President's Message: Join the Conversation

On behalf of the leadership at PCORI (Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute) I'd like to invite our Fellows to join a live Twitter chat on the challenges for clinicians, patients, and caregivers in improving care of and research about autism. PCORI is looking for your ideas and has specifically asked that we be involved, and I am very pleased that they consider our voice essential. Here are the specifics:

- The Twitter Chat is on April 20th from 2 to 3pm EST.
- To join the #Autism Twitter chat @PCORI use #ASDTalk.
- What is a Twitter Chat? Imagine an hour-long "virtual" panel discussion that takes place on Twitter instead of a stage. Organizations and individuals have a moderated "conversation" about a specific topic and respond to questions posed by the moderator's Twitter account, PCORI in this case. The "audience" is able to follow the conversation, and may jump in, by utilizing the predefined hashtag #ASDTalk.
- Questions will be posed that are broad in scope in order to appeal to a diverse audience including nurses.
  - How have you been affected by autism? #asdtalk
  - Have you ever been involved in autism research? #asdtalk
  - How can clinicians partner with patients & caregivers to help them best live with autism? #asdtalk
  - How can clinicians identify early signs and symptoms of autism? #asdtalk
  - What are challenges clinicians, patients, caregivers & systems face in coordinating care for autism? #asdtalk
  - What are the most important questions autism research should answer? #asdtalk
  - Why do you think it's important for patients to be involved in research? #asdtalk
  - What do you want researchers to know about daily life with autism? #asdtalk

I hope some of you will join this dialogue!

Sincerely,

Bobbie Berkowitz, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN
President

Living Legend Nominations
The Academy is now accepting nominations for 2016 Living Legends through May 13th, 2016. View the application and selection process here.

Honorary Fellow Applications

The Academy is now accepting applications for 2016 Honorary Fellows through May 13th, 2016. Click here for more information.

Jonas Policy Scholar Applications

Academy 2016 Policy Conference

Save the date! The 2016 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference will be held October 20 - 22, 2016 at the Marriott Marquis Washington, DC. We look forward to seeing you there. Registration will open in late May.

Council 2016 State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research

The 2016 Determinants of Health State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research will be held September 15 - 17, 2016 at the Washington Hilton in Washington, DC. Register today - Early Bird Registration is now open!

2016 - 2017 IOM Nurse Scholar

The Academy is now accepting applications for the 2016 - 2017 Distinguished IOM Nurse Scholar-in-Residence Program sponsored by AAN/ANF/ANA. Applications are due by April 15, 2016.

Please visit our website for more information on the criteria and application process.

Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science

15th Anniversary Council/Partners Nurse Scientist Research Grant

In recognition of the achievements of the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science in advancing nursing science, a special research grant is being offered for nurse scientists who have completed their PhD but who have not yet received a NIH RO1 or comparable research award. The 15th Anniversary grant of $15,000 is made possible through the contributions of the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science and its organizational partners (ANF, ENRS, MNRS, SNRS, STTI, and WIN). The online application is now available at www.nursingscience.org/awards-grants.
All applications must be completed by 11:59 p.m. on June 1st, 2016.

HHS Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's U.S. Preventive Services Task Force

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) welcomes nominations for new members to the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF). Each year, AHRQ selects new members to replace those members who are completing their appointments.

The USPSTF is an independent group of national experts in prevention and evidence-based medicine that works to improve the health of all Americans by making evidence-based recommendations about clinical preventive services such as screenings, counseling services, or preventive medications.

Learn more

When you apply, inform Kaylen Hickman (Kaylen_Hickman@AANnet.org) so that the Academy may write a letter of support.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Leadership/Funding Opportunity

In an effort to extend the influence and impact of leaders working to build a Culture of Health, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) has launched a call for applications for four national change leadership programs, open through April 19, 2016.

Participants will receive funding through stipends and grants. The four national change leadership programs are:

- Clinical Scholars
- Health Policy Research Scholars
- Interdisciplinary Research Leaders
- Culture of Health Leaders

Learn more

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In Memoriam

Grayce McVeigh Sills, PhD, RN, FAAN, passed away on April 3, 2016. She was inducted into the Academy in 1976 and was honored as a Living Legend in 1999. Dr. Sills was on the faculty of the Ohio State University from 1968 to 1993 during which she developed and was Director of the Advanced Practice Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing program, Chair of the Department of Family and Community Nursing and Acting Dean.

Dr. Sills also served as Chair of The Ohio State University Hospitals Board of Trustees and on multidisciplinary projects such as the Ohio State University Hospital STAR (Stress, Trauma and Resilience) program that focused on trauma-informed care for patients, families and staff. She published numerous
theory and practice papers that applied and translated the Interpersonal Theory of Nursing developed by Hildgard Peplau. As one of the founders of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association and the American Psychiatric Nurses Foundation, Dr. Sills lectured to thousands of nurses caring for individuals and families with mental health issues. She served on the Academy Governing Board for 8 years and was instrumental in developing the current structure of Expert Panels.

