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NEW DEAN AT USU GRADUATE SCHOOL OF NURSING

BETHESDA, Md. -- Patricia A. Hinton Walker, B.S.N., M.S.N., Ph.D., FAAN, is the new dean of the Graduate School of Nursing at the Uniformed Services University.

Walker took over June 1 following the retirement of Faye Abdellah, RN, Ed.D., Sc.D., FAAN, GSN's founding dean and professor. Abdellah retired May 31 after 49 years of service to the federal government and the nation.

Walker has served as the dean of the Mississippi College of Nursing and dean of the School of Nursing at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver. She was the Senior Scholar in Residence at the Agency for Healthcare Research and Policy in Washington, D.C.

In addition to a more than 30-year teaching career, she has authored five books on nursing education and practice as well as 49 peer-reviewed professional articles.

She has been recognized by the most prestigious organizations in the nursing profession. Honors and awards include Distinguished Alumni of the Year by the University of Kansas Medical Center Nurses Alumni Association (1998), Who's Who in American Nursing (1993), Professional Advancement Award from the University of Rochester School of Nursing (1993), Nurse of the Year for the Mississippi Nurses' Association District #13 (1980), and many others.

Walker has a bachelor of science in nursing from the University of Kansas, a master of science in nursing from the University of Mississippi, and her doctorate also from the University of Mississippi.