President’s Message: Pathways to FAAN (P2FAAN)

I want to tell you about an exciting new project the Academy is doing to recruit new fellows. But first, I feel compelled to share a few thoughts about the Charlottesville tragedy this past weekend. The term tragedy does not capture what took place when violence broke out at a demonstration led by white nationalists calling themselves “Unite the Right,” a rather polite term for a collection of white supremacists, racists, Ku Klux Klan members, and neo-Nazis. The result was the death of Heather D. Heyer, the injury to 34 others and the inept response on the part of a number of our leaders. I know we are all struggling in our response to what has been termed domestic terrorism. I have a growing sense that the norms and values of a civil society are no longer in play. I do not see the President or his administration reacting with a clear and precise message that captures appropriately what we are facing more and more each day; intolerance and violence that sets us apart from a civil and just society. I urge each of us to personally and collectively express our own clear message to our elected officials, both locally and nationally, that the normalization of violence in the name of racism will not be ignored or tolerated. There is nothing about what happened in Charlottesville that reflects the collective values of a just society. Our leaders must take action and we, it seems, must lead them.

Now let me turn to something we can be proud of, the P2FAAN project. The Academy’s board of directors has had many conversations about how to enhance and expand the fellowship. Our strength is in our ability to create innovation in research and practice and to lead change in the policy environment. Through our fellows, the Academy seeks to change those phenomenon in our environment that do not promote health. And yet, we are still a relatively small and busy group of individuals who have only so much time to devote to the Academy. Therefore, we have looked for ways to engage more of our fellows in the process of sponsorship to bring additional strength, power and excellence into the Academy. As a result, we have launched a new initiative to strengthen and grow the American Academy of Nursing. I’d like to introduce you to “Pathways to FAAN” (P2FAAN) led by Chandice Covington, PhD, APRN, PPCNP-BC, FAAN.

Chandice and her task force have created an ambitious “charge” and have been busy through the spring and summer developing goals and an action plan. They are working closely with me to make sure that the Board is fully apprised and in support of their activities. The goals of the task force include:

- Reduce the social, cultural, psychological, geographical, and mentor/sponsor availability that may create barriers to recruiting new FAAN candidates.
- Facilitate the identification, engagement and preparation of emerging nurse leaders from distinct or underserved backgrounds to achieve a successful FAAN application.
- Increase the number and quality of the FAAN applications.

The task force participated in a survey to gain more knowledge about the barriers to fellowship experienced by both potential nominees and in the recruitment and nomination process of new fellows. They sought ideas about strategies that could be used to reduce the barriers. The task force will prepare a report to the board with recommendations about the design of a process to build a distinctive, diverse, and futuristic approach to sponsorship and membership. I look forward to their recommendations and sharing those recommendations with all of you.

Separately, I want to remind you that all fellows who would like their donation to the Academy recognized in the policy conference materials should make their contribution to one of the Academy’s development funds by August 28, 2017.

Sincerely,

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

Policy Update
The Academy wrote a letter to US Defense Secretary Jim Mattis supporting existing US Department of Defense policy on transgender service members serving in the military. The letter underscored the Academy's commitment to ensuring dignified and respectful health care for all persons, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity. Read the letter here.

Institute for Nursing Leadership Essay Series

The Institute for Nursing Leadership essay series provides both practical information about board and leadership appointments as well as collective wisdom from the Academy’s exemplary leaders. The three most recent additions to the collection are "Sharpening Your Financial Skills," by Louise Woerner, MBA, FAAN; "Board Vetting 101: The Process" by Rita Wray, MBA, RN, BC, FAAN; and "Fundamental Steps to Take to be Nominated/Elected to a Board" by Randy A. Jones, PhD, RN, FAAN.

