WNA Member Elected as Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing: One of Nursing’s Highest Honors

Mary Burman, PhD, FAANP, Dean of the University of Wyoming Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing, WNA member, has been selected as a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (AAN). According to the June 24, 2016 news release from AAN, Burman is one of 164 leaders in the field of nursing from around the nation who will be inducted during AAN’s 2016 Fellowship Executive Fellows Program in 2007; as Fellow in the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners in 2008; as “Trailblazer” by the Wyoming Women’s Foundation in 2014; as “Advocate of the Year” from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing in 2014; and certainly not least, as winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Wyoming Nurses Association in 2014.

The latter award was granted for Burman’s innovation and development of programs and her contributions to boards and committees to advance the practice of nursing and health care in Wyoming. She has been at the center of revolutionizing nursing education in Wyoming (“ReNEW”), working to bring about the cooperation of the university and the state’s community colleges to write a statewide nursing curriculum. That curriculum will make it easier for nurses prepared at the associates-degree level to earn baccalaureate and higher degrees. The implementation of the new “ReNEW” curriculum is scheduled for this fall 2016.

“As you look at the future of nursing,” says Burman, “we need a different type of nurse clinician.” So she focuses on encouraging higher education, which will help nurses build the skills they need in order to care for an increasing and increasingly complex population of patients.


during AAN’s 2016 Forum for the good of our profession and our patients. While we may not all agree on every topic, we know that collectively we have a tremendous voice—and we make a difference.

President’s Message

Embracing Change, Part 4

The last two years have gone by so quickly! It is hard to believe this is my final message as President of the Wyoming Nurses Association. It has been my honor to represent and serve the nurses in Wyoming, and I thank you for this amazing opportunity. We work in a unique environment, and you demonstrate your commitment to your patients and profession every day. I am so proud to be your colleague!

In June, Dee Gilson, Tobi Moore and I had the opportunity to represent Wyoming at Legislative Days and the 2016 Membership Assembly in Washington DC. What a tremendous opportunity for nurses to come together for the good of our profession and our patients. While we may not all agree on every topic, we know that collectively we have a tremendous voice—and we make a difference.

As I look back, I realize I had the opportunity to work with an outstanding Board of Directors, and I want to say thank you to each person who has served with me. These are the nurses who work throughout the year to ensure we have a strong professional organization. The district presidents, and now the region presidents are passing the torch well, and have worked especially hard to develop the new regional structure. We have had the opportunity to build collaboration with other nursing and public entities in the state. These relationships are so important, as they increase our ability to serve our citizens, and enhance our recognition as the voice of nursing in Wyoming. Our lobbyist continues to do outstanding work with our legislators, and I echo their appreciation for her.

My theme this year has been embracing change, and as nurses, we know about change. We will have been affected by change, both personally and professionally. Some was good, and some we were completely unprepared for. Our organization has changed in the last two years as well, and more changes are ahead, Benjamin Franklin once said, “When you’re finished changing, you’re finished.” We are far from being finished!

Looking forward, I see a bright future for nursing and for WNA. Dee Gilson is a strong leader, and will work diligently to continue to move our organization forward. There will be challenges, but that is nothing new. We are Wyoming Strong, we are nurses, and our best days are ahead!
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The Wyoming Nurses Association (WNA) membership will elect the following leadership positions to serve on the WNA Board of Directors beginning October 2016 to serve until September 2018. Election results will be announced during the WNA Annual meeting on Friday, September 23, 2016 in Casper, Wyoming.

Ballots will be sent to all current members, as of August 15, 2016. Voting will close on Friday, September 16, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

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Meet the Candidates

PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATES

Christina Brewer, CMSRN, RN, MSN
Powell, Northwest Region
RN Coordinator, Nursing
Instructor, Northwest College

WNA Involvement: Current
President of Northwest Region

Other Organizations:
Academy of Medical Surgical
Nurses and the National
League for Nursing.

