Advancing professional development for women in medicine and sciences is an integral part of GWIMS mission, so the Leadership Conference held on April 13, 2021, served as a great tool for the 21 women selected to participate. Formal applications were reviewed and the entire day was filled with motivational speakers and interactive role playing. Transitioning to in-person events also allowed for networking opportunities. Five subgroups have each created a project that will advance GWIMS, which will be presented at an upcoming Connect/Share/Advance session. The projects range from college webinars to campus wide surveys; they will focus upon teaching team work and collaboration, essential skills for leadership positions. I am excited to hear their presentations and see the transformative leaders they will become!
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Congratulations to all the awardees!
GWIMS 2021 AWARD RECIPIENTS

AWARD PRESENTATION
SPRING MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Spring membership drive was held on March 5, 2021. We signed up 52 new members in GWIMS and we currently have 622 active members. We look forward to the Fall drive in August 2021 honoring Women’s Equality Day!

Despite COVID-19 protocols, we were still able to connect, share, and advance in person. Attendance to these events actually hit record numbers for GWIMS, so thank you to everyone who attended!

- The Art of Public Speaking
  Dr. Elayne Anthony
  2/09/2021

- Women Physicians in Male Dominated Fields Panel Discussion
  Drs. Grunes, Koller, and Reed
  03/09/2021

- Negotiating Strategies for Women in Medicine and Science
  Dr. Anees Chagpar
  4/20/2021

Dianne E. Grunes, M.D.
Assistant Professor
Cytopathology
Surgical Pathology

Felicitas L. Koller, M.D.
Transplant Surgery
Dialysis Access Surgery
Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgery

Lori K. Reed, M.D.
Associate Professor
Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle
Orthopaedic Trauma

Dr. Elayne H. Anthony
Department Chair & Professor
Journalism and Media Studies
Jackson State University

Dr. Anees B. Chagpar
MD, MBA, MPH, FACS, FRCS(G)
Professor, Department of Surgery
Yale University School of Medicine
Inspired by an Ignite presentation last Fall, Dr. Carley Dear led the first book club discussion on 5/11/2021. Over 25 members purchased the book, followed the reading schedule, and actively participated in this interactive event. It was such a success that it will now become an annual event! Congratulations Dr. Dear for hosting this GWIMS inaugural event!

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Do you have ideas for the GWIMS Seminar Series? Join the programming subcommittee! Committee members will work together with the Programming Chair to plan, organize and implement the Seminar Series, which hosts two sessions per semester.

If interested, please email the Programming Chair, Audra Schaefer (aschaefer2@umc.edu)

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**GWIMS Book Club**

"Multipliers: How the Best Leaders Make Everyone Better"

*Presented by*

**Dr. Carley Dear**

CDir-Assessment
SER-Assoc VC Academic Affairs
University of Mississippi Medical Center

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**Virtual CSA via BigBluebutton!**
(See link below)
The goals of the program:
- Assist women faculty in career development, promotion, and achievement of work-life balance;
- Provide opportunities for women faculty to learn new skills, network, and problem solve.

Women faculty will be paired with a faculty member outside of their department based on mentorship needs.

Don't miss this opportunity!

"I feel that the extra mentorship obtained through the GWIMS Mentoring Program has benefited greatly my career as an independent researcher working in a clinical department. My mentor has guided me on how to better manage my time and also helped me on writing my personal and educational statements in MySite for my promotion and tenure application package."

Ana Palei, Ph.D.

"Writing a book chapter, required for promotion, seemed an insurmountable task to me until I was matched with a mentor from GWIMS. After a few meetings with my mentor, I felt empowered and had the skills to take on this challenge and the editor was so pleased with the chapter I had submitted. I could not have done it without my GWIMS mentor!"

Michelle Sheth, M.D.

GWIMS Call for Mentors and Mentees:
Apply by emailing rmoriarity@umc.edu