



# Message from the President: Happy New Year!

It is with great pleasure that I wish you a very joyous New Year full of happiness and success in your personal and professional lives. 2021 was an amazing year for FEW, and 2022 will be even better.

As we begin a new year, FEW's top priorities will remain our safety and health. The global pandemic has spread throughout the world in the blink of an eye, and it is still raging. COVID-19 has caused massive changes to our daily lives, changes that happened rapidly and abruptly, like telework, building closures and lack of resources. Yet, those life adjustments often come with a wide range of experiences and emotions that FEW will help you adjust to. We recognize that this is our new normal, and the journey can be choppy or downright bumpy! We have some fantastic plans aligned for you in 2022. Not only have we survived the pandemic, but we thrived in it—Soaring to New Heights. On day one, I make this commitment to push toward achieving our mission and practice our principles in leadership for a more inclusive, equitable, and diverse federal government for women.

Last year, FEW made some tremendous advancements, including being a 2021 Unsung Heroes of Federal Service Honoree and winning the "Organization of the Year in Federal Service" given by the Alex Tremble Show on behalf of Worldwide Assurance for Employees of Public Agencies. Training was at the forefront as we held the second Virtual Leadership Summit with more than 100 workshops and several informative webinars throughout the year. Additionally, FEW revamped the national website, updated

the membership database, and established new officer training presentations for leaders. FEW also introduced the first Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program training for women and girls, and we revised the Mentoring Program into a Mentoring Cohort to graduate in 2022. In fact, throughout the organization, we offered new programs in support of health and wellness as we reinforced our partnerships.

I hope you can feel the excitement as we usher in the new year. FEW has set new objectives and priorities for the upcoming year, and we have committed ourselves to implementing them. Advancements are on the horizon, and tomorrow will be a brighter day. In 2022, FEW will pursue stronger mutually beneficial partnerships, enhance our communication methods for more significant impact, and create tools that will benefit members in pay equity and diversity for the advancement of women in all aspects of life. For this reason, I hope that you will join FEW because it means so much. FEW can only soar when our members do.

The National Board of Directors and I look forward to working together with our members, and we hope to leverage your energy and ideas to keep FEW relevant and dynamic in 2022. I wish you a happy, peaceful, and prosperous New Year!

Respectfully,

***Karen Rainey***

National President