Thank You Academy Supporters

We are proud to acknowledge the generosity of our supporters and their commitment to the Academy. The list below represents Academy supporters who have made unrestricted gifts to the Rheba de Tornyay Development Fund and/or restricted gifts designated for the Institute for Nursing Leadership or Raise the Voice at the President's Circle level of $1,000 and above from March. Each dollar raised directly supports the Academy’s mission of transforming health policy and practice through nursing knowledge.

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Fellow Achievements

NYU announced on April 1, 2016 a gift of $30 million from Howard and Rose-Marie "Rory" Meyers to its College of Nursing, the largest gift to an established school of nursing in the history of nursing education. In recognition of the Meyers' generosity, the school will be renamed the NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing in honor of Ms. Meyers, who is a nurse and a 1964 graduate of NYU's Stern School. Eileen M. Sullivan-Marx, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dean of NYU Meyers College of Nursing, said, "This transformational gift is thrilling for our students, alumni, faculty, and the entire newly named Rory Meyers College of Nursing. We are immensely grateful for the confidence and support that this scholarship funding will bring to us for students most in need, enabling us to catalyze our efforts to further our research, education, and service to society. I love that Rory Meyers is a nurse and that her family sought to honor her by naming an established leader among schools of nursing." To read more about this extraordinary gift click here.

Wallena Gould, EdD, CRNA, FAAN, has been selected as the Chair of the Diversity Task Force on behalf of the American

Deborah K. Mayer, PhD, RN, AOCN, FAAN, has been named as a member of the Blue Ribbon Panel to Help Guide Vice President Biden's National Cancer Moonshot Initiative. The panel will serve as a working group of the presidentially appointed National Cancer Advisory Board (NCAB) and will provide scientific
Association Nurse Anesthetists. The purpose of the task force is to develop and integrate diversity and inclusion initiatives into the strategic framework of the nurse anesthesia profession. The committee members include CRNAs and external diversity officers. Dr. Gould is the Founder and CEO of the Diversity in Nurse Anesthesia Mentorship Program and successfully mentored over 400 underrepresented minority nurses to matriculate into 55 out of 114 graduate nurse anesthesia program. Dr. Gould was inducted into the Academy in 2015.

**Huda Abu-Saad Huijer RN, PhD, FEANS, FAAN**, has been selected for induction into the Sigma Theta Tau International Researcher Hall of Fame. She is being recognized for her significant research, sustained international impact to advance pain management and palliative care research, to mentoring future nurse researchers, and for her leadership efforts in advancing the profession across the globe. She joins a very select and distinguished group of nurse scientists throughout the world. She is Professor of Nursing Science and Director of the Hariri School of Nursing at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon. Dr. Abu-Saad Huijer was inducted into the Academy in 2010.

### Career Opportunities

(Following are Paid Announcements)

**Director of the School of Nursing, Austin Peay State University**

Austin Peay State University in Tennessee seeks applications and nominations for the Director of the School of Nursing. The school's academic and administrative officer, the Director is responsible for the oversight and coordination of the nursing programs on campus and online. The school offers bachelor's and master's degrees and is in the proposal phase for offering a DNP. [Click here](#) to see details in the Profile. *APSU is an AA/EEO employer.*

**Director of the School of Nursing, Columbus State University**

Columbus State University (CSU), a unit of the University System of Georgia, seeks an experienced nursing educator to hold the leadership position of Director of the School of Nursing. Submit application materials by May 26, 2016. Complete details are in the [Search Profile](#). *CSU is an AA/EE employer committed to diversity in hiring.*

**Endowed Associate Dean for Nursing, Georgetown University School of Nursing & Health Studies**
Georgetown University is seeking an Endowed Associate Dean for Nursing to serve as the chief academic nursing officer at the School of Nursing & Health Studies. This newly created position includes responsibility for administration of the Departments of Advanced Nursing Practice and Professional Nursing Practice.

A strong base salary, incentive plan, relocation and executive benefits package is offered. Click here for more information.

**Executive Associate Dean for Academic Nursing, Pace University's College of Health Professions, Lienhard School of Nursing**

Pace University's College of Health Professions, Lienhard School of Nursing is seeking an Executive Associate Dean for Academic Nursing. The Executive Associate Dean operationalizes the academic mission of the Lienhard School of Nursing by leading the undergraduate and graduate nursing programs in all of their aspects within an interprofessional environment.

Please click here for more information. Pace University is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action employer. Minorities, women, veterans and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

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