Inspiration Award honoree listings, last names A-H

Janet R. Albers, MD

"Dr. Albers is the definition of stealth. She is changing the profession and doesn't even care who gets the credit. She empowers those around her to actively engage in being part of the needed changes. The world is a better place because of her."

Nominated by Susan Hingle, MD
Leslie Coker Appiah, MD

“Dr. Appiah has been instrumental in helping me navigate my journey from junior faculty to a section chief. She truly goes above and beyond to offer guidance to multiple physicians and trainees at various career levels. Her knowledge base and grace leaves colleagues and trainees eager to learn – as shown by her academic achievements, leadership in various national organizations, large mentee base and presence at the national and regional level.”

Nominated by Gylynthia Trotman, MD, MPH

Sheeba Habeeb Ba Aqeel, MD
“Dr. Ba Aqeel, a chief fellow, is an extremely motivated, hardworking and self-driven individual who motivates the environment around her and is always looking for ways to help others. She makes the difficult tasks look easy and is always available and willing to listen. She has a positive outlook about everything, and has a very professional way of dealing with things.”

Nominated by Muhammad Salman Faisal, MD

Sima Banerjee, MD

“Dr. Banerjee's dedication to patient care serves as a motivation to her colleagues and trainees. She serves as the lead Interventional Radiologist at our community hospital, and her leadership skills and patient-centered approach are second to none.”

Nominated by Shikhar Vyas, MD

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Eileen Barrett, MD, MPH

“Dr. Barrett is a true inspiration. She is a fierce, relentless, compassionate JEDI warrior. She is tireless in her efforts to mobilize, collaborate, and lead us to a more humanistic, just, and kind world. I am better for having her in my life.”

Nominated by Susan Hingle, MD

Wendy S. Biggs, MD
“Dr. Biggs is caring, compassionate, and goes beyond for her patients and students.”

Nominated by Mariavictoria Lorenzo

Mary T. Bond, MD

“Dr. Bond was one of the first faculty at the partnership between Augusta University Medical College of Georgia and the University of Georgia. With the development of new curriculum, student assessment tools, and the creation of new educational formats, Dr. Bond's efforts can be seen in every aspect of the curriculum. She developed the Internal Medicine M4 Chief Elective, which allowed for excellent students to teach in academic half day sessions. Coaching students on pre-rounding, oral presentations, and note-writing as well as the residency application process, this innovative program, was very successful. Students found this type of peer mentoring met their needs and allowed for significant interaction between students. She is certainly a physician that INSPIRES!”

Nominated by Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber, MD
Marie T. Brown, MD, MCP

“Dr. Brown is an internist, leader and innovator. A former independent practice physician and ACP Board of Governors member, she’s a trailblazer in advancing quality and process improvement innovations in clinical practice that improve care and physician experience. She has mentored and sponsored countless early career women for professional development and career acceleration. AMA and ACP are filled with women leaders who have benefited from her mentorship and sponsorship.”

Nominated by Eileen Barrett, MD, MPH

Elisa Choi, MD, FACP, FIDSA

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“Dr. Choi is an incredible leader and mentor who exudes with kindness and compassion.”
Nominated by Romela Petrosyan, MD

Jennifer C. Costa, MD

“Dr. Costa is a dedicated, empathetic teacher. She goes above and beyond for her students! She has always there to offer encouragement as I went through stressors in school. She cares so much that she even taught one of my classmates how to drive! I look up to her as both a physician and as a mentor.”
Nominated by Jessica Lindquist
Charlene M. Dewey, MD, MEd, MACP

“Dr. Dewey is an inspirational human being whose vision, compassion, diligence, and persistence have changed the lives of many, including me. She helps us to see new ways of thinking and what is possible. I am blessed to have her in my life.”

Nominated by Susan Hingle, MD

Yana Etkin, MD

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“Dr. Etkin is an incredible Vascular Surgeon and as the Program Director of the Northwell Integrated Residency and Fellowship programs, she has dedicated herself to training and mentoring the next generation of leaders in Vascular Surgery. She improves the standard of vascular care through advocacy and patient outcomes centered research.”

Nominated by Tabea Hoffstaetter, MD

Roberta E. Gebhard, DO

“Dr. Gebhard is a champion for primary care and equity within medicine. She has been the president of American Medical Women’s Association, currently chairs the Gender Equity Task Force and has worked with Physician Just Equity to make space for women and underrepresented minorities in medicine.”

Nominated by Brianna Clark, DO
Kathryn J. Gray, MD, PhD

“Dr. Gray demonstrates an inspirational level of adaptability every day. Whether it’s treating patients with complex obstetrical needs or managing the cross-country transfer of tissue samples for her research projects, her ingenuity reminds students that there are multiple ways to help patients.”

Nominated by Marie Discenza

Nicole Hancock, MD
Nominated by Thulasee Jose, MD

Tracey L. Henry, MD, MPH, MS

“Dr. Henry is a leader in internal medicine, and a fierce advocate for health advocacy and health equity. Her leadership and mentorship continue to inspire me in my own career.”

Nominated by Celeste Newby, MD

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Jennifer Hipp, DO, MPH

“Dr. Hipp is an extraordinary pediatrician, mentor, and professor. She has an incredible bedside manner and clinical reasoning skillset. I’ve had the pleasure to work with her weekly for the past year, and she is my model for the ideal pediatrician.”

Nominated by Lauren Aycock

Martha L. Hlafka, MD
“Dr. Hlafka is an incredible role model and mentor to many, including me. She is an empathetic medical educator and physician who is adored by colleagues, learners, and patients. She is also amazing at bringing groups together, which promotes well-being.”

Nominated by Susan Hingle, MD

E. Shelley Hwang, MD

“Dr. Hwang inspires women to be their best and take the best care of our women patients.”

Nominated by Elizabeth Lawson, MD