In honoring this week's Nurses Month theme of recognition, the American Academy of Nursing would like to recognize the innovative spirit of the profession, which results in improved patient outcomes and a community-based approach to address health inequities. Three Fellows share how nurses are boundary spanners who have creatively addressed challenges related to treatment and public outreach during the coronavirus pandemic.

"Nurses are natural innovators. It's in our DNA. We are masters of workaround, know how to use the evidence, we understand context, and we know how to lead teams to meet goals."
- Antonia M. Villarruel

"Nurses are collaborating across sectors to develop solutions for their most vulnerable community members, making tremendous change in the most difficult situation, and are leading the response to the crisis."
- Lauran Hardin

"Nursing provides, in many ways, healing, health and well-being, and optimal health within our communities."
- John Lowe
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