Two main issues that should be a priority for the WNA are care access and nursing involvement/engagement. Care access remains an issue for our very unique Wyoming population. Nurses are in a great position to advocate for residents and can work with residents and lawmakers alike to determine what access in Wyoming should look like. Without nursing engagement, this demanding task may not be achieved at a State level, not to mention national effects.

Personal interest in the position of President-elect comes after serving as Northwest Region President and having the opportunity to attend the 2016 ANA Membership Assembly. As Regional President, for a newly developed region, it has been stimulating work to engage nurses over such a large geographical area. I look forward to assisting the Board in escalating the grassroots in our regions. At the ANA Membership Assembly, I observed the amazing power of the voice of the nurse, and was able to witness, first hand, how each States’ perspectives are heard and considered. Although we are “small”, Wyoming nurses play an essential role in the government of the ANA. My goal is to contribute to the WNA in ways that share the voice of Wyoming residents regarding access to care needs, and to engage Wyoming nurses on a state and national level.

Kathryn M. Luzmoor, MS, RN, CNE
Green River, Southwest Region
Nursing Program Director, Western Wyoming Community College

WNA Involvement: Member since 1985; WNA Vice President 2003-2005 and 2008-2013; President District #6 2003-2004; Vice President District #6 2001-2003 and 2004-2013

Other Organizations: Kathryn M. Luzmoor
NLNAC 2006-present; Wyoming Center for Nursing and Health Care Partnerships-RENEW Prof. Deh. Co-chair 2011-present; Hospice of Sweetwater County, numerous positions since 1983, currently on Quality committee; Wyoming Hospice Organization 1983-1988 (several years as president); Vice President of Sweetwater County Board of District Health, Chair Southwest Counselling Board of Directors; President of Rawlins County Hospice Organization 1983-1988 (several years since 1983, currently on Quality committee; Wyoming Hospice Organization 1983-1988 (several years as president); Vice President of Sweetwater County Board of District Health, Chair Southwest Counselling Board of Directors; President District; Past Board member for Rawlins Downtown Development Authority

The Wyoming Nurses Association and the American Nurses Association are invaluable to nurses and the health and safety of the nation. From the days when the ANA fought for needle stick safety, back safety and now to addressing bullying in the workplace and nurse fatigue, the ANA gives nurses the evidence to improve their practice and advocate for themselves with their employers. I would like to serve as the President-Elect to increase the visibility of both the WNA and the ANA.

I am supportive of the WNA’s Strategic Plan with the goal of creating opportunities for Wyoming nurses to participate in professional growth through the provision of essential resources that energize, enable and strengthen the nursing experience and insight. Too often nurses feel like players in their positions vs. leaders. It is my goal to do what I can to give nurses their voice to improve their work environments for themselves and their patients. I want to see how nurses are reaching out to improve the health of WY and to do what I can to encourage and assist them. I have a long history of service to the WNA and am eager to continue that service.

TREASURER CANDIDATE

Barbara Jean James
Rawlins, Southeast Region
Educator, Carbon County Higher Education Center/Memorial Hospital Carbon County

WNA Involvement: Member since 2004; District #50 President

Other Organizations: National League of Nursing; President of Rawlins Soroptimist Club; Board member of Xi Kappa Sorority; Board member for American Diabetic Association; I served as District; Past Board member for Boys and Girls Club of Rawlins; Past Board member for Rawlins Downtown Development Authority

I believe the major issues for the Association is getting more nurse’s involved, communication and leadership. WNA mission “To promote the profession of nursing, provide unified voice for nurses and advocate for a healthier Wyoming.” I believe this statement starts with all of us and we need to increase the number of nurses involved with WNA, increase direct relationships with consumer’s, promote positive healthy behaviors, and listen to what the new generation is telling us.

I am running for the position of WNA Treasurer because I believe with my strong leadership skills, communication, and organizational skills gained through extra-curricular involvement. Balancing course work, clinical, and work requires commitment, time management and, at times, my well regarded sense of humor. My goals are to help promote WNA, provide leadership, recruit and communicate our vision “Nurses united and caring for our profession.”
JOIN US FOR WYOMING 2016 NURSING LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Wyoming Center for Nursing and Health Care Partnerships and the Wyoming Nurses Association invites health care leaders to participate in the Wyoming Nursing Summit and Convention, September 22-23, 2016 to be held at the Ramkota Hotel, Casper, Wyoming.

