President’s Message: Lives Well Lived

I want to share my reflections on two remarkable women, both Rear Admirals in the US Public Health Service (USPHS), both visionary leaders, both fellows in the American Academy of Nursing.

I have such joy and pride for the appointment of Rear Admiral Sylvia Trent-Adams, PhD, RN, FAAN, as Acting Surgeon General. Opportunities such as this for our colleagues in nursing do not come often enough. And so it is a moment to cherish and celebrate and congratulate RADM Trent-Adams on this honor and acknowledgement of her expertise.

At the same time that we celebrate and anticipate the future with RADM Trent-Adams at the head of the USPHS Commissioned Corps; we mourn the loss of another trailblazer: RADM Faye Abdellah, EdD, ScD, RN, FAAN, a charter member of the Academy who passed away February 24th. In 1981, US Surgeon General C. Everett Koop named Dr. Abdellah deputy surgeon general and in 1994 the Academy honored her as a Living legend. We look forward to celebrating and remembering her life on May 2nd at her tribute at the National Institutes of Health.

I have been thinking a great deal about leadership as these two women are celebrated in very different ways. We talk often about leaders who see things we cannot, predict transformation we cannot imagine, and craft a future we didn’t expect. These are traits of remarkable leaders. But don’t we often wonder how they came to possess such power and vision? I believe that it stems in part from a mentoring relationship with other individuals who possess vision. I believe visionaries are people who see opportunity and take risks. I think they are future oriented, yet have a deep sense of the value of past experience. I think they are generous. If we put them all in a room together, would they agree on the future? Probably not, but wouldn’t it be wonderful to observe? And yet, isn’t that what we experience within the Academy when we come together to create solutions for some of the most pressing needs in our society; aren’t we looking forward while bringing with us knowledge from the past?

Celebrating the accomplishments and lives of our fellows, like RADM Trent-Adams and RADM Abdellah, gives me such hope in our ability to create visionary leaders of the future. It seems fitting that we celebrate in different ways these two remarkable women; one with hope for success in the future and one with gratitude for a life well lived.

Sincerely,

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

Policy Update

The Academy is pleased to join First Focus Campaign for Children and other organizations in cosigning a letter addressed to Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Ryan, Minority Leader Pelosi, Chairman Hatch, Ranking Member Wyden, Chairman Walden and Ranking Member Pallone to urge a long-term funding extension of the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). CHIP provides health coverage for 8.9 million children. Funding is currently set to expire on September 30, 2017. States, already developing their FY 2018 budgets, need to know as soon as possible that federal support for CHIP will exist beyond September 30, 2017.

2017 Academy Jonas Policy Scholars

Applications are now being accepted for the 2017 cohort of Academy Jonas Policy Scholars. Generously supported by the Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare, the program supports early-career scholars who will
contribute to shaping nursing practice, education, and research policy. Up to six highly qualified doctoral and post-doctoral students in nursing will be selected for this two-year fellowship program. Academy Jonas Policy Scholars will be matched with an Academy expert panel and learn from leading experts in nursing about select health policy issues. Click here for full details and to download the application. The deadline for applications is May 15, 2017.

**Academy Seeks Living Legend Nominations and Honorary Fellow Applications**

The Academy is now accepting nominations for 2017 Living Legends and applications for 2017 Honorary Fellows through May 22, 2017.

View the Living Legends nomination and selection process here. Click here for more information on the Honorary Fellow selection process and application.

**2017 Excellence in Media Award**

Recognizing exemplary healthcare journalism with nursing’s contribution and perspective.

The Academy’s Johnson & Johnson Excellence in Media Award recognizes exemplary journalism that reports on health care with accurate, appropriate inclusion of nurses’ contributions. Have you come across a piece that meets the award’s criteria? The deadline for entries is September 14, 2017. Submit an entry by logging into your account, and then clicking “Create Academy 2017 Media Award Entry” under the Awards section of your profile page.

**Council: 2017 Election Ballots; Conference Abstracts and Registration**

Voting is now open for members of the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science to elect three leadership positions:

- Chair-elect of the Leadership Council (1 position)
- Nominating Committee Members (2 positions)

Click here to view the candidate statements and vote here by May 12, 2017 at 5:00 pm ET.

Abstracts for electronic poster presentations at the 2017 Advanced Methods Conference: Pragmatic Trials are due by midnight tonight, May 1, 2017. Click here to submit an abstract.

Register here to attend the Council conference, October 4-5, 2017 at the Marriott Marquis Washington, DC.

**Registration is Now Open: Academy’s 2017 Policy Conference**

Get ready to explore policy issues, network with colleagues, honor Living Legends, and celebrate the new cohort of 2017 fellows! The Academy’s 2017 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference will be held October 5-7, 2017 at the Marriott Marquis Washington, DC. Registration is now open! You can also reserve your hotel room at the Marriott Marquis today.

The Academy is now accepting abstracts for electronic poster presentations at the 2017 Policy Conference. The deadline is June 16, 2017. Click here to review guidelines and submit your abstract.

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Sylvia Trent-Adams Named Acting Surgeon General

Rear Admiral (RADM) Sylvia Trent-Adams, PhD, RN, FAAN, was recently named Acting Surgeon General. In this role, she oversees the US Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps and provides Americans with the best scientific information available on how to improve their health. Previously the Deputy Surgeon General, RADM Trent-Adams advised the Surgeon General on USPHS operations and communications to advance national health. She served as the Chief Nurse Officer of the USPHS from November 2013 to May 2016, RADM Trent-Adams was inducted into the Academy in 2014.

Fellow Achievements

Keville Frederickson, EdD, RN, FAAN, was named founding director of the PhD in nursing program at Pace University’s College of Health Professions. She guided the program from inception through approval by the New York State Education Department, and now has oversight of it. Dr. Frederickson was previously the executive officer of the PhD program in nursing at The Graduate Center, City University of New York. She was inducted into the Academy in 1991.

Tim Landers, PhD, RN, CNP, CIC, FAAN, associate professor in The Ohio State University College of Nursing, is the recipient of a Fulbright US Scholar Grant made by the US State Department. Dr. Landers will be at the University of Gondar in Ethiopia from August 2017 to May 2018. His research there will focus on evidence-based infection prevention and control activities, and he will teach in the University’s new nursing PhD program. Dr. Landers was inducted into the Academy in 2016.

Career Opportunities

(The following are Paid Announcements)

Cone Health Distinguished Professor, School of Nursing, University of North Carolina-Greensboro

The University of North Carolina-Greensboro School of Nursing (SON) seeks an energetic, creative scholar to serve as the Cone Health Distinguished Professor to support the research, teaching, practice, and service missions of the SON. This position supports all academic programs, with special emphasis on the graduate programs. The scholar will engage in research, teaching, directing dissertations and DNP projects, obtaining external funding, and mentoring faculty, partners, and students.

Click here for full details and application instruction.