I start my President's message with a recent action taken by the Academy regarding the conditions for migrants attempting to enter the U.S. at the southern border. In a letter sent today, I call on the Department of Homeland Security and Customs and Border Protection to take swift action given the recent approval by Congress of emergency funding for humanitarian assistance. The Academy follows and reinforces a similar letter sent by ANA President Ernest Grant. This issue continues to be a top priority for our organization and I state that we stand ready to provide our expertise to end these harmful conditions and their lasting impact.

It is moments like these where my professional and personal commitment to the Academy converge. I have served in a leadership role at the Academy for almost a decade. I have seen the organization evolve. Despite what I see happening, on the national stage and at various policy levels, I am optimistic that the Academy’s impact will contribute to a brighter future. Now that we are more than halfway through the year, the Academy’s transformation is underway. At the Board level we have been reviewing all of our signature initiatives, programs, and policy work to drive toward a model of impact. We are reinforcing the Academy’s foundation by holding firm to what has worked well and modernizing where there is room for improvement. I would like to thank each of you for your support and thoughtful questions throughout this process thus far. I would like to especially thank the Expert Panels for submitting their top policy recommendations from the past four years so that we can focus our work more strategically and synergistically across the organization. As we move forward on this important evolution, it’s a time to reflect on our vision of the Academy’s future.

It seems fortuitous that the Academy is evolving to meet its goals to maximize influence and impact at the same time as the National Academy of Medicine (NAM) is undertaking their work to study the Future of Nursing 2020-2030. It seems like only yesterday that the profession was galvanized around the original report, the Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health.

The 2010 report launched a national movement, spearheaded by RWJF and AARP, to focus and urge the profession to collaborate, embrace new partnerships, break out of silos, and ultimately elevate nurses. Ten years later, with tremendous progress made, NAM takes on this work to envision a future that looks at the ever-changing environment and factors that affect how nurses contribute to health.
I was fortunate enough to attend the NAM Town Hall event in Chicago on June 7th and had the opportunity to moderate the panel focused on integrating social determinants of health and health equity into nursing education. Additionally, my colleagues, Academy Secretary Mary Foley and Board Member Linda Scott were present to champion the Academy’s great interest in supporting this work. The new *Future of Nursing* study will examine the lessons learned from the last study and the capacity of the profession to meet the anticipated health and social care demands in the next decade. Looking closely at how to reduce health disparities, as well as improve health and wellbeing, the new study aligns with the Academy’s 2019-2020 policy priorities.

As both entities progress (our organization’s transformation and NAM’s work on the study), it is important to recognize the key opportunities we have individually and collectively to influence the profession’s role in change. Underscoring it all is our ability to shape the future of care in our country. I encourage you all to take part in the work of the *Future of Nursing 2020-2030*. There are two more Town Halls open to participation. Share your ideas for innovation, improvement, cost reduction, and the models you have seen drive this change. Just as the Academy cannot hold to the mantra, “business as usual,” neither can our healthcare delivery system and we know nursing input is essential.

As we look to the future, we must also congratulate and celebrate the new fellows Class of 2019. This year, 231 exceptional nurse leaders have been accepted to be inducted into the Academy. I look forward to working with them, our current fellows, policy makers, and national organizations to achieving what we all find foundational—health and wellness.

Sincerely,

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**2019 ACADEMY LEADERSHIP ELECTIONS**

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Positions to be elected:
- President-Elect
- Treasurer
- Board of Directors (3)
- Fellow Selection Committee (3)
- Nominating Committee (3)

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Fellow Achievements

**Joanne R. Duffy, PhD, RN, FAAN**, Adjunct Professor at Indiana University School of Nursing, had her Quality-Caring Model© featured in the US Department of Justice’s Office for Victims of Crimes (OVC) National Sexual Assault Telenursing Center at the Massachusetts Department of Health final evaluation report. Described as a strong foundation for the sustainment of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) confidence, support, and ability to provide victims with the best possible care, the results are being used by the OVC’s Competitive Grant Solicitation CFDA # 16.582 (released Jun 7, 2019) to expand this intervention mode to sexual assault victims at three additional sites, specifically by incorporating the Quality-Caring Model©.

Dr. Duffy was inducted into the Academy in 2007.

**Debra K. Moser, DNSc, RN, FAAN**, Professor, Assistant Dean of the PhD Program & Scholarly Affairs and Linda C. Gill Endowed Chair of Nursing at the University of Kentucky College of Nursing, presented her PCORI study, “Reducing Health Disparities in Appalachians with Multiple Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors”, to Maryland Senator Chris Van Hollen and other
PCORI also showcased Dr. Moser’s work in a recent feature story, showing how culturally tailored lessons on how to manage CVD risk factors, in collaboration with strong community input, help patients in Appalachian Kentucky significantly reduce CVD risk factors—and keep them reduced. Read the full story and watch the video here: http://bit.ly/DebraMoserPCORI.

Dr. Moser was inducted into the Academy in 2004.

**Terri E. Weaver, PhD, RN, FAAN**, Dean of the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing became the first nurse ever to deliver the prestigious Thomas Roth Lecture of Excellence at SLEEP 2019 on June 10th. This is the world’s largest meeting devoted entirely to clinical sleep medicine and sleep circadian research.

Dr. Weaver is an internationally recognized expert on the effect of daytime sleepiness on daily behaviors. Her lecture at SLEEP was titled, “Can CPAP Improve Quality of Life? The Challenge of Treatment Adherence.”

Dr. Weaver was inducted into the Academy in 1993.

**Marisa L. Wilson, DNSc, MHSc, RN-BC, CPHIMS, FAAN**, Associate Professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, has been inducted as a Fellow of the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA). Dr. Wilson is one of ten nurses in the inaugural class of 130 Fellows.

AMIA is a national organization of informatics professionals including physicians, nurses and others involved in informatics in health care. Previously, the Association had a fellowship for researchers, but did not have a way to recognize informaticians working in translation and implementation. The new fellowship emphasizes the equal importance of different roles in informatics.

Dr. Wilson was inducted into the Academy in 2016 and serves on the Informatics and Technology Expert Panel.

**In Honor Of**

Vanderbilt University has named the new atrium in its new School of Nursing building after **Colleen Conway-Welch, PhD, CNM, RN, FAAN, FACNM**, who served as Dean for 29 years and is credited with transforming nursing education at Vanderbilt and nationally.

Dr. Conway-Welch died from cancer in October 2018, four months
Karen M. Meneses, PhD, RN, FAAN, was honored posthumously by the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) with their 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award. The award was presented during ONS's 44th Annual Congress and accepted by Dr. Meneses' longtime colleague and partner, Patrick McNees.

Each year, the Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to an ONS member who makes outstanding contributions to the field of oncology nursing and to ONS. Dr. Meneses is the first individual to receive an award from ONS posthumously after her unexpected passing in August 2018.

In Memoriam

Roberta A. Fruth, PhD, RN, FAAN, who last served as a Senior Consultant for Joint Commission Resources, Inc, died on June 12, 2019.

Dr. Fruth received degrees at Belleville Area College (ADN), St. Louis University (BSN), Rush University (MSN), and the University of Illinois at Chicago (PhD, MSPSL). A lifelong passion for nursing and patient care kept Dr. Fruth active until her last days.

For information on Dr. Fruth's service, click here.

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