FROM THE DIRECTOR

2020 is a year that none of us will ever forget. The year was taxing to our health and spirit, and the pandemic impacted ELAM in many ways. Our 25th anniversary celebration, which had received such incredible support from our community, was cancelled but will be rescheduled. The final session of the 2019-2020 moved online, and we hosted virtual IAP presentations and a virtual graduation ceremony with Catherine Morrison as our speaker. The entire 2020-2021 fellowship year moved online. The transition was challenging but our faculty rose to the occasion as they pivoted and restructured their curriculum so that our fellows could have the best possible outcomes. We are so proud of how our community led and managed through crisis and how our fellows and alumnae supported one another throughout the year.

In addition to the COVID-19 pandemic, we witnessed unremitting brutality against Black Americans and entered a period of racial reckoning in the country. We began to think more deeply about ways that ELAM can incorporate anti-racism into our curriculum and into our alumnae professional development programs. An ELUM-driven initiative on racial justice emerged to join other developing ELUM-driven initiatives including finding ways to increase the number of women on boards, to help to elevate more women for award nominations and to further develop male allyship in gender equity work. As part of these efforts we offered panel discussions and webinars, and engaged in fruitful dialogue as we continue to develop action plans. More than 500 ELUMs and fellows attended these events.

As we move into the new year, we are looking forward to a brighter 2021. Thank you for your tireless commitment to the ELAM Program and to each other.

Nancy D. Spector
Professor of Pediatrics
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FROM THE DEAN

On May 1, 2020, ELAM expected to celebrate its 25th anniversary – a silver milestone not only for the program and its alumnae, but for academic medicine, dentistry, pharmacy and public health. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, we had to cancel the celebration. We will, however, be rescheduling—and hopefully by the time you receive this report, we will have the new date confirmed.

ELAM has over 1,100 ELUMs that hold senior leadership roles in institutions around the world, each of them having an impact on the advancement of women as they bring their intelligence, perspective and skills to bear. Here at Drexel, 24 ELUMs currently hold leadership positions across the University, from department chair to vice provost to dean. In addition, three ELUMs with emeritus status continue to teach, mentor other faculty and conduct sponsored research. Every fall, we have the privilege of meeting a new class of ELAM fellows and observing their progress. Best of all, we have the privilege of working with colleagues who are ELUMs and benefiting from their self-efficacy and growth year after year.

2020 was a year of unprecedented challenges, but the ELAM program met each one with ingenuity and resilience! The COVID-19 pandemic and the social unrest allowed us to develop online programs for the fellows, and webinars and panel discussions on how to address racial inequality in the curriculum. An ELUM initiative on racial justice was developed to find ways to promote more women of color into leadership positions.

Thank you to the leadership, faculty and staff for their dedication and commitment to developing ELAM as a world-class program. I am excited to continue to work with ELAM in the coming years.

Charles B. Cairns, MD
Walter H. and Leonore Annenberg Dean
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Our Impact

The Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine® (ELAM) program aims to increase and sustain the number and impact of women in academic leadership positions in the health sciences. 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.

Applications

Applicants to ELAM come from around the country and around the world. They are mid-level and senior faculty from medical, dental, public health and pharmacy schools.

In 2020, the ELAM program received applications from:

- **115** applicants from **89** schools for **66** seats
- **29** reapplicants
- **4** applicants from dental schools
- **4** applicants from public health schools

Academic and Business Support

Support from academic institutions and executive search firms enables ELAM to provide continuing support for ELAM alumnae, who in turn support an institution’s emerging women leaders through community building, continuing education and professional development.

- **69** Academic Sustaining Members
- **7** Executive Development Council Members (executive search firms)
- **551** job postings in our e-newsletter, The Edge
- **43** resource lists of highly qualified ELUMs produced for academic institution search committees

Gifts

A primary goal of ELAM is to sustain our alumnae in their leadership roles.

We do this by facilitating ELUM community-building activities; distributing the ELAM Edge e-newsletter with position announcements, program and alumnae updates, and leadership-themed news items; offering advanced leadership development programs for alumnae; being available for phone consultations with our ELUMs, and more.

The support we received from ELUMs and friends in 2020 is crucial in helping us in these efforts.

25th Anniversary Fund: Supports the 25th anniversary of ELAM
Gifts totaling $15,850

Legacy Fund: Supports alumnae programming and community building.
Gifts totaling $17,351

Founders Fund: Sustains the influential work of the ELAM program by helping endow a director’s chair.
Gifts totaling $2,758

Innovations Fund: Provides support for ELAM that our program fees do not cover.
Gifts totaling $3,808

Other gifts totaling $1,000
In 2020, 5 ELUMs became deans or interim deans of medical schools. As of May 1, 2021, there are 20 ELUM deans or interim deans of medical schools in the U.S. and North America.

6 ELUMs are deans or interim deans of dental schools.

6 ELUMs are deans of public health or population science schools.

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Other 2020 Highlights

- A total of 744 ELUMs, fellows and supporters attended 7 in-person and virtual events including Women on Boards, How to Write an Award Nomination, and Leadership Strategies for Addressing Racism. (Click to view!)

- 64 ELUMs took new positions

- 14 ELUMs were appointed to positions on boards, societies or professional organizations

- Nancy Spector delivered 18 invited presentations on gender equity and career development

- ELAM was cited in 9 news stories or articles
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