

PEOPLE & EVENTS

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Nine Oncology Nursing Society Members Named American Academy of Nursing Fellows

The American Academy of Nursing (AAN) inducted 55 nurse leaders, including 9 Oncology Nursing Society (ONS) members, as fellows during AAN's 33rd Annual Meeting and Conference on November 11 in Miami, FL.

The following ONS members have been named 2006 Academy fellows.

- Kathleen A. Calzone, RN, MSN, APNG, Derwood, MD
- Cynthia Chernecky, RN, PhD, AOCN®, Alpharetta, GA
- Barbara B. Cochrane, PhD, RN, Seattle, WA
- Patricia J. Hollen, PhD, RN, Charlottesville, VA
- Linda U. Krebs, RN, PhD, AOCN®, Lakewood, CO
- Donna O. McCarthy Beckett, PhD, RN, Madison, WI
- Patricia W. Nishimoto, RN, BSN, MPH, DNS, Honolulu, HI
- Ann M. O'Mara, RN, PhD, AOCN®, Bethesda, MD
- Lisa Schulmeister, RN, MN, CS, OCN®, River Ridge, LA

"The Academy is comprised of many of the nation's top nursing executives, policy makers, scholars, researchers, and practitioners," said AAN President Linda Burnes Bolton, DrPH, RN, FAAN. "Induction into the Academy represents an esteemed honor and recognition of outstanding achievement."

Each nominee must be sponsored by two current AAN fellows. Selection is based, in part, on the extent to which nominees' nursing careers influence health policies for the benefit of all Americans, because the mission of AAN is to serve the public and nursing profession by advancing health policy and practice through the generation, synthesis, and dissemination of nursing knowledge.

AAN is comprised of more than 1,500 nursing leaders in education, management, practice, and research. Leadership positions held by fellows include university presidents, chancellors, and deans; state and federal political appointees; hospital chief executives and vice presidents for nursing; researchers and entrepreneurs; and practicing nurses.

AAN was established in 1973 under the auspices of the American Nurses Association to provide visionary leadership to the nursing profession and to the public in shaping future healthcare policy and practice. For more information, visit www.aannet.org.

Moore Honored With American Association of Community Cancer Centers' Progress Award

ONS Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Pearl Moore, RN, MN, FAAN, has been honored with the Association of Community Cancer Centers' (ACCC) Progress Award for her many contributions to the oncology nursing profession. ACCC's Progress Award honors outstanding innovators in the delivery of high-quality multidisciplinary cancer care. Moore received the award on September 15 at ACCC's Oncology Economic Conference in St. Louis, MO.

In addition to serving as ONS CEO, Moore is an adjunct assistant professor in the School of Nursing at the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania. She is a prominent leader in the national and international cancer care communities. As a pioneer practitioner in the specialty, she served as one of the first oncology clinical nurse specialists in the nation at Montefiore Hospital in Pittsburgh. Later, she blended clinical practice with research as the first coordinator of the Brain Tumor Study Group, which was part of a groundbreaking national consortium conducting clinical trials. At the same time, Moore was a volunteer and pivotal leader in the historic development of ONS. In 1975, she joined 250 nursing peers as an ONS founding member and became an active volunteer serving on committees and holding office.

Moore will retire from ONS on January 31, 2007, after more than 25 years of service.



Oncology Nursing Society Chief Executive Officer Pearl Moore (left) was honored with the Association of Community Cancer Centers' (ACCC) Progress Award for her many years of commitment, service, and contributions to the oncology nursing profession. ACCC Treasurer Brenda K. Gordon and ACCC Executive Director Christian G. Downs presented the award.

Matthews Receives Dean's Teaching Award



ONS Director-at-Large Ellyn E. Matthews, PhD, RN, CS, AOCN®, CRNI, received one of two Dean's Awards for Excellence in Teaching in the School of Nursing at the University of Colorado

at Denver and Health Sciences Center, where she is an assistant professor. Matthews received the award at the School's spring convocation, which was held May 26 at the Health Sciences Center campus.

Matthews, who said that she was "delighted by the honor and genuinely surprised and grateful," was selected for the Dean's Teaching Award for her teaching excellence in the school's baccalaureate program. Graduate students nominated the faculty for the award, with Dean Patricia Moritz, PhD, FAAN, and associate deans Amy Barton, PhD, Lauren Clark, PhD, FAAN, and Marlaime Smith, PhD, FAAN, selecting the awardees.

Oncology Nurses Lead Collaboration Between Komen Foundation and University of Maryland School of Nursing

The University of Maryland School of Nursing has received the first year of funding, in the amount of \$200,000, on a three-year program to develop a comprehensive higher-education program for increasing awareness about the fight against breast cancer.

"The Komen Maryland (Komen MD) Affiliate Nursing Partnership: Advancing Education and Practice" is the first of its kind in the nation linking the Komen Foundation with a nursing school. The purpose of the program is to heighten the knowledge and skills of nursing faculty and students at all levels of the curriculum regarding the current state of the science in the prevention and detection of breast cancer and the treatment and care of people living with the disease.

The program is being led by three School of Nursing oncology faculty, all of whom are ONS members. Assistant Dean for Research

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and Professor Sandra McLeskey, PhD, RN, is director of the grant; Professor Deborah McGuire, PhD, RN, FAAN, and Assistant Professor Heidi Ehrenberger, PhD, RN, AOCN®, are codirectors.

