



Thriving with Purpose



Women's Dermatologic
Society 48th Annual Meeting

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Open to All 7:30pm CT | Virtual

Women's Dermatologic Society

About WDS

The Women's Dermatologic Society, founded in 1973, is dedicated to helping dermatologists fulfill their greatest potential and assisting them in making a contribution to our specialty and society. To achieve this goal, the Society relies on the active participation of its members, who represent a diverse cross-section of professional sub-specialties.

Vison Statement

The Women's Dermatologic Society is committed to issues relevant to women and their families.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Women's Dermatologic Society is to be the premier organization cultivating personal and professional development of women dermatologists dedicated to excellence in patient care, mentorship, volunteerism, and leadership.

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President's Letter

Dear WDS Members, Partners, and Friends

It is my great honor to welcome you to the 2021 Women's Dermatologic Society Annual Meeting! Tonight we celebrate the incredible accomplishments of the WDS over the past year, a year etched in all our memories and for the WDS a year of tremendous growth. No doubt, many adjectives have been used to characterize this past year. With respect to the WDS, I would describe it as **Truly Inspiring & Purpose Driven!**



In March of 2020 at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, WDS leadership, BOD & staff quickly realized the potential threats to & opportunities for our organization. We harnessed the incredible energy of the BOD, Executive Committee, staff, committee Chairs, & membership to create new programs such as the new Resident Education Series, use new technology, work to grow our membership, and overall strengthen the organization. In addition, we held virtual events for Play Safe in the Sun, Shelter Initiatives, & Networking events, launched a new Communication Strategic Plan, continued to advance the work of the International Journal of Women's Dermatology, optimized our policies and procedures to continue to make WDS the highest functioning version of itself, and prepared for the transition back to post-COVID life. Thank you does not begin to encompass the tremendous gratitude that the WDS and I have for all those that gave of their time and talent to make sure that WDS not only survived but also thrived in this unexpectedly virtual year. I welcome you to sit back and celebrate with us the unforgettable WDS accomplishments of the past year! It takes a Village and the WDS has the most incredibly supportive, dedicated, strong Village without whom we would not be here tonight!

With gratitude for your many contributions and thanks for the opportunity to serve as your president,

Molly Hinshaw MD, FAAD
President, Women's Dermatologic Society

Annual Meeting Chair's Welcome Letter

Dear WDS Members, Supporters, and Friends,

Welcome to the Women's Dermatologic Society (WDS) 48th Annual Meeting & Luncheon – not in San Francisco as we had hoped, but in Cyberspace! We are so glad you have joined us. What a year it has been! True, we all have “Zoom Fatigue” but we need to honor our traditions and plan for the future so here we are.

The theme of our meeting, “Thriving With Purpose” seems particularly fitting as we look to the future. We are particularly excited to welcome our Annual Meeting Speaker, Kelly Corrigan. Kelly is a best-selling author, host of the wonderful Podcast “Kelly Corrigan Wonders”, and Host of the PBS series “Tell me more with Kelly Corrigan”. Kelly is the kind of person you will wish was your best friend! She blends curiosity, down-to-earth wisdom, and optimism together and always ends with “take-aways” that make you feel like you can share the journey with her. It's going to be a special treat having her as our speaker, and we thank her for being here with us today.

We congratulate this year's president Dr. Molly Allen Hinshaw for her outstanding leadership this past year especially with all of the unique challenges that WDS has faced during this pandemic. We also want to welcome our incoming President, Dr. Erin Gilbert.

We would like to thank our generous sponsors and supporters, and congratulate all of today's award winners. Additionally, we would like to thank our Annual Meeting & Luncheon Committee for all their hard work.

In closing, we want to express our appreciation to all of you for attending and for continuing to support the WDS and its' mission!

Warm Regards,
Ilona and Beth



Beth S. Ruben, MD and Ilona Frieden, MD
Annual Meeting Co-Chairs

Keynote Speaker

Kelly Corrigan

Storyteller and Bestselling Author

About Our Speaker

A gifted storyteller and talented interviewer, Kelly Corrigan has touched hearts and captured audiences as the author of four consecutive New York Times bestsellers, including *Tell Me More*, *Glitter and Glue*, and *The Middle Place*, her poignant personal story of battling breast cancer while caring for her father who was also undergoing cancer treatment. Her upcoming book, *Hello World*, a children's book written for all ages, reminds us that the journeys we take are all about the people we meet along the way — an inspirational message for commencements and convocations. Corrigan is also the host of the PBS and PBS *News Hour* series, *Tell Me More with Kelly Corrigan*, an intimate, heartfelt interview series where notable guests such as Jennifer Garner, James Corden and Bryan Stevenson reveal the experiences we all have in common, and how we can use those experiences to make a difference. These insightful conversations educate and entertain as guests reflect on their lives and the impact they have on their worlds. Kelly's newest adventure is a podcast. She can be found every week on her very popular and highly rated podcast and NPR show *Kelly Corrigan Wonders*. If you would like to attend a podcast, [link and connect](#).



Constantly noted as one of the best storytellers around, Corrigan connects audiences in a very intimate and empowering way. Described as touching, heartwarming and empathetic, Corrigan is just as likely to be called cool, funny, smart and irresistibly authentic. Her inspirational words elevate the experiences of everyday life and uplift our darkest moments with humor, humanity and unforgettable eloquence.

