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President's Message

Dear Fellows,

The rapid pace of world events impacting our daily life and communities continues to shift and influence the direction of our work. As the American Academy of Nursing (Academy) responds to unfolding events and a changing environment, we are undertaking the important task of prioritization, determining where we can say no, and where we can say yes by thinking creatively to elevate our work. To help us focus, we must always return to the Academy's core: our identity as a policy organization with our three signature initiatives focused on leadership, innovation, and science. In times like these, it's not just business as usual, it is business as usual plus heightened speed and action. Over the last few months, you have heard from us on the Academy's response related to the current pandemic and systemic racism. Today, I wanted to share some of the other important business of the Academy.



Learning. Last month, the Academy Board met and after carefully assessing the continued effects of COVID-19 on individuals, families, and institutions, we made the difficult decision to hold the *2020 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference* virtually. Although we would prefer to convene in person, the Academy is excited to host a dynamic virtual conference that will allow us to learn, grow, and celebrate. This year's Policy Conference theme, *In Crisis and Calm: Leading with Purpose*, is very timely as we continue to confront both a devastating pandemic and social injustice. I am excited to induct our new Fellows, honor our Living Legends, and learn together. I am also excited to see the artwork of our Fellows and encourage you to submit original art inspired by this year's conference theme by participating in the [Call for Artists: Inspiring Hope Through Nursing Art](#).

Science. The Academy and the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS) have also made the decision to hold the 2020 State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research virtually on September 17-18. This year's Congress will focus on *A 2020 Vision: The Environment's Impact on Health*. CANS, a signature initiative of the Academy, is committed to offering an engaging [program](#) that will connect nurse scientists online to share knowledge

through virtual abstracts, symposia, keynote, and panel presentations. CANS is also celebrating its 20th anniversary! I know this is going to be an incredible event and encourage you to participate and support your staff, faculty, and students to [register](#).

Leadership. In June, fourteen outgoing members of the Institute for Nursing Leadership (INL) met to discuss the future direction of this signature initiative and how it can continue to evolve to reflect the current needs of the profession. Thank you to our outgoing INL members and Chair, Sheila Burke, for your exceptional and visionary leadership to grow the INL. Key takeaways from the conversation included: going beyond board appointments; to be intentional in programming to represent diverse perspectives and individuals; leveraging community connections and action; expanding the scope of engagement to be inclusive and help cultivate the next generation of nurse leaders; exploring the idea of reverse mentorship or coaching; and rethinking how to make a sustainable impact.

I am thrilled to announce that Julie Fairman (Chair) and Jennie Chin Hansen (Co-Chair) will be stewarding the work forward for the INL National Advisory Council (NAC). Karen Drenkard, who was the previous INL Co-Chair, will now serve as the Board Liaison. The INL will be offering an event this fall to coincide with the virtual Policy Conference. Bobbie Berkowitz, Chair of the INL Planning Committee, and Hussein Tahan, Co-Chair of the INL Planning Committee, will be spearheading the efforts to organize timely and thought-provoking programming, particularly around the critical topic of health equity. We would like to recognize all incoming members of the INL NAC (see below) for their commitment to helping advance the Academy's work in the area of leadership.

Policy. Equity continues to be a focus for the Academy and 2020 continues to be a historic year. Last month marked the 50th anniversary of the recognition of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month, celebrated annually in June. We applaud the landmark Supreme Court ruling on June 15th that upholds civil rights for LGBTQ individuals, by preventing discrimination in health services based on gender identity. In August 2019, the Academy submitted [comments](#) in response to the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) proposed rule "Nondiscrimination in Health and Health Education Programs or Activities" expressing concern regarding the significant implications it would have on individuals' timely access to comprehensive health care services and the potential to diminish protections for our most vulnerable populations. The Academy policy team is actively engaged in commenting on the final rule that will affect the public's health.

We are also advancing our Have You Ever Served (HYES) program and are grateful that 2019 Academy Living Legend Linda Schwartz has agreed to serve as Chair of the National Advisory Council (NAC). The HYES NAC will be holding the first meeting (see below for individuals who are members of the HYES NAC) later this month to review and recommend changes to the HYES pocket card, which is designed to act as a road map for providers when caring for veterans. The NAC will also be providing recommendations on the future of the HYES project, considering its initial goals and focus.

Innovation. For Edge Runners, a signature initiative of the Academy, we are working to assemble a new National Advisory Council (NAC) under the leadership of Donna Nickitas (current Chair of the Edge Runner Review Committee) to revamp the program's policies and procedures. This will expand the focus of its NAC to increase awareness and recognition of the

initiative and to evaluate additional ways the Academy can promote nursing innovation to advance pioneering models designed by underrepresented nurses or for underserved populations.

This year, the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife, continues to show us how resilient, adaptable, and innovative we are as we forge ahead with existing and new work. We will continue to make an impact through our collective strength as Fellows backed by an extraordinary Academy team. As I said in my [FAAN mail message](#) last month, nurses have so much power in the everyday, we can move mountains, but we must recognize that these monumental changes take continued dedication, collaboration, effort, and most of all, time. Let's stay the course as we navigate uncharted waters and lead through crisis and calm.

