

Genevieve L. Pagalilauan, MD '00, Res. '03, Chief Res. '04, the incoming president of the Alumni Association, shares her journey in medicine.

For Genevieve L. Pagalilauan, MD, her roots in medicine — and service to the community — run deep.

Born in the Philippines, she moved to the United States at age 3. She describes herself as “a nerdy kid” who loved science and nature and was fascinated by how biology worked. Her mother was a nurse, and Pagalilauan remembers waiting at the hospital for her to finish her shift.

She also grew up hearing stories about her paternal grandfather, who remained in the Philippines and worked as a general practitioner in a rural community into his early 80s.

“Those values are very entrenched in me,” Pagalilauan says. “Being a doctor isn’t a clock-in, clock-out transaction. It’s caring for a person over time and caring for the health of communities.”

A family tragedy solidified her own decision to pursue medicine. When she was about 11, a cousin she was very close to was critically injured and taken to Harborview Medical Center, and although her cousin did not survive, the dedicated, compassionate care they received made a lasting impression.

“Seeing my cousin on life support and witnessing how physicians supported our family was very formative,” she says. “It was the tipping point.”

After earning her undergraduate degree at the University of Washington, Pagalilauan knew she wanted to attend the UW School of Medicine.

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A portrait of Genevieve L. Pagalilauan, MD, a woman with dark hair and glasses, smiling. She is wearing a grey blazer over a light-colored top. The background is a colorful, abstract pattern.

**Meeting
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Where
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"I loved my experience as a medical student here," she says. "I didn't fully understand until later how unique it was."

Today, Pagalilauan is a primary care internist at UW Medical Center – Roosevelt, where she has seen many of the same patients for more than 25 years. She is also an associate professor who teaches medical students and residents, co-leads the

UW School of Medicine Service Learning program and helps to support the UW Health Sciences Interprofessional Service Learning program.

These initiatives connect health sciences and medical students with opportunities to develop clinical skills while addressing the health needs of under-resourced communities. One example: the Harborview Medical Center Mobile Health Outreach

program, where interprofessional health sciences students and volunteer faculty provide free, full-spectrum medical care through an outreach medical van for people who were recently unhoused and are now living in tiny home villages.

That ethos of connection and service learning is something she hopes to bring to her role as president of the UW School of Medicine Alumni Association.

"Students need to know they're part of something bigger — an alumni community that exists across the country. There are so many ways we can engage with each other, no matter where you are in your own journey."

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"Meeting people where they're at helps everybody," she says. ●

Visit uwmedalumni.org/pagalilauan to learn more.



THANK YOU AND WELCOME TO DR. PAGALILAUAN

It has been a true privilege to serve as president of the UW School of Medicine Alumni Association. I'm proud of the momentum we've built together, creating opportunities for alumni to stay engaged and support the next generation of medicine, healthcare and research professionals. Thank you for all the ways you've contributed — I appreciate being part of a community that lifts each other up and is so deeply committed to advancing medicine.

I could not be more excited to support Dr. Pagalilauan as

she steps into this role. It's an exciting transition. She brings a thoughtful, forward-looking perspective, fresh energy and is a true collaborator. She's insightful, has a depth of knowledge about the School of Medicine and is dedicated to the mission of UW Medicine. I can't wait to see where she leads us next.

Sincerely,
Blair Washington,
MD '02, MHA '97

President, 2022-2026,
UW School of Medicine
Alumni Association

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2026 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Each year, we celebrate exceptional alumni with our Distinguished Alumni Awards. This year, we are recognizing the following alumni for their contributions:



ALUMNI HUMANITARIAN AWARD

D. Ryan Ormond, MD '06, has advanced global neurosurgical equity through sustained, capacity-building partnerships in East Africa. Working closely with the Muhimbili Orthopaedic Institute and Mbarara Regional Referral Hospital, he has helped expand neurosurgical training, strengthen residency education and introduce practical, resource-conscious innovations that improve surgical safety and neurologic outcomes.



ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

J. Richard Goss, MD, MPH, Fel. '96, has built a career defined by principled leadership and unwavering service to those most in need. At Harborview Medical Center, he has strengthened systems of quality oversight and embedded equity metrics into performance measurement. His steady, collaborative leadership has not only safeguarded vulnerable communities but also mentored a generation of physician leaders.



ALUMNI EARLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Daniel Low, MD '17, exemplifies a new generation of physician leaders who address not only disease, but its root causes. His innovative workforce pipeline programs have opened pathways into medicine for students from underrepresented backgrounds. Through his leadership with the King County Medical Society and the Washington State Medical Association, he has mobilized physicians around housing, climate justice, racial equity and public health policy.



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

John Boyce, MD '70, has had a major impact on hand hygiene practices and patient health. His landmark research on alcohol-based hand antiseptics and co-authorship of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Guideline for Hand Hygiene in Health-Care Settings has led to improved hand hygiene practices in healthcare facilities worldwide. Through extensive scholarship, international lectures and mentorship of emerging leaders, his evidence-based innovations have saved countless lives and raised standards of patient safety. ●

Read more about the recipients at uwmedalumni.org/alumni-awards

FIND CONNECTION WITH OUR NEW ALUMNI CAREER SUPPORT NETWORK

Are you on the brink of a career transition? Are you looking for clarity or a sounding board?

