Event for High School Girls Aims to Break Gender Barriers

Females make less than 15% of practicing cardiologists and a much smaller percentage of interventional cardiologist or electrophysiologists. The decision to pursue a career in Cardiology can be daunting, especially for a female high school student.

In order to help these students, Women in Cardiology Iowa ACC Chapter organized an event entirely dedicated for these young, bright high-school students. This event, which was held in the evening of February 15th 2021, brought together inquisitive girls from Iowa-area high-schools and female cardiology fellows, nurse practitioners and physicians. It was a valuable and interactive hour spent talking about the pathways that led us to medicine, the joys of being a WIC, how to find role models, work-life balance, etc.

We believe that through increased exposure to the field of Cardiology and mentorship we will inspire more girls to pursue Cardiology in the years to come and create a pipeline to this amazing medical field for bright, young women.