



Nine Members of NAHN Selected to be Inducted as Fellows of the American Academy of Nursing

July 7, 2026 (Lexington, KY) – The National Association of Hispanic Nurses (NAHN) is proud to announce that nine exceptional NAHN members have been selected for induction into the 2026 Class of Fellows of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN).

Induction into the Academy is one of the highest honors in nursing, recognizing significant contributions that advance public health and elevate the profession. Fellows are chosen for their extraordinary achievements in nursing leadership, research, policy, education, and practice, and for their ongoing commitment to shaping equitable health solutions worldwide.

Please join us in congratulating the following NAHN members on this remarkable achievement:

- **Mayra G. Garcia, DNP, APRN, PCNS-BC, NEA-BC, EBP-CH**, Children's Health Children's Medical Center
- **Grissel Hernandez, PhD, RN**, Stanford Health Care
- **Marygrace Hernandez-Leveille, PhD, APRN, ACNP-BC**, Parkland Health
- **Maria D. Krol, DNP, RNC-NIC, ACUE**, Southern Connecticut State University
- **Jessica MacIntyre, DNP, MBA, APRN, NP-C, AOCNP, FAANP**, University of Miami Health System, Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center
- **Jason Mott, PhD, RN**, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh School of Nursing and Health Professions
- **Jimmy A. Reyes, Ph.D., DNP, AGNP, RN, FRE**, Samuel Merritt University College of Nursing
- **Elizabeth L. Vieito Smith, DNP, RN**, University of Miami Health System
- **Veronica Vital, PhD, MLS, RN**, National Association of Hispanic Nurses and Alverno College

These leaders exemplify NAHN's mission through their dedication to advancing health equity, education, and excellence in nursing. Their induction into the Academy reflects the powerful influence Hispanic nurses have on the future of health care.

The newest Fellows represent 39 states, the District of Columbia, and 17 countries and will be honored at the Academy's annual Health Policy Conference, taking place on October 8 – October 10, 2026, in Washington, DC.

To learn more about the American Academy of Nursing and the upcoming policy conference, please visit www.aannet.org.

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About the American Academy of Nursing

The [American Academy of Nursing](http://www.aannet.org) serves the public by advancing health policy and practice through the generation, synthesis, and dissemination of nursing knowledge. Academy Fellows are inducted into the organization for their extraordinary contributions to improve health locally

and globally. With more than 3,400 Fellows, the Academy represents nursing's most accomplished leaders in policy, research, administration, practice, and academia.

About the National Association of Hispanic Nurses

Since 1975, NAHN has been the nation's leading professional association for Latino nurses. With a growing membership of more than 3,200 members and 45 local chapters, NAHN represents the voices of over 220,000 Latino nurses throughout the United States. NAHN is devoted to promoting safe, quality health care delivery to Latino communities and recognizing excellence among Latino nurses. To learn more, visit www.nahnnet.org.

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