For more ideas and inspiration from Kelly, subscribe to her podcast *Kelly Corrigan Wonders*.

Program

Welcome

Molly A. Hinshaw, MD, President

Sponsor Acknowledgements

Molly A. Hinshaw, MD, President

Annual Meeting Speaker Presentation

Ilona Frieden, MD and Beth S. Ruben, MD Annual Meeting Co-Chairs introduce Kelly Corrigan

Award Presentations

Presented by Kathy Schwarzenberger, MD, Annual Awards Chair

2020 Rose Hirschler Award: Suzanne Olbricht, MD

2021 Rose Hirschler Award: Mary E. Maloney, MD

2020 Walter B. Shelley, MD Leadership Award: Murad Alam, MD, MSCI, MBA

2021 Walter B. Shelley, MD Leadership Award: Charles N. Ellis, MD

2020 Mentor of the Year Award: Susan Charlene Taylor, MD

2021 Mentor of the Year Award: Jennifer N. Choi, MD

2020 Volunteer of the Year Award: M. Laurin Council, MD

2021 Volunteer of the Year Award: Ashley Wysong, MD, MS

Legacy Award Winner: Elizabeth I. McBurney, MD

Presented by Mona Gohara, MD, Legacy Committee Chair

President's Awards 2020: Pearl E. Grimes, MD and Bethanee Schlosser, MD

Presented by Barbara M. Mathes, MD, Past President

President's Awards 2021: Barbara Mathes, MD and Bethanee Schlosser, MD

Presented by Molly A. Hinshaw, MD, President

Moment of Silence for those we have lost

Thank you to outgoing Board Members

Introduction of New Board Members

Final Thoughts from Dr. Molly A. Hinshaw

Pinning Ceremony

Adjournment and Closing Remarks

Erin Gilbert, MD, President, 2021-2022

WDS Business Meeting

2021 Slate of WDS Officers and Board of Directors

Election of the 2021 Slate of WDS Officers and Board of Directors

In accordance with the bylaws of the Women's Dermatologic Society, this serves as notice of the nominees of the WDS Board of Directors and its Officers to be presented to the membership at this Annual Business Meeting. All active Members in good standing are eligible to vote during this meeting.

President, 2021-2022

Erin Gilbert, MD

President-Elect, 2021-2022

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Vice President, 2021-2022

Cyndi Yag-Howard

Board of Directors, 2021-2025

Kari Martin, MD

Yvonne Chiu, MD

Jannette Jakus, MD

Kristen Stewart, MD

And completing the remaining one year of Dr. Rochelle Torgerson's term:
Kachiu Lee, MD

Rose Hirschler Award

2020: Suzanne Olbricht

Suzanne Olbricht is Chief of the Department of Dermatology at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Associate Professor of Dermatology at Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts. As a clinician, Dr. Olbricht's field of expertise is skin cancer and procedural dermatology, performing Mohs micrographic surgery and reconstruction for skin cancers of the head and neck. Dr. Olbricht has authored 36 original reports, 49 reviews and one book and is editor of two other books. She lectures locally, nationally and internationally on skin cancer, surgical techniques and physician wellness and other professional challenges.



Dr. Olbricht has been very active in dermatology societies. Currently she is Immediate Past President of the American Academy of Dermatology, having served as President in 2018-2019, as Chair of the Scientific Assembly Committee in 2012 and Secretary-Treasurer from 2010-2016. She received the President's Award from the Women's Dermatology Society in 2011 after having served as WDS Treasurer and the Distinguished Service Award of the American College of Mohs Surgery in 2011 and 2015. She is an honorary member of the Spanish Academy of Dermatology and The French Society of Dermatology. In 2019 she received the International League of Dermatologic Societies' Certificate of Merit and the International Award for Service from the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology.

In 2015 Dr. Olbricht was honored at the National Zoo in Washington, DC by the Zoo, Senator Angus King, Senator Susan Collins and Congresswoman Chellie Pingree, as well as the AAD, for her contributions toward a major shade structure protecting the seating in front of the sea lion exhibit.

Personal Note/ Statement of Thanks:

While my best moments in life have been with my four children who are unable to be with us today, truth be told, close runner ups and my second best moments have been with my dear friends and colleagues who are here in this room with us. I have received so much support, inspiration, encouragement, and stimulation from many of you, especially from Jean Bolognia, Lisa Garner, Elizabeth McBurney, Barb Mathes, Marcia Ramos-e-Silva and others over so many many years. Relationships at the WDS are like little seeds that you plant, get germinated, sprout, develop roots, and stems, and then branches and finally flowers and fruits. Thank you to WDS, to Rose Hirschler, and the great women who have gone before us for being the soil, for supplying the sunlight, the water, the fertilizer. I don't know what I would have done without you. Thank you so much for this honor and I hope I am paying it forward.

Song: *She Thinks my Tractor's Sexy* by Kenny Chesney

2021: Mary E. Maloney, MD

Mary E. Maloney, MD, is a graduate of University of Vermont College of Medicine. She trained in internal medicine at Hartford Hospital, in Hartford, Connecticut and in dermatology at Hitchcock Clinic in Hanover, New Hampshire. She completed two fellowships at the University of California at San Francisco, one in research and one in dermatologic surgery.

