President’s Message

Spring is here and with it comes a sense of newness and opportunity. We feel Spring in full force at the Academy. Since my last communication to you in April- where we unveiled the association’s 2019-2020 Policy Priorities- myself, our CEO, and the Board of Directors had the chance to talk with the Expert Panel Chairs and Co-Chairs to discuss the new direction of our policy work. The Expert Panels will identify key recommendations from those made over the last four years, which will help us lay the groundwork for our future portfolio. This is our opportunity to reinforce the foundation of the Academy’s rich expertise to expand our impact moving forward.

With that said, I want to pause and reflect. I hope you will do so with me for a few moments. My communications over the last few months have been long and detailed. It is incredibly important for us to be transparent and share with you the new direction we are taking. Considerate to the fact that when change happens, we must communicate and communicate often. But this message will be brief in comparison. I want us to pause and return to our mission: Serve the public and the nursing profession by advancing health policy, practice and science through organizational excellence and effective nursing leadership.

We are here to serve the public. That is what the profession does— every day and all over the world. Sunday will start National Nurses Week. The American Nurses Association has selected the theme 4 Million Reasons to Celebrate. That is a powerful statement— clear, simple, and meaningful.

During this week, we will launch our first official development effort of the new year. Returning back to the theme of Spring renewal, I am pleased to share that our Development Committee is also in a phase of transition. I would like to thank Dr. Fran Hicks for all of her work to raise the profile of the Academy through philanthropic giving as chair. As you know, Fran is passionate, determined, and driven. She has served the Academy well and we have no doubt that her commitment to our goal is unwavering. We are fortunate that Dr. Nancy DeBasio has assumed the role of the chair. We look forward to working with her in this new leadership capacity for the organization.

In this Nurses Week campaign, we hope you will think about the change you have seen at the Academy over the last five months. Reflect on our new policy priorities, our new policy
communication (Academy Insider), or our Fellow Selection Review Committee. It is my hope that you will consider a donation, at any level, to help plant the seeds to further our new direction or to honor a member of the Academy that has helped grow this organization over time. Simply put, I am asking you to consider a donation so that we, together, can live our mission fully and more impactfully—serve the public. We are charting a new path and I could not be prouder to be your President in this time of transition.

Sincerely,

Karen S. Cox, PhD, RN, FACHE, FAAN
Academy President
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Marie Bakitas, DNSc, ARNP, FAAN, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing Marie L. O’Koren Endowed Chair in Nursing and Professor, has been recognized by the American Cancer Society as a Pathfinder in Palliative Care. Presented during the National Palliative Care Research Center’s annual Kathleen Foley Palliative Care Retreat and Research Symposium, this prestigious award is given to someone who demonstrates innovation and ingenuity through their contributions to the advancement of palliative care. Dr. Bakitas’ early telehealth palliative care model ENABLE (Educate, Nurture, Advice, Before Life Ends) was the first to demonstrate that palliative care can lead to improved quality of life, mood, and in some cases patient survival.

Dr. Bakitas was inducted into the Academy in 1995.

Chris Coleman, PhD, MPH, FAAN, PMHCNS-BC, professor and associate dean at the Indiana University School of Nursing, Fort Wayne Campus, was appointed to the Lutheran Hospital Board of Trustees on March 22, 2019 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.
In this role, Dr Coleman will advise the President and CEO of the hospital. Dr. Coleman holds memberships in numerous organizations such as the Society of Behavioral Medicine, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society, Onyx Honor Society, and the Society of Luther Christman Fellows.

Dr. Coleman was inducted into the Academy in 2015 and serves on the Cultural Competence and Health Equity Expert Panels.

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**Joan E. Edwards, PhD, RNC, CNS, FAAN**, has received the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses' (AWHONN's) 2019 Distinguished Professional Service Award.

Dr. Edwards is the Director of the Center for Global Nursing Leadership and an Associate Professor at Texas Woman's University's Houston Center. The Distinguished Professional Service Award is the highest honor given by AWHONN.

Dr. Edwards was inducted into the Academy in 2015 and serves on the Global Nursing and Health as well as the Maternal and Infant Health Expert Panels.

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**Ellen Kurtzman, PhD, RN, FAAN**, has been placed in Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi's office for her Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Health Policy Fellowship.

Dr. Kurtzman is a health services researcher and an associate professor at The George Washington University School of Nursing. The RWJF Health Policy Fellows Program, administered by the National Academy of Medicine, provides mid-career health professionals with the opportunity to work as full-time staff for members of Congress and the executive branch.