The new Alumni Career Support Network provides peer support to help alumni at any career stage explore their professional path, connect with each other and build community.

Our alumni volunteers can talk about the real moments that shape lives and careers in medicine, healthcare and research, such as:

- Life and career transitions and decisions
- Professional challenges and pivots
- Common experiences such as early-career stress
- Finding colleagues with shared backgrounds or research interests
- Connecting with alumni in a new city
- Peer mentoring and support

You can filter your search to easily find exactly what you're looking for.

Our network is for alumni from all UW School of Medicine degree programs. If you see only a few alumni from your program, we invite you to join as a volunteer — or recommend a peer to help grow the network.

We hope you'll take advantage of this free alumni benefit!

Learn more at uwmedalumni.org/support-network

SCHOOL NEWS



Suzanne Allen, MD, is retiring after 15 years as vice dean for academic, rural and regional affairs.

A family medicine physician in Boise, Dr. Allen worked with WWAMI students doing Idaho rotations before being named vice dean in 2010. She has led the program during a critical time — as worsening physician shortages disproportionately impact rural areas, Dr. Allen has worked to expand the program, training doctors to serve underrepresented populations across the five-state region. Dr. Allen recently received the UW's 2026 David Thorud Leadership Award.

She will be succeeded by Heather McPhilips and LeeAnna Muzquiz, who will benefit from the groundwork she laid during her tenure. We wish her the best as she embarks on her next chapter.



▲ Above: In December 2025, seniors in the **Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) program** in UW Medicine's Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology learned that a **recent, transformational gift from an anonymous donor would cover their tuition for their clinical rotations** — two quarters during which students work 40 hours a week in a laboratory setting.

The donor's goal is for the gift to cover tuition for clinical rotations in perpetuity, meaning all future MLS students will be able to complete this portion of the program without adding to their debt. The gift will also help increase enrollment to meet the growing need for medical laboratory scientists.



The Alumni Association's Student-Alumni Informational Discussions (SAID) program has long been a valuable resource for MD students. In fall 2025, the program added a track for MEDEX Northwest students and alumni. Krystle Agtarap, PA-C '14 (second from left, back row), was one of 26 inaugural alumni hosts. She talked to current students about her journey from graduation to her current work with Olympia Orthopedic Associates.

Learn more at uwmedalumni.org/said

ALUMNI EVENTS



A: Ashley Widmer, MD '23, Res. '26, speaks to students at the Seattle WWAMI E-25 Welcome Ceremony. **B:** Ashley and Alumni Leadership Council board member Steve Anderson, MD '80 (center), with students at the welcome ceremony. **C:** Alumni get together for happy hour in Missoula, Montana. **D:** Alumni gather for a Chicago happy hour. **E-F:** Students and alumni of the School of Medicine's occupational therapy program meet for a night of community and conversation in Seattle.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 5

Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony.
The Lodge at St. Edward Park, Kenmore

Register for the latest Alumni Association events at uwmedalumni.org/events



JUNE 5-6

UW School of Medicine Alumni Reunion Weekend, celebrating MD graduation years ending with a 6 or 1. The Lodge at St. Edward Park, Kenmore

JUNE 10

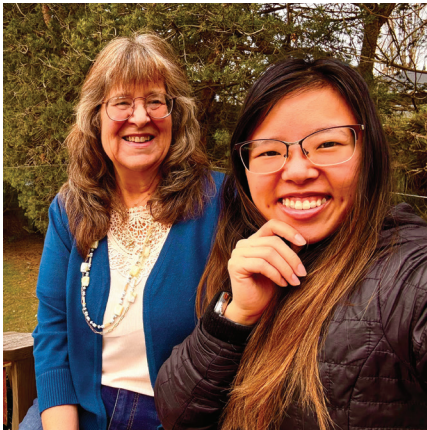
Research to Careers: Alumni Insights Forum (PhD students and alumni), Seattle

Reminder: Through the School's Office of Continuing Medical Education, you can access many accredited series across UW Medicine, including grand rounds, and you can participate for free or register for CME credits for a nominal fee. Learn more at uwmedalumni.org/cme

CLASS NOTES

Here are just a few of the wonderful Class Notes we've received from you and your classmates!

Read more and submit yours at uwmedalumni.org/classnotes.



Betsy Andrews Sproger, BS '78 (Occupational Therapy), left.



Archie Bleyer, MD, Res. '70 (Pediatrics), Res. '79 (Radiation Oncology), says, "At age 82, I'm a remote clinical research

professor, radiation medicine, at the Oregon Health & Science University, and professor of pediatrics at the University of Texas. My wife, Moe (Maureen), who was a post-op nurse at Evergreen Hospital, died four years ago. Have guest quarters for UW Med alumni visiting Central Oregon (Bend, Sunriver, Sisters)."

David Doupe, MD '65, says, "Sixty years seems to have passed by quickly. I enjoy good health and living with my wife of 63 years. I am so honored to be a UW grad and part of a class of really classy physicians. Hope to see you in five years."

