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June 22, 2017

Friends, Family Members, and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Fellows of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP) Executive Committee, welcome to the 2017 FAANP Induction Ceremony. Tonight, we honor and congratulate new AANP Fellows for their extraordinary contributions to the nurse practitioner role and health care. We celebrate their individual accomplishments and the collective achievements of the FAANP Program.

Our 2017 FAANP Inductees have dedicated themselves to advancing the nurse practitioner role through contributions in the areas of health policy, education, practice, and research. Beyond professional recognition, induction as a Fellow adds expectations for sustained efforts in support of FAANP programs designed to develop future nurse practitioner leaders and enhance the AANP mission. We enthusiastically embrace our new Fellows, who will be instrumental in the future success of FAANP strategic initiatives.

It is my honor and privilege to preside over this event on behalf of the FAANP Executive Committee and all AANP Fellows. Thank you for joining us in welcoming our new 2017 Fellows and honoring all who came before in our outstanding 17-year history of Fellowship.

Sincerely,

Mary Jo Goolsby, EdD, MSN, NP-C, FAAN, FAANP
Chair - Fellows of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners
The Fellows of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP) impacts national and global health by engaging recognized nurse practitioner (NP) leaders who make outstanding contributions to clinical practice, research, education, or policy to enhance the AANP mission. From invitational Think Tanks to the Mentorship Program, FAANP is dedicated to advancing the NP profession.

The Fellows of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (FAANP) program was established by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) in 2000 to recognize nurse practitioner leaders who have made outstanding contributions to health care through nurse practitioner (NP) clinical practice, research, education, or policy and to provide a forum through which to extend and enhance such efforts. In 2013, FAANP became Fellows of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners with the merger of two national NP organizations. Priority initiatives of FAANP are the development of leadership and mentorship programs for nurse practitioners and nurse practitioner students. All active members maintain current membership in both AANP and FAANP. The FAANP leadership reports to the AANP Board of Directors.

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Evening Program
June 22, 2017

Welcome

Introduction of 2016 – 2017 FAANP Executive Committee & Honored Guests

2017 Chair Award

2017 Loretta C. Ford Award

2017 Honorary Fellow Induction

2017 Fellows Induction

Soirée

2017 Loretta C. Ford Award

Penny Kaye Jensen, DNP, FNP-C, FAAN, FAANP

Dr. Jensen is a practicing Nurse Practitioner at the Outpatient Primary Care Clinics at the Veteran’s Administration Medical Center in Salt Lake City. She is currently detailed to the Department of Veterans Central Office in Washington, DC and is serving as the National APRN Health Policy Liaison for the Veterans Health Administration, Office of Nursing Services. She utilized her health policy and advanced practice nursing expertise, as well as her strong leadership skills, in steering VHA’s national agenda to remove variations in APRN practice that exists across VHA due to disparate state regulations. She formulated a detailed national implementation plan for full practice authority which would allow APRNs to function at the top of their education, training and certification. This reduces the effects of national health care provider shortages on VA staffing levels as well as enhance access in underserved areas.

Throughout her career, Dr. Jensen has been a strong advocate and leader in nursing and NP issues on international, national, state, and local levels including: representing CGFNS International on the Board of Trustees and International APRN Committee from 2014-2017, American Academy of Nurse Practitioners President from 2010-2012, President of the Utah Nurse Practitioners, AANP State Representative for Utah, President of Gamma Rho (Sigma) for the University of Utah, and officer positions with Iota Iota (Sigma) at Brigham Young University.

Dr. Jensen’s talents and investments go beyond health care to her larger community, encompassing initiatives with the Junior League of Salt Lake City, and her investment with the development and execution of the Olympic Games in Salt Lake City in 2002. The 2002 Olympics was the first-time NPs were utilized as providers in Olympic history. This decision resulted from Dr. Jensen’s presentation of evidence based practice outcomes to International Olympic Game Committee (IOC).

She has attended innumerable National Health Policy Fellowships and speaks routinely on health care reform, access to care, professional issues, and health policy and politics. Dr. Jensen was asked to brief a panel of U.S. congressional officials on the role of nurse practitioners in the medical home model. She has participated in the development of several position papers and white papers on various health care and professional topics.

Additionally, Dr. Jensen has represented AANP at the White House on numerous occasions, including the unveiling of President Obama’s Healthcare Reform Bill. She worked closely with First Lady Michelle Obama’s office on her “Joining Forces” initiative with the Veterans Health Administration, Office of Nursing Services.