This year’s leadership conference follows the theme set by the endorsements that the American Nurses Association (ANA) established with the Nurses on Boards Coalition to increase enrollment to 10,000 nurses on boards by 2020. During this conference we will demonstrate the impact a nurse can have by being on a board, especially where health care/access to care is an issue. In order to fully demonstrate how a nurse can be a change agent for health care, we chose one of our profound health issues, mental health/suicide prevention. Pamela Cipriano, ANA President, recently said “There is no health without good mental health.” Wyoming has the second highest suicide rate in the country. The population growing in this epidemic is our youth and adolescent. How can a nurse intervene? Whether it is through providing direct patient care or by sitting at the table where health care decisions are made, all nurses are patient advocates.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This educational conference is designed to support the professional practice of nursing. The purpose of the conference is to bring together nurses and nursing students from all specialty and practice settings in pursuit of excellence in nursing leadership and practice.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

This conference will assist attendees to:

• Analyze how the nurse can use the change process effectively in the realization of a vision.
• Describe the process by which nurse and followers can thrive and grow despite the chaos of today’s healthcare system.
• Encourage nurses to take the time to develop leadership ability so that they can be the force that drives the profession’s evolution and create our preferred future.
• Using the nursing process, learn how to perform a needs assessment, develop SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and time-framed) goals and plan for interventions.
• Participate in a large scale suicide prevention simulation activity.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

This activity has been submitted to the Ohio Nurses Association (OBN-001-91) for approval to award the contact hours. The Ohio Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation.

Pending approval, participants can receive a maximum of 9.25 contact hours for attending this activity.

For additional information or questions on contact hours contact the WNA office at 307-462-2600.

In order to obtain a Certificate of Successful Completion for this activity, the learner must complete the following criteria:

• Sign the Verification of Attendance Form at the registration desk each day you attend
• Attendance of at least 80% of the event
• Complete and submit the online evaluation form for each session attended

The planners and faculty have declared no conflict of interest.

EDUCATION EXHIBITOR AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

WNA invites interested vendors to share product expertise with us during our conference. For more information on these opportunities, email to bildvoi@wyonurse.org or visit www.wyonurse.org.

THURSDAY SPECIAL EVENTS *REGISTRATION AND AN ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FEE REQUIRED

Activity 1 - Dinner at the Casper Petroleum Club starting at 5:00 pm - Limited to 50 registrations

Price for dinner is $40

The Casper Petroleum Club offers a fine dining experience and is located at 1301 Wilkins Circle. A cash bar will be available for attendees.

Main Meal Choice of:
• Fresh Filet of Salmon
• Garlic Chicken Breast
• Marinated Sirloin

Dessert Choice:
• Cheese cake
• Ice cream
• Cake
• Brownie

Activity 2 - Artisan Alley - Limited to 30 registrations

Artisan Alley at the Backwards Distillery on Thursday night at 7 pm. We will paint Aspen trees on a wine bottle. Cash bar available. $40 for art.

Backwards Distillery is located at 158 Progress Cir, Casper and Artisan Alley will be on-site leading the painting and social activity.

FRIDAY SPECIAL EVENT *REGISTRATION AND AN ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION FEE REQUIRED

5K Race Hosted by Casper College Student Nurses’ Association

The race is a separate registration of $15 from the conference. The race will take place at Casper College and proceeds to benefit Casper College Student Nurses’ Association and the other half to Wyoming State Nurses’ Association.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Dr. Janet Wessel Krejci, BSN, MSN, PhD

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Illinois State University

Dr. Krejci currently serves as the chief academic officer at the Illinois State University with responsibility for academic and senior-level internal leadership and serves as the primary representative for the President in his absence.

