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## NASN Names 2026 National Academy of School Nursing Fellows

Silver Spring, MD, April 1, 2026—The National Association of School Nurses (NASN) recently named five professionals for induction into the National Academy of School Nursing. They are:

Nakia C. Best, California  
Sophia R. Boyle Hall, Vermont  
Victoria Ladd, South Carolina  
Elizabeth "Betsy" Looney, Virginia

Mary Louise Embrey, BS, has been named as an Honorary Fellow.

The induction ceremony will take place on Monday, June 29, 2026, during the Annual Business Meeting at the NASN2026 Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The honor of Fellow is the most prestigious recognition that members can receive from NASN. It is a symbol of superior achievement in school nursing and exceptional contributions to NASN. The depth and breadth of the Fellow's imprint on the field is extraordinary.

Their contributions have had a significant and enduring impact on the professional association and, more broadly, school health and student well-being.

The National Academy of School Nursing Fellows was founded in 1997 and has inducted 139 school nursing fellows.

### **About NASN**

*The National Association of School Nurses (NASN) is a nonprofit specialty nursing organization, organized in 1968 and incorporated in 1977, representing school nurses exclusively. NASN has 19,000 members and 50 affiliates, including the District of Columbia and overseas. The mission of NASN is to optimize student health and learning by advancing the practice of school nursing.*

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