

Earlier today, Georgetown announced news of a very special gift to support scholarships for medical students. With a [transformational bequest](#), School of Dentistry alumnus Richard Calabrese (D'77) and his wife, Angela, will establish two endowed scholarship funds designed to support aspiring scientists and physicians who demonstrate financial need.

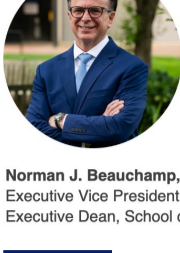
The Calabrese gift exemplifies a vote of confidence in the promise and potential of the next generation of healers and scientists. Our students often share that receiving a scholarship is not just about access to an education; it is the moment they feel seen, believed in, and called to something larger than themselves. Scholarships offer not only resources, but hope. We are so very grateful to the Calabrese family—you can read more about the "why" behind this gift below.

The Calabrese family joins so many of you who have also [supported our medical students](#). The average giving per household and per gift is nearly 50% higher than any other point in the past decade—a testament to the enduring generosity, loyalty, and faith our alumni have in Georgetown's mission.

Scholarships relieve students of the financial pressure to work while in medical school, allowing them to fully [engage in research](#) and other [scholarly activities](#). We know our students place a high value on the opportunity to pursue scientific endeavors, and in this newsletter you'll read about some of the [recent research presented by our students](#), along with the faculty mentors who supported their success. You'll also learn about faculty research underway at our medical center —work that completes the virtuous circle of education, discovery, and mentorship.

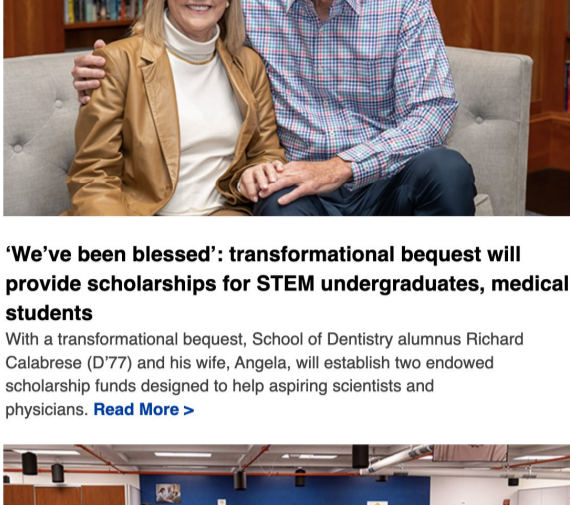
It was wonderful seeing so many of you recently on Medical-Dental Reunion Weekend. I look forward to building on new and existing relationships. Your support of our medical school is so incredibly valuable. I'd like to extend my gratitude to the Medical Alumni Board and the Georgetown University Alumni Association for fostering community among alumni and students alike.

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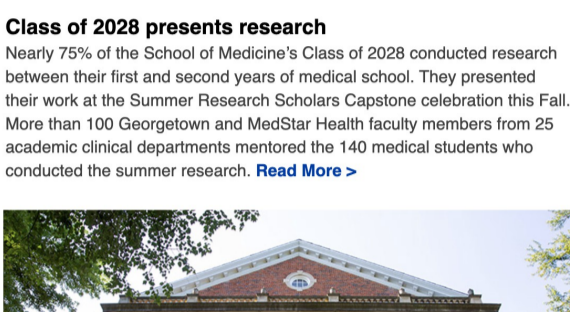
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**SPOTLIGHT**



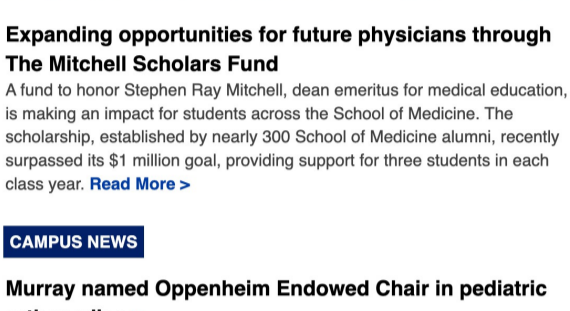
**'We've been blessed': transformational bequest will provide scholarships for STEM undergraduates, medical students**

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**Class of 2028 presents research**