She has received numerous awards and accolades for her scholarship, expertise, and contributions in virtually every venue in which she has invested.
Barbara Jonas, MSW, FAAN, FAANP(H)

A former psychotherapist, Barbara Jonas was Vice Chairman of the Community Services Board of the New York City Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Alcoholism Services, a Member of the Institutional Review Board of New York University Medical Center from 1983 to 2005, and is a Member of the Columbia Presbyterian Health Sciences Advisory Council. In 1992, she established the Barbara Jonas Centers for the Study and Treatment of Children at Risk at the Departments of Psychiatry at New York University and Columbia Presbyterian Medical Centers.

Mrs. Jonas is a Trustee Emeritus at the Guggenheim Museum and currently is a Member of the Art and Museum Committee and a former Member of the Board of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater Foundation. She is currently an advisor to the Barbara and Donald Jonas Family Fund and Co-Chair of the Advisory Board to the Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence.

Donald Jonas, FAAN, FAANP(H)

A prominent retail executive and former U.S. Marine, Donald Jonas was founder and Chairman of the Barbara Lynn stores and its successor company, Belscott Retailers, both of which were listed on the American Stock Exchange from 1953 to 1975. He was Co-Founder and Chairman of Lechters Housewares retail chain from 1973 until he retired in 2001.

Mr. Jonas is former Board Member of Dress Barn apparel retail chain (1988-2004); Kipp Academy Charter School, Bronx, New York (2002-2004); Guggenheim Museum Business Board (1993-1998); American Jewish Congress (1970), and Cancer Care, Inc. (1963). He is a Trustee and an Honorary Trustee of the Horace Mann School (1968-present).

A concerned philanthropist, he started the Read to Feed Program in New York City public and private schools for Heifer International and remains active with Heifer programs. His pro bono interests include support of educational and medical programs in the Dominican Republic.

Avid collectors of modern art, Donald and Barbara Jonas donated fifteen pieces of art for auction to the Jewish Communal Fund in 2005. Forty-four million dollars from sale of that art established the Barbara and Donald Jonas Family Fund. The Jonas Family Fund focuses their philanthropic giving on nursing, their major focus, as well as on mental health and at-risk youth and families. Donald Jonas is currently an advisor to the Barbara and Donald Jonas Family Fund and Co-Chair of the Advisory Board to the Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence.

Michael McGinnis, MD, MA, MPP, FAANP(H)

Michael McGinnis is a physician and epidemiologist who lives and works in Washington DC. Through his writing, government service, and work in philanthropy, he has been a long-time contributor to field leadership in health and medicine. Currently Senior Scholar and Executive Director of the National Academy of Medicine’s (NAM) Leadership Consortium on Value & Science-Driven Health Care, he previously served as founding Director, respectively, of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s (RWJF) Health Group, the World Health Organization’s Office for Health Reconstruction in Bosnia, the federal Office of Research Integrity (interim), and the federal Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. In a tenure unusual for political and policy posts, he held continuous appointment through the Carter, Reagan, Bush and Clinton Administrations at the Department of Health and Human Services, with policy responsibilities for disease prevention and health promotion (1977-1995). Programs and policies conceived and launched at his initiative include the Healthy People process establishing national health goals and objectives (1979-present), the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (1984-present), the Dietary Guidelines for Americans (with USDA, 1980-present), the multilevel Public Health Functions Steering Group and the Ten Essential Services of Public Health (1994-present), the RWJF Active Living family of programs (2000-present), the RWJF Young Epidemiology Scholars Program (2001-2012), the RWJF Health and Society Scholars Program (2002-present), and the current Learning Health System initiative of the NAM. Internationally, he served in Bosnia (1995-6) as Chair of the joint World Bank/European Commission Task Force on Reconstruction of the Health and Human Services Sector, and in India (1974-5) as epidemiologist and state Director for the World Health Organization’s successful smallpox eradication program. His research has been widely cited and focuses on the multiple determinants of health, population health, and the rational allocation of social resources. He is an elected Member of the National Academy of Medicine.
2017 New Fellow Inductees

Victoria Anderson, MSN, CRNP, FAANP
Primary Sponsor: Marilyn Edmunds
Secondary Sponsor: Nancy Mauro
Victoria Anderson, a retired Captain of the US Public Health Service, graduated from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in 1995 with a MSN in Family Practice. She pioneered the NP role at the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration. Her areas of clinical expertise include immunology, immunodeficiency syndromes, infectious diseases and interventional radiology. She has authored or co-authored journal articles in peer reviewed medical and nurse practitioner journals. She received an NIH Directors Award and a Clinical Center Directors Award, an Outstanding service medal, and the Mabel May Wagner award for her clinical and research excellence.

