2023 Election Candidate Booklet

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Voting closes on Wednesday, August 16, 2023. If elected, candidates will begin their terms following the Academy’s Health Policy Conference, which will be held October 5-7, 2023.

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PhD, FNP-BC, CNE, FAANP, ANEF, FAAN
Dean & Professor
UNC Greensboro

Leadership Profile
Debra J. Barksdale is Dean at the UNC Greensboro School of Nursing. She is a former Department of Health and Human Services Primary Health Care Policy Fellow and a Fellow of the Wharton AACN Executive Leadership Program. She also served as a Translational Research Fellow with the Wilder School of Government and Public Policy at VCU. Dr. Barksdale is a past President of the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF). Additionally, she is a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellow Alumnae, having completed this world renowned 3-year leadership program. She was appointed to the Veteran’s Choice Act Blue Ribbon Panel which conducted an independent review of assessments of the Veterans Health Administration to ensure that the recommendations reported to Congress served our U.S. veterans and to transform the VA into an effective 21st Century model of service. From 2010-2018, Dr. Barksdale was one of 19 members appointed to the 21-member Board of Governors for the then new Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) by the U.S. Government Accountability Office under the Obama Administration. She was the only nurse appointed to the PCORI Board for its first eight years. She chaired the Engagement, Dissemination, and Implementation Committee, one of the organization’s three strategy committees and served on the research proposals selection committee which confirmed which proposals would be brought to the full Board for funding. Dr. Barksdale served two previous terms on the AAN Board. Dr. Barksdale is also known for her work with inclusive excellence, cultural humility, and human thriving.

Candidate Statement
I would be honored and delighted to serve as President-Elect of the Academy. I have been a Fellow since 2012 and I still pinch myself every time I think of my induction into this illustrious organization. I was proud to be elected to serve two terms on the Academy’s Board of Directors. During that time, I served as the board liaison to several Expert Panels and the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity (EDI) Committee. I also served as co-chair of the 2021 Policy Conference. Specifically, I have been a member of the Primary Care Expert Panel since its inception. As the board liaison, I represented the interest of the Nursing Theory-Guided Practice, Primary Care, and the Breast-Feeding Expert Panels during my first term. During my second term, the EDI committee made significant contributions to the Academy. I have been a contributor to the Presidents Circle and have been pleased to provide support as a conference sponsor since becoming Dean at UNCG. I also support the Academy by always sponsoring potential Fellows when not on the board. As President-Elect, I would support the President, the CEO and other staff, and the Fellows of the Academy. I embrace the role of servant leader and would lead with humility and dignity.
Leadership Profile

My involvement with the American Academy of Nursing began before I was even a Fellow. I sat as an external taskforce member on what is now the EDI committee (2007) bringing in a largely absent perspective as an American Indian nurse and lawyer. I earned my Juris Doctor after my PhD as I recognized it was imperative to understand the legal, policy and political structures standing as barriers to health. I was inducted in 2008, and immediately joined the Expert Panel on Aging (EPoA) and was voted co-chair and then Chair. During my time as Chair, the Academy instituted policy dialogues and ours was accepted in that first round on Dual-Eligible Medicare Plan issues. In 2008-09, I had been a RWJF Health Policy Fellow and staffed the Senate Special Committee on Aging in furtherance of my understanding of policy as it relates to health. I was able to pull Senate and CMS staff in as panelists. Since that time, I remain a member of the EPoA, have spoken at the INL openings (2020 & 2022), and provided land acknowledgments at CANS and the policy conference. Currently, it is my honor to have been serving on the Board of Directors since 2021. In this role, I have been a liaison to the Expert Panels on Aging, Trauma/Violence and Health Equity as well as, on the EDI Committee and the Academy International Taskforce. As President-Elect, I would be a willing and effective Academy official serving at the direction of the President.

Candidate Statement

The American Academy of Nursing’s mission is to improve health and achieve health equity by impacting policy through nursing leadership, innovation, and science. I put myself forward as a nominee for President-Elect as this mission reflects my career trajectory. As a current Academy Board member, I am fortunate to have had a bird’s eye view of how the organization runs; gained an understanding of the financials and strategic initiatives and how they intersect; and I have also had the pleasure to work with the CEO and staff. I am familiar with media practices and would be comfortable serving as spokesperson at the direction of the President. In my current university position, I have been tapped several times for both long and short term special assignments as requested by the President, VPs and Provost. This has prepared me to be able to do the same for the Academy President. My legal education has allowed me a larger view of corporations, contracts and fiduciary responsibilities. I am equipped to sit on the executive and finance committees. I have widely shared my experience and path as a Native Nurse in the ‘Ted Talk’ opening of the 2022 Policy Conference. Although, I have represented a ‘first’ in many areas as an Indigenous nurse in terms of publishing the first nursing text on American Indian Health, first to seek dual nursing and juris doctorates, and induction into the National Academy of Medicine, I look forward to time when seeking such an office will be usual practice.
Leadership Profile
Bernice Coleman is Director of Nursing Research & Quality at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, a sixth continuous Magnet designated health system in Los Angeles. Dr. Coleman is an acute care nurse practitioner, specialized in heart transplantation and mechanical circulatory support. Her research focuses upon genetic and recently gene-environment interactions that contribute to ethnic disparities in heart transplantation.

As international chair of the Nursing Allied Health committee for the International Society of Heart & Lung Transplantation, she convened a first-ever nursing practice consensus conference on transplantation. At the conference, nurses from 12 countries deliberated on and defined roles, education, licensure, certification, and staffing to standardize transplant nursing globally.

Dr. Coleman was an appointed member of the US Department of Health & Human Services Advisory Committee on Organ Transplant (ACOT). She was invited by National Academies of Science, Engineering & Medicine (NASEM) to an 18-member panel that conducted a congressional consensus study to overhaul the US organ donation system. The report “Realizing the Promise of Equity in the Organ Transplantation System” was published in June 2022.

