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The Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science Announces Outstanding Nurse Scientist and Brilliant New Investigator Award Winners

Award Winners to be Honored at the 2022 State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research

Washington, DC (July 19, 2022)— The Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS), a signature initiative of the American Academy of Nursing (Academy), announced today it will be honoring two exceptional nurse scientists with the Outstanding Nurse Scientist and Brilliant New Investigator awards at the CANS 2022 State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research.

CANS is excited to honor **Sharron Docherty**, PhD, PNP, RN, FAAN, Interim Vice Dean for Research, Duke University School of Nursing, with the Outstanding Nurse Scientist Award. Dr. Docherty is a top nurse scientist whose research over two decades has focused on improving care models, symptom management, and decision making for children, adolescents, and young adults with life-limiting chronic conditions. Her research has added to our understanding of how chronic and critical illness impacts patients as well as their families through the development of interventions at multiple pivotal moments, from diagnosis through end-of-life. An internationally-known methodologist, she has received over $11 million in research funding as principal investigator and her work has been disseminated through over 100 papers as well as conferences. In addition to her innovative work, Dr. Docherty also mentors the next generation of researchers, giving them the tools and inspiration to lead their own research.

CANS is also pleased to present **Paule Valery Joseph**, PhD, MS, FNP-BC, FAAN, Lasker Clinical Investigator, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) and National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH), with the Brilliant New Investigator Award. Dr. Joseph is an internationally known chemosensory-trained nurse scientist and her seminal work on taste and smell disorders has proven extremely relevant during the COVID-19 pandemic when many reported losses of taste and smell from the disease. Her work also explores the intersection between chemosensation, environment, culture, dietary norms and behaviors, and the food industry as they relate to substance use disorders and obesity. Her numerous papers, awards, and honors demonstrate her commitment to the highest quality of research. Dr. Joseph also draws on her background to develop outreach and training initiatives that promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and access in biomedical research both within and outside of the NIH.

"We are delighted to honor these extraordinary nurse scientists for their incredible advancements in nursing research, especially as we are able to convene in-person this year for the awards ceremony," said CANS National Advisory Council Chair, Susan M. Rawl, PhD, RN, FAAHB, FAAN. "We are pleased to showcase the work of Drs. Docherty and Joseph, whose rigorous scientific inquiry exemplifies excellence in nursing as they advocate for a healthier, more equitable future."

CANS thanks the dedicated members of the Membership Committee who selected this year's recipients, which includes:

- Susan J. Loeb, PhD, RN, FGSA, FAAN, Councilor of Membership, Professor and Schreyer Honors Adviser, The Pennsylvania State University, Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing;
- Elizabeth Bridges, PhD, RN, CCNS, FCCM, FAAN, Professor, Clinical Nurse Researcher, University of Washington School of Nursing and Medical Center;
- Nancy Dias, PhD, RN, CNE, Associate Professor, East Carolina University College of Nursing;
- Susan Dunn, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN, Associate Professor, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing;
- Stephanie Edmonds, PhD, MPH, RN, Nurse Scientist, University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics;
- Heather Hardin, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, Case Western Reserve University Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing;
- Qiuhua Shen, PhD, APRN, Assistant Professor, University of Kansas School of Nursing;
- Rachel Wion, PhD, MS, RN, Postdoctoral Fellow, Indiana University School of Nursing.

The 2022 State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research conference, hosted by CANS and the Academy, will be held September 15-17, 2022 in Washington, DC.

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About the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science
The Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS) is a signature initiative of the American Academy of Nursing that promotes better health through nursing science. CANS, whose membership is open to all researchers, serves as a strong voice for nurse scientists at the national and international levels to set the course and direction of research priorities, advocate for increased and sustained investments in research conducted by nurse scientists, and facilitate lifelong learning for the nursing research community.

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