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## **Three UW School of Nursing Faculty Inducted as Fellows into American Academy of Nursing**

**October 26, 2019 Seattle** -- The University of Washington School of Nursing announced that the American Association of Nursing will induct three professors from the School as fellows. The three faculty include:

- Kathleen “Katie” Johnson, DNP, RN, NCSN, PHNA-BC, FNASN, who has worked for more than 15 years in school nursing roles at the local, state and national level. She currently serves on the National Association of School Nurses’ Editorial Board and on the Legislative Committee of the School Nurse Organization of Washington. She spearheaded ‘Step Up and Be Counted,’ the National Association of School Nurses’ project to standardize data collection from school nurses nationally to inform practice, research and policy. Johnson received her DNP in Community Health Systems Nursing from the University of Washington in 2013.
- Elaine Walsh, PhD, RN, PMHCNS-BC, who is Vice Chair for Education in the Psychosocial and Community Health Department and the Nurse Scientist in Resiliency at Seattle Children’s Hospital. She also serves as an affiliate faculty member with Forefront: Innovations in Suicide Prevention, a Center of Excellence at UW that aims to empower individuals and communities to take sustainable action, champion systemic change and restore hope. Walsh received a PhD in Nursing from the University of Washington in 1999.
- Mayumi Willgerodt, PhD, MPH, RN, who is the Vice Chair for Education in the Department of Child, Family, and Population Health Nursing at UW School of Nursing. She is also affiliate faculty in the Center for Health Sciences Interprofessional Education Research and Practice (CHSIE) and faculty for UW Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (UW LEAH). Willgerodt’s seminal research documenting the U.S. school nursing workforce not only helped bring school nursing out of the shadows to better serve millions of vulnerable

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children and families, but it has provided a springboard for researchers, educators, legislators, and others to evaluate solutions for improving health systems. Most recently, her research findings have been used in the U.S. Senate to inform Congressional consideration of national policies.

"I am so proud of these three outstanding nurse leaders, educators, and researchers. Katie's Step Up data collection project has made a huge impact on our understanding of school-aged children's health needs and demonstrates her innovative thinking as a researcher and clinician. Elaine is an phenomenal nurse leader and researcher who has made important advances in suicide prevention. And, her research at Seattle Children's is tackling a very critical issue – nurse burnout. Mayumi's contributions campaigning for school nursing are a force regionally, nationally, and internationally. Her leadership in raising the professional visibility of school nursing through the vector of interprofessional education is taking the specialty forward across the U.S. The induction of these three esteemed colleagues as American Association of Nursing fellows is a testament to the excellence of our faculty," stated Azita Emami, PhD, MSN, RNT, RN, FAAN, executive dean and the Robert G. and Jean A. Reid Endowed Dean, of the UW School of Nursing.

In addition to the faculty members, two alumnae of the UW School of Nursing were also inducted as fellows, including:

- Dr. Donna J. Biederman, BSN '04, MN '04, Duke University, Associate Professor in the School of Nursing
- Tsae-Jyy Wang, PhD '04 , National Taipei University of Nursing and Health Sciences, Faculty

### **About the American Academy of Nursing Fellows**

The American Academy of Nursing's approximately 2,400 fellows are nursing leaders in education, management, practice and research. Fellows represent association executives; university presidents, chancellors and deans; elected officials; state and federal political appointees; hospital chief executives and vice presidents for nursing; nurse consultants; and researchers and entrepreneurs.

Invitation to fellowship is more than recognition of one's accomplishments within the nursing profession. Academy fellows also have a responsibility to contribute their time and energies to the Academy, and to engage with other health leaders outside the Academy in transforming America's health system by

- Enhancing the quality of health and nursing;
- Promoting healthy aging and human development across the life continuum;
- Reducing health disparities and inequalities;
- Shaping healthy behaviors and environments;
- Integrating mental and physical health; and
- Strengthening the nursing and health delivery system, nationally, and internationally.

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## About the School of Nursing

Celebrating more than 100 years in nursing education and research, the University of Washington's School of Nursing is consistently a top-ranked nursing school, according to U.S. News & World Report. Ranked No. 3 in research funding from the National Institutes of Health, the UW School of Nursing is a national and international leader in improving the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities. The school addresses society's most pressing challenges in health care through innovative teaching, award winning research and community service. For more information, visit [www.nursing.uw.edu](http://www.nursing.uw.edu).

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