Dr. Maloney was on the faculty of the University of Vermont and then the Milton Hershey Medical School before coming to the University of Massachusetts School of Medicine in 1999 and has been Chief, Division of Dermatology, and with the creation of the Department of Dermatology in 2016, became the Founding Chair at UMass Memorial Healthcare. She is a passionate volunteer and has been involved in a broad range of activities including serving on many Committees and Task Forces for a variety of organizations. She has served as Secretary/Treasurer of the AAD, Secretary of the ASDS, and President of the WDS. She has also served on the Board of Directors of the AAD, ACMS, ASDS, APD and the WDS.

Dr. Maloney played a key role in the development of the American Academy of Dermatology's (AAD) Leadership Institute which offers leadership development programs and sessions for physicians at all stages of their careers. She was appointed as Chair of the AAD's State Society Relationships Committee (SSRC). In this position, Dr. Maloney lead the Academy's initiative to enhance relationships with state societies, enhancing current Academy programs and the developing of new programs and resources designed to strengthen all state societies.

Dr. Maloney is a cutaneous oncologist and Mohs surgeon, treating all forms of skin cancer. She believes the best treatment is prevention and works towards the goal of eliminating skin cancer.

Dr. Maloney is married, has three grown children, three granddaughters, enjoys the outdoors and is an avid water skier.

Personal Note/ Statement of Thanks:

I do not have words to express how honored I am to receive the Rose Hirschler Award. To join the previous recipients is humbling. These are all people that have reached for the stars and taken all of us with them. I hope my contributions to our specialty and society do pave the way for others' achievements to eclipse us all. I thank you all for your continuing support and inspiration. And your support of the WDS.

Song: *I am Woman (Hear me Roar)* by Helen Reddy



Past Recipients:

2019 – Victoria P. Werth, MD
2018 – Jane M. Grant-Kels, MD
2017 – Kathleen J. Hectorne, MD
2016 – Amy Paller, MS, MD
2015 – Suzanne Connolly, MD
2014 – Lynn A. Drake, MD
2013 – Marianne N. O'Donoghue, MD
2012 – Jean L. Bolognia, MD
2011 – Boni Elewski, MD
2010 – Susan Weinkle, MD
2009 – Ilona Frieden, MD
2008 – Janet G. Hickman, MD
2007 – E. Dorinda Shelley, MD
2006 – Lenore Kakita, MD
2005 – Patricia G. Engasser, MD
2004 – Richard Odom, MD
2003 – Elizabeth I. McBurney, MD
2002 – Nia K. Terezakis, MD
2001 – Ruth Freinkel, MD
2000 – Barbara A. Gilchrest, MD
1999 – Inga Silberberg-Sinakin, MD, Gloria Graham, MD & G. Jeanette Thorbecke, MD, PhD
1998 – Antoinette F. Hood, MD
1997 – Vera Price, MD
1996 – Wilma F. Bergfeld, MD
1995 – Ricky K. Schachter, MD
1993 – Marie-Louise Johnson, MD
1992 – Stephania Jablonska, MD
1991 – Frances J. Storrs, MD
1990 – Walter B. Shelley, MD
1989 – Nancy Burton Esterly, MD & Margaret Gray Wood, MD
1988 – Miriam Chancy Reed, MD

The Rose Hirschler Award is named in honor of Dr. Rose Hirschler, one of the first known female dermatologists in the United States. The award is presented annually by the WDS to physicians chosen for their significant contributions to medicine and dermatology and who, by their achievement, have served to enhance the role of women in the dermatologic specialty.

Walter B. Shelley, MD Leadership Award

2020: Murad Alam, MD, MSCI, MBA

Dr. Murad Alam is Vice-Chair of Dermatology; Professor of Dermatology, Otolaryngology, and Surgery; and Chief of the Section of Cutaneous and Aesthetic Surgery, at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine. He received his undergraduate and medical degrees from Yale University, completed internship in internal medicine at the University of Michigan, and obtained residency training in dermatology at Columbia University. He subsequently received fellowship training in laser and cosmetic surgery in Boston, and in Mohs micrographic surgery, in Houston.



An author of over 250 scientific publications, Dr. Alam is Editor of Archives of Dermatological Research, Associate Editor of the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, Associate Editor of Lasers in Medical Science, Associate Editor of the Journal of Cosmetic Dermatology, Associate Editor of the International Journal of Women's Dermatology, and Assistant Editor of Dermatologic Surgery. He has previously served on the editorial board of JAMA Dermatology. Dr. Alam is series co-editor of the Procedures in Cosmetic Dermatology books, and overall has edited 20 books, including Evidence-Based Procedural Dermatology, Cosmetic Dermatology in Skin of Color, Requisites in Cosmetic Dermatology, Body Rejuvenation, Non-Surgical Tightening and Lifting, Treatment of Leg Veins, and Merkel Cell Carcinoma.

Dr. Alam is current President of the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery, and immediate past Treasurer of the Women's Dermatologic Society. He is also member of the Board of Directors of the American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery, the Association of Professors of Dermatology, the American Dermatological Association, the Noah Worcester Society, and the Illinois Dermatologic Society. Dr. Alam is an incoming member of the Board of the American Academy of Dermatology. He has previously served on the Board of the American College of Mohs Surgery. Dr. Alam is chair of the American Academy of Dermatology's Congressional Policy Committee; a Dermatology Advisor to the AMA-CPT Committee; a member of the Nonmelanoma Skin Cancer Panel of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network; and a Voting Member on the General and Plastic Surgery Devices Panel of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Dr. Alam is vice-president of the Blade and Light Society, an organization of volunteer dermatologic surgeons who perform charitable mission work to treat skin cancers and train surgical dermatologists in underserved countries.

