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American Academy of Nursing Celebrates Four Health Care Leaders as 2018 Honorary Fellows

Washington, D.C. (August 14, 2018) - The American Academy of Nursing today announced four individuals it will name as Honorary Fellows during its annual policy conference on Saturday, November 3, 2018 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 noteworthy professionals from outside of the nursing profession.

"These four superb leaders have promoted and enhanced health care in ways that value nursing's meaningful contribution and the distinct qualities that nurses bring to bear on a multitude of challenges. The Academy is delighted to welcome them as Honorary Fellows," said Academy President Karen Cox, PhD, RN, FAAN. "Collaborating with excellent professionals 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:

Martin A. Dornbaum, MS, is founding director of the Health Professions Education Center (HPEC) at the Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing. For 30 years he has utilized evidence-based pedagogy to increase student engagement and enhance learning strategies through the innovative use of technology. Curated by Mr. Dornbaum, the HPEC's large collection of health-related media is visited by multimedia producers and nurse researchers nationwide. He leverages these contacts to improve the public's awareness of nursing issues. Mr. Dornbaum has produced or consulted on dozens of independent health films, and his critical reviews of nursing software are highly respected. His decades of service to the nursing community have had a profound influence on the clinical skills and health education of thousands of practicing nurses.



Sharon K. Inouye, MD, MPH, is professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School (Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center), holder of the Milton and Shirley F. Levy Family Chair, and director of the Aging Brain Center at the Institute for Aging Research, Hebrew SeniorLife. Dr. Inouye's work has focused on improving the quality, safety, and outcomes of hospitalization for older adults. Continuously funded by NIH since 1989, she developed a proven method for reducing delirium and functional decline in hospitalized older persons, the Hospital Elder Life Program (HELP). A nursing-centered, volunteer-assisted program for prevention of delirium, HELP has been implemented in hundreds of hospitals around the world. She also created the Confusion Assessment Method (CAM), now the most widely used method for identification of delirium worldwide.



Patricia (Polly) M. Pittman, PhD, is professor of health policy and management at George Washington University's Milken Institute School of Public Health and the School of Nursing. An expert on nursing policy and the health workforce, she serves as co-director of the GW Health Workforce Institute and director of the HRSA-funded Health Workforce Research Center. Her research on unethical contract practices used by the international nurse recruitment industry, and her subsequent convening of stakeholders, led to Alliance for Ethical International Recruitment – an extraordinary agreement among labor unions, employers, recruiters, and professional groups that received major media coverage. Dr. Pittman's current research focuses on the changing roles of health workers, particularly nurses, as systems adapt to new payment and coverage policies.



Cheryl G. Sullivan, MSES, CAE, retired CEO of the American Academy of Nursing (2010 to 2018), has an extensive background in federal and state public policy development and implementation; state government, public university, and nonprofit administration; and public and private fundraising. Prior to joining the Academy, Ms. Sullivan served as deputy chief of staff for policy to former US Senator Evan Bayh, and played a central staff role in the Nurses' Higher Education and Loan Repayment Act and the Children's Health Care Quality Act. Among her accomplishments as CEO of the Academy, she promoted nurse-designed intervention innovations through the Edge Runner initiative, facilitated expert panel research and publication of policy briefs, launched with fellows the Institute for Nursing Leadership that places nurses on national and gubernatorial boards, and promoted a culture of philanthropy that significantly increased donor gifts.



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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The American Academy of Nursing (<http://www.AANnet.org>) serves the public and the nursing profession by advancing health policy, practice and science through organizational excellence and effective nursing leadership. The Academy's more than 2,500 fellows are nursing's most accomplished leaders in education, management, practice, policy, and research. They have been recognized for their extraordinary contributions to nursing and health care.