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February 7, 2024

President's Message

Dear Fellows,

Maya Angelou said, “Courage is the most important of all the virtues because without courage, you can’t practice any other virtue consistently.” As we [celebrate](#) Black History Month, with the theme of “[art as a platform for social justice](#),” we honor the many African American artists who are and were dancers, singers, writers, and poets. Through their extraordinary artistic crafts, so many individuals have derived inspiration, imagination, and the courage to act. It is an opportunity to recognize, as Toni Morrison stated in the 2019 documentary film *Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am*, that “For me the history of the place of Black people in this country is so varied, complex and beautiful. And impactful.” Art is an important expression of the times in which it originated, the emotions connected with it, and how it makes the viewer/reader feel as they take it in. This month the Academy joins in recognizing art as a platform for social justice and how it can inspire the courage to act.



Courage is an important word for the Academy. It is one of our values. It encourages us to be bold and act through evidence. It frames our policy positions and how we engage as an organization. As I think about courage, we all have it and we all need it. In small moments and big, I think back to the philosophy of our beloved Claire Fagin, PhD, RN, FAAN, who passed last month. Her philosophy was never to stay silent, use your voice when it counts, and even when you think it might not count. There is a reason why the Academy is such an important organization to so many. It is not because of the four letters behind our names, it is because of the Fellowship. It is the profession. It is each of us as leaders, who, independently and collectively, seek to enact our mission, use our voices, and amplify change. For that, we need curiosity and courage— the **heart** of the Academy, the **heart** of our Fellowship.

Next week is Valentine’s Day and in the spirit of embracing the **heart** of the Academy and the Fellowship, please consider sending an [e-Valentine](#) to a Fellow, your sponsors, or someone in your life who inspired you to lead with curiosity and act with courage. A small donation to the Academy through this Valentine campaign will go a long way to strengthen our policy impact. What does policy impact mean for us? For example, two of the proposed rules we responded to in 2023 were recently finalized and contained or mentioned key Academy recommendations related to the Safeguarding the Rights of Conscience as Protected by Federal Statutes and Medications for the Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder. We are acting and our voice is being heard.

Additionally, next week the 2024 Fellowship Application closes and soon the Fellow Selection Committee will begin the review process. Currently, there are over 400 applications in progress. This tells me that the Academy means something to the applicants. And just as importantly, the applicants mean something to their sponsors. Sponsoring applicants for Fellowship is an important process in which mentors and mentees, champions and candidates, collaborate to explain the impact of an individual’s work. Many sponsors nurture their applicant over a year to prepare their application and help expand upon why their candidate’s contribution would elevate the Academy’s overall impact. I

would like to thank each sponsor who took the time to champion a nurse leader knowing that their contribution to the profession and health will continue far into the future.

In this month celebrating love and Black History, I call to mind what is so essential for us all. Claire Fagin said in her 50th Anniversary [interview](#) “love what you have in nursing...because you’ll never find anything better.” I do love what I have in nursing and I greatly appreciate the Academy for being a thoughtful disruptor. And in memory of cherished thoughtful disruptors, who used the art of nursing as a social justice platform, I think of Dr. Bernardine Lacey, who in 2017 presented at the Academy’s conference in a session titled [Social Determinants of Health and Equity: Impact of Racism and Institutional Bias](#), and stated “Pity and compassion in a world of pain means nothing unless it leads to change.” So this month, let’s celebrate love in all the ways we give and receive it. Let’s embrace courage in all the ways we must achieve it. And let’s usher in change in all the ways the world needs it.

Sincerely,



Linda D. Scott, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FNAP, FAAN
President

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Academy News



2024 Dues Renewal Deadline

Grace Period in Effect - Renew by March 31, 2024



Please contact Claire Holland, Member Engagement Manager, at cholland@aannet.org with questions.

A banner for 'New Fellows' featuring a photograph of two women, one in a blue shirt and one in a black jacket, standing in front of a list of names. The American Academy of Nursing logo is in the top right corner.

New Fellows

50 American Academy of Nursing

2024 Fellowship Application

Cycle Closes **February 15**

Marie-Anne Rose PhD, RN, FAAN
Heather Ross RN, APAC
Catherine D. Ellis PhD, RN, FAAN

A banner for 'Living Legend Nominations' with a green background and leafy branches on the sides. It features the American Academy of Nursing logo and a central dark grey box with white text.

Living Legend Nominations

2024 NOMINATIONS DUE MARCH 7, 2024

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A banner for 'State of the Science' with a purple and blue background. It includes the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science logo and a large white text area.

COUNCIL FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF NURSING SCIENCE

STATE OF THE SCIENCE

CONGRESS ON NURSING RESEARCH

June 13-15, 2024

[Submit an Abstract by February 16th](#)

A banner for 'Which Pathway?' with a blue background and a green geometric design on the left. It features a photograph of a whiteboard with diagrams.

