President's Message

Dear Fellows,

Generosity. It is an important word we need to remember during a pandemic. It is more than just a word we need to hear, it is an action we need to see. It pulls our mind from the fear of the crisis to the hope in humanity. We have seen large industry leaders support their communities, but just as beautiful and meaningful are the small acts. I have been blown away by the photos of schools of nursing, medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, and research labs across the country donating their personal protective equipment. Amazon Smile has made it incredibly easy for charitable organizations (like homeless shelters and foodbanks) to set up pages for the supplies they need. We know the Red Cross has put out a call for blood donations. Feeding America is trying to make sure food is delivered to the communities where the impact of COVID-19 has hit hardest. Finally, and probably just as powerful, are notes of appreciation. Nurses, healthcare providers, paramedics, and those in sanitation keeping healthcare environments clean need to hear from us.

These opportunities for generosity are things we can do individually, as Fellows, that further bolster the Academy’s policy focus in this pandemic: support nurses and healthcare providers who are on the frontlines and protect the most vulnerable populations. We can support providers through a simple note of gratitude and encouragement sent to a local hospital, long term-care facility, or community health center. We can help protect the most vulnerable populations by making sure they have the food and supplies they need. We can check in on friends, family, and neighbors. These are small things that can have a profound impact. We cannot forget the words of Dr. Seuss in this moment, “To the world you may be one person; but to one person you may be the world.”

Myself, Suzanne, and our Academy staff have been hearing from you and we applaud your commitment and passion. You have called on us to do more and think differently. We are listening and for many of us that have been in the Academy for a number of years, I think you would agree, this feels different. The Board of Directors met just last week, and discussed how to utilize the Academy’s small staff to support and maintain pace with our Fellows, who are deployed in incredibly important roles across the country to combat this virus, at a time when strong leadership is needed. As we reflected and strategized, we could not help but call on an acronym many of us may remember: VUCA-- Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, Ambiguity.
To counter volatility we must have a vision. The Academy’s vision, transform health policy through nursing knowledge and leadership, holds strong in this pandemic. The Academy is writing to Congress, meeting with the Administration, representing the profession in the media, and partnering with organizations at the national level to keep the pressure on at this critical juncture.

We must meet uncertainty with understanding. The Board recognizes that the rich and diverse perspectives of Fellows help us find direction and opportunities for action. We are committed to learning more and making informed decisions. In times like these, I call on the advice of my colleagues in crisis management — if you are 80% toward your decision, then your decision is made.

In complex times we must react with clarity. The Board grappled with this one in particular. We have to be clear who the Academy is as an organization. We are a policy and advocacy organization, not a political or activist organization. This distinction will empower us to be stronger and more effective in the work we are doing during this pandemic.

Finally, we must fight ambiguity with agility. The Board and staff are open to new ideas and ways to support the public and our Fellows. We are trying new communication methods, making sure you are aware of resources from other national organizations, and maintaining real-time communication in our networks. While these are not all readily seen, they are foundational to collaboration and heightened impact.

In closing, let me return to the word generosity. I want to personally thank each of our Fellows for their work to support the organization, the public, and the profession. From around the world to the states across the US, Academy Fellows are a beacon of hope and leadership. Thank you for your generosity of time, expertise, and compassion. The Academy will only grow stronger learning from each other. Together, our impact on the health of the public will continue to have lasting effects. We are here for you and hope your generosity extends to our work as well. You can always donate to the Academy and know that any gift is tremendously appreciated. Be well, be safe, and take care of each other.

Sincerely,

Eileen M. Sullivan-Marx, PhD, RN, FAAN
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Support the Academy

Especially as we face the coronavirus pandemic, we are proud to acknowledge the generosity of our supporters and their commitment to the Academy. The list below represents supporters who have made either unrestricted or restricted gifts to the Rheba de Tornyay Development Fund at the President’s Circle level of $1,000 and above in the month of March. All gifts to the Academy support the organization's policy work and help make sure we have a seat at the table to influence policymakers on actions that directly impact nurses on the front lines.
Your gift, at a level that is meaningful to you, is truly appreciated and is a critical investment in the future of health policy. The Academy is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your financial gift is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowable by law.

