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Nursing Education Alumni Association

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Dear Dr. Kalayjian,

On behalf of the members of the NEAA Board it is with great pride and pleasure that I inform you that you were chosen to be awarded the 2025 R. Louise McManus Medal after we reviewed the submitted nominations. The McManus Medal is the only award given by NEAA that was actually created by Teachers College (TC), Columbia University in 1964 to honor Dr. McManus' world-wide achievements in Nursing. Dr. McManus remains one of nursing's earliest leaders and one of TC's most distinguished faculty members and chairs and to our knowledge the first nurse to receive a doctorate at TC. The McManus Medal is the highest award given by NEAA. It is given to a person in recognition of distinguished and sustained contributions to the nursing profession.

As noted by your primary sponsor Dr. Diane Mancino, you have been recognized by many significant organizations for "continually challenging the status quo and are known as a true risk taker for the betterment of humanity." Dr. Marianne Jeffreys stated in her letter of support that you have been internationally recognized for your "long-time commitment and significant contributions in improving and optimizing public health outcomes, policy, and human

rights for various populations (particularly those victimized, marginalized, and vulnerable populations).” There was no doubt after reviewing your credentials, significant body of work, and sponsoring letters that you met the criteria for this coveted award! We are indeed fortunate as a profession and alumni association to have you as our representative of the nursing community and we are so very proud that you are internationally recognized for your work at the United Nations.

The awarding of the McManus Medal will take place at our Award luncheon which will be held during our 61st Annual Stewart Research Conference held at TC on Friday May 2, 2025. The registration for the Conference, which includes the awards luncheon can be found at <https://form.jotform.com/TCNEAA/2025-stewart-conference-registratio>.

On behalf of the NEAA Board members, congratulations as the 2025 TC NEAA McManus Medal Awardee. I look forward to your joining us on May 2, 2025 to receive this treasured medal.

Sincerely,



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