The program will directly support Komen MD's mission "to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease by advancing research." Components of the program include a Komen Visiting Professor, who will help introduce evidence-based expertise about breast cancer into the existing curriculum; a Komen Scholar in Residence, who will develop innovative breast cancer-related curriculum and community-based projects; a Komen Distinguished Lecture focusing on a breast cancer topic; Komen Conferees, who will receive stipends to attend regional and national conferences on breast cancer research and practice; and the Komen Educational Outreach program, a community-oriented initiative in breast cancer-related activities.

Nutritional Issues in Cancer Care Receives 2006 Clarion Award

Nutritional Issues in Cancer Care, published by ONS, has been awarded the 2006 Clarion Award in the Custom Publications—Nonfiction, Technical category. The Clarion Award is a renowned competition recognizing the best works from all communications fields and is sponsored by the Association for Women in Communications.

Nutritional Issues in Cancer Care, edited by ONS members Valerie J. Kogut, MA, RD, LDN, and Sandra Luthringer, RD, LDN, is a practical guide on nutrition for healthcare professionals involved in the daily management of patients in all phases of cancer care, including prevention, treatment, survivorship, and palliative care.

All Clarion Award winners were recognized in the association's newsletter, *The InterCom*, announced to the press, and honored during the Association for Women in Communications 2006 Annual Conference, which was held September 14–16 in Kansas City, MO.

Niederhuber Appointed 13th Director of National Cancer Institute

President Bush recently announced the appointment of John E. Niederhuber, MD, as the 13th director of the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Niederhuber has been a professor, cancer center director, National Cancer Advisory Board chair, external advisor to NCI, grant reviewer, and laboratory investigator supported by NCI and the National Institutes of Health.

Prior to his current appointment, Niederhuber was NCI's chief operating officer and deputy director for translational and clinical sciences, positions he assumed in September

2005. In June 2002, President Bush appointed Niederhuber chair of the National Cancer Advisory Board (NCI's board for oversight of its operations), a role from which he resigned to become NCI's deputy director. Before joining NCI in a full-time capacity, Niederhuber was a professor of surgery and oncology at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine in Madison. He also served as director of the University of Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Center, one of NCI's 61 designated cancer centers.

New Lance Armstrong Foundation Grants Support Cancer Survivorship Initiatives

The Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) recently announced the awarding of nearly \$1 million in grants to 27 community, nonprofit organizations across the country for programs that help people with the physical, emotional, and practical challenges of cancer.

LAF awarded grants in five areas: practical issues of cancer survivorship, cancer pain and palliative and end-of-life care, physical activity and nutrition, survivorship education, and emotional support for people living with cancer. Each grant recipient completed a rigorous application process, and proposals were reviewed by a selection committee comprised of cancer survivors and cancer community experts and advisors.

The following organizations received LAF grants: the Cancer Legal Resource Center at the Disability Rights Legal Center, Los Angeles, CA; Arlington Free Clinic, Virginia; California Health Foundation and Trust, Sacramento; Cancer Services of New Mexico, Albuquerque; ECMC Lifeline Foundation, Inc., Buffalo, NY; Evanston Northwestern Healthcare Foundation, Illinois; H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute Foundation, Inc., Tampa, FL; Hospice of the Bluegrass, Lexington, KY; Hospice of the Upstate, Anderson, SC; Life With Cancer® at Inova Health System Foundation, Fairfax, VA; Iowa Department of Public Health, Des Moines; Iowa State University, Ames; Kapi'olani Health Foundation, Honolulu, HI; Nebraska Indian Community College, Macy; Nueva Vida, Inc., Washington, DC; Penrose-St. Francis Health Foundation, Colorado Springs, CO; Providence Alaska Medical Center, Anchorage; Queens Hospital Center, Jamaica, NY; Saint Mary's Health Care,

Grand Rapids, MI; Sisters of Charity Health System, St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, Lewiston, ME; Sisters of Providence Health System, Springfield, MA; Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital, El Dorado, KS; New York LifeLab, New York, NY; University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, Pennsylvania; Wyckoff Heights Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY; Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Connecticut; and Stony Brook University, New York.

Through its Community Program, LAF awards grants to community, nonprofit organizations to serve the needs of people living with cancer as identified by the National Action Plan for Cancer Survivorship: Advancing Public Health Strategies. LAF also offers its Community Program partners regular training, technical assistance, and opportunities to discuss common challenges and exchange best practices. Information about next year's Community Program grant cycle will be available on LAF's Web site, www.livestrong.org, in early 2007.

Call for Research Abstracts

The Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI), is calling for research abstracts for the 18th International Nursing Research Congress Focusing on Evidence-Based Practice—Collaboration: A Transdisciplinary Roadmap to Discovery. The conference will be held July 11–14, 2007, in Vienna, Austria.

STTI is considering evidence-based practice and research topics. Evidence-based practice research should focus on

- Evidence-based nursing implementation
 - Strategies to implement evidence-based nursing
 - Research methodologies for translational and evidence-based research.
- Research topics should focus on
- Community health promotion
 - Disease prevention and recognition of social, economic, and political determinants
 - Implementation of evidence-based practice
 - Needs of vulnerable populations, such as the chronically ill and poor
 - Capacity development for nursing research.

Abstract submissions are due **December 13**. Submission guidelines are available online at <http://stti.confex.com/stti/congrs07>.

Bravo! Job Well Done! Pat Yourself on the Back!

Have you been awarded recently for your dedication and commitment to oncology nursing? If so, share your news with *Oncology Nursing Forum (ONF)* readers. *ONF* accepts news of member accomplishments for People and Events. Submissions should include a recent photo and be less than 250 words. For more information, contact Associate Editor Diane M. Otte, RN, MS, OCN®, via e-mail at otte.diane@mayo.edu or ottedm@charter.net.