Robin Arends, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, FAANP
Primary Sponsor: Doreen Cassarino
Secondary Sponsor: Deanna Babb
Dr. Robin Arends is a Clinical Assistant Professor at South Dakota State University. In her clinical practice, Dr. Arends provides comprehensive care through telehealth modalities to long-term care residents and correctional patients. Her passion for NP delivered healthcare utilizing telehealth modalities led her to be awarded a $1.2 million grant to educate FNP students and clinicians on telehealth. She is a national and international speaker on the use of telehealth to improve patient outcomes. She was a member of the first cohort of the AANP Leadership Program and second cohort of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Faculty Policy Intensive.

Natalie R. Baker, DNP, CRNP, ANP-BC, GNP-BC, FAANP
Primary Sponsor: Laurie Kennedy-Malone
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Dr. Natalie Baker is an Assistant Professor at the University of Alabama Birmingham. Recognized for her expertise in the field of gerontology, the National Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence appointed her to an expert panel responsible for the development of Gerontological Nurse Educator Competencies. She previously served as the Gerontological Advance Practice Nurses Association’s (GAPNA) Education Committee Chair and is currently serving on their Board as Secretary. She received a gubernatorial appointment to the Alabama Board of Nursing as the advanced practice nurse representative (2015-2018) and was recipient of the AANP Advocate State Award of Excellence in 2016.

Kathy Baldridge, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, FAANP
Primary Sponsor: Sattaria Bills
Secondary Sponsor: Cynthia Cobb
Dr. Kathy Baldridge is NP faculty with Advanced Practice Education Associates. She serves on the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners Board of Directors and has served as the Conference Chair for the past five years. She is an accomplished author and a committed mentor to new nurse practitioners and students. Dr. Baldridge was instrumental in facilitating Louisiana state legislation in relationship to abolishing restrictive collaborative practice agreements, and blocked legislation intending to move NPs under the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners. She maintains a clinical practice in primary care and urgent care, and remains active in her community. Dr. Baldridge holds certification as a Family Nurse Practitioner, is advanced certified in pain management, and is a Fellow in the American-Academy-of-Pain-Management.
Maria Colandrea, DNP, NP-C, COHN, CCRN, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Michael Zychowicz  
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Dr. Maria Colandrea is an Adult Nurse Practitioner employed at the Veterans Affairs. Her specialty is in otolaryngology. She holds national certification through the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners and the Society of Otorhinolaryngology Head and Neck Nurses. She is the Chair of the Durham APRN committee and represents Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 6 APRN’s nationally through the VA. She has contributed to national guidelines through the Society of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgeons by writing the neck mass guidelines. She has improved the delivery of care for tracheostomy patients through the VA and has won the Nurse Excellence Award in 2015.

Christine Lind Colella, DNP, CS, CNP, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Donna McArthur  
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Dr. Christine Colella is an expert educator and clinician. She is a Professor of Clinical Nursing and Director of the Nurse Practitioner Program at the University of Cincinnati, College of Nursing. She is a primary care NP at Lincoln Heights Health Center, a Federally Qualified Health Center serving uninsured and under-insured clients. Dr. Colella has been recognized nationally for her teaching, developed a series of innovative interactive case studies, received a federal grant to further develop her teaching innovation, has presented nationally and internationally, and has published articles on clinical practice and NP education.

Toni DiChiacchio, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CEN, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Andrea Brassard  
Secondary Sponsor: Patricia Krauskopf  
Dr. Toni DiChiacchio currently serves as the Assistant Dean for Faculty Practice and Community Engagement at West Virginia University. Prior to joining WVU in 2015, she owned and practiced in a primary care clinic in Morgantown, WV. Dr. DiChiacchio has worked extensively on removing practice barriers for APRNs in West Virginia since 2012. Her DNP work focused on regulatory policy related to full practice for nurse practitioners in WV. In 2016 she provided legislative testimony to several committees on a successful expanded practice bill. She has won a number of awards for clinical practice and political engagement.

Pamela Bolton, MS, ACNPC, CCONS, CCRN, PCCN, RN, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Mary Duggan  
Secondary Sponsor: Kristine Scordo  
Pamela Bolton is the Advanced Practice Clinician Program Manager at TriHealth in Cincinnati, Ohio and has served as a CNS and/or NP for 24 years. Her significant contributions in evidence-based practice has positively impacted acute and critically ill patients. Her work as an educator, provider, researcher and consultant led to the establishment of multiple practice protocols, which have laid the foundation for the continued pursuit of wide-spread full-practice authority. Ms. Bolton has served as Director and Chair of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) and has been honored with Excellence in Patient Education, Research Honorable Mention, American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) Education, Research and AACN Lifetime Membership awards.

