President's Message

May 4, 2022

Dear Fellows,

National Nurses Week is our annual opportunity to honor and uplift our profession. Think about how nursing has changed and grown since the first proposals to establish National Nurses Week were made in the early 1950s; take some time to reflect on the power of our profession (our voice), the advances nurses have made (our courage), and the strength of purpose nurses have sustained (our leadership).

First, the power of our Voice. In April, the Board of Directors reviewed the latest policy documents from our Expert Panels, covering a range of high-priority topics that included:

- The critical nursing workforce shortage;
- Rural access to maternal health care;
- Inequities in the juvenile justice system;
- Leveraging equity in policy to improve mental health and substance use disorders;
- COVID-19 and well-being in long-term care; and
- Nurse well-being.

Both the range and the depth of papers on these health policy topics is what makes the Academy unique—and essential. I congratulate the members of our Expert Panels, who put their time and talent into advancing the Academy’s mission, improving health and achieving health equity by impacting policy through nursing leadership, innovation, and science. These documents, and the Fellows who serve on the Expert Panels and prepare them, show the strength and focus of our organization.

Second: Courage. Leading change—all the way back to developing the Academy—is our core identity. Think about the inspiring Charter Members who took on the challenge to develop an Academy, and the impact this Academy continues to have on the profession and the health of the public. I was saddened by the passing of our Charter Fellow, Shirley Smoyak, PhD, RN, FAAN, last month; Dr. Smoyak was an internationally-renowned psychiatric nurse and healthcare sociologist who served at the Rutgers School of Nursing, ultimately receiving the Rutgers Presidential Award for Distinguished Public Service. As a Charter Fellow, Dr. Smoyak was instrumental in developing the organization’s agenda and by-laws. The Academy named her a Living Legend in 2004. Without forward-thinking nurses such as Dr. Smoyak and our other Charter Fellows, we would not have the impact as an organization that we have today.

Third: Leadership. Leadership translates purpose into action; we continue to need talented leaders throughout our profession. I am pleased therefore to share that the Academy is now accepting nominations for leadership positions, including Secretary, Board of Directors, Fellow Selection Committee, and Nominating Committee.
Please consider nominating yourself or a Fellow you believe would contribute to leading our organization as we take on coming challenges and opportunities.

**Voice. Courage. Leadership.** During Nurses Week, Nurses Month, and beyond, may we find our voice, bolster our courage, and exhibit our leadership to improve health, reduce health inequities, and advance our profession.

Before I close, I must address the news that broke yesterday regarding the leaked opinion of the Supreme Court that would challenge the precedent established by Roe v. Wade. As you know, the opinion of this case has been the law of the land for 50 years. The Academy, through the diligent work of the Women’s Health Expert Panel, has taken a clear stand in support of reproductive rights for years. The Academy is on record supporting Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act and the Title X family planning program at the federal level. Over the last two years alone, the Academy has joined ten amicus briefs related to state policies that would impede access to safe reproductive care, including Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization, which is the case at the heart of the leaked initial decision draft being considered by the Supreme Court. While this news continues to unfold, the Academy is unwavering in our position and will partner with those in the health care community to champion our position to safe reproductive care.

Sincerely,

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

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Happy Nurses Week from the American Academy of Nursing

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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 April. 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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Hyochol “Brian” Ahn, PhD, MSN, MS-ECE, MS-CTS, APRN, ANP-BC, FAAN, has been named the Founding Director of the Florida State University College of Nursing Brain Science and Symptom Management Center.

Dr. Ahn was inducted into the Academy in 2020. He currently serves on the Edge Runners National Advisory Council.

Robert (Bob) Atkins, PhD, RN, FAAN, will join the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing as Executive Vice Dean in August 2022.

Dr. Atkins was inducted into the Academy in 2013.

Marianne Baernholdt, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, has been named Dean of the University of Virginia School of Nursing.

