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2019 Inspiration Award Honorees

Presented by the AMA Women Physicians Section

The AMA Women Physicians Section (WPS) Inspiration Award honors and acknowledges physicians who have offered their time, wisdom and support throughout the professional careers of fellow physicians, residents and students. This year, we are honoring nearly 50 women and men in medicine who have made a difference in the professional life of others.

Congratulations to our 2019 Inspiration Award Honorees!



INSPIRATION AWARD



JENNIFER ADAMS, MD

“Dr. Adams cares an incredible amount about her students, her patients, her vision for medical education and her family. She has taught me that there is always a way to find moments for self-care and that I can be driven and accomplished while still finding balance in my personal life. She is someone I have come to trust and rely on to provide honest feedback and unwavering support in navigation of my clinical training, especially during challenges and hurdles. She is dedicated to her underserved population of patients and her passion for humanistic care is contagious and inspiring.”

Nominated by: Amanda Tompkins

JANINE ADJO, MD

“As a participant in the Women’s Wellness through Equity and Leadership (WEL) Grant Program, Dr. Adjo is helping to develop support strategies for female physicians to address burnout professionally and personally. She is providing insight and learning for the best programming to support women physicians and change the culture of medicine. She is focused on ensuring her work provides a pathway for her fellow leaders on how to understand and address the challenge of burnout and provide optimal care to their patients.”

Nominated by: Heather Farley, MD, MHCDS, FACEP





AMY M. AHASIC, MD, MPH, FCCP

“As a participant in the Women’s Wellness through Equity and Leadership (WEL) Grant Program, Dr. Ahasic is helping to develop support strategies for female physicians to address burnout professionally and personally. She is providing insight and learning for the best programming to support women physicians and change the culture of medicine. She is focused on ensuring her work provides a pathway for her fellow leaders on how to understand and address the challenge of burnout and provide optimal care to their patients..”

Nominated by: Heather Farley, MD, MHCDS, FACEP

BISI ALLI, DO

“...Dr. Alli Dr. Adebisi (Bisi) Alli is a board-certified general internal medicine physician. Formerly, she held a joint position as Medical Director of the Academic Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) Residency Clinic and the Director of the Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Education Program at the Phoenix VA Healthcare System. In addition, she served as an Associate Program Director for the University of Arizona-Phoenix Internal Medicine Residency Program. She launched the Phoenix VA Academic PACT residency clinic, formalized the Patient Safety Education Curriculum, and headed several hospital-wide system level interventions. Accordingly, she enjoys working closely with residents, faculty, and staff in pursuit of causal analysis and systems-based interventions for optimal patient care...”

Nominated by Susan Hingle, MD



XENIA J. BHEMBE, MD

“I have known Dr. Bhembé, MD, as a practicing pediatric psychiatrist with a special interest in community psychiatry and the advantages that education, access, and creative therapeutic modalities offer toward improving healthcare for disadvantaged individuals. The hallmark of her work focuses on the reduction of disparities in mental illness. I have been inspired by her Race Recovery platform, a community-based series that invites black individuals to examine and reject the internal negative effects of racism. This model of engagement uses the cultural norms of the black community as a medium for health improvement, black self-actualization, and functional improvement.”

Nominated by: Theresa Miskimen

JENNY L. BOYER, MD, PHD, JD

“Dr Boyer is not only an MD she also received her JD. She was one of the first to reach out and encourage professional growth, friendship and lead by example. She is always welcoming, knowledgeable and comfortable in any surrounding. She leads a busy life yet has time to nurture and offer advice when asked. She has served in many leadership positions in our State Medical Association and in her professional organizations.”

Nominated by: Susan Hull, MD



NICOLE CHRISTIAN-BRATHWAITE, MD

“Dr. Nicole Christian-Brathwaite is a Board-Certified Adult and Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist who completed her training at Massachusetts General Hospital and Mclean Hospital. She has influenced my perspectives on culture regarding mental illness with her research exploring how different cultures treat mental illness. She also provides training on implicit bias and cultural competency in medicine and has spoken extensively on the topic of reducing stigma of mental illness in African American communities. Further, she supports the Post-Partum Depression Commission of Massachusetts in better assisting African American mothers to traverse the health system and seek care in the post-partum period.”

