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Academy hosts Pre-Conference and 37th Annual Meeting and Conference

Washington, DC – The American Academy of Nursing launched its Pre-Conference and its 37th Annual Meeting and Conference on Thursday. Both programs feature prominent guests and speakers, and address technology, innovations, best practices, and salient policy issues. Notable speakers include Pennsylvania Governor Edward Rendell, University of Miami President Donna Shalala, and Jean Moody Williams, Director of the Quality Improvement Group.

[Click here to view the on-site program for the Annual Meeting and Conference.](#)

The three-day conference will be held at the Grand Hyatt Washington and conclude with the Fellows Induction Ceremony and Soiree on Saturday, November 13. The Academy will honor five Living Legends and welcome 114 new Fellows, and three honorary Fellows, who represent 35 different states, the District, and seven countries.

This year's Living Legends include Billye J. Brown, EdD, RN, FAAN; Donna K. Diers, PhD, RN, FAAN; Norma M. Lang, PhD, RN, FRCN, FAAN; Barbara L. Nichols, DHL, MS, RN, FAAN; and Betty S. Williams, DrPH, RN, FAAN.

"We are pleased to congregate in Washington, where our position as a bastion of health care and nursing knowledge, and as a go-to source among key stakeholders is being recognized," said Academy Chief Executive Officer Cheryl G. Sullivan, MSES. "The 2010 class of Fellows further contributes to the Academy's stature as leaders in policymaking, practice, education and administration."

Key agenda items will feature plenary sessions and briefings; breakout sessions for expert panels, commissions and task forces; and a first look at the Academy's highly anticipated photojournalism project: "A Nursing Life: Serving the Nation."

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