

2023 Accomplishments

It has been an extraordinary year reflective of our boldness, determination, and the skills to pull off what many said was an impossible dream.

1 Launched in one year a national organization devoted to mainstreaming the recognition of forgotten women innovators who have changed the world, using creative educational programs, STEM modules, dazzling data files and exhibits with measurable parameters.

([Link to Dr. West video](#)).

2 Used recognition to inspire young girls to gain confidence to pursue innovative fields because they know their foremothers were in those fields. "This was a very amazing event celebrating an amazing woman. I can take a lot of advice from this such as keep going no matter what. You can do amazing things even when not being noticed as you should." - 15 year old Kanisha

3 Organized an inaugural gala for the NCWI attended by nearly 300 people, which recognized Dr. Gladys B. West, the enabler of GPS, with major corporate, educational, governmental, sorority, and individual support.

([Link to Gala video](#)).

4 Began to build a comprehensive data file of national women innovators for accessibility by the public, students, schools, and corporations.

5 Formed a dynamic board of directors and made leadership connections with passionate supporters.

6 In partnership with the award-winning Howard+Revis firm, designed a prototype exhibit showcasing Dr. West's personal life and her work's impact.

7 Gained support from national and international leaders including: Deborah Roberts, ABC 20/20 co-anchor and national correspondent; Dr. Lance Collins, Executive Director, Virginia Tech.'s Alexandria's Innovation Campus; Dr. Makolah Abdullah, President, Virginia State University; Danette Anthony Reed, International CEO and President Alpha Kappa Alpha Inc. sorority; GPS groundbreaker Dr. Gladys B. West; Jennifer Gabriel, CEO of the National Women's Hall of Fame; U.S. Senators Tim Kaine and Mark Warner, Congresspeople Don Beyer, Jennifer McClellan and Jamie Raskin; and State Senator Adam Ebbin.

8 Obtained partnerships from key vendors including legal representation from McGuireWoods LLP.

9 Created an independent 501(c)(3) with an exciting website (www.womensinnovations.org)