

FALL 2024

## MAKING AN IMPACT ON THE NEXT GENERATION

**"M**entoring allows you to make an impact on the next generation," says Steven Anderson, MD '80, Res. '83, Chief Res. '84.

And he would know — Anderson has been a dedicated mentor and volunteer with the UW School of Medicine Alumni Association for over 15 years.

Anderson's career has been defined not only by his expertise in pediatric sports medicine but also by his commitment to mentorship and volunteerism through the University of Washington School of Medicine Alumni Leadership Council and in his community.

His mentoring efforts span the arc of a career in medicine — from guiding aspiring medical students through the application process, to navigating medical school and residency, to choosing a specialty and practice — fostering relationships that can last for years.

"Mentorship is about helping people realize their dreams," Anderson says.

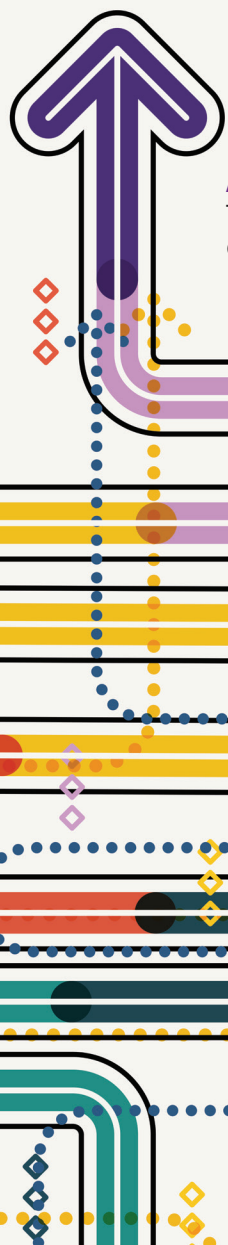
He encourages fellow alumni to mentor medical students and leave a legacy of not just treating patients but nurturing a new generation of empathetic healthcare leaders.

"I'd encourage my fellow alumni to stay involved — it's a wonderful way to give back and help students," says Anderson. ●

*Dr. Steven Anderson*

Read more at [uwmedalumni.org/anderson](https://uwmedalumni.org/anderson)





# STAY CONNECTED

## ALUMNI SURVEY SPOTLIGHT

Thanks to everyone who completed our survey! We appreciate your valuable feedback on how we can improve your alumni experience. Here's what we heard:

- **You want events around the WWAMI region.** So far, we've held events in Portland, OR, Anchorage, AK, and Boise, ID. Spokane, WA, is coming next.
- **You want CME opportunities.** We worked with the Dept. of Medicine to open grand rounds to UW School of Medicine alumni with CME credits available. Stay tuned as we add more departments.
- **You want more representation of all degree programs.** We're adding more program-specific pages to our website and increasing our presence at graduation ceremonies and other events. Plus, you'll find more news and stories from all degree programs in our monthly e-newsletter.

If you are interested in learning more or have questions about the survey, you can reach out to Piper Reynolds, director for alumni affairs, at [preyno@uw.edu](mailto:preyno@uw.edu) or 206.685.1875.

## LET'S GET SOCIAL

We've updated our website with a fresh look and added new resources and information — take a look at [uwmedalumni.org](http://uwmedalumni.org). We're on Instagram, too — connect with us at [@uwmedalumni](https://www.instagram.com/uwmedalumni).

