President’s Message

Dear Fellows,

I am a public health nurse at the core. I remember the early days in my career when I would travel the New Hampshire back roads with my first son making home and community center visits. We lovingly called him the “public health baby” and would pass him from one lap to the next as I provided education and vaccines to families. I think about those days as a reminder of who we are as a profession. Stated in the most direct and meaningful way, we are everywhere and we are ready. No public health crisis, no war, no day goes by where the impact of nursing is not clear; we are leaving an indelible mark. Today, a global pandemic— the likes we have not seen in a century— is crippling economic infrastructures and challenging social progress, yet the resolve of nurses endures.

I think about you all frequently. Many of you are on the frontlines, leading healthcare systems, schools of nursing, community programs, and research teams, only to name a few. Many of our Fellows are retired, but your spirit and commitment to the public’s health has not faltered. You are active in your communities and finding ways to support organizations and nurses. And sadly, knowing the toll of this pandemic, I think about those in our Fellowship who may have the virus, has a family member with it, or passed because of COVID-19. If you are reading this and you are directly affected, know your Academy Fellows are embracing you from every corner of the globe. Fellowship in the Academy brings with it a connection, a pulse that binds us together. In these dark days, the credential FAAN means so much more. It is our connection to each other, our service to our communities, and the legacy of leadership we count on each other to leave behind.

Our leadership. It needs to be ever more present. Recently, I had the opportunity to join the Diversity and Inclusivity’s Committee monthly meeting. I want to personally thank Dr. Kenya Beard for her leadership of this committee and all of the members who, on that call, elevated the conversation as a reminder of the Academy’s charge in our policy work—addressing social determinates of health to create an equitable future. We know that the virus continues to amplify
health disparities and inequities. As a profession, we need to be preparing now for the long-term consequences COVID-19 will have on health equity. Whether it be physical or mental health care, infrastructure or policy, we cannot underestimate the preparation and foundations needed to lay the solid recommendations to be used as our building blocks to create healthier, equitable communities now and in the future. The Academy Board is rallying around this charge and thinking through ways to support these efforts.

Soon graduation ceremonies will occur conferring the degrees of new nurses and graduate-prepared nurses. Our healthcare systems and nursing organizations will celebrate National Nurses Week (this year to be recognized as National Nurses Month, per the American Nurses Association (ANA)). These moments are more than just recognition. They are a way to honor all the profession offers the public—care, compassion, and evidence. As the Academy prepared for Nurses’ Month, we reflected on the four themes developed by ANA: Self Care, Recognition, Professional Development, and Community Engagement. We reached out to Fellows to share their insights on these topics, particularly in light of the pandemic. We look forward to sharing these messages of hope and resilience with you and the public through our communication channels over the course of May. Please take a moment to listen to my message by clicking on my image above or by visiting our Nurses Month page.

I am also delighted to announce that we will be doing a call for Fellow artists, later this month. Art is a powerful medium for storytelling and provides inspiration, hope, and healing. Florence Nightingale recognized the healing power of aesthetics in her Notes on Nursing book, “The variety of form and color in the objects presented to patients have a physical effect and are actual means of recovery.” We will be opening this call for you, as Fellows, to submit your full-color original designs inspired by this year’s policy conference theme: In Crisis and Calm: Leading with Purpose.

I call upon us all to hold firm to our resolve and support others, particularly nurses and providers who feel it fading. I could quote the late, great, Maya Angelou, but nothing could be more powerful than hearing her voice bring us hope and inspiration. I Rise. We, too, will rise.

Sincerely,

Eileen M. Sullivan-Marx, PhD, RN, FAAN
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2020 Living Legend Nominations Due Friday!

2020 Honorary Fellow Nominations
Fellow Achievements

Laurie Badzek, LLM, JD, MS, RN, FNAP, FAAN, Dean and Professor, Pennsylvania State University College of Nursing, has been selected to receive the American Nurses Association (ANA) Leadership in Ethics Award.

This award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated the highest standards of ethics and
leadership in their daily nursing practice. Read more.

Dr. Badzek was inducted into the Academy in 2011. She serves on the Bioethics and Genomic Nursing & Health Care Expert Panels.

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**Rose Constantino**, PhD, JD, RN, FAAN, FACFE, Associate Professor, University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, will be inducted in the ANA Hall of Fame later this year.

Dr. Constantino was selected for her distinguished service and exceptional leadership. The ANA Hall of Fame was established to recognize nurses' commitment to the nursing field and their impact on the health and social history of the nation. Read more.

Dr. Constantino was inducted into the Academy in 1993. She serves on the Genomic Nursing & Health Care and Military & Veterans Health Expert Panels.

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**Jill Derstine**, EdD, RN, FAAN, Professor Emerita, Temple University, has been selected as the recipient for the Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO) Golden Apple Award.

HVO established the Golden Apple Award in 2006 to recognize and thank those making exceptional contributions to HVO and its mission to improve global health. Dr. Derstine was selected for this award due to her immense contributions, spanning 25 years, including her more than 20 years on the HVO nursing education steering committee. Read more.

