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American Academy of Nursing Announces 2020 Class of New Fellows
Academy to Induct 230 Nurse Leaders at Virtual Policy Conference in October

August 6, 2020 — The American Academy of Nursing (Academy) announced today that it has selected 230 distinguished nurse leaders to join the 2020 Class of Fellows. The inductees will be recognized for their significant contributions to health and health care at the Academy’s annual *Transforming Health, Driving Policy* [Conference](#), taking place virtually October 29-31, 2020.

“I am honored to welcome this exceptional class to the American Academy of Nursing. Their work, across many fields of expertise, exemplifies the power of nursing knowledge in creating meaningful change,” said Academy President Eileen Sullivan-Marx, PhD, RN, FAAN. “As a policy organization, we strive to improve health and achieve health equity through nursing leadership, innovation, and science. Growing the Academy’s Fellowship bolsters our collective strength and further enables us to meet our policy priorities. Now, more than ever, our collaboration is critical and I am excited to congratulate this dynamic class of Fellows during the International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife.”

The newest Fellows represents 38 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. territory of Guam, as well as 13 countries. The Academy is currently comprised of more than 2,700 nursing leaders who are experts in policy, research, administration, practice, and academia that champion health and wellness, locally and globally.

Through a competitive, rigorous application process, a committee of elected Fellows review hundreds of applications and select new Fellows based on their contributions to advance the public’s health. Induction into the Academy is a significant milestone in a nurse leader’s career in which their accomplishments are honored by their colleagues within the profession.

The Academy is thrilled to host its first ever virtual induction ceremony and is opening this format to colleagues, friends, and family members who may have not been able to attend the event in person previously. This year’s induction ceremony, which will feature personalized video vignettes of each inductee, will be a special way to recognize the new Fellows in a year where the global pandemic challenges traditional ways of celebration.

[Learn more](#) about the Academy and [visit the virtual policy conference website](#) for more details.

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