As “Women in Medicine” (WIM) Month comes to a close, women faculty in the Long School of Medicine are making significant contributions to various aspects of our tripartite mission of education, research, and patient care. In this issue, we recognize medical students and resident women leaders. We also include a special spotlight corner and invite you to browse the collection of resources that focuses on topics related to women in academic medicine.

Community engagement opportunities provide valuable experiences for medical students and trainees, many of whom are pursuing efforts to improve the health of underserved populations and reduce health disparities. The Long School of Medicine women student leaders encourage their members to engage in advocacy, education, and scholarship.

This week we honor aspiring female leaders who represent women in the academic pipeline.

WEEK 2: WOMEN IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**Patricia Machado, MS-2, President of American Medical Women’s Association (AMWA)**

Ms. Machado leads the Long School of Medicine’s student branch of the American Medical Women’s Association (AMWA), which is associated with Region 8, includes academic health centers throughout Texas and eight neighboring states. AMWA supports medical education scholarships, assistance for active AMWA student members to attend its national annual conference, advocate for women’s health and gender equity in the workplace.

More information about AMWA can be found [here](#).

**Mirka Trejo, MS-2, Co-President of Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA)**

Founded in 1987, LMSA represents the medical student branch of the National Hispanic Medical Association, a non-profit organization with a mission to unify all Latino medical students into one organization, actively promote recruitment and retention of Latino students at all levels, educate medical students on Latino health issues, and advocate for the rights of Latinos in health care. Throughout the years, LMSA has successfully provided leadership opportunities for Latinos and promoted volunteerism in the Latino community.

Click [here](#) for more information about LMSA.

**Sophia Desrosiers, MS-2, PRIDE President, Long School of Medicine**

PRIDE works to provide a safe space for LGBTQ medical students and their allies. Sophia helps to promote the visibility of the LGBTQ community within the School of Medicine and across UT Health San Antonio by offering opportunities for the UT Health to learn about the community and caring for LGBTQ patients. PRIDE offers “Safe Space” training and was instrumental in establishing the Pride Community Clinic, a joint effort between the Center for Medical Humanities and Ethics and the Alamo Areas Resource Center, a student and doctor led effort to serve the uninsured and underinsured lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community.

Click [here](#) for more information about PRIDE.
This spring Dr. Richard started *Women’s Bistro*, a new resident wellness initiative in hopes to generate a more supportive, inclusive, and informed culture within the PM&R residency program. All residents, both male and female, are invited to each event as well as all female faculty members on a monthly basis.

### RESOURCES AND RECOMMENDED READINGS


