



February 8, 2019, Washington, D.C. - The Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research (FNINR), are pleased to announce the selection of their fourth cohort of Ambassadors. This unique advocacy program began in 2014 and has grown to include over 30 Ambassadors. The 2019 selection includes five nurse scientists to join the ranks of 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 to increase research funding to ensure the training of scientists at a time of major scientific breakthroughs and to promote the NINR mission and strategy.

NINR goals include improving the health of individuals, families, and communities through developing nurse scientists of the 21st century, and conducting research on health and illness, symptom management, wellness, chronic conditions, end-of-life and palliative care, and innovation.

New Ambassadors include:

Kristin Ashford, PhD, WHNP-BC, FAAN
University of Kentucky College of Nursing

Laden Eshkevari, PhD, CRNA, L.A.c, FAAN
Georgetown University School of Nursing and Health Studies

Linda Flynn, PhD, RN, FAAN
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, School of Nursing

Hurdis M. Griffith, PhD, RN, FAAN
Emeritus Professor
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, School of Nursing

Lusine Poghosyan, PhD, MPH, RN, FAAN
Columbia University School of Nursing

FNINR President Connie White Delaney commented that all of our Ambassadors “Are exquisitely positioned to use science powered by highly-trained nurses to reduce symptoms and side-effects, support self-management of chronic conditions, and promote health and wellbeing aimed at individuals, families, and communities.”

We look forward to continuing our conversations with key Congressional leaders who are understanding and valuing how nurses’ function as scientists, individually and on integrated research teams.