



On September 22, 2022 during Hispanic American Heritage month, Carmen Vega-Barachowitz, MS, CCC-SLP, FASHA, will be officially celebrated as the inaugural MGH Trustees Endowed Scholar in Speech, Language and Swallowing Disorders – an honor originally bestowed upon her in 2021 and the ceremony was postponed due to the pandemic. The ceremony and reception will be held from 4:30 – 5:30pm in the O’Keeffe Auditorium and will also be accessible remotely.

Carmen Vega-Barachowitz, MS, CCC-SLP, FASHA, born and raised in Puerto Rico, joined the MGH in 1989 as a speech-language pathologist in the Chelsea Health Center. Her career has spanned several roles, becoming Director of the service in 1996. She is currently Director of Clinical Services, overseeing the Departments of Speech, Language and Swallowing Disorders & Reading Disabilities, Medical Interpreters, Social Services, and Spiritual Care. Carmen fosters an environment of professionalism and compassion in every department that she leads. As a champion for diversity and inclusion efforts throughout Patient Care Services and the hospital at large, Carmen has been instrumental in furthering the mission of providing the highest quality of patient care, education, research and community outreach.

Under Carmen’s leadership, collaboration and teamwork across care teams have become a foundational driver for patient outcomes. Carmen continues to move the profession forward and is involved in interprofessional education at the MGH Institute of Health Professions. She has focused the last 25 years of her career on developing leaders and establishing a reputation of patient-centered care in Speech, Language and Swallowing Disorders as well as the other departments under her guidance.

Carmen is a passionate advocate for our patients and their families, tirelessly working to make the MGH a more welcoming and inclusive place for patients and staff alike. Mentoring others has been a central tenet throughout her career and she is planning to use the funds to advance the profession of Speech-Language Pathology.

