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December 7, 2022

President's Message

Dear Fellows,

“There’s no place like home for the holidays,” a song written in 1954, was one of the singer Perry Como’s biggest hits; about ten years earlier, Bing Crosby’s recording of “I’ll be home for Christmas” had comforted Americans during World War II. In those songs, and in our understanding of what “home” means, it is more than a place; home is where we belong, and “shelter” is not just a physical structure. Feeling at home is about comfort, security, and authenticity; it is where we can feel safe to be our true selves. So it is that people “run away from home” when a place, or a family, or a way of living no longer embraces that. And so it is that linguists and philosophers have come to understand homesickness as a longing for belonging.



For many of us, the holidays—which seem to be coming on at a particular rush this year (wasn’t it just the Fourth of July a minute ago?)—offer the promise of belonging. This year, especially, after two years of socially distanced, insecure holidays, being home, whether for the holidays or not, elevates that promise. We want people around us to feel joy, warmth, connection, and community; we want that for ourselves, too. Jerry Herman, who wrote another holiday song, “We need a little Christmas” (from the Broadway musical “Mame”), put that into his lyrics:

*For I've grown a little leaner,
Grown a little colder,
Grown a little sadder,
Grown a little older,
And I need a little angel
Sitting on my shoulder,
Need a little Christmas now.*

“I need a little Christmas” means “I need to belong.” So does “I need a little Iftar,” or “I need a little Hanukkah,” or “I need a little Vesak,” or “I need a little New Year.” We need belonging, though, in both the personal and professional parts of our lives, and in all the other dimensions of who we are as well. As Fellows in the Academy, I hope we find that sense of belonging in our interactions, meetings, and activities with one another; the Academy should be a place that welcomes, affirms, and celebrates all of us. We are not there yet, but we are working toward it every year.

At the Academy’s Health Policy Conference in 2019, Dr. Lisa M. Coleman, New York University’s inaugural Senior Vice President for Global Inclusion and Strategic Innovation and Chief Diversity Officer, taught us more about creating a culture of belonging in our organization. She encouraged us, as an Academy, to champion belonging as an institutional goal. She reminded us that our differences are assets to our collective mission, not problems we need to fix. Wanting to make the Academy a professional home that welcomes, affirms, and celebrates all of us, we reissued our [Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Statement](#) and principles of engagement and have hosted webinars on [Creating a Culture of Belonging within the Nursing Profession](#) and [Bystander Training Workshop - Together We Advance an Inclusive Nursing Profession](#).

While I have fond memories of my early days in the Academy, I did not feel that I belonged here at first. But at the 2022 Health Policy Conference, I could see signs that we are making progress, and that influenced my approach with our new Fellows. During the new Fellow breakfast and at every other opportunity, I told them, “There was no mistake, you belong here.” I realize, of course, that words can go only so far, and that it will take time and trust for us to create a true culture of belonging throughout our organization that is legitimate and sustainable. I know we are evolving, growing, changing. We are a diverse Fellowship that is increasingly ready to both champion our achievements and discuss our failures. Take the example of our four [Institute for Nursing Leadership speakers](#), who told their stories of courage and agility.

Story telling is a powerful tool to understand our history and learn from the perspectives of others. In my first Nursing Outlook column for 2022, [What’s in a Story? Looking Back to Move Forward](#), I wrote, “We know that some stories bring us joy, while others caused us pain. It is the experience of this range of emotions, particularly through personal retellings, that is so important to build our character, heal our scars, and create meaningful human connections.” As we prepare for our celebratory 50th Anniversary year in 2023, we yearn to hear and tell more stories and continue to create, through these experiences, a richer, more robust culture of belonging. How can we make it more likely for those around us to feel that they belong? How can we welcome them, as whole, complex people, affirming their being and hearing their experience? What stories can we tell, what connections can we make? What gifts of honesty and kindness can we give? It is my goal, in the second year of my Presidency, to continue the progress we have made—not to rest in complacency, but to take the next steps, whatever they are, to make the Academy the comfortable, secure, affirming home we want it to be for all Fellows.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish you all a joyful season and a peaceful 2023.

Sincerely,



Kenneth R. White, PhD, AGACNP, ACHPN, FACHE, FAAN
President

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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 **November**. All gifts to the Academy support the organization's policy work and help make sure our voice is influencing policymakers on actions that directly impact health and health care.



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Renew by January 31, 2023

Please contact Claire Holland at cholland@aannet.org with any questions.



2023 FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

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Application will open in early January 2023

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Contact Claire Holland at cholland@aannet.org with questions.

American Academy of Nursing Revised Bylaws

A special virtual meeting of the Academy was held on November 16, 2022 during which Fellows on the call voted to approve bylaws changes.

