Dear Fellows,

In a blink of an eye, it feels like we went from winter to summer and now fall is on the horizon. The natural progression of seasons provides a cadence to our work, to our lives. We all know this cadence has been disrupted significantly as we have experienced pain, grief, and loss over the last six months. I find it sometimes unfathomable that in the United States, the number of coronavirus cases are spiking, deaths are rising, and our systems are being overwhelmed, again. Where do we turn for hope, for support?

Reflecting on the national events of the past few weeks, I sit in awe of the powerful impact the life and work of the Honorable Representative John Lewis, a civil rights icon, has made on our nation. His authentic leadership, his inspiring words of hope, and his support of “good trouble,” reminds me of the possibility and promise ahead of us. He once said, “we may have not chosen the time, but the time has chosen us.” To be a nurse right now, we know what this means. More than ever before, the profession is rising up to lead and finding the necessary resilience to forge ahead because the time has chosen us.

Hope and support comes from within us and among us. I have been lifted up by hearing the small and large feats Fellows within the American Academy of Nursing have undertaken in such a short period of time. When I read our COVID-19 Digest and see the stories that describe how our Fellows have stood up massive testing sites and are undertaking new research, I am inspired. It is for these reasons that this fall is so important to me to serve as your President.

As Fellows, fall is the time we gather, we reconnect, we learn, and we grow together. This year, we will do that virtually. We will celebrate together the accomplishments of the incoming class of new Fellows and we will honor the contributions of our Living Legends. This year, we will also honor
nurses in a new way. Through the generous support of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, we will recognize four nurses who have made significant strides to demonstrate compassion, creativity, and resilience through the aptly named, COVID-19 Courage Award. I encourage you as Fellows to think about a nurse who has demonstrated courage in the areas of policy, leadership, science, and innovation to improve the patient/family experience, increase access to care, implement efforts to reduce transmission, advance health equity, or improve care in marginalized or underserved communities with critical need during the fight against the novel coronavirus. You can learn more about this new, one-time award [here](#).

In the spirit of connecting virtually, I am happy to share the above [message](#). One where I can connect with you, beyond words on a computer screen.

Sincerely,

Eileen Sullivan-Marx, PhD, RN, FAAN
President
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**Important Dates**

- **September 8, 2020:** Nominations for COVID-19 Courage Awards Due
  - [Learn More](#)
- **September 11, 2020:** Academy 2020 Elections Close
  - [Vote Here](#)
- **September 17-18, 2020:** CANS State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research
  - [Register Here](#)
- **October 29-31, 2020:** Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference
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Nursing Outlook, the Academy’s official journal, is seeking additional peer reviewers. The journal greatly appreciates those reviewers who have served for so many years! Peer review is an outstanding opportunity for service in one of the top-ranked journals in nursing. People with expertise in the following areas are especially needed: data science, population health, innovation, implementation science, racial justice, planetary health, health equity, technology, and mobile health applications.

Interested reviewers should contact Editor in Chief, Marion Broome, at marion.broome@duke.edu.

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Fellow Achievements

Kupiri Ackerman-Barger, PhD, RN, CNE, FAAN, has been named Associate Dean for Health Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion at the University of

In honor of Patricia Benner, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor Emerita, University of California San Francisco School of Nursing,

Tara Cortes, PhD, RN, FAAN Executive Director, The Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing, and Professor, NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing, has been
California Davis Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing.

Dr. Ackerman-Barger was inducted into the Academy in 2019 and currently serves on the Diversity & Inclusivity Committee.

the Brenner Institute for Teaching and Learning has been launched.

Dr. Brenner was inducted into the Academy in 1985 and became a Living Legend in 2011.

Dr. Cortes was inducted into the Academy in 2009 and currently serves on the Aging Expert Panel.

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Ladan Eshkevari, PhD, CRNA, L.Ac., FAAN, Program Director and Associate Professor, Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice program, Georgetown University School of Nursing, is being honored as a “Star Nurse,” by the American Nurses Association and the Washington Post.

Dr. Eshkevari was inducted into the Academy in 2017.

Dr. Fields was inducted into the Academy in 2016. He currently serves as Vice Chair of the LGBTQ Expert Panel and as a member of the Diversity & Inclusivity Committee.

Linda Flynn, PhD, RN, FAAN, has been appointed Dean of the Rutgers School of Nursing following a national search.

