MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear HERS Community,

This year, women’s history month arrives one year into the COVID-19 pandemic — at a moment when the participation of women in the workforce is the lowest it has been in more than three decades. It is undeniable that the pandemic has disproportionately affected women – particularly women of color – who may be the primary caregivers for their children out of school and work in industries hit hard by the pandemic, including higher education. As I reflect on the past year, I immediately consider the physical and emotional toll impacting the women HERS serves. More than ever, I am in awe of those seizing the opportunity to be a force for change.

To honor women’s history month, during this unprecedented time, we celebrate and thank members of the HERS community who have overcome obstacles, fought tirelessly, and remain committed to achieving equity, inclusivity, and excellence in higher education. HERS community’s power to galvanize colleagues to achieve a shared purpose and goal is evident in the alumnae, facilitators, partner institutions, and friends of HERS, shaping a brighter future for higher education. Scroll down through this newsletter to learn more about the accomplishments of your colleagues in the HERS community.

Against this backdrop of communal strength and unity, I am excited to announce the expansion of the HERS Network to welcome graduates of the growing portfolio of HERS workshops and seminars in addition to alumnae of the Leadership Institute. This online networking platform for HERS women is designed to foster peer-to-peer learning, encouragement, and mutual support in managing your career amidst the leadership challenges you face today. Networking is critical for women’s advancement. With the HERS Network, you’ll always have a safe and central space to seek (or offer) advice and inspiration from women who have been there. If you have graduated from a HERS workshop or seminar, or are an alumna of the HERS Leadership Institute, please activate your membership today.

The HERS Network membership is complimentary for a limited time and includes benefits like exclusive event access and discounted pricing on HERScnnect webinars. If you activate your membership now, you’ll be able to register for the first-ever HERS Network event on May 6th, and you can take advantage of discounted pricing for the current webinar series on Well-Being in Today’s Workplace. In the “upcoming events & deadlines” section of this newsletter, you’ll find additional information on both of these offerings.

However isolating this last year may have felt, it has shown us all that we’re not alone in our mission to create and sustain a diverse community of women leaders. HERS Network’s potential is limitless when we boldly rise together.

Another exciting update I’d like to share is that we launched the search for the new HERS president this past week. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity or know of individuals for whom this would be an excellent fit, please email your inquiries and nomination[s] to HERSPresident@academicsearch.org. Senior Consultant Shirley Robinson Pippins and Consultant Andrea Cowsert will follow-up directly for a confidential discussion. The presidential search prospectus is available on the Academic Search website, and we encourage you to share it widely. Thank you for your support and interest in this very important search for our next president.

With gratitude,

Carolyn

Carolyn P. Landis | Interim President

HERS Board Chair Emerita
HERS BY THE NUMBERS

What HERS is Accomplishing in 2021

- 55 women will graduate from the HERS Leadership Institute this spring, marking the beginning of their next leadership journey.
- 70 women registered for HERS career and leadership workshops or seminars this spring. These offerings included:
  - Next Stages Next Steps
  - Women’s Leadership Resilience
  - Unleash Your Career
- 100+ women have registered for the 4-part HERSconnect webinar series running this spring on Well-Being in Toay's Workplace.
- 175 women registered for the free HERSconnect webinar on Reconsidering Career Paths: Opportunities for Higher Education Women in Nonprofits
- 30+ alumnae celebrated promotions or new leadership appointments so far this year (that we know of). If you’ve completed a HERS program, please share your career moves with us at hers@hersnetwork.org!
- 130+ women have activated their complimentary HERS Network membership and taken advantage of exclusive benefits for Leadership Institute alumnae and graduates of HERS workshops and seminars.

UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES

HERSconnect Webinar Series: Well-Being in Today’s Workplace
Build strategies for supporting your well-being and the well-being of those you serve as a leader. REGISTER NOW for the next live session or watch the complete series on-demand:

- Rumbling with Vulnerability & Leading Courageously (February 23)
- The Power of No (March 23)
- The 7 Habits of Happy, Healthy Women in Leadership (April 27)
- Pandemic Effect on Women’s Financial Wellness (May 18)

This webinar series is sponsored by TIAA.

