President’s Message

Dear Fellows,

Today, after the reprehensible and condemnable events that occurred in the Capitol yesterday, I reflect on the nation’s intense need to unify and heal. As nurses, we must be a part of creating the space for this to happen. Since the start of the pandemic, nurses have been committed to supporting communities that have been devastated. Their unwavering duty continues to build trust in our profession and we are in a position to help heal the bitter divisions within our society. We must listen more deeply, seek to understand more fervently, and advocate with the passion that is fundamentally grounded in our professional code of ethics. Nursing stands for facts, evidence, and science through the practice of our care. Despite yesterday’s events and because of them, our work in 2021 could not be more critical. Together, in unity, we must make real progress on the Academy’s vision of healthy lives for all people.

At the end of 2020, the Board of Directors approved our three policy priorities:

- Advance Health Equity and Champion Wellness
- Promote Innovation and Sustainability
- Reduce Patient, Provider, and System Burden

These priorities will guide our fierce commitment to health and well-being. In the Academy’s letter to the incoming Biden-Harris Administration we shared these priorities and they will be shared in our letter to the leaders of the 117th Congress. You can read the full text of our 2021-2022 policy priorities here.

Our goal this year will be to continue to amplify the Academy’s voice as the new Administration and Congress address the continued and devastating impact of COVID-19 on the public’s health among other critical issues. I am reminded by the words of our newest Honorary Fellow, Dr. Anthony Fauci, President-Elect Biden’s Chief Medical Adviser, who stated during our chat together that “nurses are the some of the most trusted members of society... it is just that way and almost inherent to the profession of nursing... and I would think if they became vocal and visible... I could not imagine somebody pushing back. Maybe that’s a message we should be giving to the younger generation of nurses coming up...they do have a role in public policy because they are an entirely credible group.”

We know what our profession has to offer and so many within our Fellowship have worked to raise the voice and visibility of nursing individually and collectively. I believe this will be furthered in 2021, particularly in light of the continuation of the Year of the Nurse and Midwife. In an effort to share the strength of our profession’s accomplishments, please do consider the call for Commissioned Papers that Nursing Now USA has released. Specifically, they are looking at innovations in education, practice, and leadership.

Another way to insert our profession’s expertise into the national conversation is through positions like the National Academy of Medicine’s Distinguished Nurse Scholar-in-Residence that the Academy funds with our partners, the American Nurses Association and the American Nurses Foundation. The new Future of Nursing report that will be released later this year has been supported by two Nurse Scholars, Dr. Allison Squires (2019-2020) and Dr. Ashley Darcy-Mahoney (2020-2021). Please do consider this incredible opportunity to not only
advance nursing’s contribution in policy discussions, but your own impact within your area of expertise. View more information and apply.

Policy, as always, remains at the forefront for the Academy. For our organization to continue to thrive and achieve our mission in a new year, with a new Congress, and Administration, we must also focus on our operational strength. Therefore, we will be focusing on two key bodies of work— continuing the review of our Fellow selection process and the governance of our organization. Thank you to Dr. Karen Cox, Chair, and members of the Fellow Selection Review Steering Committee as well as Dr. Mary Foley, Chair and members of the Governance Steering Committee for undertaking this important work. More information will follow as this critical work continues.

Now, is the time to focus on the new year, how we can intensify our impact, and as our incoming President states, build back better.

Sincerely,

Eileen Sullivan-Marx, PhD, RN, FAAN
President
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Fellow Achievements

Note: The Academy has released updated submission guidelines for Fellow Achievements. Fellows are now asked to send the Academy achievements through this FAAN Mail Submission Form.

Judith A. Berg, PhD, RN, WHNP-BC, FNAP, FAANP, FAAN, Clinical Professor Emerita at the University of Arizona College of Nursing has been named the 2020 winner of the Fran Way Legacy Award by the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health.

