



## UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY *of the Health Sciences*



### **Dr. Colleen Conway-Welch, Board of Regents Member**

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Although her charge as a professor and dean of Vanderbilt University School of Nursing began in 1984, Dr. Colleen Conway-Welch has been active in nursing practice and nursing education for more than four decades.

A graduate of Georgetown University, Catholic University of America, and New York University, she also holds honorary doctorates from Cumberland University, Georgetown University, and the University of Colorado.

Dr. Conway-Welch has published extensively, served on President Ronald Reagan's Commission on the HIV Epidemic in 1988, the National Bipartisan Commission on the Future of Medicare in 1998, the Governor's Tennessee Commission on the Future of TennCare, and was appointed by Secretary Thompson to the Secretary's Council on Public Health Preparedness in the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). She is a member of the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee with the DHHS and is also a member of the George Washington University Homeland Security Policy Institute.

Dr. Conway-Welch was appointed to the Advisory Committee to the Director of the National Institutes of Health in 2007. Additionally, she is a former president and one of the founders of Friends of the National Institutes of Health, National Institute for Nursing Research.

Extremely active in both civic and cultural matters, Dr. Conway-Welch chaired the 1999 United Way Annual Giving Campaign for Middle Tennessee, served on President Bush's Advisory Committee on the Arts – the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. She is also a member of the Rotary Club of Nashville.

Furthermore, Dr. Conway-Welch is the co-chair of “Power of the Purse,” the Women’s Fund of the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, which supports the work of women. She also received the New York University School of Nursing Distinguished Alumni Award in 1999 and was awarded the Association of Childbearing Centers Public Advocate Award in 2001. Dr. Conway-Welch was awarded the Outstanding Leadership in Nursing Education Award by the National League for Nursing in 2008.

She is a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Tennessee Safety Seismic Commission Panel of Advisors and in 2008 served on the Institute of Medicine Committee – Assessing Medical Preparedness for a Nuclear Event.

Dr. Conway-Welch is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, a charter fellow of the American College of Nurse-Midwives, a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Science and serves as a director on the Boards of Pinnacle Bank, RehabCare Group, Ardent Health Services and the Health Care Leadership Council in Washington, D.C., in addition to numerous other 501(c)3 boards.

Dr. Conway-Welch is also the founding director of the Nursing Emergency Preparedness Education Coalition, formerly known as the International Nursing Coalition for Mass Casualty Education.