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## Academy Fellows Recognized at ANA House of Delegates

WASHINGTON – Eight Fellows of the American Academy of Nursing (AAN) were honored by the American Nurses Association (ANA) for their outstanding achievements in nursing, and three Fellows were inducted into the ANA Hall of Fame during June’s House of Delegates, the meeting of the organization’s governing body.

Late AAN Fellow John F. Garde, CRNA, MS, FAAN, and Fellows Claire Fagin, PhD, RN, FAAN, FRCN, and Nettie Birnbach, EdD, RN, FAAN, received awards for nursing achievements and were among a class of five inductees into the ANA Hall of Fame. The prestigious ANA Hall of Fame is made up of just 77 distinguished registered nurses.

“The Academy joins the ANA in an expression of appreciation for the distinctive and significant career accomplishments of these nurses,” said AAN President Catherine L. Gilliss, DNSc, RN, FAAN. “Knowing that they are also Fellows of the Academy makes us doubly proud.”

The Academy’s membership is made up of more than 1,600 Fellows who represent nursing’s most accomplished individuals in a variety of capacities, including practice, education, policy, research and administration.

Norma Lang, PhD, RN, FAAN, FRCN, received the first-ever President’s Award, given to an individual who has advanced the profession and the public perception of nursing. Jaclene A. Zauszniewski, PhD, RN-BC, FAAN, Patricia R. Messmer, PhD, RN-BC, FAAN, Robert Piemonte, EdD, RN, CAE, FAAN, and May L. Wykle, PhD, RN, FAAN, FGSA, were also awarded nursing achievements, which acknowledge their dedication to the profession and unrelenting effort to improve health care. In total, ANA distributed 20 nursing achievement awards.

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