

2024 Annual Awards Gala Gallery



The Society for Women's Health Research (SWHR) honored three leaders for their contributions to advancing women's health at its 2024 Annual Awards Gala on Thursday, April 25, 2024.

SWHR presented a Women's Health Visionary Award to **Maria Shriver** for her unwavering work and advocacy across women's health. Shriver is a mother of four, a grandmother, an Emmy, Gracie, and Peabody award-winning journalist and storyteller, a seven-time New York Times best-selling author, an NBC News Special Anchor, founder of the Women's Alzheimer's Movement and a strategic advisor on women's health and Alzheimer's disease at the Cleveland Clinic.

SWHR presented a Women's Health Visionary Award to **Dr. Shontelle Dodson**, for her role as an industry leader in women's health. Dr. Dodson is Executive Vice President and Head of Medical Affairs globally at Astellas Pharma, Inc., responsible for leading Astellas' Medical Affairs activities for late-stage development and marketed products across all therapeutic and focus areas.

SWHR presented a Women's Health Visionary Award to **Dr. Janine Austin Clayton** for her work in public service. Dr. Clayton is the Associate Director for Research on Women's Health and Director of the Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the architect of the NIH policy requiring scientists to consider sex as a biological variable across the research spectrum.

Attendees at the SWHR 2024 Gala also heard from guest speaker **Carolyn M. Mazure, PhD**, Chair of the White House Initiative on Women's Health Research, and presenters **U.S. Surgeon General Vivek H. Murthy, MD, MBA** with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, **Kaveeta P. Vasisht MD, PharmD**, Associate Commissioner for Women's Health at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Director of the FDA Office of Women's Health, and **Maureen Japha**, Executive Director of Neuroscience Corporate Affairs at Eli Lilly and Company.

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