Dr. Alam's clinical practice includes the treatment of skin cancer, as well as cosmetic dermatology, and laser surgery. He serves as the director of the Northwestern University ACGME-approved fellowship training program in Micrographic Surgery and Dermatologic Oncology, and its ASDS-approved fellowship training program in Cosmetic Dermatologic Surgery.

Dr. Alam's research, which includes clinical trials and multicenter cohort studies, addresses the effectiveness, side effects, patient acceptance and costs of different surgical treatments. Dr. Alam has a particular interest in evidence-based medicine, including the selection and measurement of outcomes. Under his direction, Northwestern has been the coordinating site of DermBASE, a multicenter database for gathering data to improve skin cancer treatment. Dr. Alam is the chair of the US-based IMPROVED group, which is developing internationally applicable core outcome sets pertaining to skin cancer and other dermatologic conditions.

2021: Charles N. Ellis, MD

Charles N. Ellis, MD, is Professor Emeritus of Dermatology in the University of Michigan Medical School. He continues his teaching and clinical practice at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Ann Arbor.

For nearly forty years, he served the University of Michigan Department of Dermatology in multiple roles including as William B. Taylor Professor and Associate Chair; director of the Residency Training Program; and director of the Clinical Research Unit. For the Medical Center, he was the Founder and Director of the Department of Service Excellence. For over 30 years, he was Chief of the Dermatology Service at the VA Ann Arbor Hospital.



Dr. Ellis has been named an Honored Member of the American Academy of Dermatology. At the University of Michigan, he received the H. R. Johnson Award for Leadership in Diversity. In the University's Health System, Dr. Ellis has been recognized as a "doctor's doctor" and was chosen as an Inaugural Member of the Medical School's League of Educational Excellence and named to its Academy of Medical Educators.

Dr. Ellis received his medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School with Distinction in Research and served his residency in the University's Department of Dermatology.

Dr. Ellis has published more than 250 journal articles and book chapters. Several different citation analyses determined that he is among the dozen most-referenced dermatologists in the world.

Personal Note/ Statement of Thanks:

What a spectacular honor it is for me to receive the Walter B. Shelley, MD, Leadership Award from the Women's Dermatologic Society! I am deeply appreciative to the Society for recognizing me as one who has made a significant contribution toward supporting women in dermatology with this Distinguished Award. To join the group of previous awardees is a heady praise indeed!

My special thanks go to Dédée Murrell who initiated my nomination and to Lynn Drake who seconded it. We have supported each other throughout many years in academia, we have wonderful friendships, and I have long admired their work and accomplishments. I also thank the women dermatologists who wrote letters supporting my role in providing support. I mentored them early in their careers and they have succeeded in every way, as mentors always hope. They are former residents during my time as director of the University of Michigan Dermatology Residency: Thy Thy Do, Allison Durham, and Lisa Maier who all chose teaching and mentoring others; Elyse Rafal who took our research together to new heights at Stonybrook and later in her own DermResearchCenter of New York; and the

incomparable Amy McMichael whose accomplishments are well known. In addition, one of my current faculty colleagues, Mari Paz Castanedo-Tardan, wrote of the help I was fortunate to be able to provide to her, and for which the pleasure was all mine.

My desire to “pay it forward” originated when I was myself mentored while I did hypertension research as an undergraduate and solidified further as I was coached and mentored in my academic career by John Voorhees, Chair of Dermatology at Michigan. One of the first mentoring I did was when I was so impressed by a young woman working in the Hospital Gift Shop that after I made my purchase, I went back to the Shop to ask her if she might be interested in working in my research group. It turned out she was interested in going to medical school and after she worked in our research, I recommended her for matriculation. Four years later, I proudly attended her graduation from medical school. (Unfortunately, she went into Urology.) The lesson for all of us is that there are many people around us who are ready, able, and waiting for guidance along their desired path.

Later, as Director of the UM Dermatology Residency Program, I trained nearly 200 residents, almost half of whom were women, and I hope I helped all of them reach their personal goals. In the 70 years prior to my joining the faculty, Michigan trained 3 women dermatologists, while 88 women trained while I led the program. There were many reasons for this surge, not all of them my doing, but I was delighted to lead the program in the right direction.

To me, this award is an immense honor, made all the sweeter by my friendship with its namesake. Dr. Shelley and his wife Dorinda lived and worked many years in Toledo, Ohio, and visited my department often. He was kind and encouraging to me when I was a resident and later an inexperienced instructor, and he gave me many valuable suggestions. I'll always remember on one of his visits talking with him about treating a challenging patient of mine. Shortly into the discussion, I pulled a copy of his book *Advanced Dermatologic Therapy* off the shelf, gave him a wink, and said, “Let’s see what an expert says we should try when we are at our wit’s end.” He gave his booming laugh. I wrote him later: the treatment we selected helped the patient!

Again, thank you to the Women’s Dermatologic Society for recognizing me with their Distinguished Award, the Walter B. Shelley, MD, Leadership Award. I shall carry on in the spirit of Dr. Shelley!