Nominated by: Theresa Miskimen





AMY C. CANNELLA, MD, MS, RHMSUS

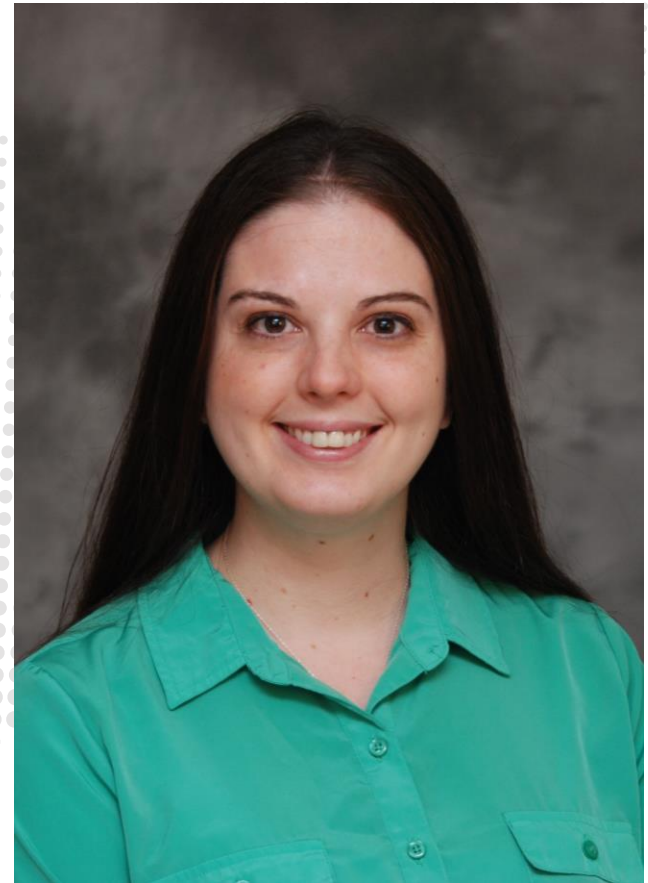
“Dr. Amy Cannella, rheumatologist and associate professor, was a block director for our musculoskeletal education at UNMC. I learned and retained more under her guidance than I have in any other section of medical school so far! She was always fun and engaging, giving generously of her time and energy. Her patience and sense of humor make her loved by all whose lives she touches. She is the type of positive female role model that I would like to become. Dr. Cannella is always willing to mentor and support students, and her sincere care for our well-being is palpable.”

Nominated by: Natasha Hongsermeier-Graves

JESSE CLARK, DO, FAAFP

“Dr. Jesse Clark is only 6 years out of residency, yet she has already accomplished much in supporting medical trainees. She serves as Associate Residency Program Director for Community Health Network in Indianapolis as well as Clinical Chairperson of Family Medicine at Marian University COM. She is a wonderful role model and is positively impacting residents and students on a daily basis. I find her dedication to medical education remarkable and inspiring.”

Nominated by: Clif Knight, MD





MARY ANN COLLINS, MD, FAAP

"I first met Mary Ann when she walked into the room to start rounding with the residents...She talked about staying up to date and cleansing our surroundings and our minds. Over the past 24 years she mentored me as I transitioned into my various roles of student, resident, young physician, wife and mother. She's been a sounding board about the struggles of private practice. Currently she is modeling for me how to care for an elderly parent. On top of all that I had the privilege and honor of watching her in committees and board meetings. Many times we were the only women. She would circle back to me after the meeting and we would discuss the behaviors and takeaways. She listens and offers honest and constructive feedback. I am one of two female physicians on the board of one of the largest ACOs in the country. Certainly, I would not have the skills and confidence to be successful in this role without the mentorship of MaryAnn Collins."

