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President's Award Recipient

Linda Cronenwett

PhD, RN, FAAN



In 2005, **Dr. Linda Cronenwett** was awarded the first of three major grants by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to identify the competencies and knowledge, skills and attitudes needed by all nurses to continuously improve the quality and safety of health care. In collaboration with colleagues across the country, this Quality and Safety Education for Nurses initiative (or QSEN) progressed over the next eight years to result in a set of competencies for all pre-licensure nursing students, extensive resources to help faculty teach the content, and the education of more than 1200 faculty in 49 states on quality and safety content. A national movement had begun.

However, over time, the initiative has evolved from one focusing on preparing pre-licensure nurses for safe basic nursing practice to one that is touching virtually every aspect of nursing and health care. From an initial focus on helping faculty learn how to incorporate content into their curricula, it has grown to prompt faculty to totally reconceptualize their curricula. From an essentially educational focus, it has changed to one that promotes stronger academic-practice partnerships to improve care. And from a largely nursing focus, it has spread to influence how all health professions' students are improving quality and safety together. Examples of QSEN's impact include:

- QS competencies for undergraduate and graduate nursing programs
- Annual QSEN Forums for faculty and clinical educators to share best practices
- An organizing framework for the AACN Baccalaureate Essentials of Nursing Practice, NLN Principles document and the NCLEX exam
- Inclusion of nurse researchers into the Veterans Administration Quality Scholars program
- Award-winning textbooks on quality and safety, plus several single-topic editions in major nursing journals
- Stronger academic-clinical partnerships to improve the quality and safety of care and the learning experiences of students

At one level, the ultimate test of the impact of QSEN will be in safer, higher quality patient care delivered by nurses at all levels. But that outcome will take some time to occur and measure. In the meantime, all who have been associated with QSEN would say that Linda Cronenwett was the impetus for all of this work — that she was the one who said 11 years ago, “something has got to be done to involve nursing in the IOM work at improving quality;” that she was the one to start the ball rolling with the original grant; and that she has been the guiding force to this movement.

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Clara L. Adams-Ender

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Over fifty years ago, **Clara Adams-Ender** entered North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University to study nursing—a profession in which she had no interest. By graduation, she had become convinced that the challenges of nursing practice would be her life's work. Having come from a large sharecropping-family, she needed monies to complete her education. She applied for and was awarded an army scholarship for two years with the rank of private. She incurred a three-year obligation to care for soldiers and their families as a nurse.

In 1961, Lieutenant Adams-Ender entered active duty as a staff nurse and thirty-four years later, she retired as a brigadier general, after having served as the top army nurse executive for 22,000 army nurses serving throughout the world.

General Adams-Ender held many diverse leadership positions available to army nurses and pioneered in several others. She was a nursing professor, inspector of health care facilities, nurse recruiter, nurse administrator and vice president of nursing. As chief nurse executive for all army nurses, she achieved success in securing specialty pay for nurse anesthetists and policy approval for their independent practice. She led army nurses to implement standards of army nursing practice using ANA standards as a foundation and to create engineered standards to measure nursing workload. General Adams-Ender's signature program allowed army sergeants with two years of general education to complete their baccalaureate degrees and become army nurses. She worked closely with leaders of major nursing organizations and was a major speaker and lecturer at nursing conventions, annual meetings, symposia, and at colleges and universities. In 2001, she completed and published her memoirs, *My Rise to the Stars*.

General Adams-Ender has attained many firsts in her nursing career. In 1967, she became the first nurse and woman in army history to be awarded the Expert Field Medical Badge. After having served four years as top nurse executive, she became the first corps chief to be retained on active duty, and the first nurse in army history to be selected as a commanding general.

General Adams-Ender is the recipient of fourteen honorary doctorate degrees, the Marguerite Rogers Kinney-AACN Award, two awards of the distinguished service medal, the legion of merit award, a distinguished professorship in nursing chair, and she is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations. *Washingtonian Magazine* listed her as one of the 100 most powerful women in Washington, DC, and *Working Woman Magazine* included her as one of 350 women who changed the world from 1976 to 1996.

In her retirement, General Adams-Ender has been chair of the board of a credit union, a member of the VA board of medicine, a member of the board of visitors at three universities and on the editorial board of a nursing journal. For fifteen years, she was president and CEO of her own management consulting firm. She is now the executive director of a foundation that assists poor students in completing their undergraduate education. General Adams-Ender's stellar nursing career truly reflects a lifetime of caring.