Song: *Reach Out I'll Be There* by The Four Tops

Past Recipients:

2019 – Neil S. Sadick, MD, FACP

2018 – David M. Pariser, MD

2017 – William D. James, MD

2015 – Richard Odom, MD

2014 – Stephen I. Katz, MD, PhD

2012 – E. Dorinda Shelley, MD (in honor of her late husband, Walter B. Shelley, MD)

The Walter B. Shelley, MD Leadership Award is presented periodically to a man who has made a significant contribution toward supporting women in dermatology.

Mentor of the Year

2020: Susan Charlene Taylor, MD

Susan C. Taylor, MD, a Harvard, Columbia and University of Pennsylvania educated physician as well as a diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Dermatology, has been at the forefront of scientific research, clinical care and education for the dermatologic health of populations of Africans, Asians, Latinos and Native Americans. Her foremost scholarly achievements in the field of dermatology include the establishment and leadership of the sub-specialty within dermatology, Skin of Color dermatology; the founding of the Skin of Color Center at St. Luke's Hospital Center in New York in 1998, a first of its kind in the nation; the creation of the Skin of Color Society in 2004; and the ground-breaking textbook: *Dermatology for Skin of Color*, co-authored with Dr. A. Paul Kelly in 2009. She is currently the Sandra Lazarus Professor of Dermatology at the Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Taylor's areas of concentration include pigmentary disorders and other disorders that uniquely or disproportionately affect those of color; alopecias and other hair disorders; cosmetics and enhancing devices; skin cancers; and cultural competency. She is the Director of Diversity and Inclusion for the Department of Dermatology at the Perelman School of Medicine, where she promotes and facilitates Diversity and Inclusion excellence across the department. She actively supports and guides under-represented medical students through participation in mentorship programs. Additionally, she is actively engaged in the American Academy of Dermatology and is the Vice President-elect. Her other passions include volunteerism, traveling, and art.



Personal Note/ Statement of Thanks:

I am absolutely delighted to be the recipient of the 2020 Women's Dermatologic Society Mentor of the Year Award. I would like to thank the leadership of WDS as well as the Jean Bolognia, Chair of the Annual Awards Committee and of course the Founder, First President, steady guiding hand of this wonderful organization and everyone's mentor, Dr. Wilma Bergfeld.

I would like to thank my mentor and sponsor, Dr. Vincent DeLeo from whom I learned how to be a mentor. I would also like to thank my greatest supporters, my husband, Kemel Dawkins and my daughters, Morgan and Madison Dawkins whose love and support have enabled me the freedom to serve the specialty of dermatology. Thank you.

I am grateful to my mentees who have honored me and who have contributed to the WDS on my behalf. The WDS Mentorship Award was started to develop mentoring relationships for residents and junior faculty that might not otherwise be possible due to distance or funding availability.

Those relationships have proven to be transformative simply because a mentor can enable her mentee to see the possibilities within her grasp, to envision her path, to see that she has unlimited potential, to help her to sharpen her focus and to take flight and soar.

But, the mentor-mentee relationship is not unidirectional. I want my mentees to know that they have enriched my life. A mentor needs the mentee just as much as she is needed and know that I have learned so much from each of you.

Thank you again for this wonderful honor. I am proud to be the WDS Mentor of the Year.

Song: *Girl on Fire* by Alicia Keys

2021: Jennifer N. Choi, MD

Dr. Jennifer Choi is the Chief of the Division of Oncodermatology at Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center within the Department of Dermatology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. She specializes in providing skin care for patients undergoing cancer treatment. Her expertise includes knowledge in recognizing and managing side effects from chemotherapy, radiation, infections in immunosuppressed patients, and toxicities that may arise as a result of stem cell or solid organ transplantation. She directs several clinical research trials investigating the prevention and treatment of cancer therapy-related side effects. Dr.



Choi also specializes in treating patients with skin cancer, including melanoma, squamous cell carcinoma and basal cell carcinoma. She is an integral member of the Northwestern Melanoma Unit, in which she provides multidisciplinary care for patients with melanoma. She serves as co-director of the Melanoma Tumor Board. Dr. Choi also runs a full medical and surgical dermatology practice and is experienced with the use of complex dermatologic therapy, including biologic therapy, immunosuppressive medications, intralesional therapies, and phototherapy.

Dr. Choi received her BA degree from Harvard University and her MD degree from Yale University School of Medicine. She completed internship in Internal Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital/Harvard Medical School and residency in Dermatology at Yale, where she served as Chief Resident. For 8 years, she served as Assistant Professor of Dermatology in the Department of Dermatology at Yale. In 2015, she moved to Chicago to join the Department of Dermatology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine as Associate Professor of Dermatology. Outside of work, she enjoys reading, hiking, and spending time with her husband and 3 beautiful daughters.

Personal Note/ Statement of Thanks:

When I received news that I am being honored with the WDS Mentor of the Year Award, I was truly blown away. I consider this to be one of the biggest honors of my career due to the immense respect I have for the WDS and all that they do and represent. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to those who nominated me for this award. To be among the other amazing individuals who have received this award before me is incredibly humbling. Mentoring is one of the most valuable things to receive in life, and I would not know how to be a good mentor to others if it weren't for the incredible mentors that I have personally had in my own life. Thank you in particular to Dr. Jean Bolognia, Dr. Robert Tigelaar, Dr. Richard Edelson, Dr. Amy Paller, Dr. June Robinson and Dr. Ilona Frieden, among countless other teachers, who have blessed me with their wisdom and guidance throughout my career and have given me wonderful opportunities in the world of dermatology.

