To advance this week’s Nurses Month theme of **professional development**, three of the American Academy of Nursing’s Living Legends share their advice on how the profession can lead during the pandemic. Drawing from their experienced careers, they provide insights on how nurses now, and future generations, can leverage their skills, knowledge, and compassion to make a lasting impact in their community and improve health outcomes.

"My inspiration and hope is that nurses, individually and collectively, will seize the crisis opportunity and build on the opportunities presented from the pandemic and the lessons learned to truly make a meaningful difference in transforming health care."

- Marilyn P. Chow

"Nurse leaders and the next generation of nurses can be the leaders in making sure that we have a broader perspective of what the community needs and how we can help the community be as healthy as possible."

- C. Alicia Georges

"Through the suffering and joy and frustration of the human experience, nurses, every minute, every hour, every day, practice a profession that eases pain, settles confusion, turns sickness into health, and quietly celebrates the true meaning of human dignity."

- Linda S. Schwartz
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