Amanda Chaney, DNP, ARNP, FNP-BC, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Susan Apold  
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Dr. Amanda Chaney is an Assistant Professor of Medicine, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine. She is a nurse practitioner specializing in liver transplant patients with end-stage liver disease in the intra- and post-op liver transplant settings. Dr. Chaney has led several quality improvement initiatives to improve patient outcomes, presenting her work at both the local and national levels. She was one of 19 graduates of AANP’s inaugural Leadership Program, and has displayed exemplar leadership within her workplace. Dr. Chaney has been elected to several leadership positions with nursing and transplant professional organizations.

Deirdre Carolan Doerflinger, PhD, ANP-BC, GNP-BC, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Janet Sebby  
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Dr. Deirdre Carolan Doerflinger is an Assistant Professor, Veteran Affairs Nursing Academy Partnerships (VANAP) Director at The Catholic University of America, and Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem Elders (NICHE) Coordinator. Dually certified as both an Adult Nurse Practitioner and Gerontologic Nurse Practitioner, she has 27 years’ experience in acute care, long term care and community, focusing on delivery of evidence-based care for all older adults. She received her diploma from DePaul Hospital School of Nursing, BSN, MSN and PhD from George Mason University. Dr. Carolan Doerflinger has received NGNA APRN of the year, Excellence in Clinical Practice twice and Virginia Commonwealth University School of Pharmacy’s Outstanding Service Award.
Lynne M. Dunphy, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, FAAN, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Jacinto Garrido  
Secondary Sponsor: Ruth McCaffrey  
Dr. Lynne Dunphy is a Professor of Nursing and Associate Dean for Practice and Community Engagement at the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, FL. Dr. Dunphy is an expert in primary care practice, as well as the history of nursing. She has impacted the NP world through her well-known textbook, *Primary Care: The Art and Science of Advanced Practice Nursing* which is entering its 5th edition, as well as other books for NPs. She has impacted policy specifically the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Future of Nursing recommendations as founding co-lead of the Rhode Island Action Coalition.

Jaibun K. Earp, PhD, ARNP, FNP-BC, CNE, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Jane Kapustin  
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Dr. Jaibun Earp is Associate Dean of the Graduate Program at the Florida A&M (FAMU) School of Nursing. Her expertise and contributions relate to inclusion of evidence-based complementary and alternative medicine (CAM) into patient-centered NP practice. Numerous presentations, publications and program of research highlight her exemplary service to the NP profession. Serving several state and national organizations, Dr. Earp’s leadership positions encompass President/Vice-President, Historian and Board Member. She is the recipient of numerous awards including AACN Atlanta Chapter Best Research Award, Teacher of the Year/Advanced Teacher of the Year Awards, and Nurse of Excellence Awards.

Kathryn K. Ellis, DNP, ANP-BC, FNP-BC, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Susan Keller-Weeder  
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Dr. Kathryn Ellis is an Associate Professor and the founding Director of the FNP Program at Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences at Texas Christian University. Her passion for NP practice and education is evidenced by her commitment to excellence while promoting success in others. Dr. Ellis is an elected member of the Board of Directors for National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties, and serves as the NONPF appointed representative for the Healthy People Curricular Taskforce. She was the 2014 recipient of the NONPF Outstanding NP Educator of the Year.
Joshua M. Hamilton, DNP, RN-BN, FNP-C, PMHNP-BC, CNE, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Joy Elwell  
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Dr. Joshua Hamilton is Dean of Health Sciences at the College of Southern Nevada and President of The Hamilton Group in Nevada. He established a unique clinic structure that improves access to cost-effective, convenient, quality mental healthcare. His research interests include neurobiology, epigenetics and brief therapeutic interventions. His academic connections fostered synergies and renewed attention to nursing education that focuses on care for vulnerable mentally ill populations. Dr. Hamilton was recognized as a doctoral scholar by the National League for Nursing in 2006 and was the Distinguished Alumnus at the University of Wyoming in 2015.

Tonja M. Hartjes, DNP, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, CCRN-CSC, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Suzanne Burns  
Secondary Sponsor: Kim Curry  
Dr. Tonja Hartjes is a Clinical Associate Professor and a certified Acute Care and Family Nurse Practitioner at the University of Florida and UF Health in Gainesville, FL with clinical expertise in palliative, geriatric and critical care. Dr. Hartjes is dedicated to interdisciplinary education and collaboration and leads efforts to promote interdisciplinary scholarship. Dr. Hartjes’ scholarship involves clinical outcome studies and program development, with a focus on evidenced-based practice and quality improvement. She is widely published and is frequently invited to present. She serves on various committees and task forces focused on practice, certification, research, and scholarship nationally and internationally.