Thank you also to my beloved husband, children, parents, and parents-in-law for their undying support and love. And lastly, thank you to all the medical students, residents, and junior colleagues who have allowed me to be their mentor and are continually teaching me how to be a good one. I am so honored and grateful and will continue to do my best in paying it forward.

Song: *I Can Only Imagine* by MercyMe

Past Recipients:

- 2019 – Valerie D. Callender, MD
- 2018 – Maria K. Hordinsky, MD
- 2017 – Amit Pandya, MD
- 2016 – Alexa Boer Kimball, MD, MPH
- 2015 – Lisa Garner, MD, FAAD
- 2014 – Mary P. Lupo, MD
- 2013 – Dedee F. Murrell, MD
- 2012 – William D. James, MD
- 2011 – Pearl E. Grimes, MD
- 2010 – Mary Maloney, MD
- 2009 – Tina S. Alster, MD
- 2008 – Jean Bologna, MD
- 2007 – Libby Edwards, MD
- 2006 – Amy Paller, MD
- 2005 – Ilona J. Frieden, MD
- 2004 – Vera H. Price, MD
- 2003 – Frances J Storrs, MD

The first WDS Mentor of the Year award was given to Frances J. Storrs, MD, who had previously returned her honorarium to the WDS for the Rose Hirschler Award in 1991, to establish a Mentorship Program. Since 1993, the Mentorship Program has funded more than 400 women and men early in their professional careers, to spend one-on-one time with an established mentor of specific expertise.

Volunteer of the Year Award

2020: M. Laurin Council, MD

M. Laurin Council, M.D., F.A.A.D., F.A.C.M.S, is Program Director of the Micrographic Surgery and Dermatologic Oncology Fellowship, Director of the Center for Dermatologic and Cosmetic Surgery, and Associate Professor of Medicine (Dermatology) at Washington University in St. Louis, MO. She obtained her undergraduate degree in Biochemistry at Louisiana State University before completing her Medical Degree and residency in Dermatology at Washington University in St. Louis, and fellowship training at St. Louis University. Her clinical focus is surgical dermatology and cutaneous oncology, including Mohs micrographic surgery and minimally-invasive aesthetic procedures.



Personal Note/ Statement of Thanks:

It is a tremendous honor to accept the award of Volunteer of the Year of the Women's Dermatologic Society. I am truly humbled by the work of the recipients that went before me: including my mentor and friend, Dr. Elizabeth McBurney, Drs. Wendy Wohltman, Ashley Wysong, Shadi Kourosh, Pearl Grimes, Mona Gohara, Rachel Pritzker, Becki Tung, and Latanya Benjamin. I am grateful for the colleagues and residents who make each service event possible. Together we can make a difference in the lives of women everywhere. Thank you!

Song: *Girl on Fire* by Alicia Keys

2021: Ashley Wysong, MD, MS

Dr. Wysong is UNMC Department of Dermatology Founding Chair and William W. Bruce MD Distinguished Chair of Dermatology. Dr. Wysong obtained her master's degree in Epidemiology in the Stanford University's Department of Health Research and Policy and her medical degree at Duke University School of Medicine where she was valedictorian of her medical school class. Dr. Wysong completed her residency in dermatology at Stanford University where she served as chief resident. Her fellowship in procedural dermatology and Mohs micrographic surgery was completed at Scripps Clinic under the direction of Dr. Hugh Greenway in Mohs surgery, Dr.



Victor Ross in laser and cosmetic dermatology, and Dr. Leland Housman in veins. Dr. Wysong has a special interest and expertise in locally advanced and metastatic squamous cell carcinoma and basal cell carcinoma, as well as treatment of rare skin tumors. Dr. Wysong is active in numerous national societies and currently holds leadership positions as a member of the Board of Directors for the Women's Dermatologic Society (WDS, 2018-2022), the American College of Mohs Surgery (ACMS, 2020-2023) and Board of Trustees for the Dermatology Foundation. She is Chair/Board Liaison of the Service & Education Council for the WDS and serves as a member on committees for the ACMS, WDS, ASDS, American Professors of Dermatology (APD) and ACGME.

Personal Note/ Statement of Thanks:

I am honored to accept the WDS 2021 Volunteer of the Year Award. This is extremely meaningful to me as service and outreach is a core value in my life and the WDS makes it so easy to get involved and give back in our communities! Over the years, I have loved partnering with national organizations for our Play Safe in the Sun Event and hosting local community educational sessions through Coast to Coast. I am particularly proud of our WDS TIPP/Women's Shelter Initiative as it really allows WDS members to make a difference in the lives of women and their children. I strongly encourage everyone to reach out and volunteer for a WDS service event!

Song: *You Gotta Be* by Des'ree

Past Recipients:

2019 – Elizabeth I. McBurney, MD

2018 – Wendi E. Wohltmann, MD

2017 – Ashley Wysong, MD, MS

2016 – Shadi Kourosh, MD

2015 – Pearl E. Grimes, MD, Mona Gohara, MD, Rachel Pritzker, MD

2014 – Rebecca Tung, MD & Latanya Benjamin, MD

The Volunteer of the Year award has been established to recognize a WDS member who has made an outstanding contribution through community service. The rollout of this award at the 2014 Annual Luncheon coincided with the tenth anniversary of WDS community outreach programs, and this now annual award will continue to honor all those who support WDS and our service outreaches.