Dr. Kurtzman was inducted into the Academy in 2009 and is a member of the Quality Health Care Expert Panel.

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**Cheryl Krause-Parello, PhD, RN, FAAN**, has been selected as the Sharon Raddock Distinguished Professor in Holistic Health at the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, Florida Atlantic University.

The professorship was established to recognize a distinguished record of research and scholarship, national and international recognition for the impact of research, a record of exceptional commitment to students, and significant contributions to advance the mission and reputation of the College of Nursing. Dr. Krause-Parello continues to advance her program of research through her Edge Runner-designated initiative Canines Providing Assistance to Wounded Warriors (C-P.A.W.W.).

Dr. Krause-Parello was inducted into the Academy in 2015 and serves on the Council for
Carol Shieh, DNSc, MPH, RNC-OB, FAAN, has received the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses' 2019 Award of Excellence in Scholarly Education.

Dr. Shieh is an associate professor at the Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis School of Nursing. The Awards of Excellence honor AWHONN members recognized by their peers as exemplifying the highest standards of service to nursing.

Dr. Shieh was inducted into the Academy in 2017 and serves on the Health Behavior as well as the Maternal and Infant Health Expert Panels.

Maria R. Shirey, PhD, MBA, RN, NEA-BC, ANEF, FACHE, FAAN, Professor and Associate Dean for Clinical and Global Partnerships at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, has received the American Organization of Nurse Executives' Foundation Nurse Researcher Award for 2019.

This annual award recognizes an individual who has made a significant contribution to nursing and health systems research. Dr. Shirey is internationally recognized for her research in nursing leadership and management. As principal investigator of a four-year, $2.8 million HRSA grant project to develop a resilient primary care registered nurse workforce, Dr. Shirey is developing the next generation of RNs.

Dr. Shirey was inducted into the Academy in 2010.

Diane Spatz, PhD, RN-BC, FAAN, Professor, Nurse Researcher, and Director of the Lactation Program and Mothers' Milk Bank (Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania) at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Nursing has been invited to participate in the World Health Organization's Collaborating Center for Bioethics International Expert Meeting.

Dr. Spatz has also received the Award of Excellence in Research from the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nursing. The Awards of Excellence honor AWHONN members recognized by their peers as exemplifying the highest standards of service to nursing.

Additionally, Dr. Spatz will be continuing her work on the recently renewed Congressional Task Force on Research Specific to Pregnant Women and Lactating Women. Dr. Spatz serves as the only PhD nurse on this committee.

Dr. Spatz was inducted into the Academy in 2007 and serves on the Breastfeeding Expert Panel.
Eileen Sullivan-Marx, PhD, RN, FAAN, in her capacity as Dean at the New York University Rory Meyers College of Nursing, received the Greater New York City (GNYC) Black Nurses Association's Presidents Organizational Support Award. In a letter from the President of GNYC, Seldon Fields, PhD, RN, FAAN, shared the announcement of the award to NYU Rory Meyers due to the school's support of the GNYC since the Chapter's inception.

In Memoriam

Mona M. Counts, PhD, CRNP, FNAP, FAANP, FAAN, died on April 4, 2019 in her home surrounded by family.

Recognized by many as the "Mother of Nurse Practitioners," Dr. Counts was a strong advocate for women's education and advancement. Dr. Counts was the second person in the nation to become a nurse practitioner and served as President of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. She started the first nonprofit nurse practitioner-run family practice clinic in the United States.

Read Dr. Counts's full obituary here.

Anne K. Kibrick, EdD, RN, FAAN died on April 21, 2019 peacefully in her home surrounded by her family.

Among her many achievements, Dr. Kibrick served as Dean of the University of Massachusetts (MA) Boston, commissioner of the MA Association of Colleges of Nursing, President of the National League of Nursing, and participated in a Peace Corps nurse training program in Kenya. She was a creative force who influenced nursing philosophy, many faculty and students, and numerous educational institutions. Dr. Kibrick had a vision of what nursing could become and spent 50 years of her professional life achieving that goal.

Read Dr. Kibrick's full obituary here.

Anna Marian Shannon, DNS, RN, FAAN died on April 1, 2019 on her 90th birthday.

Dean Emeritus of the College of Nursing at Montana State University, Dr. Shannon expanded student enrollment in her 15 years as Dean through the development of a consortium of nursing schools in Montana. Dr. Shannon was a founding member of both the Western Society for Research in Nursing and the Western Institute of Nursing. While Dr. Shannon received many professional awards and recognition, it is the numerous awards given in her name that honor her enduring impact.

Read Dr. Shannon's full obituary here.