President's Message

June 1, 2022

Dear Fellows,

My heart is heavy (again), and I feel nearly overcome with grief and desperation. I’m sure many of you share my frustration about so many elements of our national context today; no real progress seems evident. We no longer mourn and heal, later to mourn again; we seem to mourn continuously now, fearing what the news will bring to us next. We have to reach farther down in ourselves to marshal the strength to keep pushing for policy reform as we watch family after family and town after town suffer. It is easy to feel powerless against senseless gun violence, in particular. But so many policy changes that the Academy seeks to advance to confront that horrific public health challenge call for continued vigilance. Ten years on since the Sandy Hook shooting, we have made no real progress; the loss of 21 lives in the Robb Elementary School shooting in Uvalde, Texas shocks us—but will it lead to real change?

No matter how impossible it seems right now, we must look to a brighter future—one in part led by our collective expertise as an Academy where we put our evidence into policy. We rise to that occasion. Recently, considering many issues that are at the forefront of the national agenda, the Executive Committee approved the drafting of three Academy position statements in these areas: safe reproductive health, women’s health, and gender affirming care. You know as I do that there are critical relationships among those challenges—and that there are connections from those three areas to the status and rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. June is Pride Month—a welcome affirmation of progress and change.

Established after the Stonewall Riots in New York in 1969, Pride Month was nationally designated as a commemorative month in 1995. Since that time, numerous Supreme Court cases have ruled in favor of gay rights. Lawrence v. Texas, decided in 2003, affirmed that the legal concept of a “right to privacy” extended to decisions made between consenting adults. More than ten years later, Obergefell v. Hodges determined that the fundamental right to marriage is guaranteed to same-sex couples—legalizing gay marriage across the United States in 2015. Finally, just two years ago, the Supreme Court ruled in Bostock v. Clayton County that employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity was illegal.

Despite these important achievements and judicial milestones, obstacles remain. Ensuring access to gender-affirming care remains a priority for the Academy. For many LGBTQIA+ individuals, there is still a fear of expressing their authentic selves, particularly in a healthcare setting. The LGBTQ Health Expert Panel is working to advance recommendations that will positively affect the care provided to individuals across the LGBTQIA+ spectrum. Recent actions by legislatures and governors once again endanger our progress—but we, as nurses out loud, will not be silent; no government or official will stop us from “saying gay” or supporting trans youth.

I ask that you read and reflect on this comment: “We should indeed keep calm in the face of difference, and live our lives in a state of inclusion and wonder at the diversity of humanity.” George Takei, who offered these
words, is an American actor (best known for his role on Star Trek), but his story is one of adversity. At 85 years old, long after spending time in the Japanese American internment camps, the self-proclaimed optimist is a gay rights and social justice activist who reminds us that humanity is paramount and that there will always be more opportunities to serve the causes we believe in. I too wonder at the diversity of humanity and celebrate the opportunities we have as an Academy to achieve our vision of healthy lives for all people.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. White
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President

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2022 NOMINATIONS

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Fellow Achievements

**Elizabeth A. Ayello**, PhD, MS, BSN, ETN, RN, CWON, MAPWCA, FAAN, President, World Council of Enterostomal Therapists, has been recognized with a **Lifetime Achievement Award** by the World Union of Wound Healing Societies.

Dr. Ayello was inducted into the Academy in 2004. She currently serves on the Global Nursing and Health Expert Panel.

**Azita Emami**, PhD, MSN, BSN, RN, FAAN, Robert G. and Jean A. Reid Executive Dean of Nursing, University of Washington, has been **elected to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Board of Trustees**.

Dr. Emami was inducted into the Academy in 2012. She currently serves on the Global Nursing and Health Expert Panel.

**Johns Hopkins University** launched the **Gaston-Johansson Faculty of Excellence Program** in honor of **Fannie Gaston-Johansson**, PhD, RN, FAAN to recruit diverse scholars to the university.

Dr. Gaston-Johansson was inducted into the Academy in 1992 and named a Living Legend in 2015.
Mary Ellen Glasgow, PhD, RN, ANEF, FAAN, has been reappointed for another 3-year term as Dean of the School of Nursing, Duquesne University.

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

Sonya Renae Hardin, PhD, MBA/MHA, CCRN, NP-C, FAAN, currently Dean of the School of Nursing at the University of Louisville, has been appointed Dean of the UT Health San Antonio School of Nursing.

Dr. Hardin was inducted into the Academy in 2017. She currently serves on the Acute and Critical Care Expert Panel.

Valerie M. Howard, EdD, MSN, RN, CNE, FAAN, currently Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, Duke University, has been named Dean of the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill School of Nursing.

Dr. Howard was inducted into the Academy in 2018.

Marie T. Nolan, MPH, PhD, RN, FAAN, has been appointed as Dean of the Catholic University Conway School of Nursing.