2021 - 2022 Weekend HERS Leadership Institute
Become the leader you were meant to be and be a force for change in higher education — there’s never been a better time than now! Join the Boston cohort for 4-staggered weekends (Thursdays to mid-day Saturday), from November 2021 to March 2022. APPLY NOW or NOMINATE A COLLEAGUE. The final application deadline is April 15, 2021.

HERS Network Power Hour: Powerfully Rising Together
An exclusive online happy hour and networking event on May 6th, at 6:00 pm EST, for HERS Network members -- to celebrate and connect as a community of BOLD women leaders shaping the future of higher education. To register for this event, you must be a HERS Network Member and logged into your account.

LOGIN TO YOUR ACCOUNT now if you’re already a member, and navigate to the events tab to register. Or, follow these instructions on how to activate your membership. This membership will be complimentary for a limited time and is exclusively available to alumnae of the HERS Leadership Institute and graduates of HERS workshops and seminars.

HERS NETWORK SPOTLIGHTS

ON THE MOVE

Laura Furge, PhD
Provost at Muhlenberg College, starting June 2021
(HERS Institute Alumna, Denver Intensive Cohort of 2018)

“The collective knowledge of my cohort, and other HERS alumnae I’ve met, has given me a more complete understanding of leadership in higher ed, how to collaborate across units, how to speak the same language, and how to build partnerships.”

Dr. Furge shares how the Leadership Institute prepared her to step into the Interim Provost role at Kalamazoo, right after she graduated, with newfound skills and confidence. Read more >
Debora Johnson-Ross, PhD
Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty at Wartburg College (HERS Institute Alumna, Wellesley Weekend Cohort of 2010)

“I had a somewhat nontraditional path to my current position. My HERS experience gave me the confidence to make choices that have ultimately worked for me.”

Dr. Johnson-Ross shares how the HERS journey helped guide a somewhat nontraditional path to her current position and gave her the confidence to make leadership and career choices that felt authentic, leveraged her strengths, and inspired fulfilling career moves. Read more >

Learn more about our diverse alumnae by viewing more spotlights.

IN THE NEWS

**Diverse Top Women in Higher Education**

These four women were recognized for tackling the toughest challenges, exhibiting extraordinary leadership skills, and making a positive difference in their respective communities. A special HERS shoutout to:

Dr. Karlyn Crowley, Provost at Ohio Wesleyan University, 2017 HERS alumna

Dr. Angélica García, President of Berkeley City College, HERS Board member

Dr. Felicia McGinty, Executive Vice Chancellor of Administration and Planning at Rutgers University, 2015 HERS alumna

And Dr. Erica Muhl, President of Berklee College of Music, 2012 HERS Alumna.

RECENT JOB BOARD POSTINGS

- President – HERS
- Chancellor – University of Alaska Anchorage
- Vice Provost for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – University of Vermont
- Dean, College of Engineering – Wichita State University
- Vice President of Student Life – Franciscan University of Steubenville
- Dean of Graduate School of Business – University of Maine
- Dean of College of Education and Human Development – University of Maine
- Dean of The Honors College – University of Maine
- Dean of College of Natural Sciences, Forestry, and Agriculture – University of Maine
- President – Doane University
- Dean, College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics – The University of Toledo

See Job Board Announcements >

SUPPORTING HERS

For nearly 50 years, HERS has made great strides concerning women’s advancement in higher education and their respective institutions. However, there is much work to be done, and HERS plans on boldly moving onward to ensure greater diversity and equality in university and college leadership moving forward. To accomplish this, we need your support.

Please consider donating to HERS to support the continued expansion of HERS programs and the advancement of more women in higher education.
STAY CONNECTED

Stay in the know and follow us on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter.

Check out HERS' NEW ONLINE STORE filled with your favorite HERS merchandise.

If you’re a Leadership Institute alumna or graduate of a HERS workshop or seminar, please join the HERS Network and make sure your contact info, title, and institution are up-to-date by completing this form. The membership will be available for free for a limited time only.

If you would like to receive all communications about a specific program, please complete our ‘request info’ form and select your program of interest.

If you learn about becoming a HERS partner or sponsor, email hers@hersnetwork.org.

We hope you stay safe and mentally strong during these unprecedented times. The institutions you work for need your leadership more than ever.

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