

President's Message

Dear Fellows,

It is incredible to think that only a month has passed since my last communication with you. We have seen so much change and yet, there is still so much work ahead. I want to start by recognizing a truly outstanding Fellow. On behalf of the organization, we are honored to congratulate Rear Admiral Susan Orsega, MSN, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN for being named by President Biden as the Acting Surgeon General. For decades, this national leadership role has been a trusted voice to ensure the public has the most critical scientific information that advances the nation's health and wellness. Rear Admiral Orsega— an accomplished nurse leader, infectious disease specialist, and public health expert— is the leader the nation needs as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to surge in communities across the country and heightened vaccine education remains paramount.



Rear Admiral Orsega is a powerful champion for public health. Throughout her career, this has been demonstrated by her valiant actions to combat the HIV/AIDS epidemic, her leadership during the aftermath of the 9/11 attacks, her response to the Ebola outbreak, as well as her completion of 14 other national and international disaster and humanitarian deployments. President Biden's appointment of Rear Admiral Orsega as Acting Surgeon General is a clear recognition of her accomplished public service and the unique contributions nursing science and leadership bring to the health of the nation. As Acting Surgeon General, Rear Admiral Orsega will be the nation's leading public health advisor, communicating on how to keep our communities safe during COVID-19. She will also serve as Vice-Admiral of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, overseeing the operations of the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps (USPHS). Rear Admiral Orsega will serve in this role until the confirmation hearing of Vivek H. Murthy, MD, MBA as U.S. Surgeon General.

It is with great pride that a second Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing has been selected to serve as the Acting Surgeon General, with Rear Admiral Sylvia Trent-Adams PhD, RN, FAAN previously holding this post. Rear Admiral Orsega's duty of service is representative of nurses everywhere striving for health equity and meaningful change. We were honored to present her with our 2020 [President's Award](#) and please do take a moment to listen to her inspiring words during her acceptance speech accessed [here](#).

Amplifying the focus on public health, all things related to "vaccine" have been on my mind. From securing the best guidance for faculty and students wanting to support the roll-out to braving the unique challenges in our communities, it has been a stressful time for all of us wanting to make sure we can facilitate as many "shots in arms" as possible. In our first [press release](#) of the year, the Academy applauded the Biden Administration for the actions taken to improve the country's COVID-19 response. In particular, efforts to accelerate the vaccine rollout. To that end, the Academy has expanded our COVID-19 policy priorities to include accelerating access to and education of COVID-19 vaccines as reports continue to emerge related to COVID-19 hesitancy. From communities of color who have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic to women of childbearing age, there is much work ahead for public health education. Many of you have probably been following the polling shared through the [Kaiser Family Foundation's COVID-19 Vaccine Monitor](#) that gives insight into how the public views the equity of the vaccine's distribution as well as the fact that the majority do not have enough information about the COVID-19 vaccine.

Since the beginning of the new year, our Expert Panels and policy staff have been combining their collective expertise to prepare recommendations to continue to advance this work. There is much to review and the need is great. As you may know, efforts are underway within the Biden Administration to engage retired nurses and those with recently expired licenses in these efforts. To that end, the CDC has [COVID-19 Vaccine Training Modules](#) and the Academy supports the 5th amendment to the [Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act \(PREP Act\)](#), which calls for clinicians to have this critical education.

Many of us may be wanting to do more and I have been inspired by the number of Fellows I see on social media supporting the vaccine efforts, including our own President-Elect, [Kenneth R. White](#), or posting photos of their vaccine cards. Do consider tagging the Academy ([@AAN_Nursing](#)) in these posts or [email Ellie Cook](#), Strategic Outreach Manager, to help demonstrate the clear commitment we have to vaccinate the public and the importance of health care professionals getting vaccinated themselves!

Sincerely,



Eileen Sullivan-Marx, PhD, RN, FAAN
President
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Kenya Beard, EdD, AGACNP-BC, CNE, ANEF, FAAN, has been named as Associate Provost, Social Mission for Chamberlain University.

Dr. Beard was inducted into the Academy in 2017 and currently serves as Chair of the Diversity and Inclusivity Committee.

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Lisa A. Campbell, DNP, RN, PHNA-BC, FAAN, Professor & Director Post-Master's DNP Program, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) has received the **President's Excellence in Community Engagement Award** from TTUHSC.

Dr. Campbell was inducted into the Academy in 2020.

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Theresa A. Harvath, PhD, RN, FAAN, FGSA, Senior Director for Strategic Initiatives, Family Caregiving Institute Director and Clinical Professor, University of California Davis Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing, has been elected as the new **President of the Gerontological Society of America**.

Dr. Harvath was inducted into the Academy in 2011 and currently serves on the Aging Expert Panel.

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Linda A. McCauley, RN, PhD, FAAN, FAAOHN, Dean, Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, Emory University, has been elected to serve a 3-Year term on the **National Academy of Medicine's Governing Council**.

Dr. McCauley was inducted into the Academy in 1995 and currently serves on the Environmental Health Expert Panel.

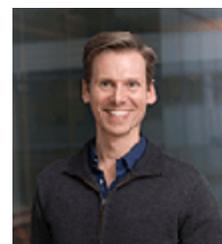
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Matthew McHugh, PhD, JD, MPH, RN, FAAN, the Independence Chair for Nursing Education and Professor of Nursing, has been appointed the **Director for the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing's Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research (CHOPR)**.

Dr. McHugh was inducted into the Academy in 2012.

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William Rosa, PhD, MBE, ACHPN, FAANP, FAAN, Postdoctoral Research Fellow in PsychoOncology, Memorial Sloan Cancer Center, has been designated as the **Advocacy Focal Point** for the United States of America by the **International Association for Hospice & Palliative Care**.

Dr. Rosa was inducted in the Academy in 2018 and serves on the Global Nursing and Health as well as the Palliative and End of Life Care Expert Panels.

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Fellows in Print

Judy E. Davidson, DNP, RN, MCCM, FAAN, published "[Exploring nurse suicide by firearms: A mixed-method longitudinal \(2003–2017\) analysis of death investigations](#)" in *Nursing Forum*.

Terri H. Lipman, PhD, CRNP, FAAN, published "[Racial and Socioeconomic Disparities in Pediatric Type 1 Diabetes: Time for a Paradigm Shift in Approach](#)" *Diabetes Care*.

George E. Thibault, MD, (Honorary Fellow), published "[The future of health professions education: Emerging trends in the United States](#)" in *FASEB BioAdvances*.

William Rosa, PhD, MBE, ACHPN, FAANP, FAAN, published *Dossey & Keegan's Holistic Nursing: A Handbook for Practice (8th ed.)*, along with **Barbara M. Dossey**, PhD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, HWNC-BC.

In Memoriam



Gladys Sorensen, Dean and Professor Emerita, University of Arizona College of Nursing, passed away on January 3, 2021.

A prestigious educator, Dr. Sorensen became the second Dean of the University of Arizona College of Nursing in 1967, a position she held until her retirement in 1986. She guided the evolution of the College of Nursing in developing baccalaureate and graduate programs as well as implementing the college's PhD program. After being inducted in 1977, Dr. Sorensen was elected as President of the Academy in 1985, and in 2002 she was named a Living Legend.

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