Dr. Coleman has held leadership roles on the American Heart Association’s Cardiovascular Stroke Council, and American Association of Critical Care, Certification Corporation and the Advisory Board, Betty Irene Moore Foundation's Nurse Fellows in Leadership and Innovation Program. As the Academy’s representative to the NASEM Genomic Round Table, she co-chairs the Round Table’s equity section. The section seeks to understand how lack of diversity among researchers and providers impacts adoption of genomic advancements, ultimately contributing to health disparities.

Candidate Statement
I am honored to be considered as a candidate for the American Academy of Nursing’s next Treasurer. Since becoming a Fellow in 2012, I have been privileged to collaborate with Academy colleagues to transmit cutting-edge knowledge, influence nursing healthcare policy, and serve in a fiduciary role through the Academy’s Finance Committee.

While co-chair of the Program Committee, we transitioned the annual policy conference format from podium-based presentations to broadcast-style interviews as we expanded diversity of voices and increased audience engagement.

While chair of the Expert Panel on Genomic Nursing & Health Care, we focused on reducing health disparities. The panel organized a highly successful policy dialogue with the Maternal & Infant Health Expert Panel; published policy papers advocating for integration of family history into electronic health records; and for strengthened federal and local policies to advance precision health and its impact on nursing practice.

While a two-term member of the Finance Committee, I have actively contributed to policy revisions, budget monitoring and review, and fiduciary oversight of the Academy’s financial health. Combined with aligning committee work to support the Academy’s strategic financial goals, and vetting investment firms to achieve those goals, these experiences have prepared me for leadership roles as the Academy’s Treasurer and Finance Committee chair.
Joy P. Deupree  
PhD, MSN, RN, WHNP-BC, FAAN  
Professor  
University of Alabama at Birmingham

Leadership Profile
Dr. Deupree is a professor at the UAB School of Nursing (UABSON) and director of the newly formed Health Policy Fellowship. Certified as a women’s health nurse practitioner she is an internationally recognized expert in health literacy and a subject matter expert for the development and continued accreditation of the Health Literacy Certificate program for the Institutes of Healthcare Advancement in Irvine, California. Dr. Deupree led efforts to establish the Alabama Health Literacy Initiative in 2015 and until 2019 was chair of that organization, recognized on the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention website. From 2019-2020 she served as an advisor to the southeastern regional director of the Department of Health and Human Services for health literacy initiatives. As an Ambassador for the Friends of the National Institutes for Nursing Research she advocates for continued and increased funding with members of Congress. A Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellow (2014-2017), she serves on the Board of Directors and is Treasurer (2022-2024) for its alumni association. Through her entrepreneurial experience as a Principal of five memory care facilities in the southeast, she was involved in the development, budget, nursing standards and management of the facilities and is skilled in budget management and contract negotiations. From 1999-2019, Dr. Deupree was faculty at the UABSON and held numerous leadership positions. From 2019-2022 she was a professor and Associate Dean for Practice Innovation, Partnerships and Policy and Co-Director of the Center for Nursing Leadership at the University of South Carolina College of Nursing.

Candidate Statement
Inducted into the American Academy of Nursing (Academy) in 2021, I am anxious to become more involved in leadership activities. Currently I serve on the 50th Anniversary Program Planning Committee, am a member of the of the Clinical Nurse Science Special Interest Group for the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science, and the Academy’s Expert Panel for Health Behavior. Additionally, as a member of the Expert Panel for Women’s Health, I recently co-authored a manuscript with other members of the Women’s Health Expert Panel entitled The Nurse’s Role in a Precision Health and Patient-Centered Approach for Reducing COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy during Pregnancy. As a 2014 Robert Wood Johnson Executive Nurse Fellow, I began attending the Academy’s Annual Health Policy Conference that same year. Since that first conference, I have exhibited numerous policy advancements through poster presentations at the Annual Conference. Understanding the importance of monetary support from all who are involved in the advancement of the nursing profession, I have contributed funds to numerous initiatives of the Academy since 2014. I welcome the opportunity to serve as treasurer to advance the goals and mission of the Academy.
Candidates for Board of Directors
Two-year term. Vote for three candidates.

Cynthia Arslanian-Engoren
PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, FAHA, FNAP, FAAN
Professor and Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs and Faculty Development, University of Michigan

Leadership Profile
Dr. Arslanian-Engoren is a Professor and Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs and Faculty Development at the University of Michigan School of Nursing. In addition to being a FAAN, she is also a Fellow of the National Academies of Practice (FNAP) and the American Heart Association (FAHA). She is currently a Member-at-Large of the American Heart Association, Cardiovascular and Stroke Nursing Council, Leadership Committee, and is an editorial board member of two journals (Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing and Heart & Lung). Dr. Arslanian-Engoren served two terms (2018-2022) as Trustee-at-Large of the Midwest Nursing Research Society (MNRS) Foundation Board of Trustees, where part of this role involved fulfilling the charge of the Foundation to ensure that funding was available to support developing nurse scientists and strategizing to develop an inclusive and novel giving campaign to support the mission of the Foundation to advance and support research, research translation, and research careers in accordance with the values of MNRS. Further, as a founding member and 10-year (2009-2019) Board member (Director-at-Large) of the Michigan Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (MI-CNS), she worked with others on the Board and within the state for title protection of Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNSs) and recognition of CNSs as advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs). This 10-year legislative journey culminated in 2017 with the passage of legislation signed by the governor that provided CNS title protection, definition of CNS practice, and recognition of CNSs as APRNs in the state of Michigan.

Candidate Statement
As an active member of the Academy since my induction as a Fellow in 2012, I have served as the co-chair/chair of the Acute and Critical Care Expert Panel (2015-2018) and served as a member of the Fellow Selection Committee (2019-2022). In my role as chair/co-chair, I led a co-authored Policy Brief (Admit to Observation Status, 2016). As an AAN Fellow, I have also co-authored three Academy Policies: Assessing and Addressing Cardiovascular Risk in Young Women (2018), Policies to Support Family Caregivers (2018) and Improving the Care and Health of Populations though Optimal Use of Clinical Nurse Specialists (2020). I have also co-authored three peer reviewed papers that emanated from work as a member of the Million Hearts Subcommittee of the Health Behavior Expert Panel (two that focused on the physical and mental health of nurses, medical errors, and worksite wellness and the other was a call to action for nursing to improve hypertension control and cardiovascular health). I would welcome the opportunity to continue to serve as a member of the Board of Directors to advance the goals and mission of the AAN.
Kathleen A. Bower
DNSc, RN, FAAN
Principal Consultant Emerita
The Center for Case Management

Leadership Profile

Dr. Kathleen A. Bower, DNSc, RN, FAAN is an experienced healthcare leader, executive, entrepreneur, innovator, and Board member in professional organizations.

