

Joan M. Stanley, PhD, MSN, BSN'71, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP, has been an extremely dedicated volunteer leader of Duke University School of Nursing and Duke University for more than two decades.

She is a member of the Duke University Alumni Association Board of Directors and has served as a member of Duke Women's Forum in the D.C. area. She was also a member of the Duke University School of Nursing Advisory Board and chair of the advisory board's strategic planning committee. A member of the School's Nursing Alumni Council for 11 years, she served as president for two years and past president for an additional two years. Additionally, she has been a member of the School of Nursing Annual Fund reunion committee. Stanley is also a generous donor who provides her own resources to support the School and encourages others to do the same.

Beyond her volunteer work with Duke, Stanley has led an extraordinary career that has profoundly impacted the nursing profession. She is currently chief academic officer of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). She acts as the organization's representative to numerous nursing education initiatives, including the APRN LACE Network, which developed the "Consensus Model for APRN Regulation: Licensure, Accreditation, Certification, and Education," a landmark report that defines advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) practice.

Stanley previously was AACN's director of higher education policy. She held a faculty position in the adult primary care nurse practitioner program at the University of Maryland for five years and continues to practice as an adult nurse practitioner at the University of Maryland Medical System. She is a fellow in



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Stanley earned a bachelor of science in nursing degree from Duke University School of Nursing, a master of science in nursing degree from the University of Maryland at Baltimore, and a PhD in higher education policy and organization from the University of Maryland at College Park. She also received a certificate in adult nurse practitioner from the University of Maryland School of Nursing.