

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AT UNC CHARLOTTE

Virtual Celebration

**MARCH  
11, 2021**

# Schedule of Program

## Welcome

Joseph Hoff, Ph.D.

Director, Office of Global Education and Engagement,  
Office of International Programs

## History of International Women's Day at UNC Charlotte

Denise Medeiros

Associate Director, International Student and Scholar Office,  
Office of International Programs

## The Charlotteans: UNC Charlotte's Women's Chorus

Ginger Wyrick,

Director, Department of Music

"Thulele Mama Ya" (Don't Worry Mama) composed by Lisa Young

## Recognition of the 2021 Honorees

Elizabeth Moore

Coordinator, Office of Global Education and Engagement,  
Office of International Programs

## Keynote Address: "Hidden Doors"

Fatma Mili, Ph.D.

Dean, College of Computing and Informatics

Introduced by Joseph Hoff, Ph.D.

## The Charlotteans: UNC Charlotte's Women's Chorus

Ginger Wyrick,

Director, Department of Music

"Rise and Stand" composed by Arianne Abela

## Thank You and Closing



## Fatma Mili, Ph.D.

Dean, College of Computing and Informatics  
UNC Charlotte

# “Hidden Doors”

Fatma Mili, Ph.D., is the dean of the College of Computing and Informatics at UNC Charlotte since August 2017. Mili came to UNC Charlotte from Purdue University where she served as the Department Head of Computer Information Technology, then as Associate Dean for Educational Research and Development, and then as the founding and Executive Director of the TransSTEM Center. At Purdue, she led a major transformation of the undergraduate education in the College of Technology that led to its rebranding as the Purdue Polytechnic. Prior to joining Purdue, she was a faculty member, an Associate Dean, and a Department Chair in the School of Engineering and Computer Science at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan.

Mili holds a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the Université Pierre et Marie Curie, Paris, France. Her research interests are in the areas of decision-making, formal methods in computing, and complex and self-organizing systems. The role that higher education plays as an agent of social change has been an underlying theme in her work throughout her career. She advocates for a STEM education embedded in ethics, for a curricular design and pedagogy where inclusivity and equity are key ingredients rather than afterthought add-ons, and for a research agenda grounded in the most pressing challenges and focused on long-term impact.

# Nominations

## Faculty and Staff

JuliAnna Ávila	Department of English
Erin Banks	Office of Undergraduate Research
Paloma Fernandez-Sanchez	Department of Language and Culture Studies
Kim Jones	Department of Dance
Nanette Korepanov	Office of Education Abroad, Office of International Programs
Monika Sawhney	Department of Public Health Sciences
Allison Stedman	Department of Language and Culture Studies
Lauren Stikeleather	Office of Education Abroad, Office of International Programs
Melaina Wadlinger	Office of International Student and Scholars, Office of International Programs
Jillian Wegner	Department of Language and Culture Studies
Emily Wheeler	New Student and Family Services, Student Affairs

## Students

Loren Caldwell	International Studies with a concentration in Peace Conflict and Identity
Deneen Dixon-Payne	Urban Education Collaborative
Karissa Ewing	Honors College
Sammi McKeel	Marketing
Chloe Nicola	International Studies
Katherine Norwine	International Business
Mariah Slade	Communication Studies
Assa Sylla	Accounting
Grace Whelan	Biological Sciences, UNC Charlotte Alumna

# Thank you

to the 2021 International Women's Day committee:

**Ann Dils, Ph.D.**

Chair and Professor, Department of Dance

**Joseph Hoff, Ph.D.**

Director, Office of Global Education and Engagement,  
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**Elizabeth Moore**

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