She was selected as a Robert Wood Johnson Nurse Executive Fellow for the 2008-2011 cohort. During 2012, Dr. Krejci participated in Leadership America, the preeminent national women’s development program. Dr. Krejci has numerous publications and funded research grants in the areas of leadership, recruitment and retention, work climate, workforce diversity, and change in both acute care and long term care. She has consulted and presented workshops, courses, and keynote addresses on Systems Thinking, Leadership, Change, Conflict, and Nursing Excellence to help leaders be more effective, efficient, and satisfied in their roles.

Laurie Benson

Executive Director, Nurses on Boards Coalition

Ms. Benson was named as the first Executive Director for Nurses on Boards Coalition in March of 2016. Benson has more than 35 years of experience serving as a corporate executive, founder, CEO, C-suite advisor, and multi-sector board member. Since 2009, she has served as CEO of LBS Unlimited. In this role, she served as an advisor to executives on issues such as board governance, innovation, strategy and high performance teams. She currently serves as a member of several corporate and non-profit boards in industries ranging from health care, finance, and insurance to manufacturing and technology.

Benson earned a bachelor’s degree from The University of Wisconsin-Madison. In 2013, she was named one of UW Madison’s Distinguished Alumni and received the Chancellor’s Entrepreneurial Achievement Award.

To Book your hotel, you must contact Ramkota Hotel and book by September 2, 2016

800 N. Poglar, Casper, Wyoming 82601

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Room Rate is $89.99, Group Code: WNA16

Early registration cutoff date is September 2, 2016
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The voting representatives of ANA’s Membership Assembly re-elected WNA member Faith Jones, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Director-at-Large to the ANA Board of Directors for a two-year term. Jones was first elected to the ANA Board of Directors during the 2012 ANA House of Delegates.

Jones has held a variety of leadership positions in the profession of nursing. In addition to her at-large role on the ANA board, she currently serves as Co-Chair of ANA-PAC Leadership Society and as Chair of the ANA-PAC Board of Trustees. Jones served as President of WNA from 2010 to 2012 and is a current member in the WNA Northwest Region.
WNA Member Elected to ANA
Central Region

We have had a busy year. Our first general meeting of 2015-2016 was held in Douglas, WY and featured Toni Deckleer discussing State legislation important to WNA and the health of the people of WY. Two Senators came to share in the discussion. The second general meeting was held at Casper College and featured Dr. Helling discussing Bariatric Surgery. CEU’s were awarded. The final general meeting was held in Casper at the Petroleum Club and was our annual celebration of Nursing and Nurses.

Our general meeting schedule for 2016-2017 begin with the Fall meeting, again held in Douglas on 10-22-16 and featuring legislators. This is an election year and anticipate lively discussion of the needs of Wyoming with the legislators.

Our next meeting will be held on 5-11-17 at the Petroleum Club. More information concerning these meetings will soon be distributed to our members.

Officers for this year and the upcoming year are: Jane Hartsock, President, Sara Johnson, President Elect, Marianne Madraga, Treasurer and Suezy Delger, Secretary.

Northeast Region

Northeast Region meets the first Tuesday of every month, via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. You can participate no matter where you are at and enjoy the meeting from the comfort of your home, office and/or car! Meeting dates September 6th, October 4th and November 1st. Mark your calendars and join us! Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: https://zoom.us/j/246964267

Or Telephone: Dial: +1 408 638 0968 (US Toll) and enter 246 946 267 for the meeting ID.

Northwest Region

The Northwest Region will be hosting their first regional fundraising event, during the upcoming Pumpkin Run on October 30th! Officers will be reaching out to members to participate. You will be on 10/31/17. Join us as we raise funds for the WNA Scholarship Fund.

Regional Meeting – Hold the date!

Our next regional meeting will be held on September 7 at 6PM via ZOOM conferencing. The link to the meeting will be sent by email closer to the meeting time. Please welcome Shelley Evans to the SE Region Treasurer position! Thank you Shelley for stepping up to the plate.

Southeast Region

Regional Meeting – Hold the date!

Our next regional meeting will be held on September 7 at 6PM via ZOOM conferencing. The link to the meeting will be sent by email closer to the meeting time. Please welcome Shelley Evans to the SE Region Treasurer position! Thank you Shelley for stepping up to the plate.

