President’s Message

This weekend we were shocked and enraged by not one, but two mass shootings in El Paso, Texas and then Dayton, Ohio. These horrific acts happened within just 13 hours of each other. Lives were destroyed in an instant. I struggle for words to describe how this makes me feel as a citizen, a nurse, a healthcare leader, and an individual. I remind myself that I cannot become desensitized to these shootings. I know many of us feel the same. How can we be a part of the change that stops all of this? It is true, and always has been, that thoughts and prayers are not enough when there have been 250 mass shootings so far this year when we are only 216 days into 2019. Today, the Academy sent a letter to the House and Senate leadership calling for action by urging the Senate to pass the Background Check Expansion Act and support the House proposed funding level of $50 million for gun violence prevention research at the CDC and NIH in FY 2020.

I reflect on my last President’s message in FAAN mail which focused on our letter sent to the Department of Homeland Security requesting immediate attention to provide humane care and living conditions to those migrants who are attempting to cross the southern border. Today, we also sent a letter in support of the U.S. Border Patrol Medical Screening Standards Act and the Humanitarian Standards for Individuals in Customs and Border Protection Custody Act.

It feels like a constant cycle of pain, anger, and frustration. We know all too well that these two issues are not the only ones that cause this same level of deep concern. Academy fellows are striving to make real change happen and address a myriad of inequities and injustices.

I also know that when we, as individuals, feel this pain so acutely we seek others to work with us to be part of the change and we often look to national organizations like the Academy to act. Let me assure you, the Board and staff know more needs to be done to stop these tragedies from happening. We also know that the Academy cannot do this alone. Most importantly, like all of you as leaders know, we must clearly focus on our mission and align our priorities and actions to why we exist as a non-profit. This has been our goal by reviewing each Academy program and initiative in addition to our policy work. We are actively working to do more and be better. To strive towards heightened impact, we will have to do things differently.
I personally look forward to seeing you in the fall at our annual Policy Conference, Transforming Health, Driving Policy. Our theme could not be timelier, Our Social Responsibility to Health: Impact and Influence. We as the Board and the staff will not have all of the answers. As you have seen over the last seven months, we are trying new strategies, out of necessity and desire to advance. We are thinking differently because we must. The Academy needs to be clear about the focus of our organization so that we can amplify what we do well and contribute to the greater good. Please consider coming to our policy conference if you have not already registered. We are stronger together and our collective thinking is powerful.

Sincerely,

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- President-Elect
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The Academy is Accepting Applications for

2019-2020 JONAS POLICY SCHOLARS

Accepting applications through August 30th

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The Edge Runner initiative recognizes innovative nurse-designed models of care and interventions that impact cost, improve healthcare quality and enhance consumer satisfaction.

Grant Opportunity

The Sigma/Council for Advancement of Nursing Science grant encourages qualified nurses to improve the health of the world’s people through research. Proposals for clinical, educational or historical research, including plans for broadly disseminating the research findings, may be submitted for the grant. Learn more here.

Fellow Achievements

Gregory Alexander, PhD, RN, FAAN, FACMI, Professor and Associate Dean for Research at the Sinclair School of Nursing, University of Missouri, has been appointed to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) National Advisory Council.

The 19-member panel is comprised of private-sector experts who contribute a varied perspective on the health care system and the most important questions that AHRQ’s research should
address in order to promote improvements in the quality, outcomes, and cost-effectiveness of clinical practice.

Dr. Alexander was inducted into the Academy in 2011.

Wallena Gould, EdD, CRNA, FAAN, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Diversity in Nurse Anesthesia Mentorship Program, was selected by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) for 2019 Agatha Hodgins Award for Outstanding Accomplishment.

This award recognizes individuals whose foremost dedication to excellence has furthered the art and science of nurse anesthesia. This award will be presented at the 2019 AANA Annual Congress Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, taking place from August 9-13, 2019.

Dr. Gould was inducted into the Academy in 2015.

Bernadette Melnyk, PhD, APRN-CNP, FAAN, Vice President for Health Promotion, University Chief Wellness Officer, and College of Nursing Dean at The Ohio State University was elected president of the National Consortium for Building Healthy Academic Communities.

The consortium seeks to enhance population health and well-being at universities and colleges and their communities. Learn more about the consortium and Dr. Melnyk's role here.

Dr. Melnyk serves as a member of the Child, Adolescent, and Family as well as the Health Behavior Expert Panels. She was inducted into the Academy in 2002.

2019 Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame Inductees

The Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (Sigma) inducted 21 fellows, listed here, into the International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame during its 30th International Nursing Research Congress on Saturday, July 27, 2019.

In Memoriam

Evelyn Gioiella, PhD, RN, FAAN, former Professor and Dean Emerita at Hunter College CUNY School of Nursing, passed away on June 3, 2019.

A leader in gerontological nursing, Dr. Gioiella served on advisory committees at the National Institutes of Health, the US Department of Labor, and on the 1995 White House Conference on Aging. She was inducted into the Academy in 1987.
Joyce Laben, JD, MSN, FAAN, Professor Emerita at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, passed away on June 30, 2019.

Dr. Laben was instrumental in developing the modern day Forensic Mental Health System in Tennessee at the Tennessee Department of Mental Health. For over 40 years, she was an advocate for mental health treatment of the mentally ill with criminal charges. Dr. Laben was inducted into the Academy in 1986.

For more information on Dr. Laben's service, click here.

Career Opportunities

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Rhode Island College (RIC), a comprehensive, public liberal arts college, seeks applications and nominations for the Dean of the School of Nursing. See all information here.

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**Myers McRae Executive Search and Consulting** is assisting with the search.

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Washington State University Health Sciences Spokane, one of six campuses of the distinguished Washington State University (WSU) system, seeks a dynamic and innovative leader to serve as the Dean of the College of Nursing. The Dean will be a key partner in WSU's ambitious plans to increase the size and impact of WSU Health on the people of Washington and beyond.

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