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Amid a Persistent Pandemic and Longstanding Staffing Crisis, Americans Rank Nurses the Most Honest and Ethical Professionals

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SILVER SPRING, MD—For the 20th consecutive year, nurses are once again ranked #1 in Gallup's annual Most Honest and Ethical Professions Poll. The American public rated nurses the highest among a host of professionals, including medical doctors, grade-school teachers, and pharmacists. Nurses ranking in this year’s poll directly reflects the trust the American public has in nurses and the work they continue to do to earn that trust, even amid a persistent pandemic. According to the poll, 81 percent of Americans rated nurses’ honesty and ethical standards as “very high” or “high.” The second highest-rated profession, medical doctors, was rated 14 percentage points behind nursing.

“I want to congratulate every nurse across the nation for earning this well-deserved recognition,” said ANA President Ernest Grant, PHD, RN, FAAN. “The fact that this is the 20th year in a row that the American public has voted nurses #1 is a testament to your consistent professionalism, despite the challenges of the persistent pandemic. We are all indebted to you and will continue to acknowledge and honor your courage, commitment, and expertise during the COVID-19 pandemic and well beyond.”

The trust Americans have in nurses is due to their holistic approach to providing high-quality, patient-centered care to individuals, families, and communities.

The COVID-19 pandemic has placed a spotlight on nurses, reinforcing the critical contributions they make to our health care system, while also highlighting the devasting impact it has had on their mental health and well-being.

“2021 was an incredibly difficult year for individual nurses, and the nursing profession. Many suffered greatly while playing a critical role in the colossal response and recovery efforts to end the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Grant. “I am deeply concerned about not only the impact of the pandemic on the mental health and well-being of individual nurses, but on the health of the entire nursing profession. The pandemic has exacerbated a long-standing nursing shortage, especially in areas experiencing high numbers of COVID-19 cases. The long-term repercussions and consequences for the profession, the entire health care delivery system, and ultimately, on the health of the nation are potentially dire.”

“It is imperative that the federal and private sectors work with nurses and seek their input to provide solutions that lead to action to solve this crisis and do so with a sense of urgency,” Grant said. “On behalf of the nation’s nurses, ANA continues to work with Congress, the Administration, and key stakeholders to identify and address long and short-term solutions to the shortage.”

During 2022, the American Nurses Association (ANA), which represents the interests of the nation’s 4.3 million registered nurses, will continue to educate the public about who nurses are, what they do and how they contribute their vast knowledge and indisputable expertise in every health care setting during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.

The American Nurses Association (ANA) is the premier organization representing the interests of the nation's 4.3 million registered nurses. ANA advances the profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting a safe and ethical work environment, bolstering the health and wellness of nurses, and advocating on health care issues that affect nurses and the public. ANA is at the forefront of improving the quality of health care for all. For more information, visit [www.nursingworld.org](http://www.nursingworld.org)

**The 34th Legislature of the Virgin Islands**

**Governor Albert Bryan Jr. – 2022 State of the Territory Address**

In his address Governor Bryan stated the following:

 “Tonight, let us recognize four of our first responders for their exemplary service over the past year. From the St. Croix District: EMT Ann-Marie Camacho and Registered Nurse Evelisse Santiago from the Juan Luis Hospital and from the St. Thomas/St. John District: EMT Louis Robles and Debra Krauser Hodge, a Registered Nurse from the Schneider Medical Regional Center.”

Both are VISNA members.

WAS THIS YOU AT THE VISNA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & CONVENTION WEEK?

HERE IS WHAT YOU MISSED. Commissioner Justa Encarnacion on Expectations for Professional Nurses in a Pandemic: Nurses Rights <https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/FA188XorvDgQ1kouIJhGOv_BLv7liYPUiMsbQxNWLWGeUJmDxe1RbvbhJwYQMUtY.HzCGPWQu3lCMIAxv>



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Dr. Donna Christensen on Etiology of the Covid 19 Virus and Vaccines: VISNA’s role in disseminating this information <https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/VanRoFC3-fEgs5G0adErghzWjRVy1jtEvww4W0bVKSRviBWuE3VQEWQorpaOPvjm.GtUzzShppUso2Qt4>

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Greetings from the ANA President on [www:visna.nursingnetwork.com](http://www.visna.nursingnetwork.com) Videos

**THE BIENNIAL CONVENTION**  
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HIGHLIGHTS

Keynote Speaker Dr. Celia Nurse on Covid19 Vaccines: Ethical Considerations for

Nurses

Reports from VISNA Officers and Affiliates (also on www:visna.nursingnetwork.com – Announcements)

Dr. Vincentia Constantine on Stress Management & Good Mental Health

Membership Mandates for the Incoming Board

Amendments to the 2013 Bylaws ( to be posted under Bylaws on VISNA website)

Resolution on Continuity of the 2019-2021 Board of Directors (www: visna.nursingnetwork.com About VISNA. Board of Directors)