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Through the leadership of the [Academy's Governance Steering Committee](#) and Board of Directors, the updated Bylaws represent a modernization of the organization's governance to support a growing and dynamic organization. Fellows can review the changes to the bylaws through this [side-by-side comparison chart](#) and the [summary by article](#).



Position Statement: FIREARM SAFETY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Prepared by members of the Academy's Expert Panels on Acute & Critical Care; Environmental & Public Health; Health Equity; Psychiatric, Mental Health, & Substance Use; and Violence

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2022 BUSINESS MEETING President, Treasurer, and CEO Verbal Reports

Originally Presented on Saturday, October 29, 2022



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Living Legends Update

Revised Nomination Criteria for 2023

Announcement Follow-up from the Academy's Annual Business Meeting:

The Living Legends nomination criteria, as recommended by the Living Legends Task Force and approved the Board of Directors, has been updated (see below).

The application cycle will open in early April 2023.

- Describe the extraordinary and sustained contribution of the nominee as an exemplar and changemaker in nursing history;
- Share examples of how the nominee or nominee's work will have a positive, enduring impact on improving health policy, promoting social justice, and/or advancing health equity through their body of work to champion nursing and health care

Please note that all other nomination and application materials will remain the same.

Nursing Leadership in Decarbonizing the US Health Sector



Hosted by the Expert Panel on Environmental and Public Health
in collaboration with the Building Healthcare Systems Excellence; Primary Care; Global Nursing
and Health; and Bioethics Expert Panels

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January 20, 2023

Fellow Achievements



Gale Adcock, MSN, RN, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, has been **elected to the North Carolina Senate**, the first nurse to hold this position.



Ifeyinwa Asiodu, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor at the University of California San Francisco School of Nursing, is the recipient of the **2022 Maternal and**



Marla De Jong, PhD, RN, CCNS, FAAN, Dean, Louis H. Peery Presidential Endowed Chair, Professor, University of Utah College of Nursing, has received the **2022**

Senator-elect Adcock was inducted into the Academy in 2016. She currently serves on the INL National Advisory Council.

Child Health Section Outstanding Leadership/Advocacy Award from the American Public Health Association.

Dr. Asiodu was inducted into the Academy in 2021. She currently serves on the Breastfeeding Expert Panel.

Administrative Leadership Honor from the Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) and the Gerontological Society of America.

Dr. De Jong was inducted into the Academy in 2012 and has been a CANS member since 2009. She currently serves on the Military and Veterans Health Expert Panel as well as the Academy's Fellow Selection Committee.

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Bernadette Melnyk, PhD, APRN-CNP, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN, Vice President for Health Promotion, University Chief Wellness Officer and College of Nursing Dean, The Ohio State University, was elected as Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Forum for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention for its 2022-23 leadership term.

Dr. Melnyk was inducted into the Academy in 2002 and has been a CANS member since 2011. She currently serves on the Child, Adolescent, and Family Health as well as the Health Behavior Expert Panels.

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Barbara Wolfe, PhD, APRN-CNS, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN, has been named Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of Rhode Island.

Dr. Wolfe was inducted into the Academy in 2000. She currently serves on the Psychiatric, Mental Health, Substance Abuse Expert Panel.

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Fellow Highlights

Kenya Beard, EdD, AGACNP-BC, CNE, ANEF, FAAN, was the keynote speaker for the National Commission to Address Racism in Nursing's [2022 Virtual Summit](#).

Stella Bialous, DrPH, RN, FAAN, received an R01 grant in the amount of \$665,714 from the NIH National Cancer Institute for her project "Addressing Disparities in Tobacco-Related Diseases by Understanding the Tobacco Industry Strategies."

Charlene Harrington, PhD, RN, FAAN, professor emerita at the UCSF School of Nursing, was quoted in *Kaiser Health News*' Oct. 4 [article](#) "Nursing Home Surprise: Advantage Plans May Shorten Stays to Less Time Than Medicare Covers."

The American Foundation of Suicide Prevention has awarded Co-PI's **Bernadette Melnyk**, PhD, APRN-CNP, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN and **Judy E. Davidson**, DNP, RN, FAAN \$1.5 million to further study their Edge Runner models, [COPE](#) and [Suicide Prevention in Nursing: Breaking the Silence](#) respectively, when executed simultaneously through a partnership with the American Nurses Association.

Kenneth R. White, PhD, APRN, FACHE, FAAN, Academy President, was [interviewed](#) by Norah O'Donnell on the CBS Evening News about the nursing shortage. **Dr. White** and **Linda Talley**, MS, RN, NE-BC, FAAN discuss the challenges facing the profession and solutions to address the nursing shortage to ensure equitable & safe care for patients. **Dr. White** is also quoted in [this article](#) from *HealthLeaders*.



Employment Opportunities



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