Dr. Yolangel (“Yogi”) Hernandez Suarez is the Chief Executive Officer for Florida International University (FIU) Health Care Network, Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and Associate Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine. Dr. Hernandez Suarez has spent a career building bridges among hospitals, academia and the community to create value for systems, patients and learners. Born and raised in New York City, she attended Swarthmore College and the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She trained in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics. She holds a Master of Business Administration with specialization in Health Administration and Policy from the University Of Miami School Of Business.

Dr. Hernandez Suarez has lived in Miami since 1992. She ran a successful OB/GYN practice for over a decade at Mount Sinai Medical Center and spent several years on the faculty at the University Of Miami Miller School Of Medicine teaching residents and students. Dr. Hernandez Suarez has spent the latter part of her career in physician leadership and development, recently serving as Chief Administrative Officer of Ambulatory Services at Jackson Health System. She has been with FIU since January 2010. In her current role as CEO for FIU Health, she has oversight of the emerging clinical enterprise of FIU’s Academic Health Center.

In Yogi’s own words...

In one word, my ELAM experience was transformative. As a physician leader returning to academia after a career in hospital administration, ELAM legitimized my place amongst the medical school and university leadership. No accomplishment in the business community has matched my selection and successful completion of ELAM amongst my academic peers. This has given me the opportunity to bring a dual skill set to the clinical infrastructure of our emerging Academic Health Center: a balancing act between good business principles and good scholarship. Since graduation, I have relied on my LC for counsel for my career and work/life issues. I consider myself fortunate to have a trusted inner circle that is both honest and supportive. The ELAM staff has also been helpful in connecting me to ELUMs who share my career goals.

I give back to ELAM in a number of ways: I actively advocate for ELAM on my campus with my Dean and senior leadership; I continue to donate annually; Dr. Karin Esposito, an ELUM, and I have committed to giving each other trusted, regular feedback as we build our careers at FIU.

I am committed to giving back to ELAM, because I believe ELAM represents the best of midlife learning: relevant, provided in a safe haven, grounded in modern concepts of adult learning and – most importantly – committed to connecting you to a lifelong circle of supportive peers.”

...supporting a legacy of women’s leadership.

Designing and sustaining a powerful and innovative program like ELAM takes substantial resources.

We hope you will consider a Class Gift to support ELAM and its ELUM programs so that we can build a legacy of strong women leaders whose impact will resonate for generations.

Your Class Gift supports the Legacy Fund which was established in 2009 to support alumnae programming and community building, and expand support for regional and national face-to-face alumnae meetings.

To make a gift online, please visit www2.drexelmed.edu/elamgiftsonline.

To make a gift by check, please make check payable to Drexel University/ELAM Program and mail to:

Jennifer Brown, ELAM Program
2900 West Queen Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19129

Questions? Please call us at 215.991.8240.

Thank you,
Class of 2013!