Academy Designates Five Leaders as 2017 Living Legends

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The Academy has announced the following five nurse leaders to be designated as Living Legends in 2017: Linda R. Cronenwett, PhD, RN, FAAN; Elaine L. Larson, PhD, RN, CIC, FAAN; Carolyn A. Williams, RN, PhD, FAAN; Nancy Fugate Woods, PhD, RN, FAAN; and Connie Henke Yarbro, MS, RN, FAAN. These exceptionally accomplished trailblazers will officially receive the Academy's highest honor at a special ceremony during the policy conference in Washington, DC on October 5, 2017. Click here to read a summary of their careers.

2017 Academy Policy Conference

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The Academy's 2017 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference will be held October 5-7, 2017 at the Marriott Marquis Washington, DC. Click here to register. Please review the Preliminary Program here.

If you are interested in supporting the 2017 policy conference through sponsorship, advertising or exhibiting, please click here!

Register today for the Institute for Nursing Leadership Workshop & Luncheon on October 5, 2017. Sponsored by the George Washington University School of Nursing, this workshop is geared toward those wishing to achieve the next level of executive board leadership. The registration fee of $175 includes the luncheon. Click here to register.

The Leadership Luncheon, sponsored by Capella University, will feature Mary Wakefield, PhD, RN, FAAN, former Acting Deputy Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services, and Sylvia Trent-Adams, PhD, RN, FAAN, the US Acting Surgeon General. It will be moderated by Sheila Burke, MPA, RN, FAAN. Don't miss out -- only a limited number of luncheon-only registrations are available for $75. Click here to register.

Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science

The Council's 2017 Advanced Methods: Pragmatic Trials Conference will be held October 4-5 at the Marriott Marquis Washington, DC. Click here to register today! Read the preliminary program here.

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Support the Academy

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 July. Each dollar raised directly supports the Academy's mission of transforming health policy and practice through nursing knowledge.

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The President's Circle member call with Academy President Bobbie Berkowitz is scheduled for August 17, 2017 at 1 PM EST. If you have not sent in your RSVP yet and would like to be on the call, please contact Academy Development Manager Joshua Phoebus via email at joshua_phoebus@aannet.org.

Fellow Achievements

Laura N. Gittin, PhD, FAAN, has been named dean of the Drexel University College of Nursing and Health Professions, and will begin her tenure in February. She is currently the Isabel Hampton Robb Distinguished Professor in the Department of Community Public Health at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, and holds joint appointments in the Department of Psychiatry and Division of Geriatric Medicine at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Dr. Gittin was inducted into the Academy as an Honorary Fellow in 2015.

Karen Heaton, PhD, CRNP, FNP-BC, FAANH, FAAN, was recently inducted as a fellow in the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses. She is coordinator of the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing’s PhD in Nursing Program and has oversight for all occupational health nursing curriculum offerings and clinical placements. Dr. Heaton was inducted into the Academy in 2015.

Dorothy Jones, EdD, RNC, APN, FAAN, has been designated a Living Legend in Massachusetts Nursing by ANA-Massachusetts. The award recognizes a nurse who has made significant lifetime contributions to the profession. Dr. Jones is a professor, Boston College Connell School of Nursing and senior nurse scientist, Massachusetts General Hospital. Inducted into the Academy in 1970, she is a current member and former chair of the Nursing Theory-Guided Practice Expert Panel.

Ramon Lavandero, RN, MA, MSN, FAAN, a member of the Academy board of directors, received a Yale School of Nursing Distinguished Alumnus Award, given to alumni demonstrating distinction in their career or in contributions to their communities or alma mater. Senior director of the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) for 20 years, Mr. Lavandero is now AACN’s senior strategic advisor and historian. He was inducted into the Academy in 2004.

Marilyn Rantz, PhD, RN, FAAN, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Alumni Association. Dr. Rantz, who is Curators’ Professor Emerita at the University of Missouri’s Sinclair School of Nursing, received her doctorate degree from UW-Milwaukee. Inducted into the Academy in 1996, she has been designated an Academy Edge Runner twice for innovative models of care.

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