She is Principal Consultant Emerita in The Center for Case Management (CFCM), the nurse owned firm she co-founded, co-owned, and led for over 30 years. Previously she was Clinical Director and Assistant Vice-President (AVP) at New England Medical Center (Boston). As AVP she co-led the invention of Case Management and Clinical Paths, innovations that transformed the healthcare industry. As CFCM’s co-founder, co-owner, President, and Chief Financial Officer, she gained wide-ranging experiences in national and international collaboration with multicultural individuals from varying backgrounds.

A 1999 Academy inductee, Dr. Bower served on the Fellow Selection Committee (2 terms), the Pathway to Fellow Task Force, the Nominating Committee (1 term) and is in her second term on the Finance Committee. She successfully sponsored 11 nurses for the Academy (including 2 international candidates) and successfully nominated 2 Living Legends. She contributes to the Academy at the President’s Circle level or above.

Dr. Bower is engaged in other professional organizations, including the Organization of Nurse Leaders – MA, RI, NH, CT & VT (ONL) where during her 40+ year membership, she has served as Secretary, Board member and long term Program Committee Chair. She received two ONL awards for outstanding contributions to nursing leadership. She is active in the American Organization for Nursing Leadership, receiving their 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award and being inducted as a Fellow in the Organization for Nursing Leadership.

Candidate Statement

A candidate for the Academy’s Board of Directors, I am committed to the organization’s mission, vision, values, goals, strategic plan, and future. The Academy is unique among nursing organizations with its focus on influencing policy through nursing leadership, innovation, and science, extremely important spheres of influence. With over 40 years of Board experience in other organizations, I remain convinced that strong professional organizations require highly engaged Boards, involving knowledge, time, focus, and attention that I am committed to bring to the Academy’s Board. I will collaborate with other Board members to ensure the Academy’s infrastructure allows Fellows to influence policy, to grow and enrich each other, and to contribute to the organization’s expanding strength and influence.

Academy Fellows embody a rich tapestry of nursing’s specialties, backgrounds, knowledge, and interests. In turn they must be fully represented at the Board. I stand ready to continue exploring inclusive approaches to ensuring they are.

The Board has fiduciary responsibilities that ensure the Academy’s continuing growth. As CFCM’s CFO, I effectively managed the corporation’s finances for over 30 years. Currently in my second term on the Academy’s Finance Committee I have gained insights into the extensive and complex financial dealings of the Academy. I will bring those experiences to the Board.

The current strategic plan extends through 2024 at which point Board will engage in creating the Academy’s next strategic plan. I welcome the opportunity to be part of that critical process having been actively been engaged in strategic planning in other organizations.
Ronald Hickman
PhD, RN, ACNP-BC, FNAP, FAAN
The Ruth M. Anderson Endowed Professor & Associate Dean for Research, Case Western Reserve University

Leadership Profile
Dr. Hickman is the inaugural Ruth M. Anderson Endowed Professor and Associate Dean for Research at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, Case Western Reserve University. He is also the Co-Director of the newly created Center for Connected Health and Innovation. Dr. Hickman is nationally known for his pioneering work focused on technology-based solutions to improve end-of-life decision-making and chronic disease self-management. His innovative work integrates knowledge from several disciplinary domains to develop technologies and understand biobehavioral mechanisms that influence how patients and their family members make informed decisions and manage their health or illness. He is a member of the National Advisory Council of the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS), a signature initiative of the Academy, a board member of the Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research, and has served as the Program Chair for the American Association of the Colleges of Nursing’s PhD Preconference, a member of the Strategic Plan Working Group for the National Institute of Nursing Research, and as an editorial board member for Nursing Outlook, the American Journal of Critical Care, and Research in Nursing and Health. He was appointed to a National Academy of Medicine study committee on dementia care and caregiving interventions ready for broad-scale implementation. He is an elected Fellow of the National Academies of Practice and the American Academy of Nursing. Dr. Hickman is the second nurse to hold the distinction of an Emerging Leader in Health and Medicine by the National Academy of Medicine.

Candidate Statement
Since my induction as a Fellow in 2015, I have served the American Academy of Nursing (the Academy) in several ways and contributed to advancing the organization’s mission and impact. Currently, I serve on the Editorial Board of Nursing Outlook (2020-present) and have been active in the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS), a signature initiative of the Academy, as a member of the National Advisory Council (2020-present) and the Program Committee (2019-2022). As an Editorial Board member for the Academy’s official journal, Nursing Outlook, I have served as a journal reviewer, member of the Search Committee for the current Editor-in-Chief and the Articles of the Year Awards Committee, and continue to share my insights on strategies to enhance the journal’s impact. As a member of the National Advisory Council, I have contributed to the development of CANS’s 2021-2024 Strategic Plan and planning of three national conferences that have highlighted new methods and showcased emerging areas of nursing science consistent with the National Institute of Nursing Research’s 2022-2026 Strategic Plan. I am honored to be a candidate for the Board of Directors and if elected, I will be steadfast in my commitment to advancing the mission and the impact of our Academy on improving health and health equity through nursing leadership, science, and advocacy for policy reform.
Candidates for Board of Directors
Two-year term. Vote for three candidates.