Catherine Haut, DNP, CPNP-AC, CPNP-PC, CRNP, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Tori Woo  
Secondary Sponsor: Susan Van Cleve  
Dr. Catherine Haut is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner who practices at Beacon Pediatrics in Delaware, and Sinai Children’s Hospital in Maryland. She teaches advanced practice nursing at the University of Maryland. She has been instrumental in the development of pediatric pharmacology self-assessment exams for the Acute Care PNP exam and recertification program. She has co-authored four publications that have clarified the role of the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. Dr. Haut developed an interprofessional workshop and program to teach educators how to support nurses and families in caring for children with life-limiting conditions. She is the current President of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) and has received significant awards for clinical practice and scholarship.
Dr. Sheri Innerarity is the Chair of the APRN Division and Associate Professor of Clinical Nursing at The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing. She is the Vice President of Texas Nurse Practitioners (TNP), serves on the TNP Education Committee, and is the NP Education representative on the Member Advisory Committee for the Texas Board of Nursing. Dr. Innerarity has authored over 21 publications, including co-editing the Guide to APRN Practice in Texas, 5th Edition and co-authoring Critical Incidents: Effective documentation and communication. She has received many awards including the TNP President’s Award, University of Texas School of Nursing Service Award, and AANP’s Clinical Excellence Award.

Dr. Rita Marie John is Program Director of the PNP Program at Columbia University and Associate Professor of Nursing at Columbia University Medical Center. The focus of Dr. John’s work is in NP education, informatics, underserved populations, patient safety, obesity, immunization pain reduction, and HIV home testing. Early in her career, she successfully advocated for the recognition of NPs as primary care providers (PCPs) and became the first PNP to be considered a PCP with her own panel of patients in a hospital University Health Plan. Her awards include: Seton Hall University School of Nursing’s Hall of Honor, Dorothy H. and Thomas L. O’Neil Distinguished Faculty Award, Maxwell Teaching Academy at Columbia University, and Diplomate of Comprehensive Care from the American Board of Comprehensive Care.

Dr. Laima Karosas is Chair of the Graduate Nursing Program at Quinnipiac University and maintains an independent practice in women’s health. She created the Perinatal Grief Intensity Scale, developed for clinical use to predict intense grief and identify need for professional follow-up after perinatal loss. Her most recent study included the development of a free “app” of the scale that is available to healthcare providers in Apple and Google Stores. Dr. Hutti is internationally known for her research on perinatal loss, and has received national awards as a nursing educator and researcher.

Dr. Marianne Hutti is Professor and Coordinator of the Women’s Health-Family Nurse Practitioner Dual Major Program at the University of Louisville and maintains an independent practice in women’s health. She created the Perinatal Grief Intensity Scale, developed for clinical use to predict intense grief and identify need for professional follow-up after perinatal loss. Her most recent study included the development of a free “app” of the scale that is available to healthcare providers in Apple and Google Stores. Dr. Hutti is internationally known for her research on perinatal loss, and has received national awards as a nursing educator and researcher.

Dr. Aimee Holland is an Assistant Professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, maintains a faculty practice at UAB’s Student Health Center, and is an Ambassador for National Health Service Corps. She is the current Chair-elect of the National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women’s Health. She developed a unique gynecology skills workshop, mentors NP students to serve in rural areas, and received the first ever National Organization of NP Faculties Rising Star Award. Dr. Holland was named one of the Top Twenty Outstanding Women’s Health Nursing Professors and received the NP Alliance of Alabama’s Outstanding Educator Award.

Dr. Janie Heath is the Dean and Warwick Professor of Nursing at the University of Kentucky, College of Nursing. She has over 40 years of experience influencing health outcomes for acute and critically ill populations. As a pioneer Acute Care NP educator, clinician and leader, she has specialized in advancing the scholarship of evidence-based tobacco cessation interventions and workforce development. She has been awarded over $12 million for academic and/or research initiatives, generated over 150 publications and abstracts, created NP managed tobacco cessation clinics and established a national coalition for nurse educators for tobacco control.
Michelle H. Knowles, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Jane Patterson  
Secondary Sponsor: Lehan Holmes  
Michelle Knowles practices in a Department of Veteran’s Affairs community-based primary care clinic in Kansas and is also the APRN Liaison for the region. She has long worked towards positive changes in Kansas statutes including co-leading the successful fight to defeat the Kansas Medical Society legislative bill to create joint regulation of NPs. She has been awarded the Robert Dole VA Woman of the Year, the Excellence in Nursing, RN-Extended Role from the Deputy Secretary of the VA for Robert Dole VA, as well as the AANP NP of the Year for Kansas.

