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House of Representatives

Sara Gavin

2011 Woman of the Year

Davis - Yuba County

*John Boehner*  
Speaker of the House





## Congressman John Garamendi's 2021 Women of the Year Awards

*"It is the undeniable strength in women, a strength borne of compassion and not force that has brought so many of you here today. Each and every one of you has a heart of service. Your life as a mother, counselor, teacher, businesswoman is a testament to that fact."*

*- Patricia Garamendi*

Dear Women Leaders,

It is my honor to welcome you to our 2021 Women of the Year awards. The honorees today represent some of the most outstanding and dedicated women in the 3rd Congressional District. Nominated by their peers, these women and the leadership they have provided are being recognized for playing an integral and crucial role in improving the lives of everyone in their communities.

Last year, we marked the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote. Since then, our nation has seen women take great strides in every American industry from business to politics to the arts. Many women before you have fought for the independence and rights you have today, and I thank you for continuing their legacy.

Though there is much work to be done to ensure that all women have equal pay, flexible work schedules and affordable education, each one of you will be a vital part of the work to get there. I am inspired by each and every one of you here today and firmly believe that when women succeed, America succeeds!

Congratulations,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Garamendi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "G".

John Garamendi  
Member of Congress  
3rd District, California

# Sara Gavin

Davis - Yolo County

Sara Gavin is a dedicated healthcare professional who works tirelessly to improve the health of her patients and her community at large.

Sara serves as the Chief Behavioral Health Officer for CommuniCare Health Centers, a Federally Qualified Health Center which serves one in nine Yolo County residents.

Under her leadership, CommuniCare has expanded the care and resources it offers the community to become the only provider of Medication-Assisted Treatment in Yolo County.

She has been an instrumental part of California's efforts to address the opioid crisis, lending her expertise and ingenuity to build a model for successful treatment.

In the face of the COVID-19 Pandemic she led a transition to telehealth services that ensured her patients would have uninterrupted access to care. In addition to her work overseeing the Behavior Health team at CommuniCare, she serves as the Chair of the California Primary Care Association's Behavioral Health Workgroup and on the Board of the National Alliance on Mental Illness' Yolo County affiliate.

Sara has been an outstanding leader in the behavioral health space who, through her expertise and innovation, has brought real change to her community. Sara Gavin is a vital member of her community whose devotion to her field is an inspiration for all those who know her.



Nominated by Dr. Melissa Marshall, MD