Policy

The Academy was pleased to co-sign a letter with the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health and the Center for Reproductive Rights, ACLU, Planned Parenthood, and the Women's Refugee Commission to ICE Deputy Director Thomas Homan calling on ICE to refrain from detaining pregnant individuals and reinstate a presumption of release. Read the letter here.

Anticipating the introduction of the Health Equity and Accountability Act of 2018, the Academy co-signed a letter to the Congressional Health Task Force Co-Chairs in support of the legislation. Introduced each Congress by leaders of the Congressional Black, Hispanic and Asian and Pacific American Caucuses concerned with health equity, the HEAA addresses through enhanced reporting, technology infrastructure, workforce diversity, and culturally appropriate health care the intersections of race and ethnicity with age, sex, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, language, immigration status, and socio-economic status.

The Academy was pleased to join with the Nursing Community Coalition to co-sign a letter to the Chair of the Senate Health, Labor, Education and Pensions Committee offering comments in response to draft legislation, The Opioid Crisis Response Act of 2018, urging the Committee to use provider-neutral language and incorporate all APRN roles in the legislation to expand access to care for patients with opioid addictions. Read the letter here.

Jonas Philanthropies

The Academy is delighted to announce the continued partnership with Jonas Philanthropies for support of the Academy Jonas Policy Scholars. Jonas Philanthropies specifically identified six Academy expert panels to receive scholars for a 2018-2020 cohort: Environmental & Public Health; Maternal & Infant Health; Military & Veterans Health; Psychiatric, Mental Health & Substance Abuse; Violence; and Women’s Health.

Do you know a nurse who is a PhD, DNP student, or post-doctoral fellow who would be interested in working with one of these expert panels? Applications will be accepted until May 11, 2018. Visit the Academy website for application information.

2018 Living Legends & Honorary Fellows

Living Legend Nominations
The Academy is now accepting nominations for 2018 Living Legends through May 11, 2018. View the nomination and selection process here.

Honorary Fellow Applications
The Academy is now accepting applications for 2018 Honorary Fellows through May 11, 2018. Go here for more information.

2018 Policy Conference

Get ready to explore policy issues, network with colleagues, honor Living Legends, and celebrate the new 2018 fellows! The Academy’s 2018
Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference will be held November 1-3, 2018 at the Marriott Marquis Washington, DC. Registration will open in early May; reserve your hotel room at the Marriott Marquis today.

The Academy is now accepting abstracts for electronic poster presentations at the 2018 Policy Conference. The deadline is June 25, 2018. Click here to review guidelines and submit your abstract.

Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science

Registration is now open for the 2018 State of the Science Congress on Nursing Research - Precision Health. The conference will be held September 13-15, 2018 in Washington, DC. Click here to for more information and to register.

The Council recently announced the six competitively selected early career nurse scientists who will participate in the inaugural Duck-Hee Kang Memorial Mentored Workshop on September 12, 2018 in Washington, DC. The following participants will receive research mentoring from senior nurse scientists during the workshop:

- Jennifer Sonney, PhD, ARNP, PPCNP-BC University of Washington
- Wen Liu, PhD, RN University of Iowa
- Heather Hardin, PhD, RN Case Western Reserve University
- Krista Schroeder, PhD, RN University of Pennsylvania
- Ansley Stanfill, PhD, RN University of Tennessee
- Sandra Staveski, RN, PhD, CPNP-AC University of Cincinnati

The workshop honors the late Duck-Hee Kang, PhD, RN, FAAN, who was inducted into the Academy in 2003. Click here to learn more.

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In Memoriam: Jean A. Kelley

The Academy mourns the loss of Jean A. Kelley, EdD, RN, FAAN, professor emerita and retired associate dean for graduate programs at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) School of Nursing, who died April 8 at the age of 87. She was inducted into the Academy in 1970.

Dr. Kelley joined the UAB faculty in 1959 (when nursing was located on the Tuscaloosa campus), and eventually served as chair of the Department of Administration-Supervision of Nursing Practice. She was associate dean for graduate programs during her final 19 years at UAB. In 1989, the School of Nursing established the Dr. Jean A. Kelley Endowed Lectureship. In 1998, Dr. Kelley was inducted into the Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame, and in 2010, she was honored as one of the UAB School of Nursing’s 60 Visionary Leaders.

“Dr. Jean Kelley’s leadership, knowledge and personal example has inspired generations of students, alumni, practicing nurses, faculty and colleagues nationwide,” said UAB School of Nursing Dean and Fay B. Ireland Endowed Chair in Nursing Doreen C. Harper, PhD, RN, FAAN.

Memorial gifts made to the UAB School of Nursing Building Fund will be used to name a special tribute wall in honor of Dr. Kelley in the School’s building expansion.

Fellow Achievements

Michael R. Bleich, PhD, RN, FNAP, FAAN, has been appointed to the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (OADN) Board
of Directors as a public director. Dr. Bleich is founder, president and CEO of NursDynamics, LLC. His academic career included serving as president and dean of the Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes Jewish College, and dean at Oregon Health and Science University. He was inducted into the Academy in 2006.

**Ruth Kleinpell, PhD, RN, FAANP, FAAN**, assistant dean for clinical scholarship and Independence Foundation Chair for Nursing Education at Vanderbilt University School of Nursing, received the 2018 American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Certified Nurse Award as an Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. Inducted into the Academy in 2004, she is a member of the Acute & Critical Care and Aging Expert Panels.

**Susan Mace Weeks, DNP, RN, CNS, LMFT, FAAN**, was appointed vice provost at Texas Christian University (TCU), where her main charge is advocacy for academic enhancement programs across all colleges. Since 2015, she has served as dean of TCU’s Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences, as well as executive director of the Health Innovation Institute. She is a member of the board of trustees for Texas Health Resources. Dr. Weeks was inducted into the Academy in 2011.

**Sharon Weinstein, MS, CSP, RN, CRNI-R, FACW, FAAN**, will complete her term as president of the National Speakers Association (NSA)-DC in June, and accepted a three-year appointment to the NSA Certification Committee, with responsibility for exam development. Inducted into the Academy in 2001, Ms. Weinstein is one of two nurses with the combined designations of CSP and FAAN, and works to engage nurses in the business of speaking and ”sharing our message.”

**Eric Williams, DNP, RN, CNE, FAAN**, was selected as a 2018 Villager Award honoree. Sponsored by Afram Global Organization Inc., the award recognizes African-Americans who have been a source of empowerment and support, and have had an impact on reducing health, education, or socio-economic disparities. Dr. Williams is president of the National Black Nurses Association and assistant director of the Nursing Program at Santa Monica College. He was inducted into the Academy in 2017.

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