



**Fay Whitney,  
PhD, RN, FAAN**

“Upstate is, and always has been, part of my professional integrity. I hold strong memories of that formative time which became the basic platform of my practice and my career.”

As a nurse practitioner at University Hospital in the mid-1970s, Fay Whitney was instrumental in establishing the nurse practitioner program in the College of Nursing at Upstate. She served as director until 1983 when the program closed due to loss of funding after graduating more than 300 NPs for primary and critical care practice.

In the next decade, Fay earned a doctorate at Syracuse University and achieved national recognition as a member of the first class of Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Nurse Scholars. She was awarded more than \$3 million in grants to support the beginning of the nurse practitioner movement and worked to pass laws in New York so NP graduates could practice.

At the University of Pennsylvania, Whitney helped build adult, gerontology, pediatric, psychiatric, occupational health and acute care NP programs with about 500 graduates. She conducted gerontology and stroke research and helped start many NP-managed clinics in the Philadelphia area. She has held the prestigious title of Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN) for 26 years.

Relocating to Wyoming in 1992, she founded the Whitney Health and Wellness Center for elderly patients in Laramie and is professor emeritus at the University of Wyoming's Fay W. Whitney School of Nursing.

In 2011, Upstate's College of Nursing awarded Whitney the Honorary Doctorate of Science in honor of her work to lay the foundation for today's nurse practitioner program. Today, we thank her for leadership in philanthropy.

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#### OUR MISSION

The Nursing Alumni Association is dedicated to enhancing educational excellence and scholarship for nursing students of the Upstate Medical University campus, and promoting collegiality among nursing alumni, students and faculty.

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# The Whitney Lectureship

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Inspiring, enhancing, and encouraging  
nursing students to advance their education

## About the Lectureship

For more than half a century, the College of Nursing at Upstate Medical University has taken pride in providing the highest quality education to every student. With your help, we now have an opportunity to raise the College's level of excellence even further.

Nationally renowned nursing leader Fay Whitney, PhD, RN, FAAN, and her husband, Roy Whitney, have generously established The Whitney Lectureship Endowment. Once fully funded, the endowment will support an annual, on-campus visit by a noted guest lecturer who embodies the values Dr. Whitney herself brings to nursing education: excellence in clinical experience, commitment to the health of patient populations and inspiring teaching.

By endowing the lectureship, the Whitneys are guaranteeing that the series will be funded for years to come, ensuring that future nursing students will also have access to the latest developments in the field.

The lectures will also be open to Upstate alumni, faculty, and the greater community.

## Why It's Important

National and international experts in the field of nursing will enrich students' educational experience, helping prepare them to provide excellent patient care and to serve in leadership positions within health care.



## How You Can Help

We are very grateful to Fay and Roy Whitney for the largest gift in the history of the College of Nursing. A requirement of their \$50,000 contribution is that it must be matched to ensure the continuity and quality of the lectures.

While a good percentage of the match has been secured, **your participation is needed** in order to meet the goal.

**There's Power in Numbers** – As an added benefit of your gift toward The Whitney Lectureship Endowment, the Upstate Foundation has agreed to “match the match.” Your donation, along with all gifts toward The Whitney Lectureship, will be matched by the Upstate Foundation.

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