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**COVID-19 Updates From the Academy**

Last week, the Academy launched a new [COVID-19 resource center](https://example.com) on its website and a weekly digest to keep Fellows updated with relevant news and information.

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**2020 Nominations Open Through April 10th**

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2020 Living Legend Nominations

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New Website Coming Soon!

The Academy will be launching a redesigned website. This new website will help us highlight our Fellows and our policy work more effectively. *Fellow log-in information will remain the same. Additional information will be sent prior to the new website’s launch.*

Fellow Achievements

Peggy Compton, PhD, RN, FAAN, van Ameringen Chair in Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing, University of Pennsylvania, will be inducted into Sigma Theta Tau's International Nurse
Dr. Compton has established herself as an expert in the fields of addiction and pain management. This honor recognizes the significant impact Dr. Compton's work has made on the nursing profession. Dr. Compton and other honorees will be recognized at Sigma's 31st International Nursing Research Congress, taking place from July 23-27 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Read more.

Dr. Compton was inducted into the Academy in 2005.

**Kathleen Dracup**, PhD, RN, NP, FAAN, Dean Emeritus and Professor Emeritus, University of California San Francisco School of Nursing, has been named the 2020 winner of the Ken Shine Prize in Health Leadership. This is awarded to an individual for their significant leadership advancements in health. Dr. Dracup was also the featured speaker at the Ken Shine Health Lectureship on February 13th with a lecture titled, "Interprofessional Collaboration in Practice: A Personal Journey." Read more.

Dr. Dracup was inducted into the Academy in 1983, became a Living Legend in 2014, and serves on the Acute and Critical Care Expert Panel.

**Linda Franck**, PhD, RN, FRCPCH, FAAN, Professor, University of California San Francisco School of Nursing, will be inducted into Sigma Theta Tau's International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame. This honor is for venerated nurse researchers and recognizes the significant impact Dr. Franck's research has made on the nursing profession. Dr. Franck and other honorees will be recognized at Sigma's 31st International Nursing Research Congress, taking place from July 23-27 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Read more.

Dr. Franck was inducted into the Academy in 2003 and serves on the Child, Adolescent, and Family Health Expert Panel.

**Catherine Waters**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Dean, University of California San Francisco School of Nursing (UCSF), was honored with the Florence Stroud Pioneer Award on February 22nd at the Bay Area Black Nurses Association's annual conference. The award recognizes an individual whose dedication embodies the work of Florence Stroud, a UCSF Professor and registered nurse who was an innovator of health care initiatives that addressed disparities and was the first African American to serve as Berkeley's health director. Read more.

Dr. Waters was inducted into the Academy in 2011.
In Memoriam

**Juanita Fleming**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor Emerita, University of Kentucky, and 2004 Living Legend of the Academy, passed away on March 26, 2020.

Dr. Fleming tirelessly devoted her career to the well-being of children and their families and to advancing higher nursing education. She served in many capacities, including as a member of the National Advisory Council on Nurses’ Education and the National Advisory Council for Health Care Policy, Research, and Evaluation. In addition to her Fellowship, Dr. Fleming was also a member of the National Academy of Medicine.

Thank you to our Fellows who have generously made a gift to the Academy in Dr. Fleming’s honor!

**Harriet Kitzman**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Senior Associate Dean, University of Rochester School of Nursing, passed away on March 11, 2020.

An early leader in the development of the nurse practitioner role, Dr. Kitzman researched, among other things, the evolving role of the pediatric nurse practitioner. Her work helped improve the outcomes of mothers, children, and families in economically disadvantaged communities.

For more information, click here.

**Linda Moody**, PhD, APRN, MPH, FAAN, Professor Emerita, University of South Florida (USF), passed away on March 24, 2020.

Dr. Moody was a distinguished informatics researcher and scholar and was published in numerous nursing and health journals. During her time as the USF Lewis and Leona Hughes Endowed Chair in Nursing Informatics, she helped develop a Master of Science Program in Health Care Systems Leadership in Nursing Informatics.

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Career Opportunities

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the Dean of the School and is a member of the School of Nursing Executive Committee, working closely with the Dean and Associate Deans, and supervises Assistant Deans for UG, and MS/DNP programs.

Applications will be reviewed as they are received and should include a cover letter and CV. You may apply directly at: https://acesrch.applicantstack.com/x/detail/a21esjywnzh