



DR. JEAN WATSON LIVING LEGEND



ABOUT THE LIVING LEGENDS AWARD

The American Academy of Nursing recognizes a small group of Fellows as Living Legends in honor of their extraordinary contributions to the nursing profession, sustained over the course of their careers.

Recipients of this esteemed award are honored as Living Legends in recognition of the multiple contributions they have made to our profession and our society and in recognition of the continuing impact of these contributions on the provision of health care services in the United States and throughout the world.

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A Message from the Dean

Last week, I had the privilege of celebrating with numerous friends and colleagues as Dr. Jean Watson was honored as a Living Legend by the American Academy of Nursing, the highest honor bestowed by the organization.

Jean Watson's life's work of scholarship in human caring and caring science is known around the world. Her work as a nursing theorist, author, educator, lecturer, and scholar in caring science has provided a meaningful philosophical foundation to nursing as a distinct discipline and profession; it has resulted in transformative twenty-first century models of professional nursing education, research, practice administration, and delivery of person-centered health care.

The impact Jean has had on the lives of others is profound. Perhaps Kristen Swanson, PhD '83 and dean, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill School of Nursing, said it best when she reflected on her experience as a doctoral candidate, "Jean always made you feel bigger than you thought you were."

Jean's presence is enduring and we are proud to honor her legacy at the CU College of Nursing. Please join me in celebrating our Living Legend, Dr. Jean Watson.

Sincerely,

Sarah Thompson, PhD, RN, FAAN
Dean

Your support for the Jean Watson Endowed Chair in Caring Science will honor the legacy of this human caring pioneer, and continue to nurture the deep roots of caring science at the CU College of Nursing.

An endowed chair signifies a rare level of faculty achievement in research, teaching, or professional achievement. But its significance is more than merely honorary. It provides reliable funding that can help a faculty member focus time and energy on promising research. It perpetually supports a position in a vital niche, funding that will endure for generations. It can improve a program's ability to recruit and retain exceptional educators and researchers. And it is a bellwether of a program's stature, increasing its standing and influence, and shining a positive light on the University of Colorado as a whole. Please join us in this vital endeavor.

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