

Carolyn's Story...

Carolyn E. Reed, M.D., received her undergraduate degree in Chemistry at the University of Maine. She received her MD degree from the University of Rochester School of Medicine in 1977, then completed a general surgery residency at the New York Hospital Cornell Medical Center. Although her initial plan was to complete a surgery oncology fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, after one year, she realized that she wanted to pursue a career in general thoracic oncology so she returned to New York Hospital to complete a cardiothoracic residency.

Dr. Reed moved to the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston in 1985 to build a thoracic oncology program. For many years, she was the sole individual performing general thoracic surgery. Her chief, Dr. Fred Crawford, mentored and sponsored her advancement locally and nationally. She progressed through the academic ranks, achieving Associate Professorship in 1989, tenure in 1993, Professorship in 1997, and chair in clinical oncology in 1999. Her national activities in the AATS, STS, STSA, and ABTS



and her administrative experience at the Hollings Cancer Center led to her election as President of the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association (2006 to 2007) and election as Treasurer of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons in 2006. She served for 10 years on the American Board of Thoracic Surgery and was chair from 2005-2007. Carolyn's administrative experience culminated in Directorship of the Hollings Cancer Center from 2000-2004.

Her academic and clinical interests are lung cancer and esophageal cancer. She is presently national PI of a cooperative group neoadjuvant esophageal adenocarcinoma trial. She also has a deep interest in surgical education issues, and has worked to foster women's interest in surgery.

In Carolyn's own words:

"My ELAM experience in one word, empowering. The skills learned at ELAM have helped me to reach leadership positions in a career dominated by men: Cardiothoracic Surgery. The study of organizational structures, communication styles, financial complexities, and the necessity to accept change as a factor leading to success were ELAM basics. These

"basics" served me well when I competed for the Chair of the American Board of Thoracic Surgery and was selected to a leadership position in the Society of Thoracic Surgeons. It was also ELAM lessons that helped me to compete and be selected as Chair of Thoracic Surgery at a major institution. Although I ultimately turned down the job offer, it was negotiating skills fostered by ELAM that clarified the situation.

"ELAM prepares and motivates women..."

I give to ELAM because I believe that the program fills a need. When I went to medical school, there were only ten women in the class. Now the norm is half the class. This is a remarkable change! There are no special courses in leadership skills and challenges, and often you have to learn tough lessons "on the job." We need more women who aspire to administrative and other leadership roles. ELAM is unique because it addresses the skills, challenges, difficulties, and essential knowledge base, and special traits that women can cultivate to become effective leaders. ELAM prepares and motivates women who are and will lead the future of American medicine."

Carolyn

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As we celebrate the successes of ELUMs, we recognize that our work remains far from done. Along with preparing women for roles as leaders and change agents, we are committed to provide continuing stewardship of your leadership journeys. With your help, we will begin to plan a range of activities focusing on ELUMs by:

Building the ELAM Community: expanding support for national and regional face-to-face meetings of ELAM alumnae with seed grants from our new Legacy Fund as well as more powerful virtual connections

Sustaining Successful Leadership and Transitions: reaching out to address all aspects of the leadership continuum, from changing roles to moving to new positions within or beyond their institution

Developing Post-ELAM Educational Opportunities: creating a portfolio of advanced modules to further your professional development beyond ELAM

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In April 2009, the graduating ELAM class raised more than \$20,000 in donations and pledges, with the goal of establishing explicit support for ELAM alumnae programming. With their generous initial contribution of \$7,000, ELAM has initiated the Legacy Fund aimed at providing support for community building within and across classes and learning communities. Once the Legacy Project funds reach \$25,000, ELAM will establish a process for ELAM alumnae to apply for seed grants to sponsor class reunions, regional ELUM gatherings and similar events. In the Legacy Fund's initial phase, a portion of your gift will go to building this fund.