Nearly 75% of the School of Medicine's Class of 2028 conducted research between their first and second years of medical school. They presented their work at the Summer Research Scholars Capstone celebration this Fall. More than 100 Georgetown and MedStar Health faculty members from 25 academic clinical departments mentored the 140 medical students who conducted the summer research. [Read More >](#)



**Expanding opportunities for future physicians through The Mitchell Scholars Fund**

A fund to honor Stephen Ray Mitchell, dean emeritus for medical education, is making an impact for students across the School of Medicine. The scholarship, established by nearly 300 School of Medicine alumni, recently surpassed its \$1 million goal, providing support for three students in each class year. [Read More >](#)

**CAMPUS NEWS**

**Murray named Oppenheim Endowed Chair in pediatric orthopedics >**

**Unfinished business: Treatment and prevention of HIV/AIDS >**

**Showcasing the breadth of Georgetown University's work in HIV >**

**Georgetown students win interprofessional prize at 2025 DC Public Health Case Challenge >**

**Anthony Fauci reflects on *cura personalis* in patient care and public service at Kovach Lecture >**

**Medical students among 2025-26 cohort of Global Health Student Fellows >**

**National Academy of Medicine inducts Merenstein >**

**Anthony Fauci discusses Georgetown's interdisciplinary approach to global health >**

**A thank you to the BellRinger community >**

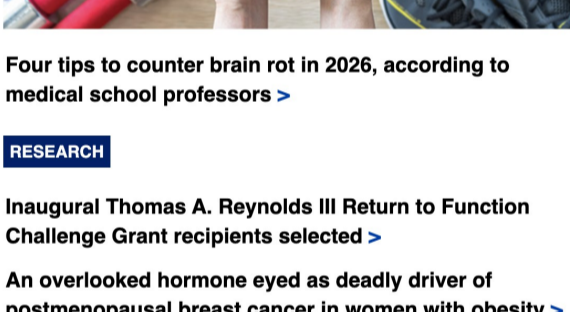
**New cohort of DISCOVER early career investigators named >**

**Luminary Awards honor GI cancer advocates, researchers, clinicians and educators >**

**SIGHTS & SOUNDS**



BellRinger 2025 Fundraising Total: We are officially \$2,070,300 closer to a cancer-free future!



**Honoring the gifts shared by anatomical donors >**



**Four tips to counter brain rot in 2026, according to medical school professors >**

**RESEARCH**

**Inaugural Thomas A. Reynolds III Return to Function Challenge Grant recipients selected >**

**An overlooked hormone eyed as deadly driver of postmenopausal breast cancer in women with obesity >**

**Low-glutamate diet linked to brain changes and migraine relief in veterans with Gulf War illness >**

**New study supports the value of medical humanities in illuminating the root causes of health care disparities in Washington, DC >**

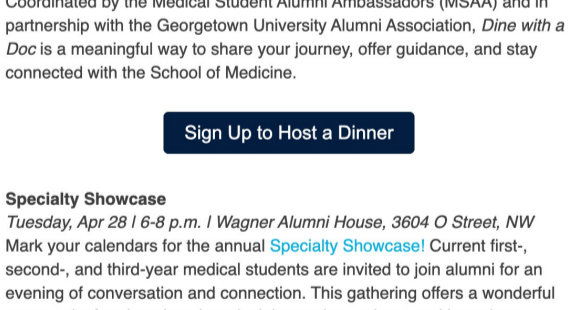
**Study reveals new ways the brain regulates communication between neurons >**

**Professor makes strides in pancreatic cancer detection and treatment >**

**Method developed to identify best treatment combinations for glioblastoma based on unique cellular targets >**

**ALUMNI PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

**Save the Date: Medical & Dental Reunion 2026 | Nov 6-8**



Planning is already underway for Medical & Dental Reunion 2026! Next fall, we'll welcome back the classes of 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, 2011, 2016, 2021, along with the Villanova Wildcats on Saturday, Feb. 7. Alumni will receive 20% off through the portal, and a portion of each ticket purchased will support scholarships at the School of Medicine.

**Medical & Dental Reunion 2025: Nov. 7-9**



Over 600 School of Medicine and School of Dentistry alumni and guests reunited on the Hilltop for Reunion Weekend 2025, participating in 20+ events including class parties, campus tours, student-alumni networking, and two Continuing Medical Education (CME) Programs.

