President's Message

As we enter into the month of May and celebrate Nurses Month and the extension of the World Health Organization and International Council of Nurse & Midwife, the Academy was inspired by ICN’s theme - Nurses: A Voice to Lead and I’m reminded of the Academy’s mission as outlined in our new, 2021 – 2024 strategic plan:

*Improve health and achieve health equity by impacting policy through nursing leadership, innovation, and science.*

I think we can all agree that science has been at the forefront of the news and our minds globally as we raced to figure out how to treat and prevent COVID-19. Recently, I published an opinion column in *Scientific American*, noting that the pandemic has only reinforced what nursing professionals have known all along, the bedrock of our care is science. The COVID pandemic has made it abundantly clear how important nurses are to our healthcare system. The visibility of the profession cannot dwindle with more vaccinations and “re-openings.” Nurses month is a reminder that we must amplify our impact because our science improves well-being every day, not just in a pandemic.

To this point, the Academy’s signature initiative focused on science, the Council for Advancement of Nursing Science (CANS) will host its Advanced Methods Conference this October with a focus on Inclusion by Design: Methods and Approaches Advancing Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity, and Accessibility in Nursing Research. I’m also excited to share that Academy’s Health Policy Conference theme this year is Healthy Lives for All People: Advancing Equity, Science, and Trust. We invite you to consider submitting abstracts for the CANS and Academy conferences and sharing your science with your colleagues.

I continue to be inspired by the work of nurses around the globe and, like many others, await the final recommendations made by the National Academy of Medicine’s Future of Nursing 2020-2030 report. Their in-depth and expert review of evidence will provide a road map as we consider the power and presence of nursing.

I am pleased to announce the Academy will be releasing its 2020 Annual Report as well as the Meeting Proceedings from...
the 2020 Institute for Nursing Leadership’s Critical Conversation on Health Equity and Racism this month so you can reflect on the incredible work the Fellowship and our organization has accomplished during a year marred by grief.

It’s also important to note that May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. The Academy remains steadfast in its commitment to its vision, Healthy Lives for All People, and as outlined in our March statement, “Anti-Asian Discrimination is a Public Health Crisis”, as nurse leaders in health care, we must uphold this vision and champion health equity.

Stay tuned as the Academy shares news and highlights to celebrate Nurses Month! If you are moved by the work we have achieved and our plans for the future, please consider a donation at a level meaningful to you through our nurse’s month campaign. Each contribution amplifies, each volunteer increases impact, and each investment of time and treasure is greatly appreciated.

Happy Nurses Month!

Sincerely,

Eileen Sullivan-Marx, PhD, RN, FAAN
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**Betty Ferrell**, PhD, MSN, CHPN, FAAN, Director of the Division of Nursing Research and Education at City of Hope has been selected to receive the *2021 Lifetime Achievement Award* from the Oncology Nursing Society.

Dr. Ferrell was inducted into the Academy in 1989 and has been a CANS member since 2009. She currently serves on the Bioethics Expert Panel.

**Ernest Grant**, PhD, RN, FAAN, President, American Nurses Association, has been appointed to the *University of North Carolina Greensboro's Board of Trustees*.

Dr. Grant was inducted into the Academy in 2011.

**Katherine E. Gregory**, PhD, RN, FAAN, has been named *Dean of Boston College's Connell School of Nursing*.

Dr. Gregory was inducted into the Academy in 2013.

**Mary Beth Happ**, PhD, RN, FGSA, FAAN, has been selected as the *2021 Distinguished Research Lecturer* by the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses.

Dr. Happ was inducted into the Academy in 2008 and has been a CANS member since 2014. She currently serves on the Acute and Critical Care Expert Panel.

**Susan Kools**, PhD, RN, FAAN, Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion, University of Virginia (UVA) School of Nursing has been selected to receive the *UVA John T. Casteen III Diversity-Equity-Inclusion Leadership Award*.

Dr. Kools was inducted into the Academy in 2007. She currently serves on the Diversity and Inclusivity Committee as well as the Child, Adolescent, and Family Health Expert Panel.