Dr. Derstine was inducted into the Academy in 2004.

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**Sheldon Fields**, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, AACRN, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, The S.D.F. Group, LLC., has received the 2020 Towers Pinnacle Award from the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

The Towers Pinnacle Award is presented to an individual who has made outstanding contributions resulting in increased national recognition for nurse practitioners. Dr. Fields was awarded in recognition of his long-term work as a family nurse practitioner specializing in the fight against HIV/AIDS. Read more.

Dr. Fields was inducted into the Academy in 2016. He serves as Vice Chair of the LGBTQ Health
Expert Panel and as a member of the Cultural Competence Expert Panel as well as the Diversity & Inclusivity Committee.

Ronald Hickman Jr, PhD, RN, ACNP-BC, FAAN, Associate Professor, Case Western Reserve University Francis Payne Bolton School of Nursing, has been selected to receive the ANA Diversity Award.

The award recognizes Dr. Hickman's longstanding commitment and contributions to the advancement of diversity and inclusion within the profession. Read more.

Dr. Hickman was inducted into the Academy in 2015.

Randy Jones, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor, Assistant Director of Community Outreach Engagement Core, Emily Couric Cancer Center, University of Virginia, presented the 2020 National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) Director's Lecture.

Titled "Complex Decision Making in Prostate Cancer," the NINR Director's Lecture convenes the nation's top nurse scientists to share their work with an interdisciplinary audience. Learn more.

Dr. Jones was inducted into the Academy in 2012. He serves on the Institute for Nursing Leadership National Advisory Council and the Health Behavior Expert Panel.

Jeri Milstead, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, Senior Nurse Consultant, will be inducted in the ANA Hall of Fame later this year.

Dr. Milstead, an internationally recognized leader, educator, and mentor, was selected for her broad impact on individual nurses, nursing organizations, and the profession as a whole. The ANA Hall of Fame was established to recognize nurses' commitment to the nursing field and their impact on the health and social history of the nation. Read more.

Dr. Milstead was inducted into the Academy in 2003. She currently serves on the Development Committee, Policy Conference Planning Advisory Committee, and the Global Nursing & Health Expert Panel.

Tim Porter-O'Grady, DM, EdD, ScD(h), APRN, FAAN, Senior Partner, Tim Porter-O'Grady Associates, Inc., will be inducted into the ANA Hall of Fame later this year.

Dr. Porter-O'Grady was selected for his deep commitment to serving others and his devotion to the profession. The ANA Hall of Fame was established to recognize nurses' commitment to the nursing field and their impact on the health and social history of the nation. Read more.
Dr. Porter-O'Grady was inducted into the Academy in 1991.

William Rosa, PhD, NP-BC, FCCM, FAANP, FAAN, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Future of Nursing Scholar, has been selected to receive the ANA Public Health Service Award.

This award recognizes outstanding contributions of an individual to public health. Read more.

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.

Diane Spatz, PhD, RN-BC, FAAN, Professor of Perinatal Nursing and Helen M. Shearer Professor of Nutrition, University of Pennsylvania, has been elected to the Executive Committee of the International Society of Research on Human Milk and Lactation.

The society is a nonprofit dedicated to the promotion of research and research dissemination of findings in the field of human milk and lactation. Dr. Spatz's appointment will be a three-year term. Read more.

Dr. Spatz was inducted into the Academy in 2007. She serves on the Breastfeeding Expert Panel.

Sandra Weiss, PhD, DNSc, RN, FAAN, Professor in Community Health Systems, University of California San Francisco, will receive the Living Legend Award from the International Society of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurses.

This award recognizes nurses who have made significant lifetime contributions to psychiatric-mental health nursing. Read more.

Dr. Weiss was inducted into the Academy in 1980. She serves on the Psychiatric, Mental Health & Substance Use Expert Panel.

In Memoriam
Linda Moody, PhD, APRN, MPH, FAAN, Professor Emerita, University of South Florida (USF), passed away on March 24, 2020.

Dr. Moody was a distinguished informatics researcher and scholar and was published in numerous nursing and health journals. During her time as the USF Lewis and Leona Hughes Endowed Chair in Nursing Informatics, she helped develop a Master of Science Program in Health Care Systems Leadership in Nursing Informatics.

For more information, click here.

Unfortunately, a technical error last month caused an incorrect photo to be displayed.

Robert Piemonte, EdD, RN, CAE, FAAN, a highly admired professional leader, passed away from coronavirus on April 21, 2020.

Dr. Piemonte's esteemed career included positions as the second male - President of the New York State Nurses Association, Executive Director of the National Student Nurses Association, and President of the American Nurses Foundation. In addition, he served the Academy through his leadership on the Development Committee. Dr. Piemonte’s commitment to excellence and the profession was recognized in numerous awards, including his designation as a Living Legend in 2008.

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