FNINR ANNOUNCES NEW AMBASSADORS TO ADVOCATE AND ADVANCE NURSING SCIENCE

Washington, D.C., January 27, 2017 - The Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research (FNINR), an independent nonprofit group that advocates for and advances nursing science in the name of promoting the health and wellbeing of all Americans, have announced the selection of fifteen Ambassadors to join the ranks of fifteen others currently filling this role. Ambassadors are selected from a national pool of applicants based on their abilities to advance public, health professions, and policy-maker awareness of the critical research agenda linked to the National Institute for Nursing Research (NINR).

These highly-qualified individuals, many of whom function in the scientific community, will focus specifically on educating Congressional leaders as to the high-impact and cost-effective treatments and quality-of-life enhancements that emanate from nursing science. Ultimately, the goal is advance research funding to ensure the training of scientists at a time of major scientific breakthroughs and to promote the updated NINR strategic plan that specifies how nurse scientists improve the wellbeing of Americans across the human lifespan.

New Ambassadors are:

Donna Bliss, PhD, RN, FAAN, FGSA
University of Minnesota School of Nursing

Rosina Cianelli, PhD, MPH, RN, IBCLC, FAAN
University of Miami School of Nursing and Health

Mollie Cummins, MSN, PhD, RN, FAAN
University of Utah College of Nursing

Patricia Davidson, PhD, MEd, RN, FAAN
Johns Hopkins School of Nursing

Tracie Culp Harrison, BSN, MSN, PhD, RN, FAAN, FGSA
University of Texas at Austin

Deborah Kenny, PhD, RN, FAAN
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
Victoria Menzies, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC, FAAN  
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Nursing

Pamela Mitchell, PhD, RN  
University of Washington School of Nursing

Jennifer Moore, PhD, RN  
Institute for Medicaid Innovation

Linda Norman, DSN, RN, FAAN  
Vanderbilt University School of Nursing

Susan Carol Saladino, PhD, RN  
SUNY Downstate College of Nursing

Laureen Smith, PhD, RN, FAAN  
The Ohio State University School of Nursing

Cheryl Taylor, PhD, RN, MN, FAAN  
Southern University and A&M School of Nursing, Baton Rouge, LA

Diane Twedell, CNO, SE MN Region MCHS, DNP, RN, CENP, CNML  
Mayo Clinic Health System

Linda Weglicki, PhD, RN, MSN  
Florida Atlantic University College of Nursing

“We are exquisitely positioned to use science generated by highly-trained nurses to generate cures, reduce symptoms and side-effects, and promote health and wellbeing aimed at individuals, families, and communities, states Karen Drenkard, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, president of the FNINR.”

“In the last year, we have had important conversations with key Congressional leaders who are understanding and valuing how nurses function as scientists, individually and on integrated research teams. With the large number of newly elected officials nationally and at the state-level, the Ambassadors will join others, including our Board, to bolster awareness and action for those discoveries that save lives, advance health, and reduce costs.”

FNINR is an independent, non-profit organization whose mission is to provide resources to support nursing research and help advance the mission of NINR. FNINR seeks to support research-based nursing practice by educating health care professionals, Congress, and other appointed and elected officials, as well as the public in general about the advances made through nursing research and its benefits to patients, families, the community and the delivery of quality health care.

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