

# Press Release

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## **Center Director Earns Prestigious Credential**

### *Honor Underscores Center's Commitment to Quality*

The Center for American Nurses is pleased to announce that Executive Director Wylecia Wiggs Harris has earned the prestigious designation of Certified Association Executive (CAE) from the American Society of Association Executives.

“Nurses need and deserve the very best strategies, services and support,” Harris said. “This credential shows that the Center for American Nurses is committed to providing those high-quality resources to help our members continue their commitment to high-quality patient care.”

Fewer than 5 percent of all association professionals earn the title, which signifies proven leadership skills and extensive expertise in all aspects of association management. Potential CAEs must have significant education and experience in association management to apply. Those selected must then earn a high score on a rigorous exam that tests all aspects of knowledge essential for successful association leadership. Once earned, the certification must be renewed every three years through additional studies and leadership activities.

Harris joined the Center for American Nurses as executive director in July 2004, bringing with her 20 years of diverse association experience. Previously she was executive director for the Sister to Sister – Everyone Has A Heart Foundation, and served for 17 years with the American Heart Association in positions at the local, regional and national levels.

The Center for American Nurses offers tools, services and strategies designed to make nurses their own best advocates in their practice environments. Through research, continuing education and knowledge sharing among today's nursing community, the Center offers powerful resources to nurses seeking to overcome workforce challenges and realize opportunities. Learn more at [www.centerforamericannurses.org](http://www.centerforamericannurses.org).

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