

WOMAN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE OF PENNSYLVANIA

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FOUNDED IN 1850

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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1254 Grandview Avenue
Glendale, California

Dear Mrs. Smith:

The Woman's Medical College is organizing a National Board of one hundred women leaders. The College has asked prominent citizens of all the states to nominate women who could best represent their state on this Board.

You have been nominated to represent California.

It is my pleasure to extend the invitation of this College, on behalf of the Board of Corporators, faculty, staff, alumnae and student body, that you honor us by accepting this post.

Here are a few salient facts about the College that are, and should be, we feel, a source of real pride to all women in this nation:

In 1950 this College celebrated its Centennial, marking 100 years of achievement. We were the first college ever chartered for educating women in medicine, and today we are the only such college in this hemisphere. We are proud of this unique place in medical education, and of the first century of medical progress, but we are convinced that such a past is merely prologue if the women of this nation will help us in the decades ahead.

To this end we are inviting our strongest women leaders .. about two from each state, who have diverse interests, resources and abilities .. to make up our National Board. We want them to be our Ambassadors of Goodwill, and exert the leverage of their united strength to help this College truly become

THE CENTER FOR MEDICAL WOMEN IN THIS NATION.

Some of the specific ways this Board can help the College are:

- To know its past achievements - and these are glorious.
- To interpret its present services and needs - these are challenging.
- To speak up far and wide for its greater usefulness and support.
- To help us plan the future, so that we can maintain this unique and great college, which singularly gives women an opportunity to study medicine.

So that the members of our National Board may know the College at firsthand, we are inviting them to come for their first meeting on our next Founders' Day - March 11th.

We are planning a program that will acquaint each with our facilities and our future potential. We want you to meet our students, administrators, Board of Corporators, and the other members of this National Board.


We regret the College cannot pay travel and hotel costs, but the program will start with a dinner at the Barclay on the evening of March 10th, where the National members will be our honor guests. Next day, there will be a tour of the College, luncheon, and Founders' Day program. Full details will be sent later.

Among national leaders who have so far accepted this invitation, to name only five, are:

Mrs. William Fulbright of Arkansas
Mrs. John Whitehurst of Baltimore, Maryland
Mrs. Hiram Cole Houghton of Iowa
Miss Frieda S. Miller of Washington, D. C.
Mrs. Homer Ferguson of Michigan

We need women of your leadership-ability. Your acceptance of our invitation will add luster to our distinguished list.

Sincerely yours,


Burgess L. Gordon, M. D.
President

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