Sincerely,



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Academy President
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National Advisory Council Members

Julie Fairman*, PhD, RN, FAAN, Endowed Chair, Nightingale Professor in Honor of Nursing Veterans; Professor of Nursing; Chair, Department of Biobehavioral Health Sciences; Director, RWJF Future of Nursing Scholars Program; Core Faculty, Alice Paul Center and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, School of Arts and Sciences; University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, *Chair of the INL NAC*

Jennie Chin Hansen*, MS, RN, FAAN, Commissioner, California (CA) Health Care for All & Consultant CA Department of Health and Human Services & Hirsch and Associates, LLC, *Co-Chair of the INL NAC*

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Louise Woerner*, MBA (Honorary Fellow), Chairwoman and CEO, HCR Home Care

Karen Drenkard*, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, Associate Dean, Clinical Practice and Community Engagement, George Washington University, *Board Liaison*

** Denotes returning NAC member*



National Advisory Council Members

Linda Schwartz, DrPH, RN, FAAN, USAF (Ret.), Consultant, Veterans Affairs, *Chair*

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Support the Academy

Especially as we face the coronavirus pandemic, 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 June. All gifts to the Academy support the organization's policy work and help make sure we have a seat at the table to influence policymakers on actions that directly impact nurses on the front lines.



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2020 Policy Conference Abstracts



Abstracts are due **Friday, July 10th**. Selected abstracts will be presented virtually at the *2020 Transforming Health, Driving Policy* Conference.

Register for 2020 CANS State of the Science



The State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research will be offered **virtually**. [Registration](#) is live and fees have been adjusted to reflect the virtual format. CANS members are eligible for discounted registration fees—[join CANS](#) or [renew your membership](#) today to take advantage of this member benefit. This year's keynote speakers are Emory University School of Nursing Dean, Dr. Linda A. McCauley, a thought leader at the intersection of environmental science and nursing, and Dr. Martha A. Q. Curley, a leading clinical researcher at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Ruth M. Colket Endowed Chair in Pediatric Nursing and University of Pennsylvania Professor of Nursing. This year's theme, *A 2020 Vision: The Environment's Impact on Health*, reinforces the inextricable link between health and the environment. Check out the [program preview](#) for more details.

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National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)

NINR Appoints New Director



Shannon Zenk, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, has been [selected](#) as Director of NINR. Dr. Zenk currently serves as Nursing Collegiate Professor, Department of Population Health Nursing Science, University of Illinois Chicago College of Nursing.

NINR supports and conducts research that spans and integrates the behavioral and biological sciences and develops the scientific basis for clinical practice. Dr. Zenk was selected to the position for her diverse and original research experience, focused on social inequities and eliminating racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic health disparities, coupled with her expertise as a nurse educator. [Read more.](#)

Dr. Zenk is expected to begin her new role in early fall. The Academy looks forward to collaborating with Dr. Zenk to advance the impact nursing science has on the public's health and well-being.

NINR Survey

In honor of the Year of the Nurse and the Midwife, NINR requests your help to capture what nursing research means to those who live it. [This survey](#) asks you to explain how you would describe nursing research to someone outside of the field and to provide your vision for the future. Responses will be collected through August 31, 2020.

Fellow Achievements



Debbie Chatman Bryant, DNP, RN, FAAN, Associate Dean for Practice, Medical University of South Carolina College of Nursing, is running for the State Senate of South Carolina to represent District 44. She recently became the Democratic nominee after [winning](#) the primary election with over 85% of the vote. [Learn more](#) about Dr. Chatman Bryant's campaign.

Dr. Chatman Bryant was inducted into the Academy in 2016. She currently serves on the Fellow Selection Committee.



Marilyn P. Chow, PhD, RN, FAAN, Vice President, National Patient Care Services and Innovation, Kaiser Permanent, Retired, Professor, University of California San Francisco (UCSF) School of Nursing, has been awarded the UCSF Jane Norbeck Distinguished Service Award.

Recognizing UCSF alumni that have made significant contributions to the profession, Dr. Chow was selected for this award due to her sustained impact on nursing practice. [Read more.](#)

Dr. Chow was inducted into the Academy in 1984 and became a Living Legend in 2018. She currently serves on the Informatics & Technology Expert Panel.



Marla De Jong, PhD, RN, FAAN, Col (Ret.), has been named Dean of the University of Utah College of Nursing, effective August 17, 2020.

Currently, she serves as Professor and Chair of Acute and Chronic Care. Dr. De Jong was chosen for the Dean position due to her lifelong commitment to service, practice, and education and for her leadership experience. [Read more.](#)

Dr. De Jong was inducted into the Academy in 2012. She currently serves on the Fellow Selection Committee and on the Military and Veterans Health Expert Panel.



Jan Jones-Schenk, DHSc, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, has been named Senior Vice President and Executive Dean of College of Health Professions, Western Governors University.

Dr. Jones-Schenk was selected for the position for her leadership within the College of Health Professions, which she joined in 2008, that has enabled the college to become the nation's largest provider of bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing. [Read more.](#)

Dr. Jones-Schenk was inducted into the Academy in 2019.