**Mary A. Nies**, PhD, RN, FAAHB, FAAN, Professor, Idaho State University School of Nursing, is one of five faculty members to receive the *2021 Outstanding Research Award*.

Dr. Nies was inducted into the Academy in 1994. She currently serves on the Health Behavior and Women’s Health Expert Panels.
Judith Schlaeger, PhD, CNM, LAc, FAAN, Associate Professor, University of Illinois Chicago College of Nursing, will be inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Nurse Midwives.

Dr. Schlaeger was inducted into the Academy in 2018.

Linda S. Thompson, DrPH, RN, FAAN, has been named President of Westfield State University.

Dr. Thompson was inducted into the Academy in 2001.

Antonia M. Villarruel, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor and Margaret Bond Simon Dean of Nursing, has been selected for the prestigious Ohtli Award from the Institute of Mexicans Abroad (IME), through the Consulate of Mexico in Philadelphia.

Dr. Villarruel was inducted into the Academy in 1997.

Terri E. Weaver, PhD, RN, FAAN, ATSF, FAASM, Dean, University of Illinois Chicago College of Nursing, will receive the 2021 William C. Dement Academic Achievement Award from the American Academy of Sleep Medicine.

Dr. Weaver was inducted into the Academy in 1993.

Kenneth R. White, PhD, AGACNP-BC, FACHE, FAAN, Emeritus Professor of Nursing, University of Virginia, has received the Virginia Commonwealth University’s Outstanding Nursing Alumnus Award.

Academy President-Elect Dr. White was inducted into the Academy in 2012.

Fellows in Print

Christine T. Kovner, PhD, RN, FAAN, Nancy Van Devanter, DrPh, RN, MEd, FAAN, and Kimberly Glassman, PhD, RN, FAAN, have co-authored "The psychosocial impact on frontline nurses of caring for patients with COVID-19 during the first wave of the pandemic in New York City" in Nursing Outlook.

Ann Kutney-Lee, PhD, RN, FAAN, Margo Brooks Carthon, PhD, RN, FAAN, Matthew D. McHugh, PhD, JD, MPH, RN, CRNP, FAAN, Linda H. Aiken, PhD, RN, FAAN, FRCN, and Kathryn Bowles, PhD, FAAN, FACMI, have co-authored "Electronic Health Record Usability: Associations With Nurse and Patient Outcomes in Hospitals."
Academy President Eileen Sullivan-Marx, PhD, RN, FAAN, authored the opinion piece, "Nurses Are Also Scientists" in Scientific American.

Bernadette Melnyk, PhD, APRN-CNP, FAANP, FNAP, FAAN, has co-authored the study, "Critical Care Nurses’ Physical and Mental Health, Worksite Wellness Support, and Medical Errors," in the American Journal of Critical Care.

More than 20 Fellows have been named University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing Visionary Leaders.

In Memoriam

Bernardine M. Lacey, EdD, RN, FAAN, Allied Health Sciences Board of Visitors Vice-Chair, Howard University College of Nursing, passed away on March 26, 2021.

Dr. Lacey, who worked at the Howard University Hospital for over 30 years, was the founding Dean of the Western Michigan University School of Nursing. Howard University honored her distinguished career with their Legacy of Leadership Award and Georgetown University highlighted her trailblazing spirit as one of the first African-American nursing school graduates through an oral history this year. Howard University and family hosted a memorial service for Dr. Lacey on May 1, 2021. Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, a 2020 Fellow, recognized and honored Dr. Lacey's life during a recent proceedings, view the Congressional record for details.

Dr. Lacey was inducted into the Academy in 1990 and became a Living Legend in 2014.

Employment Opportunities

Auburn University School of Nursing

Auburn University, an R1 research university in Alabama, seeks three full-time, on-campus nursing faculty/researchers to expand and enhance its nursing research activity. The preferred start date is Fall 2021, but a later start date will be considered. See details here.

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