

## **Dr. Jess Calohan Selected as American Academy of Nursing Fellow**

*Versailles, Ky.* – The American Academy of Nursing (Academy) announced that Frontier Nursing University Department Chair of Psychiatric-Mental Health Jess Calohan, DNP, PMHNP-BC, has been selected to be inducted into the 2021 Class of Fellows. Dr. Calohan is one of 225 distinguished nursing leaders selected by the Academy who will be formally inducted into the 2021 Class of Fellows during the Academy’s annual Health Policy Conference, October 7-9.

A retired Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army, Calohan served the military in a variety of medical positions for 20 years. Before coming to Frontier in 2017, he was the Program Chair and Assistant Professor of the PMHNP program in the Graduate School of Nursing at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md., from 2013-2017. His distinguished military record includes a long list of awards, including a Bronze Star, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, and eight Army Commendation Medals.

Dr. Calohan’s professional activities include memberships in the American Association for Men in Nursing, the American Psychiatric Nurses Association, and the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. He is also a member of the editorial board of the Journal of American Psychiatric Nurses Association.

“We are very pleased to have Dr. Calohan, who chairs the Department of Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing, at Frontier,” said Dean of Nursing, Dr. Joan Slager. “The program continues to develop innovative teaching strategies and expand the enrollment guided by his exemplary leadership.”

“I am incredibly honored to be selected for induction as a Fellow into the American Academy of Nursing,” Dr. Calohan said. “The Academy is an important and influential leader in the promotion of nursing leadership and advancement, and I am delighted to be part of such a distinguished organization.”

The Academy 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 2,800 Fellows, the Academy represents nursing’s most accomplished leaders in policy, research, administration, practice, and academia.

“I am thrilled to welcome another exceptional class of Fellows to the American Academy of Nursing during a momentous time of change and progress in our collective efforts to fulfill the organization’s vision of healthy lives for all people,” said Academy President Eileen Sullivan-Marx, Ph.D., RN, FAAN. “The Academy aims to improve health and achieve health equity through nursing leadership, innovation, and science. The Academy’s Fellows embody our values of equity, diversity and inclusivity, inquiry, integrity, and courage, which enable us to achieve new heights of impact that advance health policy across the

globe. Congratulations to this dynamic cohort of leaders who bring diverse experience and expertise to the Fellowship.”

Through a competitive, rigorous application process, the Academy’s Fellow Selection Committee, which is composed of current Fellows, reviewed hundreds of applications to select the 2021 Fellows based on their contributions to advance the public’s health. Induction into the Academy is a significant milestone in a nurse leader’s career, in which their accomplishments are honored by their colleagues within and outside the profession.

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