Policy Update

The American Academy of Nursing was pleased to co-sign letters to Senate and House leadership urging Congress to fund the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and its critical research at a level equal to or higher than the Senate mark of $324 million in the FY 2018 omnibus. AHRQ is an essential element of the nation’s health care system, charged with improving the quality and delivery of health care. Funding AHRQ will help to ensure that our health care system becomes the most efficient for both patients and taxpayers. Click here to read both letters.

Sponsor a Candidate for the 2018 Cohort of New Fellows

Help us continue the Academy’s work by sponsoring new fellow candidates and supporting them with the application process. Fellows in good standing may sponsor a total of two applicants.

Sponsors and candidates should visit here to learn more about the selection process, sponsorship requirements, and to access the 2018 application. Applications will be accepted January 18–February 12, 2018.

Please contact Member Engagement Manager Joshua Poole with any questions.

Academy now accepting 2018 Edge Runner Applications

The next Academy Edge Runner application deadline is March 1, 2018. Edge Runner applicants do not need to be fellows. The Edge Runner initiative recognizes and promotes nurse-designed models of care and interventions that demonstrate innovative solutions to health care challenges. Click here to learn more about the criteria and application process. Please encourage fellows and non-fellows to apply. For specific questions, contact Policy & Grants Manager Kim Czubaruk.

Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science

The Council is currently accepting abstracts and symposia submissions for the 2018 State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research. The conference will be held September 13-15, 2018 in Washington, DC. The online abstract submittal process ends March 11, 2018. Click here for more information.

The Council is also accepting nominations for the Brilliant New Investigator and Outstanding Nurse Scientist Awards. Applications for both are due April 1, 2018. Click here for information on the awards criteria and nomination process.

The Council is pleased to announce the Duck-Hee Kang Memorial Mentored Workshop. Sponsored by the Early Career Special Interest Group, the workshop will be held September 12, 2018 in Washington, DC prior to the 2018 State of the Science Congress. Duck-Hee Kang, PhD, RN, FAAN (1947-2016), was a biobehavioral nurse scientist who made significant contributions to science, nursing, her colleagues and students. This workshop provides an opportunity for research mentoring between senior nurse scientists and competitively selected, doctorally prepared early career nurse scientists. Click here to learn more and apply for the workshop.

Support the Academy

Let us know your interest in learning about or supporting the Academy at the President’s Circle level of $1,000 and above from December. Each dollar raised directly supports the Academy’s mission of transforming health policy and practice through nursing knowledge.
We are proud to acknowledge the generosity of our supporters and their commitment to the Academy. The list below represents 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 December. Each dollar raised directly supports the Academy's mission of transforming health policy and practice through nursing knowledge.

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In Memoriam: Priscilla LeMone Koeplin

The Academy was saddened to learn that Priscilla LeMone Koeplin, RN, DSN, FAAN, passed away at the age of 78 on December 5, 2017 at her home in Ohio. Dr. Koeplin was inducted into the Academy in 1998. She retired from the University of Missouri Sinclair School of Nursing as an associate professor emeritus in 2001. For the last three years of her tenure she was director of the undergraduate program, and designed and achieved state approval for the accelerated option in the RN program. Dr. Koeplin received numerous honors for teaching, including five awards from students, the Provost’s Outstanding Junior Faculty Teaching Award, and the William T. Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence. Contributions to honor Dr. Koeplin may be made to the University of Missouri Sinclair School of Nursing.

Fellow Achievements

Marie Bakitas, DNSc, CRNP, NP-C, AOCN, ACHPN, FAAN, received the Debra Sivesind Career Award which recognizes outstanding contributions to palliative care at the 21st annual Interdisciplinary Conference on Supportive Care, Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Dr. Bakitas, an internationally recognized palliative care scientist, is a professor and Marie L. O’Koren Endowed Chair at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing. She was inducted into the Academy in 1995.

Jackie Dienemann, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, was recently appointed to the Domestic Violence Commission of the Women’s Council by North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper. The Commission assesses statewide needs related to domestic violence and sexual assault and also works to strengthen existing programs. Dr. Dienemann, inducted into the Academy in 1993, is professor emeritus at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte School of Nursing.

Constance Smith Hendricks, PhD, RN, FAAN, was recently appointed as the new dean of the School of Nursing and Allied Health at Tuskegee University, effective January 2, 2018. Previously, Dr. Hendricks served as the founding dean of the Division of Health Sciences at Concordia College, as well as 17 years as a professor at Auburn University. Inducted into the Academy in 2009, she is a member of the Women’s Health Expert Panel.

Linda Moneyham, PhD, RN, FAAN, was inducted into the Alabama Nursing Hall of Fame, which was established to pay tribute to nurses who have brought honor to the nursing profession and the state of Alabama. Dr. Moneyham, senior associate dean for academic affairs and professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Nursing, is an...
expert in HIV/AIDS and minority health research. She was inducted into the Academy in 2003.

Rita Pickler, PhD, RN, FAAN, was appointed Editor in Chief of the peer-reviewed journal *Nursing Research*. Dr. Pickler is the FloAnn Sours Easton Endowed Professor of Child and Adolescent Health and Director of the PhD and Masters in Nursing Science Programs at the Ohio State University. She chairs the Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science’s Research Editors Special Interest Group and was inducted into the Academy in 2008.

Phyllis Sharps, PhD, RN, FAAN, was recently honored by *Modern Healthcare* with the Diversity in Nursing Award as part of the magazine’s 2018 Excellence in Nursing Awards program. Dr. Sharps, associate dean for community and global programs at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, has devoted her career to serving vulnerable populations and advancing the cause of minorities in medicine. She was inducted into the Academy in 2003 and is a member of the Expert Panel on Violence.

Dr. Kopelin, was recently made to the University of Missouri Sinclair School of Nursing. She was inducted into the Academy in 2009, she is a member of the Women's Health Expert Panel. Dr. Moneyham, senior vice president for health at UnitedHealth Group, was inducted into the Academy in 2003 and is a member of the Expert Panel. Dr. Hendricks, served as the founding dean of the School of Nursing at University of Alabama at Birmingham, effective January 2, 2018. Constance Smith Hendricks, PhD, RN, FAAN

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