Eun-Ok Im
PhD, MPH, RN, CNS, FAAN
Professor and Edith Folsom Honeycutt Endowed Chair
Emory University

Leadership Profile
Dr. Im is Professor and Edith Folsom Honeycutt Chair at Emory University. As a leader in nursing research, she held multiple leadership positions at Top Schools of Nursing (e.g., Associate Dean for Research at Duke Univ., Senior Associate Dean for Research at Emory Univ.), and she has served on about 50 NIH study sections for the past two decades. She was also a member of the NINR advisory council and NIH work groups. As a leader in professional organizations, she has been the president-elect, president, and past president for Asian American Pacific Islander Nurses Association (AAPINA) through which she specifically served Asian American Pacific Islander populations. During her leadership at AAPINA, she led the organizational efforts to fight against Anti-Asian racism, and she arranged/implemented international collaborative conferences with Taiwan Nurses Association and the World Academy of Nursing Science (WANS). She has been a Board of Director (BOD) of AAPINA (currently, Chair), a BOD of the National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurse Associations, a BOD of WANS, an American Nurses Association (ANA) Commissioner to address racism in nursing, and a committee member of the AARP Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Steering Committee. For AAN, during the past 18 years, she has shared her expertise, experience, and leadership through various Expert Panels, editorial advisory boards of three major nursing journals, and conference presentations at annual conferences. Of course, she has contributed to increasing the AAN membership in her areas of expertise by nominating a number of new Fellows including 15 international nursing scientists/scholars.

Candidate Statement
It is my great honor to have an opportunity to serve AAN as a board member. As I promised when I was inducted to AAN in 2005, I have been contributing to its mission to advance health policy by building theories, methods, and knowledge that will help nurses deliver culturally-appropriate health care in a variety of practice settings. During the past 18 years, I have shared my expertise and experience through various activities including Expert Panels, editorial advisory boards of three major nursing journals (Nursing Research, RINAH, & ANS; currently, Editor-in-Chief of ANS), and conference presentations at annual conferences. My cutting-edge work has become an exemplar for computer and mobile technology-based research for diverse populations, which provides methodological, and knowledge bases for culturally competent and gender-sensitive care. My work as a meta-theorist who co-founded Situation-Specific Theory as a theoretical basis for targeted/tailored interventions for under-represented groups could be another aspect of my contributions. I also contributed to the Cancer Survivorship Proposal by the Congresswoman Schultz (FL-23) that focused on specific strategies to improve research and practice for racial/ethnic minority cancer survivors. In addition, my professional experience as a Board of Director (BOD) of multiple organizations including the Asian American Pacific Islander Nurses Association (currently Chair), the National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurse Associations, and the World Academy of Nursing Science will help me effectively serve on the board. I am highly excited about this great opportunity to serve on the board to further contribute to the AAN’s mission and goals.
Candidates for Board of Directors
Two-year term. Vote for three candidates.

John Lowe
PhD, RN, FAAN
Professor
University of Texas at Austin

Leadership Profile
Dr. Lowe is currently the Joseph Blades Centennial Memorial Professor at the University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing and serves as a Faculty Affiliate of Native American and Indigenous Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. He is an Indigenous Scholar Affiliate of the University of Southern Queensland in Ipswich, Australia. He was the founding director of the Center for Indigenous Nursing Research for Health Equity at Florida State University, the first of its kind worldwide. At the University of Texas at Austin, he developed and directs the Indigenous Global Research Alliance in Nursing (IGRAIN) with the mission to “nurture the seeds for Indigenous wellness through research”. In 2017, he conducted the Indigenous Nursing Research Summit, the first gathering of Indigenous nurse researchers ever worldwide. Two more international Summits have been conducted resulting in global collaborative research endeavors to address Indigenous health disparities and health equity. His leadership was recognized in 2022 by being inducted into the Researcher Hall of Fame of the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society. He is an alumnus of the Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Administration Minority Fellowship Program (SAMHSA MFP) at the American Nurses Association and has served as Chair of the National Advisory Council to the SAMHSA MFP. He served as a member of the National League of Nursing’s Global Initiatives Strategic Action Group from 2016-2018 and also served as a member of the National Advisory Council to the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) from 2019-2023.

Candidate Statement
I am honored to be considered as a candidate to serve in the capacity of board member of the American Academy of Nursing. At the time of my induction as a Fellow in 2007, I was one of the very few Native Americans to be a member of the AAN. I have been active in supporting and advocating for the inclusion of Native American and Indigenous nurses globally in the AAN. Examples of this advocacy include providing the Indigenous Land Acknowledgment during the conference welcome of the 2021 AAN Health Policy conference. Also, I have served as a member of the Diversity and Inclusivity Committee and an elected member of the Selection Committee. It has been an honor to represent AAN as a recipient of the Edge Runner status in recognition of my work in developing and implementing the evidence-based Talking Circle Intervention for the prevention and early treatment of substance use among Native American and Indigenous youth globally. This intervention has also been acknowledged as the first manualized Talking Circle program with recognition from the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Programs as an evidence-based program affecting juvenile well-being, and featured in the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine: The Future of Nursing 2020-2030. My commitment and experience to being a diverse and innovative leader will serve my contribution to AAN’s mission of improving health and achieving health equity. I would welcome the opportunity to serve on the board to advance the goals and mission of the AAN.
Candidates for Board of Directors
Two-year term. Vote for three candidates.

Ann Marie P. Mauro
PhD, RN, CNL, CNE, ANEF, FAHA, FAAN
Joan Hansen Grabe Dean
Hunter College

Leadership Profile
Dr. Ann Marie P. Mauro is the new Joan Hansen Grabe Dean of the Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing at Hunter College. Dr. Mauro is a visionary leader who has advanced innovation, diversity, equity, inclusive excellence, and collaborative partnerships across academic, professional, and community organizations. She has created innovative educational models and academic-practice partnerships to prepare diverse leaders to promote health equity, reduce disparities, and advance population health. A Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, American Heart Association, Academy of Nursing Education, and New York Academy of Medicine, Dr. Mauro is a nationally recognized leader. She is Eastern Nursing Research Society Immediate Past President and a past Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science National Advisory Council Member. Dr. Mauro is a Visiting Nurses Association Health Group (NJ/OH/FL) Board Member, served for 6 years as a National League for Nursing Board of Governors Member, and is a Washington Township K-8 Board (NJ) Past President. As former Monmouth University Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies Dean and Professor, she launched a state-of-the-art simulation center and played a pivotal role on the crisis management team to coordinate the university’s COVID response. Dr. Mauro was recently Nursing Education Program (EdD, MEd, advanced certificate) Director and Visiting Professor at Teachers College, Columbia University. She previously served as Rutgers School of Nursing Center for Educational Research and Innovation Founding Associate Dean and Professor. As NYU Meyers Associate Professor, Dr. Mauro was Founding Chair of the first New York University Non-Tenure Track Faculty Senators’ Council.

