American Academy of Nursing inducts fellows at meeting

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Vicki Keough, RN, PhD, APRN-BC, ACNP, was one of a number of Illinois nurses who were inducted as fellows of the American Academy of Nursing on Oct. 13 at the organization’s 39th annual meeting and conference in Washington, D.C.

Keough is the dean of Loyola University Chicago Marcella Niehoff School of Nursing in Maywood, Ill.

She also is a professor at the school and an emergency nurse practitioner at Loyola University Medical Center.

According to a news release, Keough was named a fellow for her contributions to nursing, which include her leadership as dean.

Keough was joined by fellow Loyola alumnae Catherine Catrambone, RN, PhD, associate professor, Rush University College of Nursing in Chicago; Mary Johnson, RN, PhD, PMHCNS-BC, assistant dean of academic affairs at Rush; and Janis Miller, RN, PhD, APRN, associate professor at the University of Michigan School of Nursing in Ann Arbor.

The 176 inductees included nine from Illinois in total, including three of Catrambone’s and Johnson’s Rush colleagues — Wrenetha Julion, RN, PhD, MPH, associate professor; Susan Swider, RN, PhD, APHN-BC, professor; and Marilyn Wideman, RN-BC, DNP, associate professor, associate dean of faculty practice and community engagement.

Other Illinois nurses who were inducted included Maryann Alexander, RN, PhD, chief officer of nursing regulation at the National Council of State Boards of Nursing; Judith Hertz, RN, PhD, FNGNA, associate professor, director of nursing graduate studies, Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Ill.; and Mary Maryland, RN, PhD, APN-BC, of the American Cancer Society Illinois Division.

"I am honored to be a member of this esteemed group," Keough said in a news release. "I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance the profession of nursing and improve healthcare for our nation."

The academy is composed of more than 1,800 nurse leaders in education, management, practice, policy and research.

Selection criteria include evidence of significant contributions to nursing and healthcare and sponsorship by two academy fellows.
Applicants are reviewed by a panel of elected and appointed fellows, and selection is based, in part, on the extent to which nominees’ nursing careers influence health policies and well-being.