Event in a Box: Princeton Women in Medicine

**Concept:** Bring together Princeton alumnae who are in medicine, for the purpose of networking and sharing mentorship opportunities. This was piloted by the Princeton Women’s Network of Philadelphia as the “Medical Affinity Dinner.”

**Who was contacted:** We emailed local Princeton alumnae physicians who could be identified through the Princeton Club of Philadelphia and the Princeton Women’s Network of Philadelphia. In addition, word of mouth connections were of great help, as the available lists did not have all alumnae listed by profession or local address (the latter being especially relevant for students, interns and residents who still may have their permanent address as their parents’ address in Alumni Records). We also invited Princeton undergrads through Career Services since we are nearby, and 4 attended. There was a wide distribution of attendees across the years (undergrads to the class of 1977), and many different career paths represented.

**Location/details:** The evening was hosted at the home of organizer with help from the Princeton Club of Philadelphia website for registration. Attendees contributed $20 for a catered dinner. We did not have a speaker or specific agenda, though that may be useful for later events. As this was an inaugural event, it felt more natural to assess interest in the concept and have the evening be less structured. This worked well, as there were lots of circles of overlap amongst attendees and plenty of conversations to have. We did, at one point during dinner, go around the room and hear a brief introduction from each attendee about herself and her background. This revealed a broad range of career paths among the alumnae and it helped to make connections afterward. The timing was good (weeknight, 7-9pm); actually, people came early and stayed late.

I would be happy to talk with any alumnae who would like to learn more.

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