2020 and 2021 have been challenging years for women physicians. In celebration of February 3 as National Women Physicians Day we’d like to honor a few of the first female physicians as the giants whose shoulders we stand on.

Left: Elizabeth Blackwell, MD
First American Female Physician • Class of 1849
Women's Physician Day is on her birthday

Above: Anna Searcy, MD
First Female MU Medical School Graduate • Class of 1900

Left: Caroline McGill, PhD, MD
First PhD graduate at MU • Class of 1908 after National Women Physicians Day

We would also like to recognize a few of the outstanding Women Physician Leaders currently at the University of Missouri School of Medicine. In addition to paving the way for other future female leaders, their presence and efforts help our institution to be a more inclusive, welcoming, and productive workplace for all.

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121 years after Dr. Searcy's graduation
Dr. Laura Hesemann
First Female Chief of Staff, 2021