Nominated by: Emelie Ilarde, MD



ANUPRIYA DAYAL, MD

“Dr. Dayal has served as a mentor to me ever since I started medical school. She has embodied what it means to be empathetic towards patients, well versed on health policy issues, and principled when it comes to standing up for what she believes is right. She has guided my engagement in organized medicine, and encouraged me to be an active participant on the county, state, and national levels of health policy. Without her, I would not have had the courage to put myself out there and get to know students from around the country who share the same passion.”

Nominated by: Vinh-Son Nguyen

JANE A. DRIVER, MD, MPH

"I first met Dr. Driver when she was assigned to me as my research project PI...We hit it off immediately, both having grown up with parents who faced significant medical challenges, and having aspirations of using our incredible gift we had been given of being able to pursue a medical education to improve people's quality of life. She quickly took me under her wing and taught me all she could about geriatric medicine, statistics, research techniques, and the humanistic factors that play a role in providing quality medical care....she has become my mentor and friend throughout medical school, taking my calls before board exams and calming my nerves and racing mind. She is also part of the inspiration behind my interest in pursuing a career in geriatric medicine and has advised me on the process from medical school, to residency, fellowship, and beyond. Simply put, if I ever feel lost or in need of a guiding light, Dr. Driver is the first person I turn to. She always answers my calls, texts, and emails with joy, positivity, and the dose of confidence I need. I am eternally grateful for her support, influence, and for being the ray of sunshine in human form in my life during my journey into medicine."

Nominated by: Robyn Reese





TATIANA FALCONE, MD

“Dr. Falcone is a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist at Cleveland Clinic’s Epilepsy Center. She is a role model for Latino Physicians. She dedicated her career to suicide prevention in adults and children with epilepsy.”

Nominated by: Ruby Castilla, MD

BEENA GREEN, MD, FACOG

“Dr. Green is an inspiration to young women doctors like myself. She is largely responsible for why I choose a career in OBGYN. On her service I was able to witness and participate in advocating for women's health and rights. She continued to provide guidance and support to me as I navigated the OBGYN Residency Match process. As I continue through my career, I will always remember what Dr. Green taught me and especially the kindness she showed her patients.”

Nominated by: Ashley Blanchard





MAYA M. HAMMOUD, MD, MBA

“...Dr. Hammoud is a practicing OB-Gyn and medical educator in Michigan. She is an educational innovator who is leaving her indelible mark by creating innovative educational programs that will impact the future of medicine. I met Dr. Hammoud through ELAM. She is a wonderful colleague who is always willing to help others out however she can. She is a role model for all physicians about the importance of physician engagement in changing the systems.”

Nominated by: Susan Hingle, MD



TRACEY L. HENRY, MD, MPH, MS

It is my pleasure to nominate Tracey Henry for the AMA Inspiration Award. I have had the opportunity to serve with Tracey as the American College of Physicians (ACP) Delegate to the Young Physicians Section, on ACP's Council for Early Career Physicians, and on ACP's Health and Public Policy Committee over the last 2 years. It is incredibly inspiring to see how dedicated Tracey is to improving patients' and physicians' lives through organized medicine. She even recently testified before Congress, on behalf of ACP, about rising medical school loan debt and its impact on the primary care workforce!

Nominated by: Mary Wallace, MD

SUSAN THOMPSON HINGLE, MD

“Dr. Susan Hingle is a nationally recognized champion of gender equity in the United States. She is very active in equity efforts in her own institution as well as in national organizations. Dr. Hingle inspires others to look carefully at systemic issues that create inequities to help us all move beyond “fix the woman” to accelerate the pace of achieving equity at every level of leadership in our profession.”

Nominated by: Nancy Spector, MD





LYNN JEFFERS, MD, MBA

“Dr. Jeffers is truly an inspirational physician leader. On a personal level, she has been a great friend and mentor to me. As we both serve on the AMA-CMS and come from Asian families, we have a common bond. While dealing with serious health challenges, Dr. Jeffers continued to fly across the country for CMS meetings. She has shown me how a physician can [be] courageous...while maintaining a private practice and helping her hospital as CMO. I applaud Lynn..”