Nancy Lawton, MN, ARNP, FNP, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Tracy Klein  
Secondary Sponsor: Louise Kaplan  
Nancy Lawton has been in practice since 1980 serving vulnerable patients in the US and Mexico. She trained health workers in Thailand and the South Pacific. As President of ARNPs United of Washington State for five years and AANP Washington State Representative for four years, she represents nurse practitioners on legislative and policy issues to government representatives. Ms. Lawton mentors future NP leaders networking and teaching regional and specialty groups, in post-graduate training programs and in her clinical faculty positions with Washington State University and the University of Washington. She is a three time Seattle Top Nurse Practitioner.

Laura G. Leahy, DNP, NP, BC, ANP-BC, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Carolyn Torre  
Secondary Sponsor: Richard Pessagno  
Dr. Laura Leahy is a Family Psychiatric Advanced Practice Nurse and Master Clinician in Psychopharmacology. As a clinician-educator, with expertise in psychopharmacology, women’s mental health, substance use disorders and pharmacogenetics, Dr. Leahy has taught psychopharmacology at leading universities, authored two clinical texts, numerous book chapters and journal articles and has lectured at hundreds of conferences across the nation. She has received countless awards for her innovative clinical practice and student preceptorship. Dr. Leahy is an active member of state and national professional organizations advocating for full practice authority and efforts to combat the opioid epidemic.
Dr. Kenneth Lowrance is an Associate Professor of Professional Practice at Texas Christian University, where he is Director of the Post-Master's Doctor of Nursing Practice Program and teaches in the BSN to DNP Family Nurse Practitioner Program. Dr. Lowrance has a 23-year history of practice as an FNP in a Rural Health Clinic in North Central Texas and transitioned to a full-time faculty position in 2011. He has a passion for the management of diabetes and working with Hispanic and geriatric populations. Dr. Lowrance is a past President of the Texas Board of Nursing.

Laura Markwick, DNP, FNP-C, FAANP
Primary Sponsor: Jane Tuttle
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Dr. Laura Markwick is an Assistant Professor at St. John Fisher College (SJFC), Director of SJFC Prime Care, and Owner/provider of NP Family Care of Rochester, PLLC. She manages a nurse practitioner-run academic practice site, providing medical/mental healthcare for uninsured individuals. She created an urban telemedicine program and opened an independent practice. Dr. Markwick was featured in a Discover Channel Documentary regarding the use of health information technology to improve care and empower patients. She teaches at all education levels, and provides education to colleagues regarding transgender care. She serves on several Boards and was awarded the New York State NP of the Year and was a member of the AANP Future Leaders.

Geraldine F. Marrocco, EdD, APRN, CNS, FNP-BC, FAANP
Primary Sponsor: Judith Lynch
Secondary Sponsor: Ivy Alexander
Dr. Geraldine Marrocco is an Associate Professor in the Primary Care Division at Yale University School of Nursing and Owner and Manager of Primary Care Practitioners of Fairfield County. Dr. Marrocco, a well-established nurse educator and practitioner, is a pioneer in innovative educational techniques for advanced practice. She received the Excellence in Teaching Award from Yale University, and the Rosenkrantz award for teaching with technology. She established one of the first independent practices in primary care in Fairfield County. She mentors multiple NP students and pursues government and legislative initiatives removing barriers to Nurse Practitioner full practice authority.
Karen S. Moore, DNP, APRN, ANP, BC, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Elizabeth Kostas-Polston  
Secondary Sponsor: Joanne Thanavaro

Dr. Karen Moore currently serves as the Coordinator of the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program at Saint Louis University. Her practice includes occupational and environmental health, international travelers’ health, and primary care services for medically underserved populations. She regularly shares her expertise through presentations, manuscripts, and her co-authored textbook of primary care for Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioners. Dr. Moore is the recipient of a faculty excellence award, a process improvement team award, and received recognition at both the state and regional levels for charitable work with medically underserved populations.

Whitney A. Nash, PhD, APRN-BC, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Kathy Wheeler  
Secondary Sponsor: Sharon Lock

Dr. Whitney Nash, a certified Adult Nurse Practitioner, is the Associate Dean of Practice and Service and directs the AGNP program at the University of Louisville School of Nursing. She coordinates international programming for the school with opportunities in six countries. She founded the Kentucky Racing Health Services Center in 2005. This free clinic provides NP-led healthcare to the uninsured and underinsured workers in the horseracing industry. The National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties and the American Academy of Nursing have recognized this Center for its service. Dr. Nash’s research focuses on interprofessional education and clinical practice particularly in low resource communities.

