

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



## MISSION & VISION

### MISSION STATEMENT

To empower and connect women dermatologists through personal and professional development, mentorship, service and leadership.

### VISION STATEMENT

Success for women in dermatology.

## NEW INITIATIVES

### ARCHIVES PROJECT

In celebration of **50 remarkable years**, the Women's Dermatologic Society archive project provides WDS members access to our rich history along with interactive opportunities: a space to learn more and further foster connections with peers.

This virtual compendium honors our rich history while documenting the accomplishments and milestones of our society. Plus, individual members can access even greater connections among each of our celebrated members.

The project included a memory book of honorees - Past Presidents and WDS Award Recipients; a video for the Annual Meeting Luncheon, and a website that will serve as a repository for information and networking with Past Presidents, WDS Award Recipients and other WDS members.



Visit [wdsarchive.org](https://wdsarchive.org) to view and join the 50th Anniversary Archives Project

## COMMUNICATION

WDS Newsletter - *Monthly*

WDS Young Professionals News Brief - *Quarterly*

Social Media - *Ongoing*

Followers: Instagram: 13K; Facebook: 5K; Twitter: 3K

## MEMBERSHIP

Total **1721**

New Members **286**

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**6** Play Safe  
in the Sun  
Events



Women's  
Dermatologic  
Society

**PLAY  
SAFE  
IN THE  
SUN**



TRANSFORMING INTERCONNECTING PROGRAM PROJECT  
*Total Women's Health via the Dermatology Gateway*

**42** TIPP Shelter  
Events

**18** Coast-2-Coast  
Events

WDS volunteers helped set a **Guinness World Record** for skin screenings during La Roche Posay's Melanoma Monday weekend.



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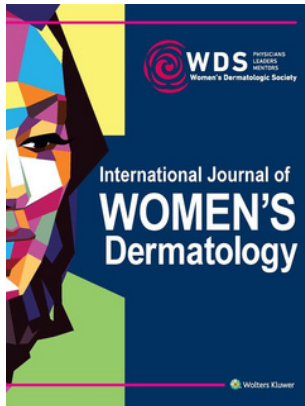
## NEW INITIATIVES

### IJWD

WDS moved to its new publisher, Wolters Kluwer in January 2022. The journal continues to be committed to issues relevant to women and their families. Submissions to the journal continued to increase this year.

### Nanette Silverberg, MD

joined as the new Editor-in-Chief in January 2023.



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### GLODERM-WDS Career Development Award for Dermatology Global Health Future Leaders

This award was conceived out of GLODERM and WDS's mutual interests to empower and connect women within dermatology by providing mentorship, personal/professional development, and career support to colleagues globally, in addition to enhancing patient care in under-served areas.

2023 marked the 1st year (of 3 years) of this program. Recipients for the 2nd year (2024) will be announced in early 2024.

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### Dermatology Residency Applicant Support Scholarship

Medical students interested in pursuing a career in dermatology apply to 80 programs on average. According to ERAS fees, this approximates to a cost of 1900 dollars for applications.

This process can be cost prohibitive for those with any type of financial insecurity. In alignment with our original mission, this program aims to provide parity to those interested in pursuing a career in dermatology.

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### Department of Dermatology at Howard University's College of Medicine for UIM medical students.

2023 marks the 2nd year (of 3 years) of WDS's partnership with La Roche-Posay to sponsor a Fellowship in the Department of Dermatology at Howard University's College of Medicine for UIM medical students. This Fellowship hopes to increase representation in Dermatology by providing an opportunity to support those students whose application may need to be strengthened.

Recipient: Helen Bui, MD

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## 2023 WDS EVENTS

### ANNUAL MEETING

2023 marked the **50th Anniversary of WDS** and we celebrated Our Golden Jubilee on March 19, 2023 in New Orleans, LA.

We are excited to share that WDS continues to research its history with the help of our wonderful members.



The 50th Anniversary archival project and commemorative book would not have been possible without the help of countless individuals.

**Book made possible by a generous grant from L'Oréal Dermatological Beauty.**

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### LEGACY CELEBRATION



The 11th Annual Legacy Celebration honored **Boni E. Elewski, MD**, on Friday, March 17, 2023 in New Orleans, LA.

We are proud to claim Dr. Elewski is a Past President of both WDS and the AAD, the event honored the Legacy she has built.



