President's Message: Proud to Be a Fellow

Fellows frequently ask me how being President of the Academy is going for me. My first thought is how busy it keeps me. My second thought is what a privilege it is to serve in this capacity. When I am asked by interested peers what impact being a Fellow could have for them professionally and personally, I describe how my own relationship with the Academy (which began in 1993) has enriched my life and my role as a nursing leader, as well as how it has strengthened my commitment to our profession.

The more involved we become in the Academy, the more we grow to appreciate its power and influence. Take our Institute for Nursing Leadership (INL), as one example. I've written about the INL in a previous FAAN Mail (February 17, 2016), and noted that members of the INL National Advisory Council will be writing essays on topics related to leadership and board membership that will be posted on the Academy website. I've seen the first two in the queue and am so pleased and excited to begin sharing them with you. The leadership experience and expertise housed in the Academy is truly phenomenal and becomes strikingly evident when you read these essays. The first, written by Dr. Angela Barron McBride, addresses an overall strategy for thinking about board appointments. Please click here to find her essay on building "degrees of impact." It makes you proud to be a Fellow.

My second example of the Academy's power and influence involves Honorary Fellow Erik Joh, who is an incredible asset to our organization; particularly through his service to the Finance Committee. His commitment, timely and thoughtful advice, humor, and uninhibited enthusiasm for the Academy are always evident. At our last Finance Committee meeting in June, Erik shared a story with us about his pride in being a Fellow.

Erik began his story with this statement: "There are times, after you join an organization, that something comes up in your day-to-day world which you don't expect and you look to the particular organization for help. Rarely do your expectations get fulfilled." He went on to describe his experience when a friend’s grandson was diagnosed with a life threatening form of cancer and needed help finding a surgeon skilled in the treatment of this particular type. He reached out to the Academy for advice and was overwhelmed by the flood of offers from Fellows to help connect his friend's family with the best health care for that particular diagnosis. The child received treatment and, despite the seriousness of the case, is doing well. Erik expressed his friend's deep thanks to the Fellows of the American Academy of Nursing for their part in "saving the life of this child." I asked if I could share his story with you because it is a powerful example of why we are all proud to be Fellows.
Sincerely,

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President

Policy Updates

Macy Conference on Preparing Registered Nurses for Enhanced Roles in Primary Care: Co-chaired by Academy Past President Diana Mason, invited conferees at the Macy Conference included 16 Academy fellows. The Conference reached consensus on recommendations for the expanded role of registered nurses in primary care practice. During the Academy's policy conference in October, a policy dialogue will be presented on these recommendations.

VHA Proposed Rule: The Academy is pleased that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs published its proposed rule in the Federal Register to amend its medical regulations to permit full practice authority of all VA advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) when they are acting within the scope of their VA employment. This rulemaking would increase veterans' access to VA health care by expanding the pool of qualified health care professionals who are authorized to provide primary health care and other related health care services to the full extent of their education, training, and certification, without the clinical supervision of physicians. Individuals who wish to respond directly with comments may submit them here until July 25.

2016 Policy Conference Registration is Now Open!

Have You Registered for the 2016 Policy Conference?

Early Bird Registration is open through August 1st for the 2016 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference. The three-day event, which will be held October 20 - 22, 2016 at the Marriot Marquis Washington, DC, will identify ways nurses are transforming health and building a better care delivery system. Take advantage of early bird rates and register here.

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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 has been extended to July 17th!

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Fellow Achievements

**Christopher Friese, PhD, RN, AOCN, FAAN**, has been selected for the National Academy of Medicine and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows Program. Only eight candidates were selected for this opportunity from a national application pool of highly accomplished health, behavioral, and social science professionals with an interest in health policy. Dr. Friese, an Assistant Professor at the University of Michigan School of Nursing, will spend a year in Washington, DC working on health-related legislation with Congress and the executive branch. He was inducted into the Academy in 2012.

**Catherine Alicia Georges, EdD, RN, FAAN**, has been elected president-elect of the AARP Board of Directors. As president-elect, she will provide leadership at key meetings and will advance AARP's mission to strengthen communities and fight for issues that matter most to families. Dr. Georges serves as President of the National Black Nurses Foundation and is Chair of the Department of Nursing at Lehman College of the City University of New York. She is also a member of the Academy's Institute for Nursing Leadership's National Advisory Council. Dr. Georges was inducted in the Academy in 1991.

**Beverly Malone, PhD, RN, FAAN**, received an honorary doctor of science degree from the Georgetown University School of Nursing and Health Sciences at the institution’s 2016 commencement in May. Highlighting the values of caring, diversity, excellence, and integrity, Dr. Malone told the new graduates to embrace the "possibilities" and "leave the 'could nots'" behind as they venture into the future. She is the Chief Executive Officer of the National League for Nursing. Dr. Malone was inducted into the Academy in 1988.

**Mary D. Naylor, PhD, RN, FAAN**, has won the 2016 Distinguished Investigator Award from AcademyHealth, an organization serving health services and policy research. The award recognizes investigators who have made significant contributions to health services research through scholarship, teaching, advancement of science and methods, and leadership. Dr. Naylor is a Professor of Gerontology and Director of the New Courtland Center for Transitions and Health at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. She is an Academy Edge
Runner and was inducted into the Academy in 1986.

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