Dr. Baernholdt was inducted into the Academy in 2013. She currently serves on the Quality Health Care Expert Panel.

Rose Ann DiMaria-Ghalili, PhD, RN, FASPEN, FAAN, FGSA, has been promoted to Senior Associate Dean for Research, Drexel University College of Health Professions.

Dr. DiMaria-Ghalili was inducted into the Academy in 2016 and is a

Eileen Fry-Bowers, PhD, JD, RN, CPNP-PC, FAAN, has been named Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Professions at the University of San Francisco.

Dr. Fry-Bowers was inducted into the Academy in 2018 and is a CANS Member. She currently

Eileen Danaher Hacker, PhD, RN, AOCN, FAAN, has been named Chair of the Nursing Department at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Dr. Hacker was inducted into the Academy in 2014 and is a CANS member. She currently serves on
Susan B. Hassmiller, PhD, RN, FAAN, has announced her retirement as the Director of the Campaign for Action and as the Senior Adviser for Nursing at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on May 31.

Dr. Hassmiller was inducted into the Academy in 2000 and named a Living Legend in 2021.

Susan E. King, MS, RN, CEN, FAAN, Staff RN, Emergency Department, Providence St Vincent Medical Center and Former Executive Director of the Oregon Nurses Association, has been appointed to a four-year term on the Oregon Health and Sciences University Board of Directors.

Ms. King was inducted into the Academy in 2011.

Kristy Martyn, PhD, RN, CPNP-PC, FAAN, Associate Dean for Education and Independence Chair to Emory University's Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing has been named a US Fulbright Scholar, conducting research at King’s College-London.

Dr. Martyn was inducted into the Academy in 2013 and is a CANS member. She currently serves on the Child, Adolescent & Family Health Expert Panel.

Barbara McFarlin, PhD, MS, BSN, CNM, RDMS, FACNM, FAAN, Professor, University of Illinois Chicago College of Nursing announced her retirement, effective August 15.

Dr. McFarlin was inducted into the Academy in 2015.

Monica R. McLemore, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, Thelma Shobe Endowed Chair and tenured associate professor with the University of California San Francisco, will join the University of Washington School of Nursing this summer.

Dr. McLemore was inducted into the Academy in 2019. She currently serves on the Women’s Health Expert Panel.

Bernadette Melnyk, PhD, APRN-CNP, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN, Dean, College of Nursing, The Ohio State University, received an Honorary Doctor of Science from The State University of New York’s Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York.

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

Kathleen Neville, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies and Research at Seton Hall University College of Nursing, has been awarded a 2022-2023 Fulbright US Scholar Award and will study at Edinburgh Napier University School of Health and Social Care.

Dr. Neville was inducted into the Academy in 2018.

Mary A. Nies, PhD, RN, FAAN, FAAHB, Special Assistant to the Dean, College of Health for Grant Writing & Professor, Idaho State University, has received the 2022 Outstanding Research Award from Idaho State University for the second year in a row.

Dr. Nies was inducted into the Academy in 1994. She currently serves on the Health Behavior and Women’s Health Expert Panels.

Winifred V. Quinn, PhD, FAANP, FAAN(h), received an Honorary Doctorate in Public Service from the University of Portland, in recognition for her efforts on access to care provided by advanced practice registered nurses.

Dr. Quinn was inducted into the Academy as an Honorary Fellow in 2021.

F. Patrick Robinson, PhD, RN, ACRN, CNE, ANEF, FAAN, was named President, Research College of Nursing.

Dr. Robinson was inducted into the Academy in 2013. He served on the Academy’s Governance Steering Committee, and currently serves on the LGBTQ Health Expert Panel.

M. Elaine Tagliareni, EdD, RN, CNE, FAAN, has been named a Living Legend of the American Nurses Association of Massachusetts.