Candidate Statement
I would be honored to serve as an American Academy of Nursing Board of Directors Member. A national thought leader, I have diverse experiences on multiple boards and committees impacting policy, strategic change, and fiduciary direction across academic, professional, and community organizations. Inducted as a Fellow in 2016, my ascending career trajectory as a dynamic leader and policymaker for over 23 years makes me uniquely qualified for the AAN Board of Directors Member role/responsibilities. My lifelong commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion across settings will inform my Board of Directors Member role/responsibilities to advance the Academy's Mission to improve health and achieve health equity for all people by impacting policy. As Eastern Nursing Research Society President, I exerted leadership influence on national nursing research priorities and annual national research conferences through Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS) National Advisory Council membership (2020-2022). I served on the CANS Program Planning Committees and co-led abstract slotting for the State of the Science and Advanced Methods Conferences (2015-2017). A Global Nursing and Health Expert Panel Member since 2017, I drafted the panel’s 2019 Policy Brief recommendations to the AAN Board to support initiatives by the U.S. Government, World Health Organization, United Nations, and others that advance the human rights and health of LGBTQ persons globally by dismantling institutionalized barriers to health care access and services, eliminating stigma and discrimination, and promoting health outreach to LGBTQ populations. I have sponsored 9 FAAN candidates with 7 (67% diverse) inducted as Fellows.
Natalia Cineas
DNP, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN
Senior Vice President, Chief Nurse Executive
New York City Health & Hospitals

Leadership Profile
I have been privileged to serve as an active and engaged member of the Academy’s Expert Panel on Health Equity since being honored as a Fellow in 2021. I am firmly committed to challenging implicit bias, eliminating disparities and addressing inequity throughout the nursing profession and broader healthcare industry.

My commitment to promoting diversity within nursing is consistent with the overall mission and vision of the Academy. My sustained contributions to this mission involve fundamental transformations of leading urban healthcare systems, empowering nurses to deliver superior healthcare to all, especially the disadvantaged, underprivileged and most vulnerable populations.

As Senior Vice President and Co-Chair of the Equity and Access Council for NYC Health + Hospitals, I actively encourage workplace diversity, helping define system-wide diversity and inclusion priorities. This leadership position accords me a unique opportunity to define and implement policies, procedures and best practices; providing me with a prominent platform to articulate quality and equity initiatives.

My goal is to be an authentic, commanding voice for fostering diversity and inclusion, using my own experiences, board memberships and high-profile position to communicate this message, sharing expertise with administrators, physicians and nurse leaders to advance racial and social justice by integrating an equity lens into system policies to improve the well-being of marginalized communities.

I hope to employ this background and experience as a member of the Fellow Selection Committee for the Academy, thereby helping to advance the Academy’s own stated policy priorities to advance health equity.

Candidate Statement
I am personally passionate about encouraging nurses to participate in advocacy, legislation, education and professional development activities, and I regularly lend my support and assistance to individuals seeking opportunities to expand their leadership roles within the nursing profession. I see the Fellow Selection Committee as a logical step in identifying, encouraging and strengthening the nurse leaders of the future.

Additionally, I believe my status as one of the few minority Chief Nursing Executives in the U.S. gives me a unique perspective on prospective AAN Fellows; both my personal and professional activities provide me with the insight and acumen to carefully consider and evaluate Fellowship applications.

I hold myself responsible for inspiring and strengthening the representation of minorities in nursing and I am honored to be a role model for minority nurses who aspire to leadership positions, facilitating their professional progress through outreach to leading minority nursing associations, forming collaborative partnerships with educational institutions, and inaugurating mentorship programs. These activities are directly applicable to the work of the AAN Fellow Selection Committee and its aim to increase our robust and diversified membership base.

One of my major goals is to ensure that nurses have a voice in public health, in order to maximize our potential as part of the greater national healthcare landscape. I would be honored to serve on the Fellow Selection Committee to help transform this goal into a reality by choosing Fellows who will nurture and support the Academy’s exemplary standards and objectives.
Candidates for Fellow Selection Committee
Two-year term. Vote for two candidates.

Wallena Gould
EdD, CRNA, FAANA, FAAN
Founder & CEO
Diversity in Nurse Anesthesia Mentorship Program

Leadership Profile
Dr. Gould is the Founder and CEO of the Diversity in Nurse Anesthesia Mentorship Program. Notably, in 2015, she was inducted as the first CRNA of color as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. In practice, she currently administers anesthesia at an ambulatory center and former nurse anesthesia educator. Presently, humbly serving as the Chair for the Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity for the American Academy of Nursing. Dr. Gould was selected as an AAN 2022 Edge Runner for the Immersion Model for Diversifying Nurse Anesthesia Programs resulting with mentoring over 714 historically excluded nurses of color to successfully matriculate and graduate from nurse anesthesia programs across the country. In 2020, during onset of COVID-19 that disproportionately impacted communities of color, growing calls to combat racism as a public health crisis and the murders of George Floyd and Dereck Chauvin, Dr. Gould served as a panelist member for the AAN Institute for Nursing Leadership (INL) for Nursing Leadership Critical Conversation on Health Equity and Racism. As an INL panelist, she engaged on topic of discussion on Antiracism in Nursing Education and the Workforce: Leading Change. As outlined in the Academy’s strategic plan, Dr. Gould brings a body of work grounded in an overarching goal to dismantle structural and institutional racism in nursing.

