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NEWSLETTER

GEORGIA ASSOCIATION FOR WOMEN IN HIGHER EDUCATION

From the Desk of the President



Dear GAWHE Sisters,

As we embrace the month of October, I want to remind each of you that your journey matters, your voice has power, and your next chapter is still being written. No matter where you are in your personal or professional journey, there is always room to grow, lead, and lift another woman along the way.

This month, I challenge each of you to be intentional about your connections. Find a mentor who can guide you, a sponsor who will advocate for you, or someone whose position reflects where you aspire to be. Reach out, ask questions, build relationships, and create opportunities for meaningful conversations.

Sometimes, the door to your next opportunity opens through a connection you were courageous enough to make. Remember, networking is not simply about who you know; it is about building relationships that inspire growth, create opportunities, and empower others.

October also brings two important opportunities for awareness and action: Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Both remind us that women's empowerment extends far beyond professional accomplishments. It includes our health, our safety, our well-being, and our willingness to stand beside one another during life's most difficult seasons. Let us check on one another, encourage early detection and preventive care, support survivors, and create spaces where women feel seen, heard, valued, and safe.

As we move through this month, I leave you with this thought:

Be the woman who opens doors, not just the woman who walks through them. Be the voice that encourages, the hand that lifts, and the connection that changes another woman's future.

Together, we are not simply advancing women in higher education; we are building a legacy of leadership, compassion, resilience, and sisterhood.

Keep rising. Keep reaching. And most importantly, keep lifting as you climb!

With purpose and appreciation,

Dr. Shontell Stanford

A season of connection

OCTOBER AWARENESS • ONGOING CARE

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Make space for conversations about women's health. Encourage preventive care and stand beside women and families affected by breast cancer.

OCTOBER AWARENESS • ONGOING CARE

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Support survivors. Listen with care. Help create communities where women feel seen, heard, valued, and safe.

2027 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Leading Beyond Limits

Courage, Community, and Impact



MEET OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Teresa I. Shakespeare

Professor of Biology and Dean,
College of Sciences and Humanities
Savannah State University

A biomedical research scientist and Savannah State alumna who champions academic excellence, undergraduate research, transformative learning, and mentoring.

February 18–19, 2027 · Savannah State University
Savannah, Georgia

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A NOVEMBER WISH FOR OUR GAWHE COMMUNITY

Happy Thanksgiving

With gratitude for the women who share their wisdom, open doors, and lift one another. Wishing you a season of connection, rest, and joy.

Grow into your next chapter

Make room for what comes next.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

2027 GAWHE Fellows Program

Apply by November 20

Invest in your leadership journey through professional growth, meaningful relationships, and continued development.

Since its first cohort in 2023, the Fellows Program has supported women across Georgia as they grow as leaders.

Apply to Fellows →

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Leadership Pathways Mentorship Program

Apply by November 20

Become a mentor or mentee in the January–August 2027 cohort. Open to active GAWHE members.

Seeking 5 mentors and 5 mentees. Partners meet monthly; the committee reviews applications and matches participants. Applying does not guarantee selection.

Apply to Pathways →

Both deadlines: November 20, 2026 · Questions: leadershipdevelopment@gawhe.org

MEMBERSHIP

There's a place for you

Connect with women across Georgia's higher education community. Invite a colleague to discover GAWHE.

Join or renew →

ACE WOMEN'S NETWORK

Connect on your campus

Find your institution's representative status or learn how to nominate an Institutional Representative.

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AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Celebrate women making an impact

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