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## **THE FRIENDS OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NURSING RESEARCH™ ANNOUNCES BOARD OF DIRECTORS TRANSITION**

The Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research (FNINR), an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to advancing nursing research, is pleased to announce leadership transitions and welcome new board members.

FNINR was founded in 1993 to support the mission of the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR) by advocating for adequate federal funding, recognizing and rewarding excellence in nursing science, and promoting the importance of nursing research to improve health outcomes.

The organization extends its sincere gratitude to the following board members whose terms have concluded: LCDR Gideon Esuzor, Victoria Niederhauser, Diane Santa Maria and Kelli Saucerman-Howard. Their dedication and contributions have been invaluable to FNINR's mission.

FNINR is excited to welcome the following new board members, effective January 1, 2026: Kyungeh An, Jaime Lee, Carolyn Still and Tracey Yap. Their expertise and passion for nursing research will be instrumental in guiding FNINR's future endeavors.

The following board members will continue their service for another term:

- Teri A. Murray (President)
- Sandy C. Leake (President-Elect)
- Dianne Morrison-Beedy (Secretary)
- MaryEllen Kosturko (Treasurer)
- Jeannette Andrews
- Donna Z. Bliss
- Janell Carroll
- Ashley Darcy Mahoney
- Eileen D. Hacker
- William L. Holzemer
- Audrey Holtzman
- Bethsheba Johnson
- Deborah Kenny
- Usha Menon
- Jane M. Mericle
- Victoria L. Tiase

FNINR looks forward to a productive year under the leadership of these dedicated individuals. With the support of its dedicated board members and generous donors, FNINR remains committed to advancing nursing research and improving the health of individuals and communities worldwide. By investing in nursing research, we can accelerate the discovery of new treatments, interventions, and prevention strategies that will benefit patients and families for generations to come.

For more information on FNINR, please visit [FNINR.org](http://FNINR.org) or email [fninr@FNINR.org](mailto:fninr@FNINR.org).