

# WOMEN IN SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1 [Town Hall](#): September 29, 2020 5:00PM  
Meeting ID: 974 9458 6733
- 2 [COVID 19 Resource Guide](#): The CWC at UF has put together a list of resources for students to help navigate the stress associated with COVID-19
- 3 [Black Student Wellness](#): Mental Health Resources for Black Students.
- 4 [NAMI | Gainesville](#) provides support groups, information on resources, advocacy, and free educational programs, such as peer-to-peer or family-to-family programs

## MEET OUR OFFICERS



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# WISE WOMEN IN STEM

## MAE CAROL JEMISON IS AN AMERICAN ENGINEER, PHYSICIAN AND FORMER NASA ASTRONAUT WHO IN 1992 BECAME THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN IN SPACE

This month we are celebrating Mae C. Jemison who was the first African American woman in space. Her team embarked on September 12, 1992, aboard the space shuttle Endeavor which orbited the earth for almost 8 days.

Jemison initially worked with the Peace corps and later had her own private practice as a physician. Nonetheless, Jemison decided to apply to the astronaut program at NASA in 1985. However, after the Space Shuttle Challenger explosion in 1986, NASA paused accepting new application.

This did not deter her and when she again applied to the astronaut program in 1987, she was one of the 15 people chosen out 2,000 applications. Moreover, Jemison has had a distinguished career following her time at NASA, as both a Professor and entrepreneur, who cares deeply about science and science education



