Medical School (the future Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine), would allow Northwestern to remain at the forefront of medical education, research, and care.

Now on display in the Eckenhoff Reading Room, *From the South Side to Streeterville: The Creation of the Chicago Campus* uses items from Galter Health Sciences Library’s archival, artifact, and book collections to explore the story of the medical school’s move to Streeterville, including its former locations, the decision to move, the changing landscape of science and medical education, and the financial campaigns that raised millions to create the Chicago campus. [The exhibit also is available online.](#)

Explore the Galter Exhibit
Online

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