Nominated by: Sheila Rege, MD

KATHRYN JOBBINS, DO, MS

"I have had the privilege of working with Dr. Jobbins for the past two years for our longitudinal preceptor program. She has had an incredibly positive impact on my learning experience and life. She embodies the physician I want to be in the future. She cares deeply for her patients as evidenced by patients switching health care systems when she recently moved to a new position. She is invested in the education of future physicians. I have had the privilege from learning from her but I know of many other students, residents and colleagues of hers that benefit from her commitment to teaching. She is an incredible asset...and I look forward to continue learning from her!"

Nominated by: Amanda Whitehouse



BRIDGETTE L. JONES, MD, MS

“Dr. Jones is a visionary leader and an important voice for under-represented women in medicine. Dr. Jones led a grass-roots effort at her institution to address diversity and inclusion. Her efforts led to the development of a Faculty Trainee Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee. As chair of this committee, she has overseen the development of several key initiatives such as Under-Represented Minority Visiting Medical Student Rotation, Implicit Bias Trainings, Diversity criteria in residency applicant evaluation, diversity focused Grand Rounds, and networking events. She holds a faculty appointment as Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Children’s Mercy.”

Nominated by: Kyle Yasuda, MD





AYANA JORDAN, MD, PHD

“Dr. Jordan should be recognized because she is a fearless proponent of healthcare equity in psychiatry. She is the program director of the Yale Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship and cofounder of REACH. This program is funded by AAAP/SAMHSA and its mission is to educate and train the next generation of Addiction specialist in structurally competent addiction care, improving addiction treatment for underrepresented minority populations. As a young Black female Psychiatrist..., she is pioneering change in medicine for the next generation of psychiatrist like myself. She is her authentic self in all spaces that she occupies, and is a role model not only in medicine, but as a woman who is unafraid to speak the truth in advocacy for patients...”

Nominated by: Danielle Simon Jackson, MD

ANDREA B. JOYNER, MD, IBCLC

“Andrea was selected as a Women’s Wellness through Equity and Leadership (WEL) cohort member and has exceeded expectations within the program. She uses her skill and knowledge to address workplace inequities, advocate for herself, other women and her patients, enhance physician wellness and inspire individuals and teams. She inspires me and her cohort members from the ACP, APA, AHA, and AAP.”

Nominated by: Laurie Gregg, MD



RUBY KAPADIA, DO

"Dr. Kapadia is a very inspirational woman. I first met her as medical student when she was a resident and at that time, I remember her wonderful personality, amazing bedside manner, and great level of medical knowledge. I remember thinking, "wow, she is someone to look up to and learn from." Years later, after coming off a two-year leave of absence after having my baby and finishing up my fourth year of medical school, I rotated with her in her private family medicine office. Once again, I was impressed with the care and time she put into every patient, her medical expertise, and her easy going- delightful personality. I once again felt the same as I did years ago when I first met her- I was impressed and looked up to her as a mentor. Undeniably, Dr. Kapadia has the wow factor. She is not just another doctor. She is an amazing doctor with wonderful qualities that inspire others around her. Her innovative and humanistic approach to medicine really made me appreciate her, inspired me even more to be someone like her, and solidified my decision to go into family medicine. She is a female doctor who is strong, smart, lovely and who inspires me. As a female, a mother, and a doctor she is definitely a role model. I cannot thank her for her countless advice, time, and talks. She told me once, "Women doctors are a rare breed. We are humble. We are smart. We do our jobs well." This stuck with me and it resonates with me every time I feel or have doubts about myself. Dr. Kapadia is someone who has inspired me to be the best that I can be no matter my past or my struggles. She is a gem and I wish there were more people in this world like her..."

Nominated by: Andrea Davila



CLIF KNIGHT, MD, CPE, FAAFP

“...Dr. Knight is the Senior Vice-President of Education for the AAFP and oversees all of the organizations activities related to medical education. But this is not why I am nominating him. He is an unwavering #HeforShe! He is the only man serving on the advisory board for the multi-organizational Wellness for Women through Equity and Leadership Program. He is incredibly engaged and committed because he truly believes in the potential of and the contributions that women in medicine make. If there were more Clif Knights in medicine, the pursuit of gender equity would be further along. He should be recognized as a champion for women in medicine and held up as a role model for others.”

