Bridgette Brawner, PhD, RN, Alice Britt, PhD, RN, and Colonel Jacqueline Payne-Borden, PhD, RN participated in a panel discussion, "Looking Back Looking Forward," during the SAMHSA MFP 40th Anniversary Celebration, April 23, at SAMHSA headquarters in Rockville, MD.

Stephanie Ferguson, PhD, RN, FAAN presented during a plenary session at the recent International Council of Nursing (ICN) 25th Quadrennial Congress, May 18 - 23, in Melbourne, Australia. Dr. Ferguson's presentation focused on “Leadership for Change” in which she provided the audience with an update on the ICN program and its progress globally. She is currently the Director of the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Nursing’s Community Nursing Organization, facilitates the Global Nursing Leadership Institute (GNLI), and serves as director of the ICN Leadership for Change program. Dr. Ferguson is an MFP Alumna, Class of 1996.

Donna Grandbois, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor at North Dakota State University, has recently been selected to attend the Spirit of EAGLES Cohort 2 trainee program as one of the new Hampton Faculty Fellows. “Spirit of EAGLES” is a NCI Community Networks Program with a research base within the Mayo Clinic’s Comprehensive Cancer Program. Her experience as an Assistant Professor will help bring together Mayo faculty and nationally prominent researchers in American Indian and Alaska Native health. Dr. Grandbois begins her fellowship at the upcoming Spirit of EAGLES Ninth National Conference in Albuquerque, NM, October 25-28. The theme of this year’s National Conference is “Changing Patterns of Cancer in Native Communities”.

Vicki P. Hines-Martin, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor and Director of the office of Health Disparities and Community Engagement at the University of Louisville School of Nursing, has recently been appointed as the Acting Associate Vice president at the University of Louisville office of the Vice President for Community Engagement where she serves the university. Additionally, she was the invited speaker at the 15th Annual International Society of Psychiatric Mental Health Nurses (ISPN) 15th Annual conference in San Antonio, TX where she was presented with the Melva Jo Hendrix Award for her work with underserved populations. Dr. Hines-Martin is also co-investigator (W. Nash – Principal Investigator) on the University of Louisville School of Nursing and School of Dentistry Interprofessional Education Initiative funded by the Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration in the amount of $1,100,000.00 awarded in the fall 2012. Her recent publications include: Hines-Martin, V. (2012). Cultural, ethnic and spiritual concepts. In V. Rodgers, J. Jones & J.J. Fitzpatrick (EdS) Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing: An Interpersonal Approach to professional Practice. New York, NY: Springer Publishing and M.L. Rowland, V. F. Jones, V. Hines-Martin, & L.H. Lewis. (2013), February). Cultural Competency in the Trenches. Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved, 24 (1), pp. 6-10, DOI: 10.1353/hpu.2013.0024.

John Lowe, PhD, RN, FAAN, is the recipient of the Association of Black Nursing Faculty (ABNF) Lifetime Achievement In Education Award in addressing the healthcare needs of the underserved communities. Dr. Lowe's record of accomplishments demonstrate the significant positive influence he has had on others.

Beverly Malone, PhD, RN, FAAN presented two oral presentations, “A Journey Towards Creating an International Network” and “Transforming Leaders for Global Nursing Education,” during the International Council of Nurses (ICN) 25th Quadrennial Congress, May 18 - 23, in Melbourne, Australia. Dr. Malone is the former CEO of the American Nurses Association and MFP Alumna, Class of 1981. She is currently the CEO of the National League for Nursing (NLN) in New York, NY.

Cornelia Porter, PhD, RN, FAAN has become the Research Scientist in the school of Social Welfare for the Research Foundation for the State University at Albany, in Albany, N.Y. Dr. Porter is an MFP Alumna, Class of 1985. She is also former Director of the Minority Fellowship Program from 1999 to 2000.
Brandon Respress, PhD, RN, MSN, MPH, PNP first co-authored article, Social Determinants of Adolescent Depression: An Examination of Racial Differences, has been published in Issues in Mental Health Nursing, July 2013, Vol 34(7): Pages 539 – 549. Dr. Respress is an MFP Alumna, Class of 2010.

Phyllis W. Sharps, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor of nursing and public health and associate dean for community and global programs at The Johns Hopkins University, was inducted into the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International's (STTI) International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame at STTI’s 24th International Nursing Research Congress in Prague, Czech Republic, July 22 – 26, 2013. Dr. Sharps is a maternal child health expert, a researcher, and a mentor to the next generations of nurses, local to global. She is also the director of three nurse-led health and wellness centers that provide care to women and children and are sites for community-based research. Her research program examines the effects of intimate-partner violence on the physical and emotional health of pregnant women, infants, and very young children. She has received funded grants from the National Institutes of Health, for nursing home visiting, and for using computer tablets for screening and implementing the Domestic Violence Enhanced Visitation Program, an intervention to keep abused women and babies safe from intimate-partner violence. A fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, she is a member of Nu Beta Chapter.

Ora Strickland, PhD, RN, FAAN is one of five nurse leaders profiled in the Summer 2013 issue of Minority Nurse Magazine, page 27, as a “Mover and Shaker within the Nursing Ranks.” Dr. Strickland is a MFP Alumna of the first MFP Class, 1977. She is the Dean of the Florida International University College of Nursing.

“Reducing Substance Abuse and Mental Health Disparities through Culturally Competent Leadership, Health Policy, Research, and Practice: An Approach at the American Nurses Association,” was the subject of the Minority Fellowship Program Symposium during the International Council of Nurses (ICN) Congress, May 19, 2013, in Melbourne, Australia. The Symposium presenters included Dr. Faye Gary, MFP Executive Program Consultant/Director, MFP Project Director Janet Jackson, and Dr. Hossein Yarandi, MFP Statistician. ANA President Dr. Karen Daley moderated the symposium.

L/R: Irene Lewis, Nigerian Nurses Association President, Faye Gary, Nigerian Delegate, ANA President Karen Daley, and NBNA President Deidre Walton