The American Academy of Nursing announced that 142 nurse leaders have been selected to be inducted as Fellows during the Academy’s 38th Annual Meeting and Conference on October 15, 2011, in Washington, D.C. Of this year’s inductees, 18 are members of the Southern Nursing Research Society:

Norma Cueller, DSN, RN, University of Alabama  
Susan Gaskins, DSN, RN, ACRN, University of Alabama  
C. Fay Raines, PhD, RN, University of Alabama in Huntsville  
Martha Rice, PhD, RN, University of Alabama at Birmingham  
Elizabeth Reifsnider, PhD, WHNP, PHCNS-BC, Arizona State University  
Cecile Lengacher, PhD, RN, University of South Florida  
Ellen-Marie Hahn, PhD, RN, University of Kentucky  
Susan Dorsey, PhD, RN, University of Maryland  
Hae-ra Han, PhD, RN, Johns Hopkins University  
Marcia Van Riper, PhD, RN, University of Carolina-Chapel Hill  
Teresa Kelechi, PhD, GCNS-BC, CWCN, Medical University of South Carolina  
Ida Spruill, PhD, RN, LISW, Medical University of South Carolina  
Karen D’Apolito, PhD, NNP, BC, Vanderbilt University  
Kathryn Fiandt, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, University of Texas Medical Branch  
Gayle Roux, PhD, RN, NP-C, Texas Woman's University  
Deborah Volker, PhD, RN, AOCN, University of Texas at Austin  
Debra Lyon, PhD, RN, FNAP, Virginia Commonwealth University  
Laurie Badzek, LLM, JD, MS, RN, West Virginia University

"Selection for membership in the Academy is one of the most prestigious honors in the field of nursing," said Academy President Catherine L. Gilliss, DNSc, RN, FAAN. "Academy Fellows are truly experts. The Academy Fellowship represents the nation’s top nurse researchers, policymakers, scholars, executives, educators and practitioners."

Selection criteria include evidence of significant contributions to nursing and health care. Each nominee must be sponsored by two current Academy Fellows. The new Fellows are selected by a panel comprised of elected and appointed Fellows, and selection is based, in part, on the extent to which nominees’ nursing careers influence health policies and health care delivery for the benefit of all Americans. New Fellows will be eligible to use the credentials FAAN (Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing) after their October induction.

Please join us in congratulating them for this prestigious honor.