Nominated by: Susan Hingle, MD





KATHLEEN A. LAVORGNA, MD, FACS

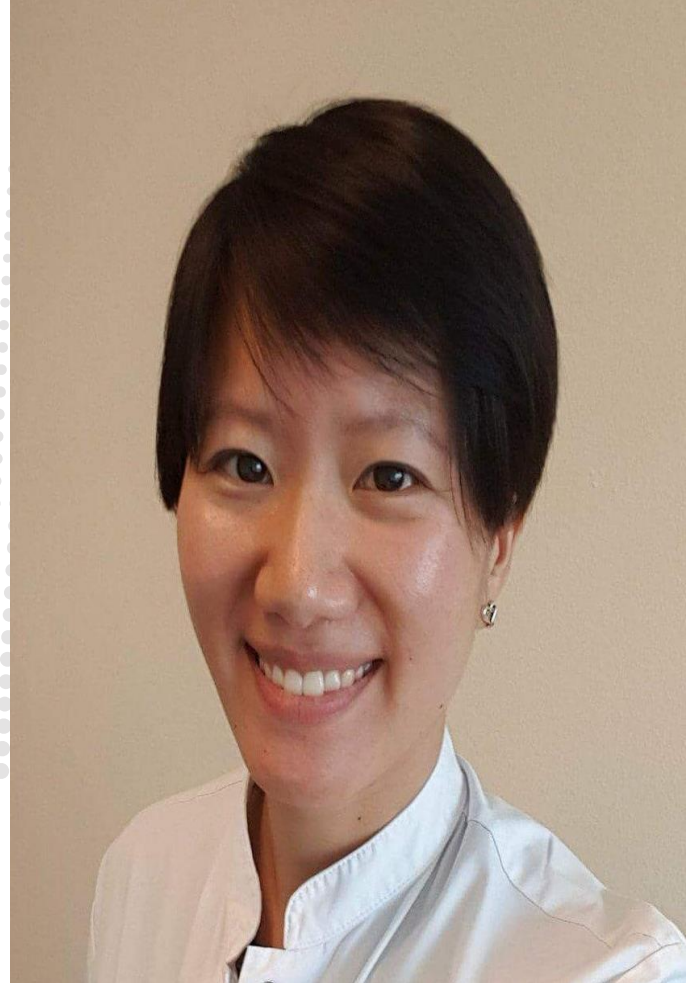
“Her accomplishments, among many, include Chair, Department of Surgery, Norwalk Hospital; first female president of CSMS; American College of Surgeons Governor at Large. She has broken glass ceilings while mentoring, teaching and encouraging young medical professionals. She has chaired committees on diversity, cultural competency and health care disparities, with the ACS, AMA, and CSMS, and helped develop curriculum for educating physicians. She has shown, by example, how a woman can succeed in medicine and be generous to others, all while raising a family. She has also highlighted the importance of organized medicine to physicians, and why physicians should be involved.”

Nominated by: Claudia Gruss, MD

TIFFANY I. LEUNG, MD, MPH

“Tiffany is a superstar and huge proponent of Women in Medicine! She is a personal cheerleader to many rather it be in person, over twitter, during a meeting, attending your events, or even an email alerting you to upcoming opportunities. In her “spare time” she is the Chair Elect of ACP's National Council of Early Career Physicians. She has been an exceptional mentor to students in medicine transcending others in helping to guide them on their career paths. Tiffany is a consummate role model and leader that recognizes the potential in others around her and pushes them beyond their limits!”

Nominated by: Tracey Henry, MD





YAPING JOYCE LIAO, MD, PHD

“Dr. Joyce Liao is a brilliant and dedicated clinician-scientist in the field of neuro-ophthalmology, and she is the kind of mentor who is extremely supportive and drives you to be better, the kind of mentor who is an ideal role model in the field of medicine. She has mentored me for over five years throughout my undergraduate and medical years, and I am beyond grateful for her dedication to guiding me and her many other mentees in both research and clinical ophthalmology. She is a leader in her field, yet remains humble and approachable - I am in awe of her success at work-life balance, something I hope to incorporate into my own life and future career.”