Candidate Statement
As a national leader in workforce diversity in the nurse anesthesia profession, I have the non-profit business, diversity and leadership acumen by welcoming the opportunity to serve on the Fellow Selection Committee. Presently, I proudly serve as the Chair of the Equity, Diversity & Inclusivity Committee for the American Academy of Nursing. In the last three years, we have addressed pressing issues with historical implications from the profound lack of racial and ethnic diversity from the Fellow Selection Committee and the Edge Runner Committee with intentionality as a focused commitment. If selected, as a Fellow Selection Committee member, I thoroughly understand renewed sense of urgency to remedy inequities in selection processes. The Academy will move forward with anti-racist initiatives and exhibit its willingness to select Fellows Selection Committee members who are deliberate with selecting diverse nursing leaders from different nursing areas of expertise and experiences. Also, as a Black woman, former teenage mother who navigated nursing with structural and institutional barriers in place, I understand the complexity of racism in nursing and its detrimental outcomes in communities of color. Historically, Fellows from non-traditional trajectories with limited resources have had insufficient opportunity to serve on Academy committees. I am hoping, as a Fellow, I will be one of those members, for health equity sake. I am humbly asking to be seriously considered as a Fellow Selection Committee member with grassroots experience and continued commitment in changing the face and culture of Nurse Anesthesia at the national level. Onward!
Sharon Kozachik
PhD, RN, FAAN
Associate Dean for Academics
Medical University of South Carolina

Leadership Profile
As a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, I have been actively involved in the Expert Panel on Palliative and End-of-Life Care, where I was privileged to serve my Academy colleagues as co-chair for 3 years and chair for 2 years. During this time, our Expert Panel collaborated with the Global Nursing & Health, Aging, and Bioethics Expert Panels to publish the consensus statement Nursing’s Roles in Ensuring Universal Palliative Care Access, as well as the paper Consensus-Based Policy Recommendations to Advance Palliative Care Access. I also had the opportunity to support the Building Health Care System Excellence Expert Panel, as a planning committee member for the policy dialogue Healthcare Systems Post-COVID-19: Exploring Reforms & Policy Implications. I have been committed to growing the Academy and co-sponsored 4 Fellows.

Candidate Statement
I would welcome the opportunity to serve the Academy as a member of the Fellow Selection Committee. Many of our nurse colleagues around the world have made impactful contributions to our profession through their work in discovery, knowledge translation, health systems/organizations, care delivery, education, and policy. Working on the Fellowship Selection Committee would be an honor because it acknowledges our colleagues’ contributions and grows the Academy’s membership. I would like to see the Academy continue to flourish and see our membership mirror our national and global demographics.
Candidates for Fellow Selection Committee
Two-year term. Vote for two candidates.

**Mario R. Ortiz**
PhD, RN, FAAN
Dean and Professor
Binghamton University

**Leadership Profile**

Mario R. Ortiz is dean and professor at Binghamton University’s Decker College of Nursing and Health Sciences. He is a nationally certified FNP and community health CNS. He is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International and a Fellow in the National Academies of Practice. Within the American Academy of Nursing, he serves as Vice-Chair of the Primary Care Expert Panel, a member of the Nursing Theory-Guided Practice Expert Panel, and a past member of the Fellow Selection Committee.

Mario has a record of success in developing healthcare programs and being at the forefront of establishing patient-centered health homes, and has garnered millions in endowments and grants to support primary care clinics and education.

He served on the Government Affairs Committee for the AACN, and the policy committees for the Association of Clinicians for the Underserved and the National Health Care for the Homeless Council. He is Past-President of the NYS Council of Nursing Deans. Mario serves as the only nurse on New York State’s Public Health and Health Planning Council (PHHPC), which has a broad array of decision-making and policy responsibilities with respect to the State’s public health and healthcare delivery system that serves over 19 million people. On PHHPC, he leads policy initiatives focused on the State’s Committee on Public Health and Committee on Health Planning.

Mario is the “Health Policy” and “Leadership” contributing editor for Nursing Science Quarterly, and serves on the referee panel for the Journal of Rural Nursing and Health Care.

**Candidate Statement**

I am honored to be nominated as a candidate to serve a second term on the Fellow Selection Committee. As an underrepresented minority, I understand the challenges persons from diverse backgrounds may experience as they carve-out unique paths that have sustainable impact on policy development and implementation locally, state-wide, and nationally. Of utmost importance to me, I will focus on ensuring a diverse membership, as the Academy continues to live-out its diversity statement and initiatives in an ever-changing environment. Specifically, I can enhance the work of the Fellow Selection Committee by selecting nurses whose substantive work has shown influence in and outside of nursing through policy development, diversity initiatives, research that impacts care, and collaborative strategies that improve health.

My leadership and policy contributions will assist me in selecting candidates for Fellowship in the Academy that align with its vision, mission, values, and strategic goals. Furthermore, my policy experiences will help me enhance the Fellowship Committee’s policies and criteria for the selection of candidates, while being attuned to the policy contributions of those seeking Fellowship in the Academy. Also, my familiarity with guiding strategic agenda’s will support me and the Fellowship Selection Committee in refining the agenda of the Committee and revising it as the Academy’s priorities change overtime.

I look forward to the possibilities as a continuing member of the Fellow Selection Committee. I am dedicated to being an active member of the Academy, as it shapes policy and serves as a strong example of diversity, equity, and inclusion.
Candidates for Nominating Committee
Two-year term. Vote for three candidates.

Elizabeth Bonham
PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN
Principal
Bonham Associates LLC

Leadership Profile
Elizabeth (Beth) Bonham, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN is Associate Professor Emerita from the University of Southern Indiana and a founding director of the International Society of Psychiatric Mental Health Nurses. She received BSN and MSN degrees from Indiana University and PhD from the University of Arizona. As an award-winning nursing educator, leader, author, and clinical nurse specialist, Dr. Bonham is board certified in child and adolescent psychiatric mental health nursing with preceding nursing experience in acute care, public health, school mental health, and not for profit juvenile justice advocacy settings. As a nurse entrepreneur, Dr. Bonham founded Bonham Associates LLC to provide consultation, mentoring, and writing experiences for colleagues. Currently an active member of several professional organizations and editorial boards, she is pursuing her passion of advocacy for the mental health of children and adolescents through mentoring, scholarship, and policy development.