New ANA Nursing Knowledge Center is Up and Running

From certification preparation to clinical knowledge, the American Nurses Association Nursing Knowledge Center learning management system is here to help you build your career. The NKC provides educational products and support services to individual nurses and healthcare organizations.

Developed for nurses by nurses, NKC workshops, online webinars, consultation services and publications support ANA’s mission to advance the nursing profession and improve health for all. ANA’s NKC supports individual nurses throughout all phases of their careers, with educational material presented in a variety of learning formats. Beyond the individual nurse, NKC helps organizations meet and address challenges to the nursing workforce and healthcare overall.

To get started with the NKC, follow the instructions below. If you are currently enrolled in an active course, please bookmark the page and continue the course until you complete it.

To enroll in new courses:

2. On the home page, search for courses by keyword, subject area, one of our six product categories or other helpful filters.
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6. When you are ready, click on the title of the course to begin.

If you need assistance at any point in this process, do not hesitate to contact the support team at (866) 826-8746 or ana-helpdesk@dnl.com.

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Nursesbooks: Errors of Omission

Taking care of multiple patients, staying on top of paperwork, keeping track of nurses and other colleagues – an RN’s workday is busy and hectic. Even the best nurses occasionally commit errors of omission, which can have devastating effects on patient care and on nurses themselves.

To help understand and reduce these incidents of missed nursing care and to establish a foundation for support, the American Nurses Association has released Errors of Omission: How Missed Nursing Care Imperils Patients.

Based on 10 years of extensive research, Errors of Omission provides an in-depth review of the correlation between missed nursing care – standard, required nursing care that wasn’t done – and adverse outcomes in both patient care and nursing staff retention.

Author Beatrice J. Kalisch, PhD, RN, FAAN, the Titus Chamberlain Distinguished Nurse Scholar-in-Residence at the Institute of Medicine, which was supported by ANA, the American Academy of Nursing and the American Nurses Foundation.

The new book offers a wide array of resources to help readers learn about the different aspects of missed nursing care:

• Key areas of missed nursing care;
• Consequences of not providing care;
• Methods of studying missed care; and
• The important roles of leadership, management and teamwork in addressing and preventing missed nursing care.

Errors of Omission is essential to everyone in the nursing profession. Staff nurses and managers will find this book extremely valuable as they work to provide the highest standards of safe, quality care. Nursing students will gain a thorough understanding of the science and value of providing care and the devastating effects of not providing it.

Learn how to prevent errors of omission to provide higher quality patient care. To order Errors of Omission: How Missed Nursing Care Imperils Patients, visit http://www.NursesBooks.org.
Nursing Coalition Praises Commission on Care Recommendations to Improve Veterans’ Healthcare

APRNs, RNs looking forward to being part of solution to improve access to timely care

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) and other registered nurses (RNs) in the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) stand ready to be part of the solution to improve veterans’ access to timely, quality healthcare by working to their full practice authority as recommended by the Commission on Care in a report to the White House on July 5, said Juan Quintana, DNP, MHS, CRNA, president of the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA).

The commission, established as part of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, was charged with examining veterans’ access to VHA healthcare and determining how best to deliver healthcare to veterans during the next 20 years. The 308-page report was the culmination of an exhaustive 10-month assessment by the commission.

Speaking on behalf of a Nursing Coalition which endorses direct access to APRNs including Certified Nurse Practitioners (CNP), Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA), Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM), and Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS), Quintana said that allowing all VA APRNs to practice to the full scope of their education and abilities without physician supervision would improve veterans’ access to essential healthcare by reducing long wait times for appointments and services.

The commission’s recommendation supports a Veterans Administration (VA) proposed rule to grant direct access to VA APRNs that was published in the Federal Register on May 25; comments on the rule are being accepted by the VA until July 25. With less than two weeks to go, more than 62,000 comments have been received from veterans, healthcare professionals, and the general public, mostly in favor of the rule.