Nominated by: Alekya Rajanala

LI-MEI LIN, MD

“As the only female neurosurgeon at the University of California Irvine Medical Center, Dr. Li-Mei Lin is my mentor and role model whom I aspire to become like one day. She is always readily available in person and through electronic communications to answer my research and specialty-related questions and provide insightful guidance. She helps me set priorities so that I am productive with my research projects and live a balanced lifestyle. Dr. Lin has steered me into the need to be another inspiring female neurosurgeon in the future. I trust Dr. Lin and am grateful she is my mentor!”

Nominated by: Alice Wang





TAMMY LIN, MD, MPH, FACP

“I am nominating Dr. Tammy Lin as an AMA-WPS Inspiration! Dr. Lin has been an ACP Fellow since 1998. She serves on the ACP Physician Wellbeing and Professional Development Task Force and is a Former Council of Early Career Physicians member. She has spoken widely on physician wellness and is an incredible role model for all. She is participating in the highly competitive and collaborative Wellness for Women through Equity and Leadership program where she is leaving her indelible mark through being an insightful change-maker. She is empowering and transforming underserved adolescent students so they can reach their highest potential in a medical career. She regularly nominates others for awards and recognition and deserves to have her own star shone!”

Nominated by: Susan Hingle, MD

MARK LINZER, MD

“I am nominating Dr. Mark Linzer as an AMA-WPS Inspiration! Dr. Linzer is a fully committed #HeforShe. He has written important papers about how gender inequity and gendered expectations adversely impact wellness for women in medicine. As a Division Chief, he has been a leader and pioneer in job sharing, part-time work, and flexible work, all of which make life more manageable for physicians working with him. He is also a champion for women in medicine and regularly supports and sponsors women for leadership positions. He truly believes in the contributions that women in medicine make and is a shining role model for others. My life is better because of knowing Dr. Linzer. I know many others who have likewise been positively impacted by him.”

Nominated by: Susan Hingle, MD





CHRISTINE M. LOMIGUEN, MD

"Dr. L is my role model in medical school. I cannot wait to be like her during my clinical years" -Gregory Yim

"Without a doubt, Dr. L has supported through my time in medical school. She has been an amazing mentor to me, making sure that I know my limits while also shooting for the stars." - Sarah Li

"She helped me get published this year. Without her, it would not have been possible!" -Julie Lavalliere

"She is so patient with going over things with me and fellow students. #1 reason why she is so amazing at our school." -Patrick O'Toole

"...She also takes the time to nurture these interests by having practice sessions for presentation and attending conferences with students. She was able to refine my presenting skills to make me more comfortable with large scale conferences." - Lina Kleyn

"Thanks to Dr. Lomiguen, I was able to refine my research and study to be published in a peer reviewed journal. She truly takes the time to know her students and make an impact." - Tatsuhiko Naito

"Dr. Lomiguen is poised, articulate, and possesses the energy to withstand a taxing schedule as in addition to what has been previously mentioned, she is also the Course Director for General Pathology, Clinical Instructor for General and Systemic Pathology, and full-time faculty in the Department of Anatomy. She also participates in Board Review sessions to help students prepare for COMLEX Level 1. All of this would not be possible without the perseverance and fortitude that Dr. Lomiguen has, which in turn benefits TouroCOM and its students." - Yaqun Zhou

"Dr. Lomiguen goes beyond just playing an active and useful role in the community and school as she role models responsibility and integrity through service and community engagement. As the faculty advisor for numerous student organizations, she helps students create community-oriented service projects that enhances TouroCOM's presence and standing in the Harlem community. Some prime examples include the biannual TouroCOM health fair, Senegalese community fair, vision and hearing screenings, and numerous community events throughout the year. In all of these instances, she is not one to sit idly by, but can be seen turning chaos into calm." - Peter Wan

"Dr. L has been instrumental in helping me get published this year. Without her, I would not be able to apply to as many programs." - Munib Francis

JENNIFER REILLY LUKELA, MD

“Dr. Lukela has been a role model and a sponsor to me as a resident over the last several years. She has supported me both professionally and personally. She has been an inspiration to me as well as the entire internal medicine program--especially in her work through the group Equal Medicine which support women through mentorship, scholarship, and forming connections. She has inspired me to be an advocate for the next generation of female physicians.”

