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February 1, 2023

President's Message

Dear Fellows,

Beginning with Gerald Ford in 1976, every president of the United States has celebrated Black History Month in February—but its roots go back more than a century; in 1915, Dr. Carter G. Woodson and several colleagues founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History). The current president of that association, Dr. W. Marvin Dulaney, reminds us that “...promoting, researching, and preserving the African-American experience is just as important today as it was [then].” This year’s theme for Black History Month is “Black Resistance”—the need for which is painfully obvious in our recent social and cultural history. In the political arena, we must all vigorously and conscientiously resist the current trends among elected officials, representative bodies, and misguided educational administrators in too many states to erase the facts about the legacy of slavery, disqualify Black voters, and gerrymandering Black citizens out of their legitimate access to legislative power. Socially, we must support each other after the Memphis Police Department’s release of traumatizing video. As we collectively mourn Tyre Nichols, we are too aware of the fact that brutality at this level is unconscionable.



In February, we must also come together as a profession to acknowledge and reflect on our debt to the Black leaders who have pushed forward for a better future despite the horrific racism, prejudice, and discrimination that continues today. There have been, and are, talented and stalwart resisters who continue to make progress locally and globally towards a more equitable society—and also a more equitable nursing profession. We have our own tragic history; our work of anti-racism is far from over. With that in mind, I thank the members of the Academy’s Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity (EDI) Committee, who will be featuring Academy Fellows on social media during Black History Month to share their accomplishments. The EDI Committee hosted a webinar on “Continuing the Work of the National Commission to Address Racism in Nursing,” this afternoon. All of us should respond to the call from the Association for the Study of African American Life and History: “This is a call to everyone, inside and outside the academy, to study the history of Black Americans’ responses to establish safe spaces, where Black life can be sustained, fortified, and respected.”

Midway through February comes Valentine’s Day. The origins of that celebration, and the ways in which it became associated with romance and love, are open to debate, but, regardless, Valentine’s Day—which is not a legal holiday anywhere—became a true social phenomenon long before Shakespeare. It arrives at just the right time—when the idea of a new year has rubbed off and we are moving at the fast-paced clip of everything that consumes our daily lives. And it charms us with just the right thing as well—love, which always lifts us up. Carrie Underwood, the country singer, was right: “Love wins.” In an interview, she said, “I do think that we as humans are inherently good and we need to remember that. Because we’re different, that doesn’t make somebody else bad, it just makes us different. We wanted that song to be hopeful and to maybe make somebody stop and think about that.” Exactly; love does, indeed, win.

Love for ourselves is as important as the love we offer others. During February, I hope that we all take

moments to focus on self-care. In the middle of everything we find ourselves doing and experiencing, poignant moments to be at peace and reflect can be quickly lost. I ask you to consider how you will better love you in 2023. Will you seek out more hugs, turn off your internal monologue, practice mindful meditation, or call a loved one that restores our joy?

My heart is full based on the support I have received from our Fellows during my presidency thus far. I look forward to deepening the connections I've made and embrace the opportunity to develop new relationships within the Academy. I hope you have a February full of love that is received and given!

Sincerely,



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

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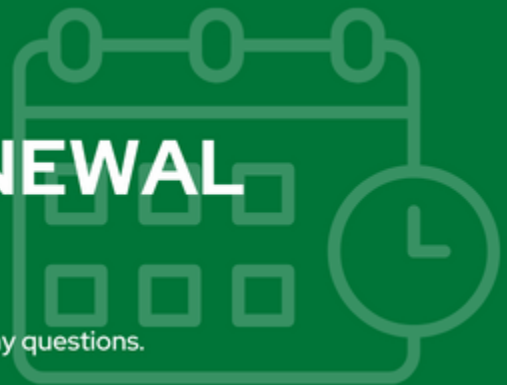
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FELLOW DUES RENEWAL

Grace Period through April 1st

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2023 Fellowship Application

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American Academy of Nursing 2023-2024 Policy Priorities to Achieve Health Equity



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The American Academy of Nursing (Academy's) vision is ***healthy lives for all people***. As outlined in the organization's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity (EDI) Statement, the Academy intentionally works to dismantle structural and institutional racism to promote social justice. To actualize our vision and EDI statement, the Academy's mission is to ***improve health and achieve health equity by impacting policy through nursing leadership, innovation, and science***.

The Academy's **2023-2024 Policy Priorities to Achieve Health Equity** are:

- **Increase Accessibility to All Forms of Health Care**
- **Promote High-Impact Advances in Practice, Innovation, and Science**
- **Build Capacity to Support Nurses and Other Providers**

In conjunction with the organization's 23 Expert Panels, comprised of Academy Fellows in practice, research, policy, and academia, the 2023-2024 policy priorities to achieve health equity further the Academy's longstanding commitment to addressing the underlying factors that impact the ability to achieve healthy lives. Each of the Academy's priorities is synergistic and supports policies that eliminate health inequities and disparities—striving to promote patient-centered as well as culturally safe and supportive care. These priorities were approved by the Board of Directors in December 2022.