Photos from the WDS 2023 Annual Meeting celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Women's Dermatologic Society.

## EDUCATIONAL/ PROFESSIONAL EVENTS

**61** Lifetime Resident Education Events

Educational Programming Committee  
Caroline Nelson, MD; Chair; Alison Bailey, MD; Anagha Bangalore Kumar, MD; Carly Elston, MD; Alicia Little, MD PhD; and Lindsay Helena Wilson, MD

**3** Resident Education Events

**4** Professional Society Networking Events

## WDS PROGRAMS

### DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

#### 2023 DEI EVENTS

Diversity in Recruitment in the Dermatology Workforce - January 19, 2023

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Breakfast - What's your brand?: How to brand yourself during and after residency - March 18, 2023

UIM Informational Panel Discussion on Dermatology Subspecialties - August 16, 2023

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Panel Event: Side Gigs - Consulting and Pharmaceutical Industries - December 20, 2023

#### Breakfast and Panels

The Committee hosted a Diversity Breakfast at the 2023 AAD Meeting in New Orleans, LA. The topic for the event was *What's your brand?: How to brand yourself during and after residency.*

The Committee hosted 3 panel events in 2023 with topics including *Diversity in Recruitment in the Dermatology Workforce*, *UIM Informational Panel Discussion on Dermatology Subspecialties*, and *Side Gigs - Consulting and Pharmaceutical Industries.*

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#### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

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#### UIM Resident Aesthetic Research Mentorship Award

This Underrepresented in Medicine (UIM) Resident Aesthetic Research Mentorship Program is designed to enhance the knowledge and education of UIM dermatology residents in aesthetic and procedural dermatology through mentorship with a leader in this sub-specialty.

1 recipient- Kayla Taylor, MD

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## WDS PROGRAMS

### MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

#### Mentorship Award

The WDS Mentorship Award Program was created to help promote the concept of Mentorship within WDS by establishing long-term relationships between Mentors and Mentees.

The purpose of the award is to develop mentoring relationships that might not otherwise be possible due to distance or funding availability. The program helps develop leadership potential in candidates who have shown early promise through exceptional activities, which will enhance their contributions to dermatology and medicine.

2023 - 25 experiences

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### REGIONAL NETWORKING

#### Regional Networking Events

The Regional Networking Committee seeks to represent and support members of WDS throughout the country by organizing networking opportunities on a local scale.

The committee provides the necessary tools to encourage networking, promote mentorship, create new opportunities for volunteers, and engage with current and prospective members on a local and regional level.

2023 - 5 events

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The Women's Dermatologic Society, founded in 1973, is dedicated to helping dermatologists fulfill their greatest potential and assisting them in making a contribution to our specialty and society. The Board of Directors is the governing body of the Women's Dermatologic Society.

**One of the many roles of the WDS Board of Directors is to maintain the mission and vision of the organization.**

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## 2024 EVENTS

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### EDUCATIONAL EVENT

#### **NEW INSIGHTS INTO MANAGING ACNE THROUGH A SYSTEM-WIDE APPROACH**

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

Hosted by: Patricia Farris, MD, FAAD, MS

8:00pm ET | 7:00pm CT | 5:00pm PT

*WDS partnered with Nutrafol for an Educational  
Presentation on managing acne.*

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### REGIONAL NETWORKING & EDUCATIONAL SERIES

Friday, January 12, 2024

Hosted by: Lilia Correa-Selm, MD

Speaker: Cyndi Yag-Howard, MD



### 12TH ANNUAL LEGACY CELEBRATION

Friday, March 8, 2024

US Grant, Presidential Ballroom in San Diego, CA

### DEI NETWORKING BREAKFAST: FINANCIAL PLANNING

Saturday, March 9, 2024

WDS Center, Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel, Aqua 300



### 2024 ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel, Sapphire  
Ballroom, Level 4

*We are pleased to announce Dr. Sandra Lee  
(Dr. Pimple Popper) as our Keynote Speaker.*

### IVWG 2024 - Industry Visioning Work Group

September 13, 2024

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### WDS FORUM 2024

September 13-15, 2024

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### RESIDENT EDUCATION SERIES:

#### **NAIL PROCEDURES IN DERMATOLOGY**

Monday, September 23, 2024

9:00pm ET | 8:00pm CT | 6:00pm PT

Hosted by: April Schachtel, MD

*members only event*