## SUBMIT YOUR ALUMNI AWARD NOMINATION

Nominations for the 2025 Distinguished Alumni Awards are open through Dec. 31! Alumni from all the School's degree programs are eligible, including MD, MD/PhD, Res., Fel., PA-C (MEDEX Northwest), PhD, MA, MS, BS, PT, OT, and P&O alumni. Visit [uwmedalumni.org](http://uwmedalumni.org) to learn more and nominate a classmate or colleague. ●

## WHAT ARE YOUR CLASSMATES UP TO?

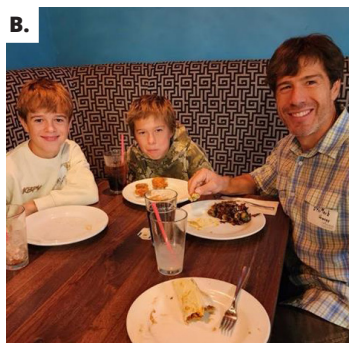
Find out what's new with Class Notes! Whether it's career changes, professional accomplishments or personal life updates, submitting a Class Note is a great way for alumni from all degree programs to stay connected.

Jim Mhyre, MS '71, MD '74, retired chief of surgery at EvergreenHealth, recently shared, "I've now been retired for 10 years. As an Act II outlet, I enjoy keeping my hands busy with woodworking. Among other projects, I made and donated to our medical school a 22' long DNA sculpture and a 9' in diameter genomics mural, which took 6 months and 18 months, respectively, to make. Both are hanging in the central stairwell of the William H. Foege Genome Sciences building."

See more updates or share your own milestones at [uwmedalumni.org/classnotes](http://uwmedalumni.org/classnotes)



# ALUMNI CONNECT



**A-C:** At our Boise Happy Hour in September, alumni and their families enjoyed mingling, refreshments and axe throwing. **D-F:** Our milestone alumni came together to reconnect and reminisce at Reunion Weekend in June — and looked dapper for our Roaring Twenties theme. **G-H:** In October, alumni and families cheered on the Sounders in the final match of the season against the Portland Timbers.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**THROUGH DECEMBER:** Student Alumni Informational Discussions (SAID)

**DEC. 31:** Deadline for Distinguished Alumni Awards nominations

**FEB. 25:** Inside Admissions webinar

**APRIL 3:** Husky Giving Day

**APRIL 25:** UW School of Medicine alumni event, Spokane

**JUNE 6–7:** UW School of Medicine Alumni Reunion Weekend, celebrating MD graduation years ending with a 5 or 0. The Lodge at St. Edward Park

**JUNE 8:** UW School of Medicine Alumni Family Day, The Lodge at St. Edward Park

See the latest Alumni Association events at [uwmedalumni.org/events!](http://uwmedalumni.org/events!)





*UW Medicine's occupational therapists work with patients to restore function and regain skills.*

## CELEBRATING 65 YEARS OF HELPING PEOPLE LIVE FULL, HEALTHY LIVES



In 2024, the UW School of Medicine's Department of Occupational Therapy (OT) will celebrate its 65th anniversary. As part of the UW School of Medicine's Department of Rehabilitation,

the program has graduated over 1,000 students, including Dr. Chana Hiranaka, BS '72.

As a student, the excellent classroom learning and clinical experiences helped Hiranaka succeed, but she says it was the interactions with caring professors who supported her — not just as a student but as an individual — that made her time at the School impactful.

"My OT education provided me with a solid foundation for a fulfilling career," says Hiranaka.

Now, she's paying it forward by supporting students

and giving a generous gift aimed at helping future occupational therapists succeed. In honor of the program's 65th anniversary, and to encourage future students to enter the profession, Hiranaka generously established an endowed fellowship that will provide crucial financial support, encouraging a diverse student population to pursue occupational therapy as a career.

"Supporting the next generation of occupational therapists is essential, as they will continue to advance the profession and uphold the values we cherish," says Hiranaka.

Hiranaka hopes that her gift will inspire other alumni to come together and collectively support the growing needs of students. ●

Read more at [uwmedalumni.org/hiranaka](https://uwmedalumni.org/hiranaka)

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO STUDENTS TODAY

Your caring gift can support scholarships, student programs and even in-person, community-building events for students that create lasting memories and impact. Make a gift by the end of the year and make a difference to students at the UW School of Medicine.



**MAKE A GIFT** by scanning this QR code or give online at:

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