Dr. Nolan was inducted into the Academy in 2009. She currently serves on the Global Nursing and Health Expert Panel.

Janice Phillips, PhD RN CENP FAAN, Director of Nursing Research and Health Equity Nursing Administration, Rush University Medical Center, received the Marcia Pencak Murphy Presidential Mentorship Award.

Dr. Phillips was inducted into the Academy in 2000.

Maria Rodriguez Shirey, PhD, MBA, MS, RN, NEA-BC, ANEF, FACHE, FNAP, FAAN, has been named Dean of the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing.

Dr. Shirey was inducted into the Academy in 2010. She currently serves on the Building Health Care System Excellence Expert Panel.
Sylvia Trent-Adams, PhD, RN, FAAN, Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer, University of North Texas Health Science Center, has been named to the Institute for Healthcare Improvement’s Board of Directors.

Dr. Trent-Adams was inducted into the Academy in 2014.

Jing Wang, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, Dean, Florida State University College of Nursing, has been elected to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Board of Trustees.

Dr. Wang was inducted into the Academy in 2017 and is a member of CANS. She currently serves on the Aging, Informatics & Technology, and Primary Care Expert Panels.

Nora E. Warshawsky, PhD, RN, FAAN, Consultant, NEW Nurse Leader Solutions, PLLC, has been named the 2022 AONL Foundation Nurse Researcher of the Year.

Dr. Warshawsky was inducted into the Academy in 2016. She currently serves on the Building Health Care System Excellence Expert Panel.

Annette B. Wysocki, PhD, RN, FAAN, currently Dean at Stony Brook University School of Nursing, has been appointed Dean of the University at Buffalo School of Nursing.

Dr. Wysocki was inducted into the Academy in 2004 and is a CANS Member. She currently serves on the Aging and Bioethics Expert Panels.

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Fellow Highlights

Claire Caruso, PhD, RN, FAAN, Ann Berger, PhD, APRN-CNS, AOCNS, FAAN, Sharon J. Tucker, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN, Patricia A. Patrician, PhD, RN, FAAN, Alison M. Trinkoff, ScD, RN, FAAN, Ann E. Rogers, PhD, RN, FAAN, Cole Edmonson, DNP, RN, FACHE, NEA-BC, FAONL, FAAN, Nancy S. Redeker, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN, and Eileen R. Chasens, PhD, RN, FAAN coauthored the article, "Research priorities to reduce risks from work hours and fatigue in the healthcare and social assistance sector," in American Journal of Industrial Medicine.

ChristianaCare was provided with a $1.5 million grant from the American Nurses Foundation to support a total of 5 Moxi collaborative robots at Christiana Hospital. Ric Cuming, EdD, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, will be overseeing the grant in his role as Chief Nurse Executive and President of ChristianaCare HomeHealth.

Terry Fulmer, PhD, RN, FAAN, was featured in an article from the American Society on Aging highlighting the wisdom gained from older adults. Jennie Chin Hansen, MS, RN, FAAN, was featured in part two of the series.
Margaret Hattori-Uchima, PhD, RN, FAAN, was featured in an article, "Advancing Cardiometabolic Health Equity for Pacific Islander Communities," by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities.

Bernadette Melnyk, PhD, APRN-CNP, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN, coauthored the report, "Pandemic Parenting: Examining the Working Parental Burnout and Strategies to Help."

Marie T. Nolan, MPH, PhD, RN, FAAN, Patricia Davidson, PhD, RN, BA, MEd, FAAN, Betty R. Ferrell, PhD, RN, FAAN, FPCN, and Heather M. Young, PhD, RN, FAAN, coauthored the article, "How to Support Patients Who May Be Caregivers Too," in Health Affairs.

Monique Reed, PhD, MS, RN, FAAN, received funding from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases for her research, "Black Girls Move: A Daughter/Mother Intervention to Prevent Obesity by Increasing Physical Activity and Improving Dietary Intake among Black Adolescent Daughters."

Obituaries

Kristine Gebbie, DrPH, MN, RN, FAAN, an AIDS activist and health policy expert, passed away on May 17, 2022.

Dr. Gebbie, the first U.S. AIDS Czar, served on a presidential AIDS commission during the administration of Ronald Reagan and led a national AIDS task force of state health officials. She served as the Oregon State Health Administrator from 1978 to 1989 and the Washington State Secretary of Health from 1989 to 1993. She was also appointed as the first coordinator of the Office of National AIDS Policy under President Clinton in 1994.

In addition to her political appointments, she was a professor of nursing at the Columbia University School of Nursing and director of Columbia’s Center for Health Policy from 1994 to 2008. She was dean of the Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing from 2008 to 2010. She ended her career as a Professor of Nursing at Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia. Dr. Gebbie was inducted into the Academy in 1990.

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