



January 11, 2021, Washington, D.C. - The Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research (FNINR) are pleased to announce the selection of their fifth cohort of Ambassadors. This unique advocacy program began in 2014 and has grown to include over 30 Ambassadors. The 2020 selection includes 15 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 professional, and policy-maker awareness of the critical research agenda advanced by the National Institute for Nursing Research (NINR).

These highly qualified individuals, the majority of whom are nurse scientists, will focus specifically on educating Congressional leaders as to the high-impact, cost-effective interventions and quality-of-life enhancements that emanate from nursing science. Ultimately, the goal of FNINR's ambassador program is to increase research funding for continued scientific breakthroughs and training of scientists made possible by the NINR.

NINR supports and conducts clinical and basic research and research training on health and illness, research that spans and integrates the behavioral and biological sciences, and that develops the scientific basis for clinical practice. Nursing science transcends the boundaries of disease and research disciplines to better understand the experiences of individuals and families living with illness and to develop personalized approaches that maximize health and well-being for individuals at all stages of life, across diverse populations and settings.

New Ambassadors include:

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We look forward to our continued conversations with key Congressional leaders and appreciate their recognition of the value brought by nursing research to the health and health care of individuals, families, and communities.