

## CNA Inducts Two into Hall of Fame

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The CNA Hall of Fame was established in 2004, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CNA, to honor CNA members whose dedication and achievements have significantly affected the Colorado Nursing Profession. In 2021, two notable nurses were selected for induction into the Hall of Fame. They were honored at a reception during the CNA Annual Conference in February, 2022.

Inductee **Elizabeth Pace** developed an interest in the topic of women and addictions as a BSN Student, when she interned at a halfway house for women alcoholics. In 1984, she was a founder of Nurses United for Recovery, Support, and Education Successfully to provide services to nurses with substance use and mental health concerns. By providing early identification, support, monitoring, and accountability, the program filled a gap to protect public safety while offering help and healing for nurses through professional and peer support. Under Elizabeth's leadership, the organization grew into what is today known as Peer Assistance Services (PAS). The values of PAS are Grit, Integrity and Compassion, all of which also apply to Elizabeth. PAS provides statewide, comprehensive peer health assistance programs for a broad range of health and mental health professionals with physical, emotional, psychiatric, or psychological concerns that may be detrimental to their ability to safely practice their profession. In addition, health professionals statewide have been trained on the practice of screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment, focused on unhealthy alcohol use. PAS is recognized as a leader in substance use prevention and early intervention programming. Currently, with Elizabeth serving as the Chief Executive Officer, PAS serves hundreds of health professionals each year, and her legacy will continue long after she retires. CNA was proud to induct Elizabeth Pace into the CNA Hall of Fame.

The other 2021 Hall of Fame Inductee, **Douglas Warnecke**, has had a nursing career marked by service, leadership, and commitment to the advancement of the nursing profession. As a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, he did substantial work impacting advanced practice nursing. He was co-chair of the Nurse Physician Advisory Task Force for Colorado Health Care (NPATCH) from 2009-2015 and in that role, he was instrumental in helping Colorado Advanced Practice Nurses achieve full prescriptive authority. In 2014, Douglas received a Nightingale Award for Leadership for his dedication to removing scope of practice barriers for advanced practice nurses. He has served his entire career at Denver Health where he has worked tirelessly to support the growth and development of advanced practice nursing throughout the hospital. Among his accomplishments was development of the first training site for student registered nurse anesthetists in Colorado. His commitment to excellence has permeated his entire career as he has helped shape nursing practice in Colorado. CNA was pleased to welcome Douglas Warnecke to the CNA Hall of Fame.