Geralyn A. Ochs, MSN, APRN, AGACNP-BC, ANP-BC, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Joanne Thanavaro  
Secondary Sponsor: Elizabeth Kostas-Polston

Geralyn Ochs currently serves as an Associate Professor and Coordinator of the Adult Gerotological Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Program at Saint Louis University. For the past 17 years Geralyn has been extensively involved in the curriculum development of AGACNPs. She has contributed to the transformation of advanced nursing practice through numerous presentations nationally and internationally, as well as a consultant to health care providers in the community. Her clinical practice specialty is Emergency Medicine. Ms. Ochs has made significant contributions to state and national organizations in a variety of leadership positions identifying best practices.
José A. Parés-Ávila, DNP, MA, RN, ARNP, NP-C, LMHC, AAHIVS, FAANP  
Primary Sponsor: Ted Rigney  
Secondary Sponsor: Donna McArthur  
Dr. Jose Pares-Avila is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Arizona and a Nurse Practitioner at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, WA. An Adult NP who is a certified HIV Specialist by the American Academy of HIV Medicine, his expertise in HIV and LGBT health is evidenced by multiple accomplishments over his 30 years as a nurse and a mental health professional. He is a Pride Scholar and LGBT Health Education and Research Trust Scholar, which recognized his potential as an LGBT advocate in the NP profession. Dr. Parés-Ávila is also the UWSoN 2007 Outstanding Humanitarian.

Stacey Pfenning, DNP, APRN, FNP, FAANP  
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Dr. Stacey Pfenning is a Family Nurse Practitioner and is the DNP and FNP Program Associate Professor at Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions in Utah. She is the Executive Director of the North Dakota Board of Nursing and works diligently to support NPs in a full practice authority state to move forward with other regulatory efforts. She is the founder of the North Dakota Nurses Online Journal Club, which brings evidence-based practice to the bedside. Since 2012, Dr. Pfenning chairs the North Dakota Center for Nursing EBP Workgroup, disseminating up-to-date resources and toolkits. Awards include North Dakota Legendary Nurse for EBP (2015); Emergency Nurse Excellence (2014); NDNA Centennial Award (2014); March of Dimes Nurse of the Year (2010); Business Watch, “40 under 40” (2009).

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Dr. Susanne Phillips is a Family Nurse Practitioner and Clinical Professor at UC Irvine, where she serves as Associate Director of Clinical Affairs. Her contributions in health policy include the national award-winning Annual Legislative Update and leadership in California with the passage of 21 laws positively impacting NP practice. As the Principle Investigator of a multi-year HRSA grant, she pioneered an inter-professional NP Faculty Practice contributing to the growth of the Sue and Bill Gross School of Nursing. In recognition for her contribution to NP policy and education, Dr. Phillips has received numerous awards including AANP’s State Award for Excellence.
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Cheryl Rising has been a Family Nurse Practitioner since 1996. As legislative liaison with the North Dakota Nurse Practitioner Association (NDNPA), she was instrumental in health policy changes and passage of full scope of practice legislation in North Dakota. She is an entrepreneur who owns Health and Wellness by Cheryl and Prairie Assisted Living Service. Ms. Rising established an APRN practice in an ophthalmology clinic by developing protocols for presurgical patients. Current awards include North Dakota Legendary Nurse for policy development and AANP North Dakota Nurse Practitioner for Excellence. An entrepreneur, political activist, educator, clinical preceptor and expert, Ms. Rising continues to promote the APRN profession in North Dakota.

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Dr. Anthony James Roberson has fourteen years of NP experience, and twelve years as an educator. He maintains an active practice as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner. His clinical area of expertise is with children and adolescents, with most of his work being in the juvenile justice system. Dr. Roberson’s research is in Access to Psychiatric Mental Health Care for children and adolescents. He is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Assembly for Men in Nursing, where he serves on the Executive Board and Treasurer of the national chapter.

Stephen Roller, DBA, APRN, FNP-C, CENP, FAANP  
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Dr. Stephen Roller is the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Clinical Officer at a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), overseeing 30,000 medically-underserved patients, and is responsible for development and initiation of health policies and innovative services. He works closely with the leadership at the Ohio Association of Advanced Practice Nursing and advocates removing barriers for NP practice. As part of an interprofessional, collaborative effort, he worked to implement a wellness model of care based on an FQHC model in Jamaica. He is one of two NPs in the state of Ohio to serve as a Chief Clinical Officer. Dr. Roller completed his Doctorate in Healthcare Administration from the Medical University of South Carolina in May 2016.

