I've been approached by several fellows who have asked me why the Academy would launch an Institute for Nursing Leadership, given the work that the American Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau, and other national nursing organizations are already doing. "Isn't this duplicating efforts?" they ask. "No," I answer, and here is why.

The newly formed Nurses on Boards Coalition is a national effort to have 10,000 nurses on boards, commissions, task forces and other such entities by 2020. This audacious goal will only be achieved if all nursing organizations are engaged in the work. The Academy's Institute will house our own work on appointments, with an emphasis on federal and gubernatorial appointments, as well as governing boards of national organizations that are aligned with our strategic plan (including those that address upstream factors that promote the health of communities and populations, whether housing, economic development, education, or other social determinant). We will also support fellows and non-fellows for a wide range of other appointments through the coalition and will seek the coalition's help with the Academy's priority appointments.

The Academy's Institute will also seek to fill in the gaps on leadership development. We will not duplicate what other nursing organizations are doing, but will inform you of the opportunities that exist to hone your skills for serving in appointed capacities. And here is one opportunity you should know about: The STTI Board Leadership Institute.

Sigma Theta Tau International has developed an intensive, two-day institute to prepare nurse leaders for service as board members of health institutions, hospitals, and community health systems. Registration is open now for the 2015 STTI Board Leadership Institute that will be held March 8-10 in Indianapolis, starting with a welcome dinner the evening of the 8th.

Some of the topics covered in this high-level workshop include the importance of the nurses' voice, governance vs operations, personal assessment, readiness and how to promote yourself, board structures, board recruitment practices and interviews, best practices, characteristics of highly functioning and dysfunctioning boards, and the relationship between the C-suite and the board.

Click here for more information.

It will take the whole village of nursing to reach the 2020 goal, and the Academy is pleased to be a part of this collaborative effort.
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Apply today for the Distinguished Institute of Medicine (IOM) Nurse Scholar-in-Residence program.

This program provides a year-long residential leadership opportunity in health policy in Washington, DC. It is designed as an immersion experience to facilitate engaging nurse leaders in a prominent role in health policy development at the national level as well as their interaction with other health fellows and scholars. The American Academy of Nursing (Academy), the American Nurses Foundation (ANF) and the American Nurses Association (ANA), in partnership with the IOM, support this program.

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The Top 10 Things Nurses Can Expect in 2015

What can nurses expect in 2015? Acadmy fellows and nursing leaders make their predictions:

“It’s getting better and better for nursing,” declared Beverly Malone, PhD, RN, FAAN, CEO of the National League for Nursing in Washington, D.C.

“2015 will present constant opportunities for nurses to step boldly into their own power,” added Connie Barden, RN, MSN, CCRN-E, CCNS, chief clinical officer for the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses. “When nurses have the time and resources to focus on what patients need and how care is delivered, there can be amazing improvements in patient outcomes.”

Read the full article.

Edge Runner Featured in PBS Documentary

The TelEmergency program of Edge Runner, Kristi Henderson, MSN, FAEN will be featured in an upcoming PBS documentary, titled Rx, and will air Thursday, April 2, 8-10pm CST.

Henderson's TelEmergency program utilizes real time video streaming via T-1 lines and specially trained nurse practitioners in rural emergency rooms across the state in order to provide quality, affordable medical care to patients in rural emergency departments.

Click here to learn more.

Fellow Achievements
Dorrie K. Fontaine, RN, PhD, FAAN, of the University of Virginia’s School of Nursing is the recipient of the Health System’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for 2015.

The award – presented annually to a School of Medicine, School of Nursing or Medical Center faculty or staff member who best embodies King’s values – recognizes exceptional abilities in areas of cultural competence, healthcare disparities, and/or fostering an environment of caring, diversity and inclusivity. Read more.

Carol A. Romano, Ph.D., RN, BC, NEA, FAAN, FACMI, was recently selected as the new Dean of the Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing (GSN) at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. USU President Charles L. Rice announced Romano’s selection to faculty, staff and students on Jan. 10. “After an extensive search conducted by a committee chaired by Dr. Art Kellermann, dean of the Hébert School of Medicine, that produced a number of nationally-known candidates, Dr. Romano emerged as the best match for the GSN and for the University,” said Rice. Read more.

Pamela R. Jeffries, DNS, RN, FAAN, ANEF, who has been a professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing since 2009 and in 2013 was named the Johns Hopkins’ inaugural vice provost for digital initiatives, has been announced as the next dean of George Washington University’s School of Nursing.

“Dr. Jeffries is a nationally recognized innovator with a strong background in research and extraordinary expertise in the application of technology to teaching and learning,” said GW President Steven Knapp. “She understands the complexities of 21st century health care and has the vision and experience to guide our School of Nursing as it prepares the next generation of nursing and health care leaders.” Read more.

Barbara Nichols, DHL, MS, RN, FAAN, was honored in Madison, WI at a Martin Luther King Jr. observance as the first African American President of the American Nurses Association, with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award, presented by Madison Mayer Paul Soglin.

“As a celebration and a day to reflect and think about where we are with race relations,” Nichols said, “Dr. King’s view is in the DNA of America because he talked about poverty - empowerment of people, education, employment and housing - all issues that are still relevant today.” Read more.

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Career Opportunities
(Following are Paid Announcements)

Executive Associate Dean (EAD) & Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (SADAA): Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) School of Nursing

The Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing invites applications for Executive Associate Dean (EAD) and Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (SADAA). The EAD will set strategy and oversee operational activities in
research, clinical practice and care, and education. The SADAA will lead the development, implementation, and evaluation of teaching and learning programs. More information is available for EAD: www.imsearch.com/5217 and for SADAA: www.imsearch.com/5216

Full position details and how to apply.

Endowed Chair of Nursing and Department Chair: Temple University College of Public Health

The College is seeking a dynamic individual with a demonstrated record of excellence in scholarship/research, education, and clinical care to lead the Department of Nursing as it expands its academic footprint within an emerging, comprehensive college of public health. The ideal candidate will be an energetic builder, researcher, collaborator, mentor and champion for the faculty who shares a passion for nursing.

Full position details and how to apply.

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs: Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing

Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing (FPB) at Case Western Reserve University is seeking a visionary nurse leader with demonstrated academic leadership and administrative experience for the position of Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (ADAA). Reporting to the Dean, the ADAA is a member of the senior leadership team and works closely with the School’s other associate deans and department heads to provide coordinated leadership of the School. The successful candidate will develop a transformational vision for nursing that can serve as a model for advancing the profession and supporting innovation in nursing and health care.

Full position details and how to apply.

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