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Nancy E. Gary, M.D.
Dean 1989-1990

The first and only female Dean of Albany Medical College, Nancy E. Gary was considered an inspiration and role model for women in medicine. Born in Brooklyn, NY, she graduated with honors from Springfield College in Massachusetts in 1958 and earned her medical degree from the Woman's Medical College of the Medical College of Pennsylvania in 1962. Her medical career took her first to old Meadowbrook Hospital in New York as an Assistant Medical Resident and then onto Georgetown University, where she was a research fellow in kidney diseases. She held various professorships in several different states, as well as serving in several important positions including working with the U.S. House of Representative's health and environment subcommittee. Besides her work as Dean at Albany Medical College, she also served as Executive Associate Dean at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, and Dean of F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland. Her work led her to become known for her expertise in medical education and research. Her excellent knowledge of medical education and medical practices, in addition to her role as a mentor for women in the medical profession led to many awards, including a Meritorious Service Award from George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences, as well as being honored by the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine Program for Women.