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Dr. Heather Ross is a Clinical Assistant Professor at Arizona State University and practices as a Nurse Practitioner with Arizona Arrhythmia Consultants. Since 2001, Dr. Ross has practiced in cardiology specializing in cardiac electrophysiology. After earning a Doctorate of Nursing Practice in 2010, her NP practice expanded to include DNP student education, first at Brandman University and now at Arizona State University. As an educator, she focuses on non-clinical courses including Health Policy, Technology Innovation, Complex Systems, and Evidence-Based Practice. She was named 2010-2011 Teacher of the Year at Brandman University School of Nursing and Health Professions.

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Dr. Kathleen Schachman is the Wickes Endowed Chair of Nursing at Saginaw Valley State University. Her recent practice has focused on interprofessional primary care and behavioral health integration. As a proud military wife, she has spent her professional career caring for military families. Her practice-focused research has brought attention to postpartum depression among military wives. Recognized for teaching excellence, she has made innovative changes to NP education to improve diagnostic reasoning through digital standardized patients. Since 2001, Dr. Schachman has secured nearly $5 million dollars in state and federal grants to support NP education and practice.

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Dr. Elizabeth Sharpe is an Assistant Professor at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, a nurse practitioner, educator and vascular access specialist. Dr. Sharpe is a globally respected expert in the interprofessional area of neonatology and pediatric vascular access. She has contributed to establishing and elevating new standards of care, developed practice guidelines, and enacted policy changes that have ultimately led to increasing the safety and health of our nation's most vulnerable population. In recognition of her accomplishments, Dr. Sharpe was named the first Janet Pettit Scholar by the Association for Vascular Access.
Susan Tiso, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, FAANP
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Dr. Susan Tiso is a Clinical Professor at the University of California, Irvine, successfully combining teaching and clinical practice, with a focus on care of the underserved, while serving as a leader in the nurse practitioner community. For years, Dr. Tiso has led the University of California, Irvine NP programs, sits on the Executive Council for the new School of Nursing, and currently presides over development of the DNP degree. She was named Top 15 Family Nurse Practitioner Professors by NursePractitionerSchools.com in 2014 and awarded the Outstanding NP Faculty at UC Irvine in 2006, 2012 and 2014.

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Dr. Kimberly Udlis is an Associate Professor at Bellin College School of Nursing in Green Bay, Wisconsin, where she is the Director of the MSN Program. She has a part-time practice as a Family Nurse Practitioner in a Cardiology/Electrophysiology Department for Agnesian Healthcare. Dr. Udlis is a national contributor to Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Curriculum theory leadership, and she has directed writing efforts that have provided clarification and direction for DNP NP education across the country. Dr. Udlis has also been actively involved in contributing to foundational documentation that continues to support NP independent practice across the nation.

Roseann Velez, DNP, CRNP, FNP-BC, FAANP
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Dr. Roseann Velez is an Assistant Professor at the University of Maryland School of Nursing where she is the faculty liaison for the newly opened, NP-run urgent care center located in school. Her clinical expertise is urgent care and orthopedics, and her research focus is in antimicrobial resistance, a subject in which she has multiple publications. Dr. Velez is the Secretary for the Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland and is the only nurse representative for the Maryland Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations. She was awarded the first Annual Miller-Coulson Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant Clinical Excellence Award in 2014.

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Dr. Angi Thompson is a Family Nurse Practitioner specializing in patients with diabetes & diabetes-related conditions in a hospital-based diabetes clinic at Hendricks Regional Health in Danville, Indiana, and serves as the Medical Director of the Diabetes Youth Foundation of Indiana. Dr. Thompson is active in advocacy and health care policy as the appointed Legislative and Health Policy Director for the Coalition of Advanced Practice Nurses of Indiana, and Indiana State Representative for the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. A national speaker and clinical faculty on diabetes conditions, she was awarded the 2009 Diabetes Educator of the Year Award and the 2010 Indianapolis Star Salute to Nurses Award.
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Dr. Dianne Willer-Sly is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Minnesota. In 1986, she was a founding board member of the Austin Area Nurse Practitioner Alliance and in 1989 became a founding board member of Texas Nurse Practitioners. Subsequently, she helped to establish Minnesota Nurse Practitioners in 2009, of which she is now President. Dr. Willer-Sly initiated the NP role within the Texas Department of MHMR in 1991. She is a practice leader at HealthPartners Geriatrics – a group of 80 NPs who lead NP/physician teams serving 4000 patients. In 2008, she was named a Hartford Geriatric Nursing Education Scholar.

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