Dr. Flynn was inducted into the Academy in 2009 and currently serves on the Building Health Care System Excellence and Quality Health Care Expert Panels.

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Mattia Gilmartin, PhD, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem Elders (NICHE), New York University Rory Meyers College of Nursing, has been named one of the members of the 2020-2021 cohort of the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program.

Lauran Hardin, MSN, CNL, FNP-BC, FAAN, Senior Advisor for Partnership and Technical Assistance, Camden Coalition’s National Center for Complex Health and Social Needs, has been appointed to the Physician-Focused Payment Model Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC).

David Keepnews, PhD, JD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, ANEF, Professor and Director of the DNP Health Policy option, The George Washington University School of Nursing, has been appointed to the National Board of Directors of CHADD (Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder).

Dr. Keepnews was inducted into the Academy in 1999. He is currently
Dr. Gilmartin was inducted into the Academy in 2018 and currently serves on the Aging and Building Health Care System Excellence Expert Panels.

Ms. Hardin was inducted into the Academy in 2019 and is a member of the Edge Runner Review Committee.

Chair of the Fellow Selection Committee and serves on the LGBTQ Health Expert Panel.

Gloria J. McNeal, PhD, MSN, ACNS-BC, FAAN, Associate Vice President of Community Affairs in Health, National University, recently received a $500,000 two-year HRSA NEPQR: Simulation Education Training grant (U Series) entitled "Simulated Virtual Healthcare System Model Project."

Dr. McNeal was also recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the Association of Black Nursing Faculty, Inc, a 33-year-old organization founded by Sallie Tucker-Allen, PhD, FAAN, a 1991 inductee of the Academy.

Dr. McNeal was inducted into the Academy in 2006 and currently serves on the Acute and Critical Care Expert Panel.

Madeline A. Naegle, PhD, CNS-PMH-BC, FAAN, Professor Emerita, Rory Meyers College of Nursing, current Visiting Professor, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, has been named to the Board of Directors of the Floating Hospital.

Dr. Naegle was inducted into the Academy in 1989 and currently serves on the Psychiatric, Mental Health, Substance Use Expert Panel.

Deena A. Nardi, PhD, CNS-PMH-BC, FAAN, has been appointed to the Steering Committee of the ANA-Illinois Expert Panel on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

Dr. Nardi was inducted into Academy in 2002, was awarded one of the original Edge Runner models, and currently serves on the Global Nursing and Health and Primary Care Expert Panels.

Karen Rose, PhD, RN, FGSA, FAAN, Professor, Director, Center for Healthy Aging, Self-Management and Complex Care,

Joyce Sensmeier, MS, RN-BC, FHIMSS, FAAN, Senior Advisor, Informatics, Healthcare Information and Management

Former University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Nursing Professor and Associate Dean for Clinical and Global
The Ohio State University College of Nursing, has been named one of the members of the 2020-2021 cohort of the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program.

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Systems Society, was selected as the recipient of the 2020 Certified Informatics Nurse Award by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Ms. Sensmeier was inducted into the Academy in 2010 and currently serves on the Informatics and Technology Expert Panel.

Partnerships, Cynthia Selleck, PhD, RN, FAAN, has been named as a 2020 inductee to the Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame.

Dr. Selleck was inducted into the Academy in 2014.

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Jing Wang, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, Hugh Roy Cullen Professor, Vice Dean for Research, and Founding Director of the Center on Smart and Connected Research Technologies, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Nursing has been named one of the members of the 2020-2021 cohort of the Health and Aging Policy Fellows Program.

Dr. Wang was inducted into the Academy in 2017 and currently serves on the Aging, IT, and Primary Care Expert Panels.

KT Waxman, DNP, MBA, RN, CNL, CENP, CHSE, FAONL, FAAN, Associate Professor, Director, Executive Leadership Doctor of Nursing Practice Program, University of San Francisco School of Nursing & Health Professions, has been appointed as the Editor-in-Chief for Nursing Administration Quarterly (NAQ).

Dr. Waxman was inducted into the Academy in 2015.

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Marisa L. Wilson, DNSc, MHSc, RN, CPHIMS, RN-BC, FAMIA, FAAN, Associate Professor and Interim Chair of the Department of Family, Community and Health Systems, UAB School of Nursing, has been elected to serve as the representative from the American Medical Informatics Association Nursing Informatics Working Group to the International Medical Informatics Association.

Dr. Wilson was inducted into the Academy in 2016 and currently serves on the IT Expert Panel.

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