**Alumni and Student Programming**

School of Medicine alumni, family and friends can reunite at [Alumni Takeover Weekend](#) as the Hoyas host the Villanova Wildcats on Saturday, Feb. 7. Alumni will receive 20% off through the portal, and a portion of each ticket purchased will support scholarships at the School of Medicine.

**Dine with a Doc**

Alumni in the Washington, DC, area are invited to host a small group of students for a casual dinner in your home or at a local restaurant. Coordinated by the Medical Student Alumni Ambassadors (MSAA) and in partnership with the Georgetown University Alumni Association, *Dine with a Doc* is a meaningful way to share your journey, offer guidance, and stay connected with the School of Medicine.

[Sign Up to Host a Dinner](#)

**Specialty Showcase**

Tuesday, Apr 28 | 6-8 p.m. | Wagner Alumni House, 3604 O Street, NW  
Mark your calendars for the annual [Specialty Showcase](#)! Current first-, second-, and third-year medical students are invited to join alumni for an evening of conversation and connection. This gathering offers a wonderful opportunity for alumni to share insights and experiences with students exploring the many pathways within medicine. Registration will open in February.



**2025 GUAA Service Recognition Awards**

Each year, the Georgetown University Alumni Association (GUAA) celebrates members of the Hoya community who live our alma mater's Jesuit values, making an impact in our community and the world. The 2025 GUAA Service Recognition Awards will be held on Friday, February 6 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington, DC in honor of alumni whose distinguished service to the university and their communities have made indelible marks.

Join us in celebrating Vice Dean [Mary Furlong](#) (G'91, M'95, R'00, Parent'21, '25, '27) as she receives the 1851 Medical Alumni Award, an honor bestowed upon an alum who exemplifies the ideals of Georgetown through outstanding achievement in medicine, distinguished service to humanity, and steadfast commitment to the School of Medicine.

**Alumni Spotlight: Quality Measurement in Healthcare**

In today's rapidly evolving healthcare landscape, delivering high-quality care is increasingly critical. Edited by Georgetown School of Medicine alumnus [Dr. Jesse Pines](#) (M'01, MBA'01) and fellow leading experts, *Quality Measurement in Healthcare* is an essential resource for understanding how to define, implement, and leverage quality measurement to drive meaningful improvements in patient outcomes. Bridging the gap between theory and practice, this comprehensive book equips readers with the tools to evaluate care delivery, address disparities, enhance patient safety, and navigate the complexities of value-based care and payment policy. [Learn More >](#)

**In Memoriam**

We ask the medical alumni community to keep these sons of Georgetown and their families in your prayers:

- [Frank F. Cappelli M.D. \(M'65\)](#) passed away on Oct. 25, 2025
- [Richard J. Redding M.D. \(M'65\)](#) passed away on Oct. 20, 2025
- [Andrew Bryan Foy M.D. \(M'03\)](#) passed away on Oct. 10, 2025
- [David M. Segransky M.D. \(M'75\)](#) passed away on Oct. 6, 2025
- [John Joseph Cossentino, M.D. \(M'57, Parent'96\)](#) passed away on Oct. 5, 2025.

Visit our [Life Updates](#) page to share [Class Notes](#) or [In Memoriam](#) information.

**Stay Connected**

Explore our updated [Medical Alumni website](#)—your central resource for reunion updates, events, volunteer opportunities, and School of Medicine alumni news. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to cheer on today's students, celebrate alumni milestones, and moments that highlight how medical Hoyas support one another across generations.

**Upcoming Events**

**February 7**  
[School of Medicine Alumni Takeover Weekend](#)

**March 14**  
[38th Annual Lombardi Gala](#)

**March 19-21, 2026**  
[2026 Georgetown University Women's Forum](#)

**April 16-19, 2026**  
[John Carroll Weekend: Puerto Rico](#)

**April 28, 2026**  
[Specialty Showcase](#)

**May 17, 2026**  
[School of Medicine Commencement](#)

**May 29-31, 2026**  
[Reunion Weekend](#)

**June 2, 2026**  
[The 26th Annual Lombardi Men's Event](#)

**Oct. 1**  
[The 20th Annual Lombardi Women's Event](#)

**Oct. 2-3, 2026**  
[Homecoming 2026](#)

**Oct. 23-24**  
[BellRinger Weekend 2026](#)

**Nov. 6-8, 2026**  
[Medical & Dental Reunion 2026](#)