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President's Message: Advocacy at the Bedside and Beyond

In my last President's Message, I discussed the importance of leveraging the trust the public has for the nursing profession. According to Gallup polls, nursing has been ranked as the most trusted profession for the past 16 years, and it's no surprise. As nurses, we are there to care for our patient's and family's health and well-being, whether we are practicing in acute care, ambulatory or community settings, often at the most vulnerable time in their lives. We're the public's voice and advocate. That's why the American Nurses Association (ANA) has declared 2018 the [Year of Advocacy – At the Bedside and Beyond](#).



As nurses, we need to exert our positive influence to improve the health of the public. We need to share knowledge of evidence-based practices and interventions not only in our own organizations, but in the communities we live in.

There are a number of ways to impact change and represent the interests of the public. You can participate in committees at the local, state and federal level, participate in a coalition, and leverage your position to impact policy change in the 2018 political campaigns. Through its [Institute for Nursing Leadership](#), the Academy has made it a priority to assist nurses with appointments to a federal, state, or national organization's board, commission, or council.

The ANA tagline is, "Nurses advocate from everywhere." As ANA members and Academy fellows, we have the opportunity to help our more than three million nursing colleagues understand the unique ability they have to use their knowledge base, and the public's well-placed trust in them, to not only improve health care, but to improve overall health.

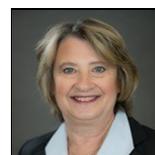
[Visit here to learn more](#) about the Year of Advocacy and then [share your story here](#) about how you're making a difference at the #BedsideAndBeyond.

Sincerely,

Karen Cox, PhD, RN, FAAN
President

Staff Recognition

Congratulations to Academy CEO Cheryl Sullivan who earned the Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation by the American Society of Association Executives. The CAE is the highest professional credential in the association industry. Less than five percent of all association management professionals have achieved this mark of excellence.



Policy Update

The Academy joined as an amicus (friend of the court) in support of Appellees in *Doe v. Boyertown Area School District*, together with organizations including the American Academy of Pediatrics, Endocrine Society, and the National Association of Social Workers.

The Academy was pleased to co-sign a letter with the American Psychiatric Association to DHHS Secretary Azar expressing concern about the potentially harmful impact some DHHS policies could have on the LGBTQ population including the recently created Conscience and Religious Freedom Division in the DHHS Office of Civil Rights.

February 12 is the Deadline for 2018 Academy Fellowship Applications

Sponsors: Please remind your 2018 Academy Fellowship Candidates that they

must submit their application by **Monday, February 12**. Sponsors and candidates should [visit here](#) to learn more about the selection process, sponsorship requirements, and to access and submit the [2018 application](#). Please contact Member Engagement Manager [Joshua Poole](#) with any questions.

Apply Now! Be Recognized as a 2018 Academy Edge Runner

The next Academy Edge Runner application deadline is **March 1, 2018**. Applicants do not have to be Academy fellows. The Edge Runner initiative recognizes and promotes nurse-designed models of care 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. Future deadlines are June 1 and September 3. Contact Policy & Grants Manager [Kim Czubaruk](#) with questions.



Council for the Advancement of Nursing Science



The Council is 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 present 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 State of the Science Congress. The workshop is 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.

2018 Inova Patient Experience Symposium

Inova Heart and Vascular Institute will host the 2018 Patient Experience Symposium on **February 23, 2018**, 8:00am – 5:30pm at the Inova Center for Personalized Health in Fairfax, Virginia. Content will be geared toward nursing and patient care with a focus on communication and patient advocacy. The Academy will exhibit at this event. [Review this flyer](#) for a list of speakers and topics, and [register for the symposium here](#).

Support the Academy

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Your gift, at a level that is meaningful to you, is truly appreciated and is a critical investment in the future of nursing policy. The Academy is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your financial gift is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowable by law. With a donation of \$1,000 or more, you become a member of the President's Circle. Members of the President's Circle are invited to an exclusive reception hosted by the Academy President during the annual policy conference.



In Memoriam: Kathryn White

The Academy mourns the passing of **Kathryn White, DNP, CRNA, FAAN**, on October 17, 2017 at the age of 63. Dr. White was inducted into the Academy on October 7, merely 10 days prior to her death from acute myeloid leukemia. Her oncologist arranged her treatments around the induction ceremony date, but because he did not want her subjected to crowds at any other time, she did not attend the rest of the conference.



A clinical associate professor at the University of Minnesota School of Nursing, Dr. White also directed the Nurse Anesthesia Program. A tremendous advocate for her profession, she served as president of the Minnesota Association of Nurse Anesthetists (MANA) and was actively involved in the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists. As MANA President, Dr. White helped facilitate the state's 2014 APRN bill to allow APRNS to be full practice providers. In 2016 she received the MANA Lifetime Achievement Award, and was

re-appointed to the Minnesota Board of Nursing's APRN advisory committee.

Kathryn White is survived by her husband of 40 years Richard, daughter Christine Staebell (Justin), son Jason, and brother John Waud.

Fellow Achievements

Huey-Shys Chen, PhD, RN, MCHES, FAAN, was named dean of Widener University's School of Nursing. Dr. Chen comes to Widener from the University of Toledo College of Nursing, where she served as associate dean of research and scholarship. Her work has concerned using community-based participatory research to focus on the prevention of health risks among children and adolescents. She was inducted into the Academy in 2011.



Linda Quinn Everett, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, was honored by the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) with the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award. The award honors a significant nursing profession leader who has also been an AONE leader. Dr. Everett, an adjunct professor at Indiana University School of Nursing and Duke University School of Nursing, is an AONE past president. She was inducted into the Academy in 2005.



Laurie McNichol, MSN, RN, CNS, CWOCN, FAAN, was named a 2017 National Magnet Nurse of the Year in the new knowledge, innovations and improvements category by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. The award recognizes her research on the connection between skin damage and medical adhesives. Ms. McNichol, a clinical nurse specialist at Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro, NC, is a wound, ostomy and continence expert. She was inducted into the Academy in 2016.



Elizabeth Sloand, PhD, CRNP, FAAN, was honored by Sigma Theta Tau International with the Audrey Hepburn Award for contributions to the health and welfare of children. Her career has been devoted to the health of vulnerable children, both in the US and Haiti. Dr. Sloand, who is an associate professor and chair of the Acute and Chronic Care Department at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, was inducted into the Academy in 2013.



Jacquelyn Taylor, PhD, PNP-BC, RN, FAAN, was named the inaugural Vernice Ferguson Professor in Health Equity at NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing. Inducted into the Academy in 2011, Dr. Taylor was previously associate dean of diversity and inclusion at Yale School of Nursing. Vernice Ferguson (1928-2012) was chief nurse executive for the Veterans Administration, a past president of the Academy, and an Academy Living Legend.



Debra Toney, PhD, RN, FAAN (left), was elected president, and **Angie Millan, DNP, APRN, FAAN**, was elected vice president, of the National Coalition of Ethnic Minority Nurse Associations. Dr. Toney, director of quality management at Nevada Health Centers and a former Academy board member, was inducted into the Academy in 2009. Dr. Millan, director, Children's Medical Services, County of Los Angeles Department of Health, was inducted in 2012.



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