Ruth Malone, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor, Social Behavioral Sciences, UCSF School of Nursing, has been selected as the UCSF 2020 Mentor of the Year.

The Mentor of the Year award is given to a student-nominated faculty member to honor their commitment to the profession. Dr. Malone was selected for her selfless dedication and loyalty to her students. [Read more.](#)

Dr. Malone was inducted into the Academy in 2004.



Ann Marie Mauro, PhD, RN, CNL, CNE, FAHA, FAAN, has been named Dean of Monmouth University's Marjorie K. Unterberg School of Nursing and Health Studies, effective July 13, 2020.

Dr. Mauro was selected for the position for her expertise in advancing diversity initiatives, progressive curricular models, and novel interprofessional education. She previously served as Founding Associate Dean, Professor, and Director of the Center for Educational Research and Innovation at Rutgers University School of Nursing. [Read more.](#)

Dr. Mauro was inducted into the Academy in 2016. She currently serves on the [CANS NAC](#) as the Representative for the Eastern Nursing Research Society and the Global Nursing and Health as well as the Women's Health Expert Panels.



Monica McLemore, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, Associate Professor, UCSF School of Nursing, has received the UCSF "The Audacious" award.

The award recognizes those who have achieved a remarkable accomplishment through their vision and determination, despite doubts from others. Dr. McLemore was selected for her groundbreaking work on reproductive health and justice. [Read more.](#)

Dr. McLemore was inducted into the Academy in 2019.



Afaf Meleis, PhD, DrPS(hon), FAAN, Professor Emerita, UCSF School of Nursing, and Dean Emerita, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, has been selected to receive the 2020 UCSF Medal, the university's highest honor.

The Medal recognizes individuals who have made outstanding personal contributions related to UCSF's mission. Dr. Meleis was chosen for her dedication to the school and profession as well as her publication of *Theoretical Nursing: Development and Progress* which is used internationally in graduate curricula. [Read more.](#)

Dr. Meleis was inducted into the Academy in 1979 and is a 2015 Living Legend. She currently serves on the Global Nursing and Health Expert Panel.

Norma Metheny, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor, Dorothy A. Votsmier Endowed Chair in Nursing, Saint Louis University Trudy Busch Valentine School of Nursing, has been selected to receive the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses' (AACN's) 2020 Marguerite Rodgers Kinney Award for a Distinguished Career.

The award, established in 1997, is granted to individuals making extraordinary and distinguished



professional contributions that further AACN's mission. Dr. Metheny was selected for her contributions to enhance the care of critically ill patients and their families. [Read more.](#)

Dr. Metheny was inducted into the Academy in 1991. She currently serves on the Acute and Critical Care Expert Panel.



Clifford Morrison, MSM, MSN, RN, ACRN, FAAN, Regional and Program Administrator, Telecare Corp., has been selected to receive the AACN Pioneering Spirit Award.

The award recognizes significant contributions that influence acute and critical care in nursing. Mr. Morrison was selected, along with Alison Moëd for their efforts to innovate treatment for patients with AIDS. As a clinical nurse specialist, he created and led a special unit, Unit 5B, at San Francisco General Hospital in 1983 dedicated to holistically treating AIDS patients. [Read more.](#)

Mr. Morrison was inducted into the Academy in 1988.



Linda D. Scott, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FNAP, FAAN, Dean and Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Nursing, has been selected to receive the AACN Pioneering Spirit Award.

The award recognizes significant contributions that influence acute and critical care in nursing. Dr. Scott was selected for her extensive research studying the effects of nurse fatigue on patient outcomes, adverse events, and decision regret. [Read more.](#)

Dr. Scott was inducted into the Academy in 2008. She previously served on the Academy's Board of Directors from 2017-2019.



Rose Sherman, EdD, RN, NEA-BC, CNL, FAAN, Professor Emerita, Nursing Leadership Institute, Florida Atlantic University Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing, has been selected to receive the AACN Pioneering Spirit Award.

The award recognizes significant contributions that influence acute and critical care in nursing. Dr. Sherman was selected for her leadership expertise and her dedication to advancing the next generation of nurse leaders. [Read more.](#)

Dr. Sherman was inducted into the Academy in 2016. She currently serves on the Aging Expert Panel.



Allison Shorten, PhD, RN, FACM, FAAN, Professor, Chair, Department of Acute, Chronic, and Continuing Care, Director, Office of Interprofessional Curriculum, University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Nursing, has received the 2020 Provost's Award for Faculty Excellence in Learning in a Team Environment.

Awarded to UAB faculty who have demonstrated their commitment to engaging undergraduate students in research, creative, and service experiences, Dr. Shorten is the second individual to receive this recognition. She was awarded, in part, for her collaborative leadership in co-developing the Students Helping At-Risk Patients (SHARP) program. [Read more.](#)

Dr. Shorten was inducted into the Academy in 2018.

If you have an achievement or would like to share the achievement of another Fellow, please email Ellie Cook, Strategic Outreach Manager, at ecook@aannet.org.

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