President’s Message

Dear Fellows,

On Monday, we celebrated Memorial Day and honored those in the military who made the ultimate sacrifice protecting our country. These brave individuals committed their lives in the service of others. For so many of us who are part of military families, we pray for our servicemembers’ safety, and at the same time are proud of the path they have chosen. Protection and service can come at a very high cost, and yet so powerful to the very fiber connecting us all—humanity.

As I reflect on the last few weeks, I consider the power of humanity and the need for its elevation and restoration. May 25th marked the one-year anniversary of the death of George Floyd. The country grieved knowing the work to dismantle racist structures cannot be solved without greater investment. In the past few months, we have seen a rise in anti-Asian discrimination. And during all of this, the nation has witnessed more gun violence and mass shootings. The weight of our current state is devastating because we know it is more than guns and crimes—it is attitudes, beliefs, and structures that need to be changed. As James Baldwin once stated, “people can cry much easier than they can change.”

The Academy is considering our own path to elevating and restoring humanity. Earlier today, you received the meeting summary of last year’s Critical Conversation on Health Equity and Racism hosted by the Institute for Nursing Leadership (INL) in collaboration with the Academy’s Diversity and Inclusivity Committee. Within that report were a number of action steps we can take as individuals and as an Academy to promote equity, diversity, inclusion, and belonging. We are proud to release this report as it bolsters the recommendations outlined in the consensus study from the National Academy of Medicine (NAM)—The Future of Nursing 2020-2030: Charting a Path to Achieve Health Equity. Later this month, we will be hosting a webinar with Dr. Susan Hassmiller, Senior Scholar in Residence and Advisor to the President on Nursing at NAM. This discussion will highlight the report’s commitment to diversity and health equity while also focusing on the themes of leadership, science, and innovation. See the information below and more details to follow.

Work is also being done to collaborate and push toward greater equity within the profession. As many of you know, the American Nurses Association launched the National Commission to Address Racism in Nursing in January of this year. I have the privilege of being the Academy’s representative and serve as a commissioner. In addition to myself, there are a number of Fellows who are representing many voices and organizations. Our goal is multifaceted and will:

- “Establish a scope of practice statement that describes the role of the profession and individual nurses in identifying and addressing racism in nursing and the implications for the profession, patient care, and the healthcare system.
- Institute standards of practice that describes the actions and behaviors expected of the profession, individual nurses, and organizations to address racism in nursing.”

As the Commission has said, “racism is historically rooted in the nursing profession and continues today. The time is now to transform the profession by addressing racism in nursing.” The Academy is a part of that history and we must take our own measures to address racism in the profession. The INL signature event work group is planning a follow-up conference that will focus on how to institute change in a way that advances our vision.
As we reach the midway point of the year, our work is picking up. Plans are moving forward for the fall (please see below regarding an important policy conference survey) and large pieces of work will come to the Board for review, such as the Governance Steering Committee’s final report. As we consider all of this the Board is actively reflecting on our commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion. We are committed to forming an even stronger connection to each other, to those we serve and being contributors to strengthening humanity in our communities.

Sincerely,

Eileen Sullivan-Marx, PhD, RN, FAAN
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Academy News

The 2021 Health Policy Conference will be held from October 7-9 and registration will be opening in July. Based on the guidelines set by the District of Columbia’s Department of Health and CDC, it remains possible that there could be an in-person hybrid model. The Board of Directors has not finalized the conference structure however it is anticipated that this decision will be made in late June and announced in early July.
To facilitate the Board’s decision, the American Academy of Nursing requests you please complete this short 5-minute survey by June 15, 2021 to help us better anticipate interest for the 2021 Health Policy Conference, specifically when considering attendance and necessary budgeting for the format(s) offered. All responses are anonymous and will only be used by staff for operational planning purposes.

For questions please contact conferences@AANnet.org.

Complete the Conference Survey
Jose Alejandro, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, CCM, FACHE, FAAN, has accepted the position of **System Chief Nurse Executive/Associate Director – Patient Care Services** at the VA Hines Medical Center in Chicago.

Dr. Alejandro was inducted into the Academy in 2014. He currently serves on the Academy’s Board of Directors.

Melissa D. Avery, PhD, CNM, FACNM, FAAN, Professor, University of Minnesota School of Nursing, has been named the **Editor-in-Chief** of the *Journal of Midwifery & Women’s Health*, effective January 1, 2022.

Dr. Avery was inducted into the Academy in 2008 and serves on the Maternal and Infant Health Expert Panel.

Carolyn Clevenger, DNP, RN, GNP-BC, AGPCNP-BC, FAANP, FGSA, FAAN, Professor and Associate Dean for Transformative Clinical Practice, Emory University Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, has been appointed to the **Georgia Board of Health Care Workforce**.

Dr. Clevenger was inducted into the Academy in 2020.

Nancy O. DeBasio, PhD, RN, FAAN, was elected **Chair of the Research Medical Center Board**.

Ernest Grant, PhD, RN, FAAN, President, American Nurses Association, has been named the **Diane S. Hupp**, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, Vice President of Operations and Patient Care Services and Chief
of Trustees, HCA Midwest Health in January 2021. Dr. DeBasio is the third woman and the first nurse to chair the Board in its 127-year history.

Dr. DeBasio was inducted into the Academy in 2012 and currently chairs the Academy Development Committee.

Wrenetha A. Julion, PhD, MPH, RN, CNL, FAAN, has been named Associate Dean for Equity and Inclusion at Rush University College of Nursing.