Nominated by: Virginia Sheffield, MD





JENNIFER BACANI MCKENNEY, MD, FAAFP

“Dr. Jen Mckenney is a remarkable family physician. She has practiced in her hometown in rural Kansas since 2009 when she completed her experience as chief resident. She is owner of her practice and served as chief of staff for Fredonia Regional Hospital from 2014 to 2016. In 2017 she founded the Fredonia Medical Academy to inspire local medical students to choose health care careers. She is currently president of the local Board of Education. I find Dr. Mckenney's service to her patients and community inspirational.”

Nominated by: Clif Knight, MD

NIRU PRASAD, MD

“Dr. Niru Prasad is a pediatrician, who is semi-retired, but has dedicated herself to public education, hosting a television show, Health Talk, where she discusses current health issues. I met her during an interview about HPV vaccination for the community. I had been on her program a few times to educate the community on Ebola and Zika viruses. I had also participated in a program on travel medicine. Dr. Prasad has encouraged me to educate our community. She is planning to educate high school [students] to prevent alcohol and drug abuse.”

Nominated by: Vilma Stela Drelichman, MD





GABRIELA VELAZQUEZ RAMIREZ, MD, FACS

“Dr. Velazquez works tirelessly to support female medical students interested in pursuing surgery. She serves as an excellent role model and is truly an inspiration to us all.”

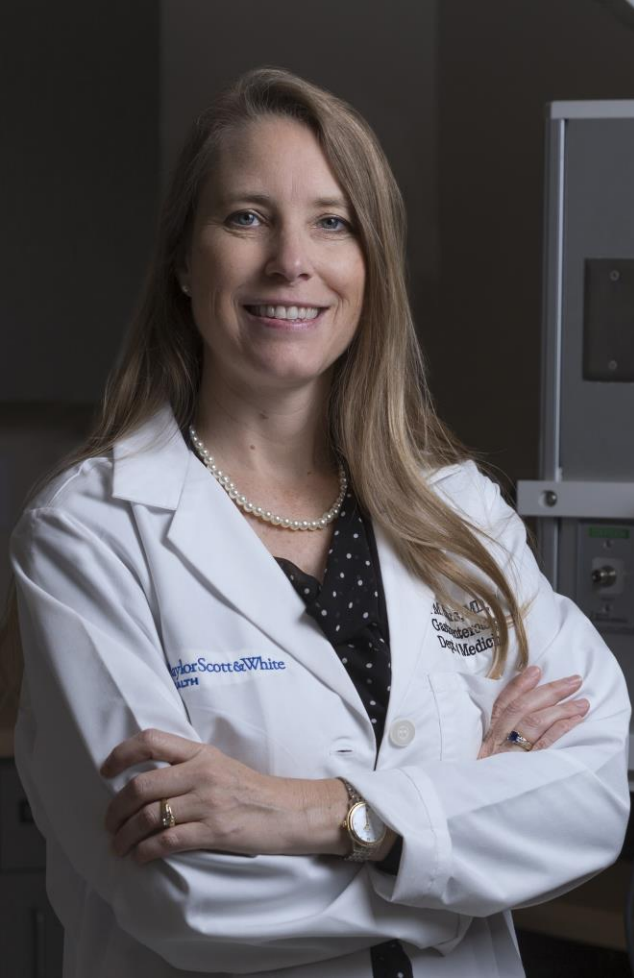
Nominated by: Yoonsun Jee

SIMHA E. RAVVEN, MD

“Dr. Ravven is a board-certified forensic and adult psychiatrist whose work has been influential in how I approach the treatment of serious and persistent mental illness. Her work focuses on the development and improvement of models of care for persons diagnosed with serious mental illness. She works tirelessly to ensure the disseminating of information regarding healthcare models and ethical considerations in caring for a most vulnerable population. Her goal of implementing innovative technologies in inpatient care and at the transition from inpatient to community settings will improve the lives of those we serve.”