During its examination of veterans’ access to healthcare and how to best deliver healthcare services over the next two decades, the commission reviewed the results of the independent assessment of the VHA that was ordered by Congress in 2015; met with a broad range of stakeholders, including veterans and leaders of Veterans Service Organizations; made site visits to VHA facilities; and exchanged ideas with VA leaders and employees, members of Congress, and healthcare experts. Ten APRNs and nursing groups provided an outline for the commission on the role and recommendations of APRNs to improve VHA healthcare delivery.

“The American Organization of Nursing Executives (AONE) applauds the Commission on Care for its support of full practice authority for advanced practice registered nurses in the VHA,” said Maureen Swick, RN, MSN, PhD, NEA-BC, AONE chief executive officer/American Hospital Association senior vice president, Nursing. “APRNs are a vital link to ensuring quality care is readily accessible for America’s veterans.”

“The clinical evidence and informed recommendations that patient care is improved by direct access to APRNs continue to grow,” said Cindy Cooke, DNP, FNP-C, FAANP, president of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). “Veterans, the AANP, other APRN groups, the VA, and now an independent congressional commission on the VHA all agree that the VA’s highly-qualified APRNs, including 4,800 nurse practitioners who provide a wide range of healthcare services, are the right solution to ensuring veterans have access to timely, quality healthcare.”

American Nurses Association (ANA) Chief Executive Officer Marla Weston, PhD, RN, FAAN, who previously served in the VHA as program director in the Office of Nursing Services and then as deputy chief officer in the VA Workforce Management and Consulting Office, praised the commission’s recommendations on clinical operations.

“The commission’s recommendation that clinical operations should be enhanced through more effective use of health professionals – particularly optimizing use of advanced practice registered nurses – along with improved data collection and management, is right on target,” said Weston. “The commission’s recommendation is consistent with the recommendations of the National Academy of Sciences to remove scope-of-practice barriers and allow the VA to fully utilize the skills of its APRNs to the full extent of their education, training, and certification.”

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) commended the commission for recognizing that the way in which APRN students are educated must align with how they practice to achieve the best patient outcomes.

“The Commission on Care should be applauded for its steadfast work to advance recommendations based on the evidence,” said Juliann Sebastian, PhD, RN, FAAN, chair of the AACN Board of Directors. “For our nation’s veterans to receive the care they need, when they need it, we must look to the decades of data that show APRNs excel in providing high quality care when practice barriers are removed.”

The VA’s proposed policy to allow direct access to APRNs in order to improve veterans’ access to timely healthcare is supported by veterans groups such as AMVETS, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Military Officers Association of America, and Air Force Sergeants Association; AARP (whose membership includes 37 million veteran householders); numerous healthcare professional organizations; and more than 80 Democratic and Republican members of Congress.


Coalition Members
For more information about the coalition members, visit: American Association of Colleges of Nursing (www.aacn.nche.edu)
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (www.aana.com)
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American Nurses Association (www.nursingworld.org)
American Organization of Nurse Executives (www.aone.org)

American Nurses Association President Named to “100 Most Influential People in Healthcare” List

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Pamela F. Cipriano, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, has been named one of Modern Healthcare’s “100 Most Influential People in Healthcare.” This award and recognition program honors individuals in health care who are deemed by their peers and an expert panel to be the most influential individuals in the field. In addition to her appearance on last year’s “Most Influential” list, Dr. Cipriano has also been recognized as one of Modern Healthcare’s “Top 25 Women in Healthcare.”

In the past year, Dr. Cipriano has spoken about putting more nurses in leadership roles and supporting the Department of Veterans Affairs’ efforts to provide direct care to veterans by allowing APRNs to practice to the full extent of their education and training.

The “100 Most Influential People in Healthcare” honorees come from all sectors of health care, including hospitals, health systems, physician organizations, insurance, government, vendors and suppliers, trade and professional organizations, and patients’ rights groups. Dr. Cipriano and fellow honorees are currently highlighted online at ModernHealthcare.com.

For more information visit: www.AmericanNursesAssociation.org

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November 8, 2016 is an important day for the state and nation. As a nation, we are privileged to be able to vote for the people that will represent our values and concerns. Make the time to find out where candidates stand on the issues and then vote for those who will best represent your community, state and nation.

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