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**The American Academy of Nursing
announces
the John A. Hartford & Atlantic Philanthropies
2009-2011 Fellows and Scholars in Academic Geriatric Nursing**

***Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity has supported
over 200 Fellows and Scholars to date***

Washington, DC (May 27, 2009) – The American Academy of Nursing today announced over \$2 million in awards to its latest cohort of fellows and scholars in academic geriatric nursing.

Nine Claire M. Fagin postdoctoral Fellows will each receive \$120,000 to support advanced research training, mentorship, leadership and career development. Twelve predoctoral Scholars will receive a scholarship of \$100,000 to support their doctoral training and launch careers in academic geriatric nursing.

“As we approach our ten year anniversary, we are extremely pleased with the impact of our scholars and fellows in academic nursing and geriatric nursing research,” said Patricia G. Archbold, DNSc, RN, FAAN, who serves as an expert consultant and program director for BAGNC. “These talented health professionals are a much needed infusion of faculty leadership required to prepare nurses at all levels to care of older adults.”

Since 2000, BAGNC has had the generous backing of the John A. Hartford Foundation, augmented with monies from The Atlantic Philanthropies. Scholars and fellows whose work focuses on pain in elders receive additional support from the Mayday Fund. Over \$80 million has been awarded by these three partners to build academic geriatric nursing capacity.

Despite the Economic Downturn, the Nation’s Health Care Work Force Must Grow

The Institute of Medicine released its report last year, “Retooling for an Aging America: Building the Health Care Work Force” (<http://www.iom.edu/CMS/3809/40113/53452.aspx>). The report argues that the health care workforce lacks both the size and the skill to care for the growing older population and its unique needs. There are not enough geriatric specialists, and generalists do not have enough training and experience to properly treat older patients.

“The BAGNC program prepares expert gerontological nursing faculty who will teach the next generation of geriatric nursing specialists and enhance the geriatric preparation of nurse generalists,” Archbold notes. “The awardees conduct cutting-edge research, which leads to improvements in the quality of care for elders”. The 2009 cohort of fellows and scholars are examining such topics as improving fitness

and activity in elders, pain and functional decline in elders, home health care, health literacy of minorities, and transitional and long term care.

Fellowship and Scholarship Recipients

The 2010-2012 Claire M. Fagin Fellows are:

Marie Boltz, PhD, RN, GNP, BC
University of Maryland, Baltimore

Donna Bowren, PhD, APN, CNS*
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Glenise McKenzie, PhD, RN
Oregon Health & Science University

G. Adriana Perez, MS, ANP, PhD(c) (*PhD to be completed in August*)
Arizona State University

Lori Popejoy, ARPN, BC, GCNS
University of Missouri, Columbia

Janet Purath, PhD, APRN, BC
Arizona State University

Amy Silva-Smith, PhD, APRN, BC, ANP
Arizona State University

Sarah Szanton, PhD, CRNP
Johns Hopkins University

Amy Vogelsmeier, PhD RN GCNS-BC
University of Missouri, Columbia

*Mayday Fund recipient

The 2009-2011 Predoctoral Scholars are:

Melissa Aselage, MSN, RN, FNP-BC
Medical University of South Carolina

Deborah Burdsall, RN, MSN, C, CIC
University of Iowa

Bertha Flores, MSN, WHNP, RNC
University of Texas at Austin

Nikki Hill, BS, RN
Pennsylvania State University

Ashley Leak, MSN, RN, OCN
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Corey Nagel, MS, MPH, RN
Oregon Health & Science University

Tatiana Sadak, BA, RN, MN, PMHNP
University of Washington

Mary Stolder, MS, MA, BS
University of Iowa

Christine Tocchi, MSN C-GNP
Yale University

Kristianna Weymann, RN, BSN, MS
Oregon Health & Science University

Cindy Wong, RN-BC, BSN
University of California, San Francisco

Andrea Yevchak, GCNS-BC, RN
Pennsylvania State University

About Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity

The Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity (BAGNC) program began in 2000 with support from the John A. Hartford Foundation, and subsequently attracted additional funding partners in The Atlantic Philanthropies and Mayday Fund. BAGNC's main goals are to: increase the cadre of academic geriatric nurses, build leadership capacity in academic geriatric nurses, and build national collaboration and excitement about geriatric nursing. For more information, see www.geriatricnursing.org.

About the John A. Hartford Foundation

Founded in 1929, the John A. Hartford Foundation is a committed champion of training, research and service system innovations that promote the health and independence of America's older adults. Through its grantmaking, the Foundation seeks to strengthen the nation's capacity to provide effective, affordable care to this rapidly increasing older population by educating "aging-prepared" health professionals (physicians, nurses, social workers), and developing innovations that improve and better integrate health and supportive services. The Foundation was established by John A. Hartford. Mr. Hartford and his brother, George L. Hartford, both former chief executives of the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, left the bulk of their estates to the Foundation upon their deaths in the 1950s. Additional information is available at www.jhartfound.org.

About the Atlantic Philanthropies

The Atlantic Philanthropies are dedicated to bringing about lasting changes in the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people. Atlantic focuses on critical social problems related to aging, disadvantaged children and youth, population health and reconciliation and human rights. Programs funded by Atlantic operate in Australia, Bermuda, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, South Africa, the United States and Viet Nam. To learn more, please visit <http://www.atlanticphilanthropies.org/>

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