Legacy Award 2020 and 2021

Elizabeth I. McBurney, MD

Elizabeth McBurney is board certified in internal medicine and dermatology. She has been in private practice for 50 years and on the teaching faculty of Tulane University School of Medicine and Louisiana State University School of Medicine as clinical professor. Her two main dermatologic interests are cutaneous T-cell lymphoma and laser surgery. She is past president of Women's Dermatologic Society, American Dermatologic Society, and American Society of Dermatologic Surgery. She is also the chair of Board of Trustees for the Dermatology Foundation.



Personal Note/ Statement of Thanks:

This 8th Annual Legacy Award gives me a real sense of humility and gratitude toward all the women of the WDS. So many members are deserving of this honor and 2021 happens to be my year. Thank you for the recognition and know I will always treasure this token of respect.

Song: *Wind Beneath My Wings (Beaches)* by Bette Midler

Past Recipients:

2019 – Lynn Drake, MD

2018 – Pearl E. Grimes, MD

2017 – Susan H. Weinkle, MD

2016 – Jean Bolognia, MD

2015 – Dr. Rex & Johnnie Amonette

2014 – Tina S. Alster, MD

2013 – Wilma F. Bergfeld, MD

The Legacy Award is presented annually to an individual who has been an advocate of WDS a leader to the society and to the field of dermatology. This individual is honored at the Legacy Celebration held each year during the AAD Annual Meeting. The proceeds from the celebration are donated to the Legacy Fund, which was established to ensure the long-term financial stability of the WDS.

President's Award

2020: Pearl E. Grimes, MD

Dr. Pearl Grimes is the Founder and Director of the Vitiligo and Pigmentation Institute of Southern California. She is a pioneer and a leading international authority on vitiligo and pigmentary disorders.

Dr. Grimes is a Clinical Professor of Dermatology at the David Geffen School of Medicine, University of California – Los Angeles. She has authored more than 100 professional articles, abstracts and two textbooks.

Dr. Grimes holds numerous achievements in dermatology. She has been recognized by her peers with the prestigious Dermatology Foundation "Practitioner of the Year" award and the Women's Dermatologic Society's "Mentor of the Year" award in 2011. She received the American Society of Dermatologic Surgery President's Award in 2006. In 2016, she was recognized with an American Skin Association Research Achievement Award. She was also awarded the prestigious 2017 Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Award and the 2017 Everett C. Fox, MD Memorial Award and Lectureship Award. In addition, she was the recipient of the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Skin Association for 2017.

She is an active member of multiple professional organizations including: The American Academy of Dermatology, The American Society of Dermatologic Surgery, the American Dermatological Association, Society of Investigative Dermatology, the Dermatology Foundation, International Federation of Pigment Cell Societies, International Peeling Society, & the Women's Dermatologic Society. Dr. Grimes was the President of the Women's Dermatologic Society for 2018-2019. She has been included in LA Magazine's Super Doctors list and the Best Doctors of America list for many years.



2020/2021: Bethanee Schlosser, MD

Dr. Schlosser has dedicated her career to advancing the field of women's skin health and to improving the lives of women and girls through education, clinical care, and investigative research. Dr. Schlosser is an internationally recognized expert in female genital (vulvar) mucosal disorders, acne, rosacea, skin disorders in pregnancy, and excess hair disorders in women. For more than twelve years, Dr. Schlosser served as full-time faculty in the Departments of Dermatology and Obstetrics/Gynecology at Northwestern University, serving as Director of Women's Skin Health Program, Vulvar Mucosal Specialty Clinic, and Skin Concerns in Pregnancy Clinic. She is currently devoting her time to caring for her immediate and extended family in the context of the COVID pandemic.



Dr. Schlosser attended Bucknell University. She earned her MD and her PhD in Cell and Molecular Biology from Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine in 2003. Dr. Schlosser completed an internship at Mayo Clinic and performed her residency in Dermatology at Emory University.

Dr. Schlosser serves in leadership roles for various medical organizations including the Women's Dermatologic Society, the American Acne and Rosacea Society and the American Academy of Dermatology.

2021: Barbara Mathes, FACP, FAAD

Dr. Barbara Mathes, FACP, FAAD, is Past President of the Women's Dermatologic Society. Prior to that she was Secretary Treasurer and Assistant Secretary Treasurer of the American Academy of Dermatology. She holds a clinical associate appointment in the Department of Dermatology at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Mathes did her dermatology residency and was chief resident at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit after receiving her medical degree from the College of Human Medicine, Michigan State University. She is an Honorary Member of the American Academy of Dermatology, a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a member of AOA Honorary Medical Society, the American Dermatologic Association, the EADV, ISD, ASDS and other national and regional medical organizations. A general dermatologist, she has spent much of her professional career in educating dermatologists and non-dermatologists, has worked on a doctorate in Medical Humanities and has a passion for sharing the joy of medicine.