Candidate Statement
I have been an active member of the American Academy of Nursing since my 2017 induction through conference attendance, sponsorship of new Fellows, and Expert Panel leadership. I served as Vice Chair of the Psychiatric Mental Health Substance Use Expert Panel for one year (2019) and Chair for two years (2020-2022) which included initiation of virtual meetings because of the pandemic. During my tenure, I facilitated development of six consensus papers, one policy dialogue, two curation plans and a 15% growth in panel membership. Committed to progressive expansion of the Academy and accomplishing one goal of our Curation Plan, vice chair Dr. Ellen Schimmels and I created and presented a poster explaining what the Academy was and how to aspire to its membership at the annual conference of the International Society of Psychiatric Mental Health Nurses (2023) and the American Psychiatric Nursing Association (2022). Additionally, I instigated a storytelling procedure used at the beginning of each meeting to introduce members to each other and serves to construct equity, diversity and inclusivity capacity. In my view, equity, diversity and inclusivity are ways of being that I would foster as a member of the Nominating Committee if elected. Honored to be a candidate for the Nominating Committee, I pledge to diligently seek new nursing leaders that will strengthen our nursing voice and improve healthcare outcomes.
Candidates for Nominating Committee
Two-year term. Vote for three candidates.

Anne H. Gross
PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN
Senior Vice President for Patient Care Services and Chief Nursing Officer, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

Leadership Profile
Dr. Gross is responsible for adult and pediatric clinical nursing practice and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, including the in-patient, ambulatory and community practice settings. She oversees the Center for Clinical and Professional Development, the Cantor Center for Nursing and Patient Care Services Research and other clinical services and departments at Dana-Farber. Her professional contributions have assured patient access to healthcare and strengthened interdisciplinary teamwork resulting in changes that have improved the patient and family experience and the quality and safety of oncology care. Since joining Dana-Farber in 2002, she has led implementations of a nursing shared governance model, residency and Fellowship training programs for nurses new to oncology and has secured funding for programs and research to advance inclusion, diversity and equity priorities, positive practice environments focused on relationship-based care and nurse renewal and resilience programs.

Nationally, she has translated improvements and evidence to oncology practice through leadership in initiatives and on committees within the Oncology Nursing Society, the National Cancer Center Network, the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the National Cancer Institute Comprehensive Cancer Center Nurse Executive Group. Internationally, she has consulted to organizations in various countries in Europe, Asia, South America and the Middle East. She serves on the Dean’s Advisory Board at the University of Massachusetts, Manning College of Nursing and Health Sciences and is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing.

Candidate Statement
I was inducted into the Academy of Nursing (AAN) in 2013. From 2014 to 2020, I served as a committee member, co-chair, chair and advisor to the Fellow Selection Committee (FSC). In these roles I was privileged to meet extraordinary nurses and learn of their impact in educating the next generation, advancing public policy, nursing science and practice and improving the health of people everywhere. From 2020 to 2022, I was a member of the Advisory Group to the Board of Trustees that conducted a review of the FSC to ensure the committee’s work processes were free of bias and as inclusive as possible. I am currently serving on the Academy’s 50th Anniversary Committee and am involved in planning the celebration of our organization’s rich history and those nurses upon whose shoulders we stand today.

The Academy’s greatest asset is its Fellows. They are advocates and forward thinkers who lead the profession and shape the future of healthcare. My service to the Academy demonstrates my commitment to ensuring a strong future for our Fellowship. If elected to the Nominating Committee, I will work with other committee members and the Board of Trustees to ensure inclusive and diverse slates of candidates for recognition and elected office, who will advance the Academy’s mission, vision and strategic plan.
Leadership Profile
Currently, I am on the Expert Panel for Genomics and Health Care, previously served as Chair and Vice Chair with significant peer-reviewed presentations at the AAN Policy meeting and subsequent shared Expert Panel publications in Nursing Outlook. Additionally, my current term as Councilor-at-large for CANS is completing where I had the opportunity to be a liaison to the Mid-Career and Early Career Special Interest Groups. As a founding member of the Mid-Career group and while assisting with the Early Career Group it is crystal clear how the Academy provides a sounding board, an active forum, and outlet toward progress and impact for nursing policy as well as collegial relationships to work together as change agents.

Professionally, I am a nurse, nurse practitioner and tenured Professor of Nursing and Medicine. After completing my PhD, a T32 and Patient safety Fellowships, I embarked on postdoctoral immuno-genetic training at the NIH. During over a decade of federal service, through shared vision, I founded a Clinical and Translational Postdoctoral Fellowship Program in the Intramural Program of NINR, was a member of the NIH Women Scientist Advisors Committee, and on the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act. Moreover, I have led teams of scientists and students to be change agents in clinical and translational nursing science. My strength is mentoring the next generation of diverse nurses toward their passion to make a sustained difference and influence health policy. Serving on the Nominating Committee is a natural fit for my strengths and desire to serve AAN.

Candidate Statement
People are individuals. Our tone, our choice of words, how we address one another, when to talk, when to listen, how to be heard. All of these require diversity of person and diversity of thought. Herein is the strength that diversity brings to an organization. That we must act as one- whether separated by distance or by divergent thoughts or beliefs. To be inclusive is not just differing cultures, genders, age, socioeconomic groups, sexual orientation, races or ethnicities- it is considering the context in which we live our lives. These are extraordinary times and the opportunity to continue my service in a leadership position is a welcome challenge. It would be an honor to aid the American Academy of Nursing (AAN) in the goal of positioning diverse nurse leaders to advance local and global change by serving on the Nominating Committee.
Candidates for Nominating Committee
Two-year term. Vote for three candidates.

Deborah Kenny
PhD, RN, FAAN
Associate Professor and Division Chair, Health Systems
University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

Leadership Profile
Dr. Kenny is currently an Associate Professor and Chair of the Health Systems Division for the College of Nursing at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. Before that, she was a Professor of Nursing at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs and held the Inaugural Carole Schoffstall endowed professorship. While there, she was the Chair of the IRB for seven years. Prior to her academic career, Dr. Kenny served for 24 years in the military, holding increasing leadership positions and concluding her service as Executive Director of the TriService Nursing Research Program, where she was responsible for a $6M budget and for getting the program permanently funded. She is one of the Founding members of the Friends of the Triservice Nursing Research Program, whose mission is to educate U.S. Congresspeople about the importance of military nursing research and advocate continued Congressional funding for military nurse researchers. Dr. Kenny has been an integral part of the Ethics Education Subcommittee of the Ethics Advisory Board of the ANA. This group developed a series of webinars for teaching ethics in nursing programs. She is on the planning committee for the CU College of Nursing Annual Partnerships in Military/Veteran Healthcare conference. She is a Governor appointee to and Vice Chair of the Colorado Child Abuse Prevention Trust Fund Board, giving voice to military children. She serves on numerous boards and committees throughout the state, including the El Paso County Veterans Engagement Board and the United Veterans Coalition Legislative Committee.

