

## National Leadership Program Announces Graduation of 2022 Class

**PHILADELPHIA (May 7, 2022)** – The *Hedwig van Ameringen* Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine® (ELAM®) program at Drexel University College of Medicine is pleased to announce the graduation of its 27<sup>th</sup> class. This graduating class of 69 fellows from 56 institutions joins a diverse alumnae community of more than 1,200 highly accomplished leaders that represent 296 medical, dental, public health and pharmacy schools from around the world.

As the graduation speaker, Deborah German, MD (ELAM '96), Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean of the College of Medicine at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine, celebrated the class's achievements at the Hotel du Pont in Wilmington, DE, at a ceremony where the fellows were accompanied by their deans, other senior officials, and national leaders.

The fellowship concluded with the capstone event, the 2022 Leaders Forum. This event, which brought together the fellows and their deans or other senior officials, featured a poster symposium highlighting the fellows' Institutional Action Projects. These projects were conducted at their home institutions, in coordination with their deans and other senior leadership, and designed to address an institutional or departmental need or priority.

“The Class of 2022 showed grace and fortitude as they navigated the fellowship during the pandemic. We are so proud of how they led and managed through crisis and how they supported their classmates,” said Nancy D. Spector, MD, executive director of ELAM. “The quality and impact of their IAPs is a testament to the capability of the members of this class to enact powerful systemic change at their home institutions and beyond even in a time of crisis.”

ELAM's mission is to increase the number and impact of women in senior academic leadership positions. From there, these new appointments will help change the culture of academic health organizations in becoming more accepting of different perspectives and more responsive to societal needs and expectations. ELAM, established in 1995, is the only longitudinal program in North America dedicated to preparing women for senior leadership roles in academic health science institutions. The intensive year-long fellowship encompasses executive education, personal leadership assessments and coaching, and networking and mentoring activities aimed at broadening perspectives, building new capacities and encouraging professional connections. Program assignments, both group and individual, provide opportunities for applying and exercising leadership skills in a variety of situations and settings. ELAM alumnae serve in a variety of leadership positions including department chairs, research center directors, deans, college presidents, provosts as well as chief executives in health care and accrediting organizations.

### About ELAM

ELAM carries on the legacy of advancing women in medicine begun by the Female Medical College of Pennsylvania, the nation's first women's medical school. ELAM continues as a national resource hosted by Drexel University College of Medicine. Since its inception, the one-year, part-time fellowship has expanded to target diverse health professions and to reach a broader, global stage. For more information on the ELAM program curriculum, faculty and participants, visit [www.drexel.edu/elam](http://www.drexel.edu/elam)

## ELAM Class of 2021 -2022

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