Hattie Bessent

EdD, MSN, RN, FAAN

Dr. Hattie Bessent is known nationally and internationally for her work in leadership development with a particular emphasis on the preparation of minority nurses as researchers and faculty members. Dr. Bessent earned a BS degree in Nursing Education from Florida A&M University, a MS degree in Psychiatric Nursing from Indiana University and an EdD degree in Psychological Foundations of Nursing from the University of Florida. From 1977 through 1991, she served as Deputy Executive Director of the American Nurses Association's Ethnic and Racial Minority Fellowship Programs, where she assisted more than 225 nurses from Asian, Black Native American, and Hispanic backgrounds to receive doctoral training in the behavioral sciences and in psychiatric nursing programs. She successfully obtained millions of dollars from the National Institute of Mental Health and the W. K. Kellogg Foundation for training purposes. Not only did these monies encourage collaboration between Historically Black Colleges and majority nursing school, but she designed Project Leadership Advancement and Development (Project LEAD) to strengthen the leadership capacity of minority nurses who have already assumed positions as executives in schools of nursing.

Her many publications on various aspects of Leadership Development for Women of Color have become classics in the area, most especially her beautifully illustrated 2009 book on *The Soul of Leadership* published by the National League for Nursing. She was the first Black nurse in the South to be inducted as a member of Sigma Theta Tau for nurses, Phi Lambda Theta for educators, and Phi Delta Kappa. She was the first Black nurse to head graduate programs in nursing at Vanderbilt University. She has traveled for the Kellogg Foundation to recruit nurses to further their education in Africa, Egypt, China, Brazil, and India. In recognition of her many contributions and achievements and other honors, she received the ANA's Mary Mahoney Award and the National League for Nurses Linda Richards Award. She also received the National Black Nurses Association's Lifetime Achievement Award. She was the only African-American nurse to be a member of a Friendship Treaty traveling to China, selected by President Jimmy Carter. Dr. Bessent was the second African-American nurse inducted into the Royal College of Nursing in London, England, and in 2008, she was inducted into the ANA Hall of Fame.

On October 30, 1991, Senator Daniel Inouye included a three-page tribute summarizing her visionary achievements in the day's *Congressional Record*: "Mr. President, I am pleased today to honor Dr. Hattie Bessent and her minority fellowship recipients and to commend Dr. Bessent's sincere efforts on behalf of our Nation's citizens. She has been an outstanding role model for both professional colleagues and for future generations of minority students... Very few can match her accomplishments and dedication."



Margaret Shandor Miles

PhD, RN, FAAN



Margaret S. Miles is best known for contributions as a leader in pediatric nursing. She pioneered the role of pediatric clinical nurse specialist, was the founding president of the Society of Pediatric Nurses, and was an the early researcher to focus on the suffering of bereaved parents and distress of parents of critically ill children including premature and medically fragile infants. Her research drew attention to and eased the suffering of these parents. Research tools developed by Dr. Miles and her colleagues to assess parental stress related to a child's admission to an ICU are being used across the globe by researchers and clinicians. These tools have helped contribute to more holistic philosophies of family-centered care in ICUs.

Her attention also focused on health disparities and the needs of low-income and minority mothers, including mothers of premature infants and infants with HIV. She and her colleagues were one of the earlier funded-research teams to conduct research with mothers of children with HIV. This eventually led to other research and papers related to the suffering of those living with HIV, particularly in the rural South.

Dr. Miles views mentoring as her most important leadership role. Through her role as a professor, a director or core director of a number of NIH-funded center grants, and as a formal and informal consultant, she has served as a mentor to students, post-doctoral fellows, and practicing nurses thereby influencing the next generation of nurses.

Dr. Miles is currently professor emerita at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a consulting professor at Duke University Schools of Nursing. She earned a diploma in nursing from Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Pittsburgh, a BSN in nursing from Boston College, a MSN in pediatric nursing (CNS) from the University of Pittsburgh, and a PhD in counseling psychology/education from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She was one of the first CNS in pediatric nursing prior to teaching at the University of Kansas and then the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Major awards include the 1976 Boston College Bicentennial Alumni Department Presidents' Award for work with dying children and bereaved parents, as well as the 1994 Boston College Alumni Award for Excellence in Education; the Compassionate Friends Appreciation Award in 1985 for the donation of her pamphlet, *Grief of Parents*, which is still published and given to bereaved parents across the country; an American Nurses Foundation Nursing '80 Scholar; the 1993 Mercy Hospital School of Nursing Centennial Anniversary Alumni Award for Excellence in Education; the 2003 University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing, Alumni of the Year Award; the 2008 Margaret Shandor Miles Maternal Child Poster Award for students and the 2012 Leadership in Nursing Research Award from the Southern Nursing Research Society; and the 1997 Educator of the Year Award and the 2006 Distinguished Service Award, thereafter given as the Margaret Shandor Miles Distinguished Service Award, both from the Society of Pediatric Nurses.

Jean Watson

PhD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN

Jean Watson's life's work of scholarship in human caring and caring science is known around the world. Her work as a nursing theorist, author, educator, lecturer and scholar in caring science has provided a meaningful philosophical foundation to nursing as a distinct discipline and profession; it has resulted in transformative twenty-first century models of professional nursing education, research, practice administration, and delivery of person-centered health care.

