

GWIMS NEWS

UMMC Group on Women in Medicine and Science

IGNITE SYMPOSIUM

If you missed the first annual Ignite Symposium, you should save the date next year. It was both memorable and inspirational whilst highlighting the challenges of parenting and self care women face as they progress through academic careers. Women in Medicine wear many hats during their tenure in academia and need the support of those in the workplace as well as those at home. There were more than twenty presentations, and an award was given for the *Best Presentation*. This year's *Best Presentation* highlighted the need to support female faculty with children, so that they do not become bystanders due to parental commitments.



FIRST PLACE: Dr Risa Moriarity



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NOVEMBER 19, 2020**

**FALL MEMBERSHIP
DRIVE SEPTEMBER 17-
19, 2020**

**CONNECT/ADVANCE/
SHARE IN THE FACE OF
SOCIAL DISTANCING**

CALL FOR MENTORING

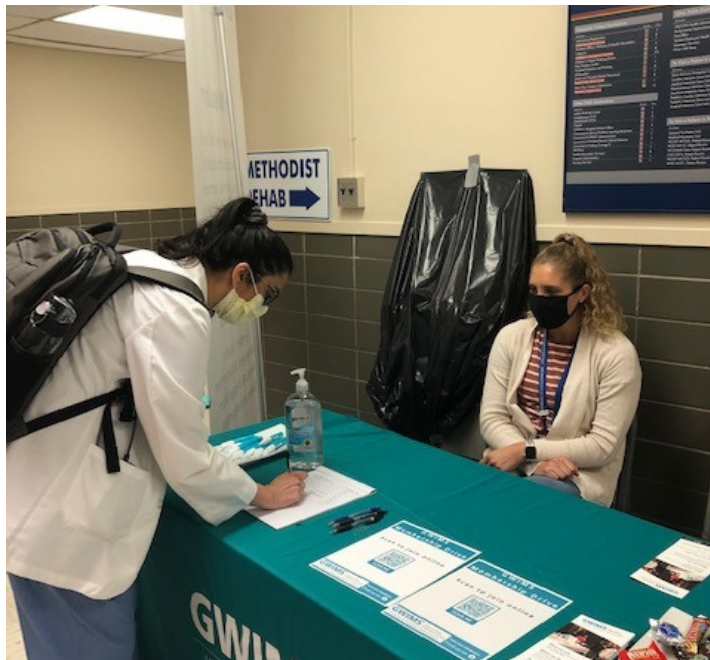
UMMC GWIMS had its First Annual

Ignite
SYMPOSIUM

November 19, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

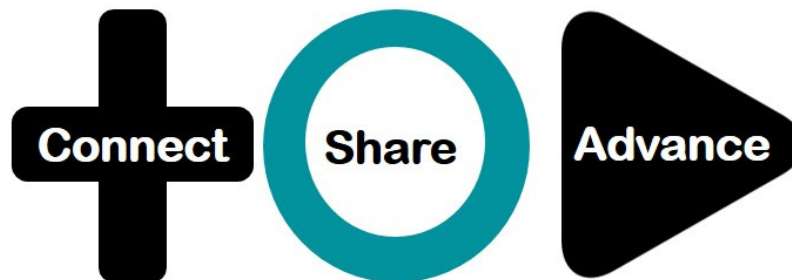
**IGNITE your future
with a symposium designed to enhance the
success of women in medicine and science!**

Presentations by UMMC faculty and students on topics related to
Gender Equity and Empowerment
Parenting and Wellness
Career and Leadership Development



MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Fall membership drive was held on September 17th and 19th, 2020 in honor of Citizenship Day and Constitution Day. The drive generated a 20% growth in the membership census. We inducted more than 100 new members, and we currently have 569 active members. We look forward to the spring drive in March 2021 honoring International Women's Day.



Despite social distancing, quarantine, and isolation at every turn, we were still able to connect, share, and advance thanks to technology and innovative creative minds that kept us moving forward. We had a number of diverse topics ranging from:

Coping with COVID-19 by Dr. Kristin Alston on 9/22/2020

Mentoring by Barbara Alexander on 10/13/2020

Working Well With Others by Tori Whitley on 11/10/2020

Panel of Basic Scientists: Dr. Jussara do Carmo, Dr. Ana T. Palei, Dr. Junie P. Warrington, Dr. Heather Drummond, Dr. Babbette LaMarca. on 12/8/2020



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University of Mississippi Medical Center
Mentoring Program for Women Faculty

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.



Michelle Sheth, M.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!"

GWIMS Call for Mentor and Mentee. Apply Today!

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