

Nebraska Nursing Hall of Fame



Dr. Linda Lazure

Dr. Linda Lazure has been active and influential member of the ANA and NNA for over 45 years. She has enthusiastically served in literally 31 elected or appointed offices, 13 non-elected positions and authored/championed numerous proposals and legislative testimonies at the national, state, and district level in the ANA/NNA. She simultaneously maintained memberships in multiple professional organizations, as well as membership and a variety of elected, appointed, or volunteer positions in Sigma Theta Tau, Inc., and the Midwest Nursing Research Society, during that time. Dr. Lazure co-authored an MNRS “state of the science” monograph and panel on stress which utilized her dissertation research. She is an accomplished author publishing in numerous peer-reviewed journals, and has been a sought-after reviewer for publica-

tions of all types as well as tenure appointment nominations. She continues to serve on the board of Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit Honor society. She is a fellow in American Academy of Nursing, inducted in 2016.

In addition to her service to professional associations, Dr. Lazure has been active as a tenured nursing faculty member since 1986 and developed the roles of both Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Associate Dean for External Relations, Creighton University School of Nursing, serving 14 years and five years, respectively in these roles. Her academic excellence has garnered the CUSON Outstanding Faculty award twice, as well as grant and scholarship funding for continued academic development and research. Dr. Lazure’s dissertation research using salivary cortisol to link the physical and psychological response to stress in cardiac unit visitation was later widely used detecting pain responses in neonates, as well as other clinical populations. In her role as faculty at CUSON she has been a tireless advocate for professional associations and the acquisition of professional role attributes by her students.

As if she were not busy enough, Dr. Lazure has also proudly represented her profession in the community as a volunteer for the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, National Conference for Christians and Jews, St Pius/St Leo school and parish, Marian High School, Creighton Prep High School, Douglas County Board of Health, Omaha Health Fair of the Midlands, and the March of Dimes. Dr. Lazure has actively participated in political campaigns for numerous candidates in local, state, and national races, including hosting gatherings in her home. In retirement, she continues her efforts and drives voters to the polls.

Dr. Lazure has demonstrated lifelong leadership that affected how Nursing was regarded in Nebraska and how Nursing’s voice was heard “at the table”. She may be the first nurse ever to serve as President at both the NNA District and State levels, and to serve on the initial Nebraska Center for Nursing board, Nebraska Board of Health (serving as chair), the Nebraska State Board of Nursing, and the Nebraska Action Coalition board. She was the NNA representative to the Nebraska Center for Nursing Foundation and, as its first President, led efforts toward policymaking and non-profit status. Dr. Lazure was elected to and served as chair of two American Nurses Association (ANA) committees (Nominating and Reference) and was appointed to the Center for American Nurses Policy Workgroup on Health and Workforce Advocacy and the Committee on Honorary Awards.

Dr. Lazure has shared her talents by nominating dozens of peers and colleagues for awards, appointments, and grant. It is an honor to nominate Dr. Linda Lazure, my mentor, friend, and nursing colleague, to be inducted into the NNA Hall of Fame. We all owe her for the lasting imprint she has made on professional nursing practice in Nebraska and across the nation.