Past Recipients:

2019 – Lynn Drake, MD; Alison Ehrlich, MD, MHS, Mona A. Gohara, MD; Adelaide A. Hebert, MD; Mary E. Maloney, MD; Elizabeth I. McBurney, MD; Jenny E. Murase, MD

2018 – Elizabeth I. McBurney, MD

2017 – Erin Gilbert, MD, PhD, FAAD; Kathleen J. Hectorne, MD; Neil S. Sadick, MD, FACP

2016 – Barbara M. Mathes, MD, FACP, FAAD

2015 – Lynn A. Drake, MD

2014 – Valerie D. Callender, MD

2013 – Mary E. Maloney, MD

2011 – Suzanne Olbricht, MD

2010 – Mary P. Lupo, MD

2009 – Marie-France Demierre, MD

2008 – Susan H. Weinkle, MD

2007 – Jean Bolognia, MD

2006 – Suzanne Connolly, MD

2005 – Lenore Kakita, MD

2004 – WDS Executive Committee

2003 – Susan H. Weinkle, MD

2002 – Sandra I. Read, MD

The President's Award is given at the discretion of the President of the WDS to an individual, or individuals, of her choosing. The awardee is an individual, or individuals, who supported the President in an extraordinary way during her term to help make the Society a better organization.

Program and Awards

Mentorship Award

The WDS Mentorship Award Program was created to help promote the concept of Mentorship within the WDS by establishing long-term relationships between Mentors and Mentees.

Purpose

The purpose of the award is to develop mentoring relationships that might not otherwise be possible due to distance or funding availability. The program helps develop leadership potential in candidates who have shown early promise through exceptional activities, which will enhance their contributions to dermatology and medicine.

2020 Mentorship Award Recipients

Ladan Afifi, MD

Mentor: Bernice Kwong, MD

Blair Allais, MD

Mentor: Cheryl Burgess, MD

Marc Beuttler, MD

Mentor: Jennifer MacGregor, MD

Ashley Clark, MD

Mentor: Nasim Fazel, MD, DDS

Shaundra Eichstadt, MD

Mentor: Ashley Wysong, MD, MS

Sungat Grewal, MD

Mentor: Arisa Ortiz, MD

Amy Hopkins, MD, PhD

Mentor: Michi Shinohara, MD

Katherine Lee, MD

Mentor: Erin Warshaw, MD

Krystal Mitchell-Gba, MD, MBA

Mentor: Toby Maurer, MD

Harrison Nguyen, MD, MBA, MPH, DTM&H

Mentor: M. Laurin Council, MD

Shweta Shukla, MD

Mentor: Elizabeth Bailey, MD, MPH

Brian Wanner, DO

Mentor: Melissa Pugliano-Mauro, MD

Elizabeth Yim, MD, MPH

Mentor: John Yost, MD

*This program is supported by **Ortho-Dermatologics***

Meeting & Event Dates for 2021

April 8 2021

RESIDENT EDUCATION SERIES

Bedside Diagnostics: Pearls, Pitfalls, Interesting Cases!

9:00pm ET | 8:00pm CT | 6:00pm PT

April 19, 2021

RESIDENT EDUCATION SERIES

Alopecia Areata Treatment in the Era of JAK-Inhibitors

8:00pm ET | 7:00pm CT | 5:00pm PT

April 29, 2021

9TH ANNUAL LEGACY CELEBRATION HONORING ELIZABETH MCBURNEY, MD

Pre-Networking Reception for all VIP Registrants:

8:30pm ET | 7:30pm CT | 5:30pm PT

Legacy Celebration:

9:00pm ET | 8:00pm CT | 6:00pm PT

June 18, 2021

RESIDENT EDUCATION SERIES

Systemic Therapies for Atopic Dermatitis

10:00am ET | 9:00am CT | 7:00am PT

October 8-10, 2021

IVWG and WDS Forum 2021

Scottsdale, AZ

Check the Upcoming Events Page on the WDS Website for more information!

Become a Member

Joining WDS takes a few moments. The benefits will last a lifetime.

The Women's Dermatologic Society supports the careers and professional development of dermatologists by creating a place to find the support of who love what they do. By joining today, you will get the opportunity to collaborate with industry partners to advance the specialty of dermatology, promote mentorship, encourage volunteerism with your community, and build on our longstanding commitment to service.

The WDS offers a variety of Membership categories in order to accommodate dermatologist and derm-related professionals in all practices and stages of life.

Membership Categories:

Active Member

Associate Member

Current Dermatology Resident/Fellowship Member

Post-Dermatology Residency and/or Fellow Member

Corporate Member

Affiliate Member

Joint WDS/ Indian Member

International Dermatology E-Member

International Dermatology Resident E-Member

Get the Member Advantage

Explore the top reasons to Join WDS Today.

Networking

Leadership

Education

Annual Awards & Grant Programs

Monthly News Brief Access

Practice Enhancement Receptions

Complimentary Membership to Residents/ Fellows

Member Directory

Mentor Program

Annual Meeting & Luncheon at the AAD

Volunteer Opportunities & Community Involvement

Join Today - Apply online on the WDS website!

All applications are reviewed and approved by our Membership Committee and Board of Directors. New Members will receive an approval email within two months of their application.

Testimonials

"WDS has been an outstanding way to meet fellow dermatologists, both women and men, from around the country. Through WDS committee work and community service, I have developed lifelong friendships and leadership skills in a supportive environment."

~ Kathleen J. Hectorne, MD, FAAD

"The WDS has been truly instrumental in my career development and training as a resident. From networking events and involvement with the Play Safe in the Sun and TOPS Programs to a life-altering mentorship experience, I am amazed by all that the WDS has to offer! The friendships and mentoring relationships will be invaluable for many years to come."

~ Ashley Wysong, MD, MS

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