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American Academy of Nursing Celebrates Three Health Care Leaders as 2017 Honorary Fellows

Washington, D.C. (August 2, 2017) - The American Academy of Nursing today announced three individuals it will name as Honorary Fellows during its annual policy conference on Saturday, October 7, 2017 in Washington, DC. The Academy is comprised of nurse leaders in education, management, practice, policy and research. The Honorary Fellow designation recognizes the contributions of outstanding professionals who are outside of the nursing profession.

"These three stellar professionals are leaders in promoting and improving health care in ways that value nursing's meaningful contribution and the expertise that nurses bring to the table. The Academy is thrilled to welcome them as Honorary Fellows," said Academy President Bobbie Berkowitz, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN. "Working with outstanding people outside of the nursing profession is essential to the Academy's mission to transform health policy and practice."

American Academy of Nursing 2017 Honorary Fellows:

Jo Ivey Boufford, MD, is the immediate past president of the New York Academy of Medicine. She is professor emeritus of Public Service, Health Policy and Management at the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service and clinical professor of pediatrics at New York University School of Medicine. An innovative leader, she has worked assiduously to ensure that nursing, medicine, and public health address the social determinants of health for children, older adults and urban populations. Dr. Boufford's advocacy concerning healthy aging led to robust changes in health care policies, outreach, and resources for older adults in New York City and beyond.



Winifred Yvonne Carson-Smith, AB, JD, is a staunch advocate for nursing and a tireless defender of the rights of nurses to practice at the top of their education and license. Currently administrator at Meiger Health, a home health company, she continues to consult with nursing groups as chief operating officer of Carson Company LLC. For 30 years, attorney Carson-Smith has authored proposed statutory language, testified in federal hearings, and advised nursing organizations on strategies to remove unnecessary regulatory barriers to advanced practice. Adept at using social media, she provides nurses free access to information that would have to be purchased from a law firm.



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George E. Thibault, MD, is president of the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation, the only national foundation solely dedicated to advancing the education of health professionals. After four decades at Harvard Medical School, he is now professor emeritus of medicine and medical education. Dr. Thibault is an innovative leader in promoting interprofessional education and collaboration, and has spearheaded initiatives that have been transformative for the development of nurse leaders and the utilization of nurses to enhance primary care. A prolific writer, Dr. Thibault also has utilized interpersonal relationships, speaking engagements, task force and committee work to create positive change for everyone whose voice is critical to health care reform.



To become an Honorary Fellow, an individual must be sponsored by three Academy fellows and demonstrate extraordinary contributions to nursing and health care. The Academy's board of directors annually selects only a few applicants to become inducted as Honorary Fellows.

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