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Dear Friends of FPB School of Nursing:

Now more than ever the public is witnessing the brave, compassionate, expert care provided by nurses around the globe. Nurse leaders everywhere, including those on the front line of care delivery, are key providers in the current coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Since 1923, the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing has prepared nurse leaders to serve in healthcare settings around the world.

The month of May has traditionally been the month we celebrate nurses. International Nurses day is celebrated on May 12, the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth. And traditionally the American Nurses Association hosts National Nurses Week from May 6-12. In honor of the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birth, the World Health Organization has designated the year 2020 as the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife. If Nightingale were alive today she would write so many of her famous words again but especially these: "Let whoever is in charge keep this simple question in her head (not, how can I always do this

right thing myself, but) how can I provide for this right thing to be always done?”

During the month of May we will be highlighting the nursing leadership of our students, alumni, faculty, and staff. We will draw from the World Health Organization’s [State of World’s Nursing 2020](#) report to share the latest evidence on the global nursing workforce, posit policy options for investing in the future of nursing, and situate these opportunities within understandings of the [U.N. Sustainable Development Goals](#).

The Sustainable Development Goals are a roadmap for how we can achieve peace and prosperity for people and for our planet. They recognize the interconnectedness of every one of us, no matter our place of origin, and call on us to work together for the betterment of all. During the first week of May, we will discuss these goals and how the FPB community members are working to help achieve them. This will set the stage for the remaining weeks, in which we will focus on the intersection of the global nursing workforce and these goals. We will host webinars, discussions and other activities to highlight our global nursing impact.

Our goal is to not only acknowledge nursing’s important past and present but also to help us re-imagine how nurses will lead in the post-pandemic era. What do nurse leaders need to say differently, do differently, or think differently in order to make sure the clear, strong voice of millions of nurses is heard throughout the world?

Together, we can design our preferred future.

We hope you read these weekly newsletters informative and let them inspire you. We invite you to engage with us about the stories we share by telling us your own. You can do so by reaching out to us on your favorite social media platform with the #FPBGlobalLeaders and #FPBNursing, sending us your stories by email. We look forward to celebrating with you.

Sincerely,

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