Candidate Statement
I would be honored to serve on the nominating committee for the American Academy of Nursing (AAN). I have been a Fellow of the AAN since 2010. Throughout my Fellowship, I have been fortunate enough to network, collaborate with, and learn from very accomplished colleagues. I had a dual interest in two Expert Panels to which I could contribute my expertise and grow. My work with international colleagues in the Military/Veteran Expert Panel has led to hosting bi-monthly webinars highlighting nursing research related to military and veteran populations, a paper highlighting education designed to care for this population, a consensus paper addressing military sexual trauma, and collaboration with colleagues on another workgroup in the Expert Panel to develop competencies for nurses caring for military and veteran populations. Because of my interest in Bioethics, and a hallway talk with Dr. Ann Hamric at a policy conference, I also joined the Bioethics Expert Panel. In 2018, and through the mentoring of panel members, I became the Co-Chair of this panel, then Chair from 2020-2022. During that time colleagues in the Expert Panel provided policy feedback for the Academy, participated in numerous policy dialogues, and supported other Expert Panels by providing a bioethics lens for issues they were working on. I am keenly supportive of the AAN goals and strategies, and I wish to work toward their continued advancement.
Candidates for Nominating Committee
Two-year term. Vote for three candidates.

Alicia Gill Rossiter
DNP, FNP, PPCNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN
Associate Professor, Chief Officer of Military and Veteran Affairs, University of South Florida

Leadership Profile
Dr. Alicia Rossiter is an Associate Professor at the University of South Florida College of Nursing and currently serves as Chief Officer of Military and Veteran Affairs and Assistant Dean for Alumni and Community Engagement. She is a family and board certified Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner. Dr. Rossiter served in the US Army Nurse Corps on active duty for four years which included two deployments. She transferred into the US Air Force Reserve in 1995 and served as an Individual Mobilization Augmentee until retiring in 2015. Her military experience is the impetus behind her research and scholarly work which includes women veterans and military sexual trauma, the effects of parental military service on military-connected children, and transitioning needs of medics and corpsmen into the professional role of nursing. She recently co-authored her first book, Caring for Veterans and their Families: A Guide for Nurses and other Healthcare Professionals. During her doctoral program, she was selected as a Bob Woodward Jonas Veteran Healthcare Scholar and served as Vice President of the Alumni Board and a Military/Veteran subject matter expert. She was a member of the inaugural cohort of AAN Jonas Policy Scholars with the Military and Veteran Health Expert Panel. She was inducted as a Fellow in the American Association of Nurse Practitioners in 2014 and served for 4 years on the Fellows Selection Committee and in the American Academy of Nursing in 2018 where she served as the Co-Chair and Chair of the Military/Veteran Health Expert Panel from 2018-2022.

Candidate Statement
My engagement with the AAN began in 2014 when I was selected as a policy scholar with the Military/Veteran Health Expert Panel in the inaugural cohort of AAN Jonas Policy Scholars. The opportunity to be mentored by the co-chairs of the Expert Panel was transformational, and I learned so much about the mission and vision of the AAN regarding policy and leadership. In 2018 I was inducted as a Fellow, and, in the spirit of jumping right in and getting involved, I was nominated and elected to serve as the co-chair and later the chair of the Military/Veteran Health Expert Panel for a total of four years. In this role, it was my responsibility to engage our members and stakeholders, to develop a curation plan that sets the goals/expectations for the Expert Panel as it pertains to the strategic plan, and to represent the Expert Panel both within and outside of the Academy. In addition, I was asked to serve on the Have You Ever Served? National Advisory Council. As chair, I attended AAN Leadership meetings aimed at strategizing and supporting the objectives and goals set forth in the strategic plan, especially regarding how those objectives and goals impact the Expert Panel I represented. Having completed my service with the Expert Panel, I feel that my next step with the Academy includes a broader leadership position and I feel that serving as a member of the Nomination Committee is my next step in service to the Academy and the membership.
Candidates for Nominating Committee
Two-year term. Vote for three candidates.

Jo Ann Krukar Webb
MHA, RN, FAAN
Principal
JOYO

Leadership Profile
My nursing career is unusual. I was first woman to head the National Cemetery Administration and the first Assistant for Policy for Policy and Planning at the Department of Veterans. I also worked in both the House of Representatives and the US Senate. I am a proud veteran and nursing advocate. Currently I am the Principal at JoYo, a health and yoga practice and volunteer with Warrior Canine Connection (WCC) a nonprofit dedicated to America’s warriors suffering from PTSD.

During my career, I have had the unique opportunity to showcase nursing in non traditional arenas in the legislative and executive branches of government, as well as the private sector. I have worked tirelessly as a nurse lobbyist for over twenty years and currently serve on AARP’s Nursing Leadership Team. I believe I am an example of the versatility of the nursing profession - promoting health everywhere.

Candidate Statement
As a former Army Nurse who served in a theater of war, I have been a member of the Expert Panel on Military and Veterans Health since 2015. As a registered lobbyist for over twenty years, I have strongly advocated for increased nursing appropriations, funding of the Workforce Commission under the Affordable Care and equity and diversity within the profession.

As the former vice president of Policy and Advocacy for the American Organization for Nursing Leadership (AONL), I bring over twenty years of experience to the management of the nominations process of a major nursing organization. During this time, I directed all aspects of the yearly nominations and election cycle. I also managed the restructuring of the organization’s bylaws which resulted in the election of younger and more diverse nursing leaders.

I am honored to be a candidate for the Nominating Committee and, if elected, will work tirelessly to recruit future leaders in nursing to continue the journey to transform health care and the profession.