Dr. Julion was inducted into the Academy in 2012 and currently serves on the Cultural Competence and Health Equity Expert Panel.

Robert Lucero, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, joins the UCLA School of Nursing as Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; Professor; and the Inaugural Adrienne H. Moseley Endowed Chair in Diversity, Equity.

Dr. Lucero was inducted into the Academy in 2015 and currently serves on the IT Expert Panel.

Joyce Pulcini, PhD, PNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, Professor, George Washington University, has been presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties.

Dr. Pulcini was inducted into the Academy 2004 and currently serves on the Child, Adolescent, and Family Health, Primary Care, and Quality Health Care Expert Panels. She also serves on the Academy’s Nominating Committee.

Susan D. Ruppert, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, Cizik School of Nursing at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston was named as a 2021 Minnie Stevens Piper Professor.

Dr. Ruppert was inducted into the Academy in 2012 and serves on the Primary Care Expert Panel.

Kenneth R. White, PhD, AGACNP-BC, FACHE, FAAN, has been named Dean of School of Nursing at MGH Institute of Health Professions in Boston.

Academy President-Elect Dr. White was inducted into the Academy in 2012. He serves on the Academy's Finance Committee.
Do you have an achievement to share? Submit your news through the [FAAN Mail Submission Form](#).

## Fellow Highlights

**Marianne Baernholdt**, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN, and **Diane K. Boyle**, PhD, RN, FAAN, have published *Nurses Contributions to Quality Health Outcomes*, which features chapters by several Academy Fellows.

**Rhonda Collins**, DNP, RN, FAAN, has authored the "2021 CNO Perspective" for Vocera Communications, Inc.

**Ernest Grant**, PhD, RN, FAAN, **Sheldon D. Fields**, PhD, RN, CRNP, FNP-BC, AACRN, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN, and **Brigit Maria Carter**, are featured in the article, "Why Representation in Nursing Matters" in *US News and World Report*.

**Rhonda Collins**, DNP, RN, FAAN, has authored the "2021 CNO Perspective" for Vocera Communications, Inc.

**Cindy Smith Greenberg**, DNSc, RN, CPNP-PC, FAAN, was interviewed (Dr. Greenberg begins at 3:15), during which the reporter notes an article written by members of the Academy’s Child, Adolescent, and Family Expert Panel "When Pandemics Collide: The Impact of COVID-19 on Childhood Obesity," published in the *Journal of Pediatric Nursing*.

**Patricia Lane**, MBA, BSN, SCRN, FAAN, was interviewed in *Minority Nurse*, about her career in neuroscience nursing.

**Suzanne Miyamoto**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Academy CEO, was interviewed in a podcast episode, "Nursing’s Role in Advancing Health Equity" for *Osmosis*.

**Mary Beth Modic**, DNP,APRN-CNS, CDCES, FAAN and **Joyce J. Fitzpatrick**, PhD, MBA,RN, FAAN, FANP have published *Luminaries of the Past: Stories of 50 Extraordinary Nurses*.

**Patricia Gonce Morton**, PhD, RN, ACNP-BC, FAAN, was profiled for *Health Job*.

**William E. Rosa**, PhD, MBE, NP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, has published the report "Nurses for Health Equity: Guidelines for Tackling the Social Determinants of Health."

**Terri E. Weaver**, PhD, FAASM, ATSF, FAAN, Dean of the University of Illinois Chicago, College of Nursing has secured a $1 million gift from former UIC Nursing Professor, **Karyn Holm**, PhD, FAHA, FAAN, to create the Terrance and Karyn Holm Endowed Professorship and the Terrance and Karyn Holm Unrestricted Research Center Program Fund.

## In Memoriam

**Nancy Kaufman**, RN, MS, FAAN, Founder, the Strategic Vision Group, passed away on May 11, 2021.

Nancy Kaufman was a distinguished nurse of over 50 years who dedicated her entire career to population health, public policy, and the profession of nursing. She held positions in Wisconsin’s government from 1971 to 1991, through which she, among other accomplishments, established Wisconsin’s first methadone treatment and prevention programs and the state’s tobacco control program. She also served on the NIDA’s Advisory Council and HHS’s Interagency Committee on Smoking and Health, the CDC Advisory Council on Infectious Disease, and an FDA advisory board on research of e-cigarettes. In 1991 she was recruited to be the Vice President for Programs at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, where she served for 12 years, before becoming the Vice President of Philanthropy for Aurora Health Care. Kaufman was inducted into the Academy in 2017.
Barbara B. Minckley, DNSc, RN, ANP, FAAN, Professor Emeritus, California State University, Long Beach, passed away on May 26, 2021.

Dr. Minckley became one of the first nurse practitioners in the United States when she graduated magna cum laude from the University of California, San Francisco. She then conducted clinical research, as a Professor at the University of California San Francisco Medical Center, assisting in heart transplant research in conjunction with Stanford Medical School surgeons. She retired from her last position as Chair of the Department of Nursing at California State University, Long Beach in 1993. In her retirement, Dr. Minckley hosted a classical music radio show for over 22 years. Dr. Minckley was inducted into the Academy in 1974.

Employment Opportunities

Vice Dean for Research
New York University, Rory Meyers College of Nursing

NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing is seeking a visionary researcher/leader to serve as its next Vice Dean for Research. This role will lead the College’s research enterprise and related collaborations across NYU. Candidates must be eligible for tenure at the associate or full professor rank and have a track record of consistent extramural funding, publication, and high-quality mentoring of faculty and students. For more information and to apply visit: https://apply.interfolio.com/88016.

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