Asqual Getaneh, MPH, MD '96, says, "I live and work in New York City as a primary care physician and medical director for quality and safety for Columbia Doctors Primary Care Practice. I travel to Ethiopia yearly, and I have been fortunate to collaborate with folks — recently, the creation of a pulmonary fellowship training program in Addis that led to the creation of the East African Thoracic Society. Hope to chug along for a few more years!"



Jeff Hostetter, MD '00, says, "Had been hoping to catch up with everyone last June at the reunion, but was not able

to make it as my daughter, Mollie, was getting married! I went to family medicine residency in North Dakota and never left. I tell people that the

REMEMBERING BILL FOEGE



William H. "Bill" Foege, MD '61, died on January 24 at his home in Atlanta, aged 89. A luminary in global public health, he is credited with strategies that ended the spread of smallpox worldwide.

Dr. Foege's surveillance and ring vaccination approach, which he first tested in Eastern Nigeria in 1966, identified and then contained smallpox outbreaks by immunizing those individuals most likely to be infected. The disease was officially declared eradicated in 1980.

"Bill Foege is a lasting inspiration to others because of his unselfish dedication to protecting people from

infectious diseases in the United States and globally," said Dr. Tim Dellit, CEO of UW Medicine and dean of the UW School of Medicine.



The William H. Foege Building houses labs for the UW School of Medicine departments of Genome Sciences and Bioengineering.

only unifying thing about my career is that if you pick a job that nobody wants in medicine, I either currently have that job or have had it in the past. No plans to retire at this point. I hope you are all doing well. Feel free to reach out."

Ted Inouye, MD '80, says, "I'm retired following 31 years as a general surgeon and five years of flight medicine with the FAA. Life is good with a wife of 43 years, two sons and three grandkids."

Lucy Larson, MD '86, MPH, says, "I am still working at the Pepperdine University Student Health Center and still love living in So Cal and Malibu when we are not having fires. I retired a year ago as the medical director, but I still see patients. Take care, everyone, in these troubling times."



Timothy Martins, PhD '84 (Pharmacology), says, "Retirement for a couple of years led to coming

back to the UW to direct the High Throughput Screening Core Facility within the Institute for Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine. Nothing compares to developing the CDST, a cancer drug sensitivity test diagnostic that I'm performing within the HTS Core Facility. Being a melanoma cancer survivor myself makes me so very grateful!"

Brad Poper, MD '80, says, "I have been working full-time in Spokane since 1983 as a family physician. Mostly administrative work now as district medical director with one day of patient care per week. Michele, a retired RN, and I met during my third-year internal med rotation at the U.S. Public Health Hospital. We recently moved to Coeur d'Alene to be near our grandkids."



John Spencer, MD '79, says, "In 2016 my wife and I moved to Green Valley, AZ. In a couple of years we will likely retire to Tennessee where we have 18 grandchildren. God has blessed us with many grandchildren and we are thankful for that."

Betsy Andrews Sproger, BS '78 (Occupational Therapy), says, "After working as a home health occupational therapist for many years, my husband and I adopted our daughter from China. We homeschooled her through high school, and she graduated from the UW in 2018. I wrote a book on college for homeschoolers, called Homeschooling High School with College in Mind, 2nd edition, to support other homeschooling families."



Carl Wigren, MD '01, says, "At 63, I continue to practice as a forensic pathologist, performing autopsies

and consulting on complex cases. In Puerto Rico, I provided autopsy services for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services following Hurricane Maria. Since 2015, I have conducted second autopsies in officer-involved shootings at the request of Black Lives Matter. More recently, I joined Colin Kaepernick's Know Your Rights Camp Autopsy Initiative, which offers free, independent autopsies for families affected by police-related deaths. The friendships I formed and the humanity I witnessed continue to impact me."



Top: David Doupe, MD '65, with his wife Beverly. Bottom: Brad Poper, MD '80, with his wife, Michele.



BECOMING THE DOCTOR — AND ADVOCATE — I NEVER HAD

Scholarships helped Patrick Hewes flip the script on a childhood defined by trauma.

I grew up in the child protective services system, constantly being taken from my home due to abuse before being released to begin the cycle again.

I spent a lot of time as a patient in the local hospital in Colville, Washington. I wondered what it'd be like on the other side as a doctor or nurse. That's where my interest in medicine started.

Read more of the story at uwmedalumni.org/hewes

An aunt and uncle who lived in the Tri-Cities area took me in. Three weeks before I was supposed to leave for college, my uncle had a heart attack and died in my arms. It was one of the worst days of my life. But seeing the emergency medical services crew made me think that emergency medicine was something I might like to do — take an awful situation and try to flip the script.

When I got into the UW School of Medicine's Spokane program, it was a way to stay close to family and pursue my dream. I feel like I've found a community that's genuinely invested in me as a person.

Where I grew up, there are too many physician deserts where people can't get care. Students from underserved communities are more likely to return and serve those places. Scholarships help make it possible for people to give back to the communities they came from.

My path to medical school hasn't been direct or easy. But I'm determined to forge a better future and be the advocate for others that I wish I'd had. ●

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