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Hall of Fame Award

this prestigious award recognizes an individual's lifelong commitment to the field of nursing and its impact on the health and/or social history of the U.S.

Claire M. Fagin, PhD, RN, FAAN, FRCN

New York State Nurses Association

Defying her family's wishes that she study medicine, Claire Mintzer enrolled at Wagner College in Staten Island, New York at age 17 to study nursing. Attracted by the "gorgeous women" depicted in U.S. Army Nurse Corps posters during World War II, she decided to follow her own dream—a dream that would inspire visionary leadership for the nursing profession.

Claire Mintzer Fagin, a distinguished scholar, dean, nurse educator and patient advocate, is the first woman to serve as an Ivy League university interim president, paving the way for two women to become University of Pennsylvania presidents since she completed her tenure there in 1994. Prior to this appointment, she had been professor and dean of the School of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania. When she stepped down from the deanship, the nursing school was ranked No. 1 by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Dr. Fagin's career has blended interests in consumer health and nursing. Her New York University doctoral dissertation, published in 1966, reported the relationship between the recovery of hospitalized children and their parents "rooming in." Combined with subsequent work, this research permanently changed attitudes and rules about parental visitation in pediatric facilities.

Dr. Fagin has received 14 honorary doctoral degrees and numerous alumni, civic and professional awards. Currently, she is on the board of the Visiting Nurse Service of New York, and is chair of the National Senior Citizens Law Center Board of Trustees. For five years, she served as director of the John A. Hartford Foundation, "Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity" national program, where her vision has been transformational, not only for nursing, but for the entire U.S. population.

Dr. Fagin's impact is both her individual accomplishment and the achievement of the thousands of nurses she has advanced by setting high standards, breaking barriers, eloquently speaking for nursing, and promoting the careers of nurse leaders.