As the holder of the nation's first endowed chair in caring science at the University of Colorado Denver College of Nursing, Anschutz Medical Center, she paved the way to honoring patient's experiences and human caring as a serious disciplinary field of study, before the Institute of Medicine recommendations. Dr. Watson's focus on human caring science has become an epistemic, ethical, philosophical, and practical endeavor, worthy of scientific inquiry and research.

At the University of Colorado, Denver, Dr. Watson held the title of distinguished professor of nursing—the highest honor accorded its faculty for scholarly work. As an author and co-author of twenty books on caring, her latest books range from empirical measurements and international research on caring to new postmodern-mindfulness philosophies of caring, healing-love, and caring science as sacred science. Her books have been AJN books of the year awards and have been translated into nine different languages. They seek to bridge paradigms as well as point toward transformative models for this twenty-first century.

The global impact of her scholarship is evident in the thousands of invited scientific and theoretical papers she has delivered across the United States and around the globe over her career. Being a recipient of ten honorary doctorates from seven different international universities is a testament to her global impact. Dr. Watson has been recognized with many awards and honors, including the Fetzer Institute Norman Cousins Award, in recognition of her "commitment to developing, maintaining and exemplifying relationship-centered care practices," an international Kellogg Fellowship in Australia, a Fulbright Research Award in Sweden, and numerous endowed lectureships in universities.

Dr. Watson earned her masters degree in psychiatric-mental health nursing and PhD from the University of Colorado, Boulder. She has been a member of the American Academy of Nursing since 1981. She was founder of the original Center for Human Caring in Colorado, past president of National League for Nursing, and a founding member of the International Association of Human Caring and the International Caritas Consortium.

Dr. Watson's latest activities include founding and directing of Watson Caring Science Institute, an international 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation. The Institute sponsors caring science research, education (e.g., caritas coaches), and support programs to healthcare professionals worldwide. This includes working with key health systems in the United States, developing new indicators, authenticating criteria for caring science systems, and assessing the presence of caring in relation to patient outcomes. Her most recent international work includes projects on human caring and peace in the Middle East, which help nurses make global connections between human caring and peace.



Living Legends **Through the Years**

The American Academy of Nursing is proud to recognize outstanding Fellows who epitomize nursing's proud history and serve as role models for all of us. The following nurses are honored as Living Legends in recognition of the multiple contributions these individuals have made to our profession and society and in recognition of the continuing impact of these contributions on the provision of health care services in the United States and throughout the world.

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- Faye Abdellah
- Myrtle Aydelotte
- Mary Elizabeth Carnegie
- Ildaura Murrillo-Rohde
- Hildegard Peplau
- Jessie Scott
- Harriet Werley

1995 Living Legends

- Luther Christman
- Rheba de Tornyay
- Virginia Ohlson
- Rozella Scholtfeldt

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- Clifford Jordan
- Mary V. Neal
- Dorothy M. Smith

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- Mabel Wandelt
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- Jo Eleanor Elliott
- Doris Schwartz
- Mary Woody
- Anne Zimmerman

1998 Living Legends

- Vernice Ferguson
- Claire Fagin
- Madeline Leininger

1999 Living Legends

- Grayce Sills
- Margretta Madden Styles
- Loretta Ford
- Connie Holleran

2000 Living Legends

- Geraldene Felton
- Jeanne Benoliel
- Shirley Chater
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2001 Living Legends

- Susan Gortner
- Mary Starke Harper
- Lucie Kelly
- Ruth Lubic
- Florenece Wald

2002 Living Legends

- Lillian Sholtis Brunner
- Rhetaugh Graves Dumas
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- Gladys E. Sorensen

2003 Living Legends

- Signe S. Cooper
- Ira P. Gunn
- Ramona T. Mercer

2004 Living Legends

- Florence S. Downs
- Juanita W. Fleming
- Edith Patton Lewis
- Sally Ann Sample
- Shirley A. Smoyak

2005 Living Legends

- Joyce C. Clifford
- Jean E. Johnson
- Imogene M. King
- Joan E. Lynaugh

2006 Living Legends

- Kathryn E. Barnard
- Sr. Rosemary Donley
- Marlene F. Kramer
- Angela Barron McBride
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2007 Living Legends

- Marie J. Cowan
- Phyllis G. Ethridge
- Carrie B. Lenburg
- Margaret L. McClure
- Sister Callista Roy
- Gloria R. Smith

2008 Living Legends

- Gene Cranston Anderson
- Helen K. Grace
- Margaret A. Newman
- Robert V. Piemonte
- Phyllis Noerager Stern

2009 Living Legends

- Barbara M. Brodie
- Leah Curtin
- Marjory Gordon
- Ruby Leila Wilson

2010 Living Legends

- Billye J. Brown
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- Norma M. Lang
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- Betty S. Williams

2011 Living Legends

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