Dr. Tagliareni was inducted into the Academy in 2009. She currently serves on the Institute for Nursing Leadership National Advisory Council and the Aging Expert Panel.
Fellow Highlights

Congratulations to the following Fellows who received awards from the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses:

- **Cynda Hylton Rushton**, PhD, RN, FAAN, will receive the 2022 Marguerite Rodgers Kinney Award for a Distinguished Career
- **Patricia Flatley Brennan**, PhD, RN, FACMI, FAAN, will receive an AACN Pioneering Spirit Award
- **Gloria McNeal**, PhD, MSN, ACNS-BC, FAAN, will receive an AACN Pioneering Spirit Award
- **Anne W. Alexandrov**, PhD, RN, AGACNP-BC, ANVP-BC, NVRN-BC, ASC-BC, CCRN, FAAN has been named the 2022 Distinguished Research Lecturer


**Christopher R. Friese**, PhD, RN, AOCN, FAAN, and **Deena K. Costa**, PhD, RN, FAAN, coauthored the article "Policy Strategies for Addressing Current Threats to the U.S. Nursing Workforce" in The New England Journal of Medicine.

**Charlene Harrington**, PhD, RN, FAAN, was among the experts quoted in the article “Nursing Home Pay Rule Reveals CMS Strategy on Minimum Staffing” in McKnight’s Long-Term Care News.

**Oi Saeng Hong**, PhD, RN, FAAN, is the senior author of the paper “The Short Form Effort−Reward Imbalance: Measure of Occupational Stress for Firefighters” in the American Journal of Industrial Medicine.

**Jianghong Liu**, PhD, RN, FAAN, and **Peggy Compton**, PHD, RN, FAAN, are coauthors of the article "Early childhood lead exposure and adolescent heart rate variability: A longitudinal cohort study" in Environmental Research.

**Diana J. Mason**, PhD, RN, FAAN, and Jonas Policy Scholar **Katie Fitzgerald Jones**, MSN, CARN-AP, have coauthored the article "The False Dichotomy of Pain and Opioid Use Disorder" in Jama Health Forum.


Elsevier Health has published the "Clinician of the Future" report. Clinician of the Future Program Participants included **Marion Broome**, PhD, RN, FAAN and Academy CEO **Suzanne Miyamoto**, PhD, RN, FAAN.

Obituaries

**Doris Merritt**, MD, ScD, FAAN(h), former Assistant Dean of Medical Research at Indiana University School of Medicine, passed away on April 12, 2022.

Dr. Merritt started her career in the Navy Officer Corps during World War II before attaining her pediatric medical degree. She then transitioned to the National Institutes of Health where she worked in the Division of Research Grants. Dr. Merritt became Assistant Dean for Medical Research at Indiana University School of Medicine, one of the first women in the United States to reach that position. She was also the first woman to chair the National Library of Medicine Board of Regents and helped create the library’s electronic information system. Dr. Merritt was also named the first acting director of the National Center for Nursing Research of the National Institutes of Health in 1986. Dr. Merritt was inducted as an Honorary Fellow of the Academy in 2001.
Verna Adwell Rhodes, EdSp, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor Emerita, University of Missouri Sinclair School of Nursing, passed away on April 16, 2022.

Dr. Rhodes began her nursing career as a school nurse as she completed her graduate education at the University of Missouri. After joining the faculty of the Sinclair School of Nursing, she developed the first 4-year undergraduate nursing integrated curriculum for the BSN students who remained on campus for their theory and clinical courses. Among her many professional achievements and awards, Dr. Rhodes also authored many publications and developed practices to measure patient symptoms. Dr. Rhodes was inducted into the Academy in 1994.

Shirley Smoyak, PhD, RN, FAAN, Distinguished Professor, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, passed away on April 1, 2022.

Dr. Smoyak was known for her incredible contributions to the field of psychiatric nursing, and served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services for over forty years. She was a pioneer of psychiatric nursing, a healthcare sociologist, and was bestowed with many awards and honors. Dr. Smoyak was a Charter Fellow of the Academy and was named a Living Legend in 2004.

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