

FNINR AMBASSADORS VISIT CAPITOL HILL

During Nurses Week in May 2023, several FNINR ambassadors journeyed from around the country to Washington, DC to participate in Senate and House of Representative visits and the Nursing Community Coalition's annual Thank a Nurse Reception.

The goal of the FNINR Ambassadors Program is to extend the reach of advocacy efforts for improving the funding and knowledge about the National Institute of Nursing Research. The Ambassadors Program seeks to increase the awareness of nursing research in all communities and actively promote nursing activities in NINR. The ambassadors serve as a resource to state and national legislators about NINR's mission and endeavors and actively advocate for increased funding for NINR activities.

Approximately one-third of the FNINR ambassadors were able to take part in the FNINR Capitol Hill visits on May 10, 2023, participating in 20+ meetings and representing 10 states: Alabama, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Utah, New York, Indiana, Minnesota, and Missouri. The Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research extends its thanks to all our ambassadors for their hard work, but we would like to especially acknowledge the efforts of the following individuals who participated in the Capitol Hill visits:



Lea Ann Matura, University of Pennsylvania
Joe Deupree, University of Alabama
Mulubrhan Mogos, Vanderbilt University
Youjeong Kang, University of Utah
Donna Zucker, University of Massachusetts Amherst
Sharron Crowder, Indiana University
Ann-Margaret Navarra, New York University
Phyllis Hansell, Seton Hall University
Ruth Masterson Creber, Columbia University
Denise Cote-Arsenault, Saint Louis University

These committed individuals have a wide range of experience in advocacy. To guide the ambassadors, FNINR Board Secretary and AACN's senior consultant, Dr. Colleen Leners, joined them in Washington, DC and led a training course to help further prepare the ambassadors for the day ahead.

FNINR would like to thank the legislators, health legislative assistants, and representatives for their time and attention to the FY2024 funding request for the National Institute of Nursing Research. To read the policy brief the ambassadors shared with the legislators, [click here](#).

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