Nominated by: Theresa Miskimen





DAWN M. SEARS, MD, FACG

“As a participant in the Women’s Wellness through Equity and Leadership (WEL) Grant Program, Dr. Sears is helping to develop support strategies for female physicians to address burnout professionally and personally. She is providing insight and learning for the best programming to support women physicians and change the culture of medicine. She is focused on ensuring her work provides a pathway for her fellow leaders on how to understand and address the challenge of burnout and provide optimal care to their patients.”

Nominated by: Heather Farley, MD, MHCDs, FACEP

NANCY D. SPECTOR, MD

“...Dr. Spector is the Director of the prestigious Hedwig vanAmerengin Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine which is dedicated to developing the skills required to succeed in our complex healthcare environment with special attention to the unique challenges facing women in leadership. She is truly an inspiration. She has unwavering commitment to the cause of gender equity and is tireless in her pursuit. She regularly nominates others for awards and recognition and deserves to have her own star shone! The world is a better place because of Dr. Spector.”

Nominated by: Susan Hingle, MD





VERA FRANCES TAIT, MD, FAAP

“Dr. Tait is the Chief Medical Officer for the American Academy of Pediatrics. But this is not why I am nominating her. She is the mastermind and principal investigator for the multi-organizational Wellness for Women through Equity and Leadership Program. She pulled together six medical organizations representing nearly 500,000 physicians and physicians in training with the pursuit of gender equity in medicine. She has broken down silos and has the six organizations committed to working together. It is amazing how she has led the way. We are all so optimistic that together we can make a difference. Dr. Tait is an incredible role model! I am grateful to have met her and had the opportunity to work with her and be inspired by her.”

Nominated by: Susan Hingle, MD

TANYA VREEKE, DO

“Tanya has been a positive, amazing friend, medical school and residency classmate and is also my family physician. She is an inspirational and phenomenal family doctor who continues to do it all. She still does obstetrics, inpatient care and teaches residents. She works full time and still comes home and is an outstanding mom, daughter, wife, grandma and Woman of God. Somehow, she found time to make my daughter the most beautiful t-shirt quilt I have ever seen, all within a four-month time period. She has this heart of gold and gives graciously to all she meets. She could make ten new friends on a short subway ride. She is a good role model by taking care of herself and exercising amongst all of her other commitments. Tanya has made a difference in my life and so many others and is an outstanding representative for women physicians.”

Nominated by: Tracy Mixdorf, DO

MARY ANDERSON WALLACE, MD

“Mary is an awesome leader and friend! She leads with a quiet force and is very effective. I admire her commitment to medicine and health policy and her superpower of being in multiple places at once and wearing multiple hats, mom, wife, friend, doctor, and clinical educator all without breaking a sweat! She is a testament that women can have their cake and eat it too and has helped me find balance in life and work.”

Nominated by: Tracey Henry, MD





MEGAN E. YOUNG, MD

“Dr. Young goes above and beyond her role as assistant dean within our Office of Student Affairs. She always is available for advice or a listening ear. She is a strong advocate and will reach out to others without hesitation to find answers for students. She is extensively involved throughout our medical school curriculum, serving as course director in both our first year/second year clinical reasoning courses and in our fourth-year geriatrics clerkship. Many students have been inspired by her infectious enthusiasm and thoughtful approach to teaching and clinical care. She is a one-of-kind teacher, mentor, and physician.”

Nominated by: Jacqueline You

KAREN G. ZEMAN, MD

“...Dr. Zeman is a practicing hematologist-oncologist in Maryland. She works with the underserved and is participating in the competitive and collaborative Wellness for Women through Equity and Leadership Program where she is leaving her indelible mark by “being an impassioned organizer creating a comprehensive positive oncology patient experience nationwide for all oncology patients.” She is creating innovative, patient centered programs that will be utilized broadly. She is a role model for all physicians about the importance of physician engagement in changing the systems.”

Nominated by: Susan Hingle, MD



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