

Hall of Fame Award

Imogene King, EdD, MSN, RN, FAAN

Imogene King, EdD, MSN, RN, FAAN, is universally recognized as a pioneer of nursing theory development and theory-based nursing practice. As one of the original nurse theorists, King has made an enduring impact on nursing education, practice and research while serving as a consummate, active leader in professional nursing. Internationally known for her “Theory of Goal Attainment,” King has worked with nurses world-wide in Africa, Canada, Germany, Japan, Sweden, Denmark, and most recently, China, to shape professional nursing practice, scholarship and education. Her theory has relevance and value in increasing diverse and outcome-oriented systems for delivery of nursing and health care. Her nursing paradigm is an important model for health care in the 21st century and beyond.



King's legacy of service spans nearly six decades. Her enduring contributions to ANA notably include the first ANA Committee, in 1965, to plan clinical conferences and, more recently, serving as the Southeastern representative to the ANA Code of Ethics Task Force. King was the 1996 recipient of ANA's Jessie M. Scott Award for demonstrating the interdependent relationships among nursing education, nursing practice and nursing research. She has served in elected and appointed positions as a voice for the profession at international, national and state levels and is known for asking relevant, critical questions that commanded evidence-based decision-making for the future of nursing and health care.

In addition, King has consistently demonstrated her willingness to mentor nurses and students across all roles and settings. Most importantly, King role models nurses' responsibility to actively contribute to the advancement of the profession. As a result, she has personally influenced the life, community and profession of nurses and nursing.