

SAMHSA Minority Fellowship Program at ANA celebrates 45 years

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Minority Fellowship Program (MFP) at the American Nurses Association (ANA) kicked off its 45th year of preparing minority nurses for leadership roles in psychiatric mental health nursing at its 2019 Intensive Training Institute (ITI) in April in Tallahassee, Florida.

The MFP at ANA provides financial and academic support and mentoring to fellows who attend nursing schools throughout the United States. More than 400 doctoral and master's MFP at ANA Fellows have graduated and become successful leaders in psychiatric mental health nursing as clinicians, educators, researchers, and policymakers.

The 2019 ITI was a collaboration between the MFP at ANA and the Center for Indigenous Nursing Research for Health Equity (INRHE) at Florida State University, led by John Lowe, PhD, RN, FAAN, immediate past chair of the MFP at ANA National Advisory Committee and executive director of INRHE. More than 80 current master's and doctoral fellows, alumni, National Advisory Committee members, ANA and Florida



Award recipient Marie Smith-East, MFP fellow, (second from right), with Janet Jackson, project director; Frieda Hopkins Outlaw, academic program consultant; and ANA President Grant.

Nurses Association presidents, and leaders from INRHE and Florida State University attended.

Highlights from the training, “National dialogue on race and racism: Its impact on ethnic/racial minority behavioral health disparities,” included panel participation by ANA President Ernest J. Grant, PhD, RN, FAAN, the first man elected as ANA president, who is also an African American; interactive sessions designed to facilitate dialogue on race and racism; and a community activity focused on indigenous medicine, as well as other Native American environmental and cultural perspectives.

In addition, three fellows were awarded the Susan B. Robinson Doctoral Research Scholarship of \$2,000 each, and three fellows were awarded the Faye A. Gary Leadership Award at \$2,000 each for their focus on clinical practice and quality improvement. The awards were made available through donations recognizing the contributions and visionary leadership of past MFP at ANA Directors Hattie Bessent, EdD, RN, FAAN, and Faye Gary, EdD, RN, FAAN.

For more information, please visit emfp.org.

ANA unveils new national awards that honor the past and build for the future

The American Nurses Association (ANA) is pleased to unveil the National Awards Program for 2019. Based on recommendations from the ANA Committee on Honorary Awards, the following eight National Awards are designed to recognize nurses while showing appreciation for ANA's rich history of honoring the accomplishments of past nursing leaders with a commitment to press forward to the future by building on these legacies.

The enhancements to ANA's National Awards Program result from a yearlong evaluation. Conducted every 5 years, the evaluation serves to identify the program's strengths as well as elements that need to be improved or evolved to ensure future success.

Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame Award, ANA's most prestigious award, honors an individual RN who has made ex-

traordinary contributions to the nursing profession over a sustained period of time through distinguished service, steadfast leadership, exceptional mentorship, effective advocacy, and innovative efforts—contributions that have had an enduring impact on the health and/or social/political history of the United States.

Advocacy Award

The Advocacy Award recognizes the individual RN who embraces the role of advocate as part of his or her professional identity; is collaborative, committed, compassionate, and knowledgeable; and has made significant contributions by engaging in political, professional, and/or social advocacy. The Advocacy Award is inspired by three exceptional nurse leaders—*Barbara Thoman Curtis*, *Hildegard Peplau*, and *Shirley Titus*—who made lasting and positive impacts on