Which Pathway? Navigating Your Trajectory in Early Career & Beyond

HOSTED BY THE EARLY CAREER SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

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Fellow Achievements



Wendy A. Henderson, PhD, CRNP, FAASLD, FAAN, has been appointed the **Gail and Ralph Reynolds President's Distinguished Professor at the University of Pennsylvania** and will serve as a faculty member in Penn Nursing's Department of Biobehavioral Health Sciences.

Dr. Henderson was inducted into the Academy in 2016 and has been a CANS member since 2007. She currently serves on the Academy's Nominating Committee.

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Kenneth R. White, PhD, AGACNP, ACHPN FACHE, FAAN, Dean, MGH Institute of Health Professions, School of Nursing, will **retire** at the end of this academic year.

Dr. White was inducted into the Academy in 2012. He is the immediate Past President and recently presented a keynote on behalf of the Academy at the **National Association of Hispanic Nurses Hispanic Health Policy Summit** on February 2 in Washington, DC. He is pictured below at the event with Fellows, Grace Grau, Sharon Lambertson, and Paule Joseph.



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Margarete L. Zalon, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, FAAN, Professor Emerita, The University of Scranton, was **appointed** as a consumer representative to the **Pennsylvania e-Health Partnership Advisory Board**.

Dr. Zalon was inducted into the Academy in 2016 and has been a CANS member since 2010. She is a member of the Acute and Critical Care Expert Panel.

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Fellow Highlights

The American Academy of Nursing is pleased to recognize the following Fellows for their [induction](#) into the **Georgia Nursing Hall of Fame**:

- **Debbie Hatmaker**, PhD, RN, FAAN
- **Mary Gullatte**, PhD, RN, ANP-BC, AOCN, LSSYB, FAAN
- **Dwayne Hooks**, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, NEA-BC, PMHNP-BC, FACHE, FAANP, FAAN
- **Sandra Dunbar**, RN, PhD, FAAN, FAHA, FPCNA

Sue Anne Bell, PhD, FNP-BC, FAAN, **Jacquelyn Campbell**, PHD, MSN, BSN, RN, FAAN, and **Rosa M. Gonzalez-Guarda**, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, were contributors for the [NASEM Report](#) entitled, *Essential Health Care Services Addressing Intimate Partner Violence*.

Kathleen Brewer-Smyth, PhD, RN, CRRN, FAAN, won four *American Journal of Nursing* [Book of the Year Awards](#) for *Adverse Childhood Experiences*, *The Neuroscience of Trauma*, *Resilience and Healing throughout the Life Course*.

Darlene Curley, EdD, MS, RN, FAAN, and **Patricia Stone**, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, are authors of the [article](#), "Nurse state legislators, 2013 to 2023," published in *Nursing Outlook*.

Loretta Ford, EdD, RN, PNP, FAANP, FAAN, Academy Living Legend and Charter Fellow, was featured in an [article](#) celebrating her milestone 103rd birthday.

Barbara McFarlin, PhD, CNM, RDMS, FACNM, FAAN, was lead author on an [article](#), "Enhanced Identification of At-Risk Women for Preterm Birth via Quantitative Ultrasound: A Prospective Cohort

Study," published in the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology Maternal Fetal Medicine*, outlining a new method using ultrasound to determine whether a person is at risk for premature delivery.

Rebecca M. Patton, DNP, RN, CNOR, FAAN; **Margarete L. Zalon**, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, FAAN; and **Ruth Ludwick**, PhD, RN-BC, APRN-CNS, FAAN, received the 2023 Sigma Theta Tau's [Capstone International Book Award](#) for *Nurses Making Policy from Bedside to Boardroom*.

Allison Squires, PhD, RN, FAAN, is an author of the [article](#), "Making the invisible visible: The importance of applying a lens of intersectionality for researching internationally educated nurses," published in *Nursing Outlook*.

Amy Vogelsmeier, PhD, RN, FAAN, **Lori Popejoy**, PhD, RN, FAAN, and **Marilyn Rantz**, PhD, RN, FAAN are authors of the [paper](#), "Exploring Hospital Transfers for Long-Stay Nursing Home Residents With End-Stage Renal Disease," published in *Journal of Nursing Care Quality*.

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In Memoriam



Claire Fagin, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor and Dean Emerita of the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, passed away on January 16, 2024.

Dr. Fagin was a renowned nurse leader, educator, and advocate. Throughout her illustrious career, Dr. Fagin served in many roles at prestigious institutions, notably becoming the first woman to lead an Ivy League institution when she served as Interim President of the University of Pennsylvania from 1993-1994. Dr. Fagin transformed health and care delivery and is widely credited with overturning the common practice of strictly limiting parental visits to hospitalized children. Later, Dr. Fagin served as the founding director of the John A. Hartford Foundation's national program on geriatric nursing.

Dr. Fagin was inducted into the Academy in 1975 and named a Living Legend in 1998.

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