SAVE THE DATE
CANS
VIRTUAL
2023 ADVANCED
METHODS CONFERENCE

September 13, 2023

SAVE THE DATE
2023 HEALTH POLICY
CONFERENCE

October 5-7, 2023

Fellow Achievements



Karen Allen, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dean, Valparaiso University College of Nursing and Health Professions, has been selected as the **Board of Trustees Chairperson, Northwest Health-Porter**.

Dr. Allen was inducted into the Academy in 1999.

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Bernadette Melnyk, PhD, APRN-CNP, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN will step aside as Dean of The Ohio State University College of Nursing on June 30, 2023.

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 as well as the Health Behavior Expert Panels.

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Fellow Highlights

Susan Chapman, PhD, MPH, FAAN, and **Laura Wagner**, PhD, RN, FAAN, have been named among *Health Affairs'* [top 10 articles of 2022](#) for their paper, "[Personal Care Aides: Assessing Self-Care Needs and Worker Shortages in Rural Areas](#)."

Darlene J. Curley, EdD, MS, RN, FAAN, and **Bethany Hall-Long**, PhD, RN, FAAN, will speak at the "[Nurse State Legislatures: A Briefing with Lieutenant Governor Bethany Hall-Long and Darlene J. Curley](#)" webinar hosted by the Center for Health Policy at Columbia University School of Nursing, alongside the Biden Institute and the University of Delaware School of Nursing on February 13.

Desiree A. Díaz, PhD, FNP-BC, CNE, CHSE-A, ANEF, FAAN, is the featured speaker for the University of Tennessee Health Science Center's Center for Healthcare Improvement and Patient Simulation (CHIPS) [town hall on the role of simulation in health equity](#) on February 22.

Sheldon D. Fields, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, AACRN, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN, as First Vice President of the National Black Nurses Association, will speak at the [35th Annual National Black Nurses Day on Capitol Hill](#).

Linda Franck, PhD, RN, FAAN, is among the authors of the *BMC Pregnancy Childbirth* paper, "['Oh Gosh, Why Go? Cause They Are Going to Look at Me and Not Hire': Intersectional Experiences of Black Women Navigating Employment During Pregnancy and Parenting](#)."

Yoshimi Fukuoka, PhD, RN, FAAN, and **Elena Flowers**, PhD, RN, FAAN, co-authored the *Biological Research for Nursing* paper "[Prediction Performance of Feature Selectors and Classifiers on Highly Dimensional Transcriptomic Data for Prediction of Weight Loss in Filipino Americans at Risk for Type 2 Diabetes](#)."

Luc R. Pelletier, MSN, APRN, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Sharp HealthCare, co-edited a book, [HQ Solutions: Resource for the Healthcare Quality Professional](#) (Fifth ed., January 2023).

Joanne Spetz, PhD, FAAN, and **Matthew Tierney**, MS, NP, FAAN, co-authored the *Sigma Journal of Nursing Scholarship* paper, "[Eliminate the Buprenorphine DEA X Waiver: Justification Using a Policy Analysis Approach](#)."

Sandra Staveski, PhD, RN, FAAN, is the senior author of the *Cardiology in the Young* paper "[A Survey of Current Practices in Sedation, Analgesia, Withdrawal and Delirium Management in Paediatric Cardiac ICUs](#)."

In Memoriam



Peggy Elaine Daw, DNP, RN-BC, CNE, FAAN, Nurse Support Program Administrator, Maryland Higher Education Commission, passed away on December 18, 2022.

Dr. Daw spent decades in nursing working directly with patients in hospice and psychiatric care. She was published in multiple research journals and worked to distribute grants and awards to future nurses through her role as a grant administrator of the University of Maryland system.

Dr. Daw was inducted into the Academy in 2021.

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Fannie G. Gaston-Johansson, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor Emerita, Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, passed away on January 7, 2023.

Dr. Gaston-Johansson was an internationally renowned nurse educator, researcher, and clinical practitioner. She was the first African American woman to be a tenured full professor at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Gaston-Johansson also made history as a nursing student at Winston Salem State University, a historically Black university, by receiving the highest score on the state nursing licensing board exam. Extensively published, Dr. Gaston-Johansson's work and research focused on symptom and pain management, quality of life, breast cancer, cardiovascular disease, and racial and ethnic health disparities.

Dr. Gaston-Johansson was inducted into the Academy in 1992 and became a Living Legend in 2015.

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