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To the Upstate Community:

International Women's Day, celebrated yesterday, provided a moment to celebrate women's achievements across the globe and throughout history. Here at Upstate Medical University, we celebrate the trailblazing women from our own rich history, especially our alumnae Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell, the first woman to receive a medical degree in the United States, and Dr. Sarah Loguen Fraser, one of the first African American women to receive a medical degree in New York State.

Their hard work and perseverance in the face of often insurmountable odds provide us with an inspiring story of success.

Today, women across the world are still blazing trails, paving the way for the success of future generations to come.

Let the occasion of this day acknowledge the impact on our lives from the contributions of our grandmothers, mothers, sisters, daughters, friends and coworkers.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Danielle Laraque-Arena".

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