Dr. Berg was inducted into the Academy in 2005 and serves on the Women's Health Expert Panel.

Kahil Demonbreun, DNP, RNC-OB, WHNP-BC, ANP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, Women’s Health Medical Director and practicing Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner at the Columbia VA Health Care System in Columbia, South Carolina, has been named to the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women’s Health’s Board of Directors.

Dr. Demonbreun was inducted into the Academy in 2020.


Dr. Ford is a charter member of the Academy and a 1999 Living Legend.

Ashley Hodges, PhD, FAAN, Professor and Associate Dean for Graduate Clinical Education, University of Alabama Birmingham (UAB) School of Nursing, has received the NPWH 2020 Inspiration in Women’s Health Award.

Lisa M. Lewis, PhD, RN, FAAN, has been appointed Associate Dean for Equity and Inclusion at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing.

Dr. Lewis was inducted into the Academy in 2012 and serves on

Ada Markaki, PhD, FAAN, Associate Professor, UAB School of Nursing, has been named Chair-Elect of the Pan American Nursing and Midwifery Collaborating Centers.
Dr. Hodges was inducted into the Academy in 2020.

Dr. Markaki was inducted into the Academy in 2020.

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**Paula Milone-Nuzzo**, PhD, RN, FHHC, FAAN, President and John Hilton Knowles Professor, MGH Institute of Health Professions, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees to Cooley Dickinson Hospital.

Dr. Milone-Nuzzo was inducted into the Academy in 1998 and serves as a member of the Audit Committee.

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**Patricia (Patty) Sengstack**, DNP, RN-BC, FAAN, has been named Senior Associate Dean for Informatics at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing.

Dr. Sengstack was inducted into the Academy in 2016. She serves as a member of INL National Advisory Council and as a member of the Informatics and Technology Expert Panel.

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**Sandy Staveski**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Assistant Professor at the University of California San Francisco School of Nursing, has been elected to the Board of the World Federation of Pediatric Intensive and Critical Care Society.

Dr. Staveski was inducted into the Academy in 2019.

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**Mary Sullivan**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor, University of Rhode Island College of Nursing, has been appointed to the Friends of the National Institute for Nursing Research.

Dr. Sullivan was inducted into the Academy in 2016.

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**Sharon M. Weinstein**, MS, RN, CRNI-R, FACW, FAAN, CSP, CEO & Founder, SMW Group LLC, has been named a ShareCare Awards Judge in the Healthy Living Category.

Ms. Weinstein was inducted into the Academy in 2001 and currently serves on the Global Nursing and Health Expert Panel.

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**In Memoriam**

**Robin Remsburg**, PhD, RN, FAAN, FGSA, FNGNA, Dean and Professor, University of North Carolina Greensboro School of Nursing, passed away on December 3, 2020, after a long illness.

In addition to her many academic appointments, Dr. Remsburg's career focused on older adults. As chief of the Long-term Care Statistic Branch and the Deputy Director of the Division of Health Care Statistics at the National
Center for Health Statistics, she redesigned multiple surveys to improve older adult care. Dr. Remsburg was inducted into the Academy in 2006.

Opportunities

Nursing Faculty and Chair Opportunities at UCF in Orlando, Florida
The University of Central Florida in Orlando, an emerging preeminent research university, is seeking a highly qualified candidate to Chair the Department of Nursing Systems at the UCF College of Nursing. In this tenured, full professor position, you would provide academic and administration leadership to oversee and manage undergraduate and graduate programs that prepare students for leadership roles within a healthcare system. Additional faculty opportunities are also available at ucf.edu/jobs.

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Call for Commissioned Papers, Nursing Now USA
Nursing Now USA seeks proposals for three commissioned papers that spotlight nurse innovations. Reports addressing ways in which nurses contribute to improvements in health and health care will be commissioned in practice, education, and leadership. The deadline for submission of Commissioned Paper proposals is January 25, 2021.

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