President's Message: Meeting Goals

I'm delighted to report that in just four months, the Academy has matched the $50,000 grant from Pfizer, Inc., to launch our **Institute for Nursing Leadership** that will house our appointments work (**Strategic Goal 3**). My thanks to all of the fellows who helped us to reach this goal. I'm pleased to report that the National Advisory Council for the Institute will be meeting in March to help us to develop our priorities and processes for the work.

Goals are important to set and to achieve. This is particularly important for the Distinguished AAN/ANF/ANA IOM Nurse Scholar who defines goals and expected outcomes for their year at the institute of Medicine. Marla Salmon served as the IOM Scholar from 2012-13 and focused on empowering women worldwide through a focus on nursing and midwifery. We are pleased to share that her work is culminating in an IOM Forum and webcast on **Empowering women and strengthening health systems and services through investing in nursing and midwifery enterprise: Lessons from lower income countries** on March 10. For more information about registering for the event or webcast, click [here](#); to register for the in-person event or webcast, click [here](#).

Finally, the Academy board recognizes that the Living Legend distinction is the highest honor that can be conferred upon an Academy fellow and may be a goal of many fellows. As such, we have formed a task force headed by Living Legend Barbara Nichols, to review and make recommendations regarding future Living Legend criteria and the selection process. The Board will pilot a two-step process for selecting the 2015 Living Legends, while not changing the current nomination criteria or timeline. The Task Force will review the nominations and make recommendations to the board for the 2015 Living Legends. The deadline for this year's nominations are May 8th.

Diana J. Mason, PhD, RN, FAAN
President

Policy Update

The Academy was pleased to co-sign a letter to Senators Collins and Schumer supporting the bipartisan **Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act of 2015 (S. 578)** authorizing nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse-midwives and physician assistants as eligible health care professionals who can certify patient eligibility for home health care services under Medicare. This critical change would improve access to important home health care services, and potentially prevent
CHIP: Investing in Children's & Population Health

The National Coalition on Health Care (NCHC) recently published a blog post supporting CHIP re-authorization as a way to improve both children's health and population health. The Academy is a strategic partner of NCHC and supports extending CHIP. View a recent joint letter which the Academy signed onto in support of that goal here.

Nominations are now being accepted for 2015 Leadership Positions

The Academy is now accepting nominations for leadership positions on the board and committees.

Register for the 2015 ANA Ethics Symposium, June 4-5, Baltimore, MD

Collaborate with the nation's leading nursing ethics experts to create a culture of ethical practice. This interactive symposium explores ethical challenges from educational, clinical, and advocacy perspectives. Build your ethical competencies and leave with the tools you need to address specific challenges in your workplace. The early bird registration deadline is March 6. Advanced rates through May 22. Register now!

Fellow Achievements

Angela Frederick Amar, PhD, RN, FAAN, Assistant Dean for BSN Education and Associate Professor, and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Nurse Faculty Scholar

Connie White-Williams, PhD, RN, FAAN, Director of the Center for Nursing Excellence in University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Hospital, has been selected by the
American Society of Transplant Surgeons and the Advanced Transplant Provider (ATP) Committee to receive the 2015 Advanced Transplant Provider Award. The Award recognizes an individual's dedication to advancing clinical practice through translation of scientific information, development of standards and clinical mentoring.

Gail W. Stuart, PhD, RN, FAAN, Nightingale Professor in Nursing, University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the College of Physicians in Philadelphia. The College was founded in 1787 and is the oldest professional medical organization in the country. Fairman will be the first nurse on the Board since its inception.

Gail Keenan, PhD, RN, an international leader in nursing informatics, joined the University of Florida College of Nursing as the Annabel Davis Jenks endowed professor for teaching and research in clinical nursing excellence. Keenan comes to UF from the University of Illinois at Chicago, where she served as director of the nursing informatics initiative and the nursing administration program and as associate director of the Health Systems Science division in the College of Nursing.

Linda Aiken, PhD, FAAN, FRCN, RN, Penn Nursing Professor and Director of the Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research has been elected to the Board of Hospital & Healthsystem Association of America.
leadership to provide CereScan with acute insight into the unique healthcare challenges facing military personnel and veterans, particularly in the area of brain health.

Pennsylvania (HAP). Aiken conducts research on health care workforce and quality of health care in the U.S. and globally.

Have news to share? Let us know

Career Opportunities
(Following are Paid Announcements)

Associate Dean for Research College of Nursing, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

The College of Nursing at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville invites nominations and applications for the position of Associate Dean for Research. Reporting to the Dean of the College of Nursing, the Associate Dean oversees and leads all aspects of promoting, expanding, and supporting the College’s program of funded research and scholarship. For best consideration, submit application by April 10th.

Full position details and how to apply.

See other opportunities on the Academy jobs site.

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