

Lt. Gov. Rodriguez: Becomes first sitting elected official inducted into the American Academy of Nursing

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WASHINGTON: Saturday, Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor Sara Rodriguez became the first sitting statewide elected official to be inducted into the esteemed American Academy of Nursing Fellowship. The American Academy of Nursing is a national organization committed to improve health and health equity. Their fellowship recognizes nursing leaders “for their substantial, sustained, and outstanding impact on health and health care.”

“As a former nurse and health care industry leader, I am honored to join the American Academy of Nursing 2023 Class of Fellows. For over two decades I have worked to improve health care in our state and nation, and I remain committed to that mission as an American Academy of Nursing Fellow and as Wisconsin’s Lieutenant Governor,” **said Lieutenant Governor Sara Rodriguez.** “I also want to congratulate the President-Elect for the American Academy of Nursing, Wisconsin’s own Linda Scott, Dean of the University of Wisconsin–Madison School of Nursing.”

Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor Sara Rodriguez is a former nurse and health industry leader who has dedicated her life to improving the health of people in Wisconsin and around the world.

Sara started her service as a reproductive health educator in Samoa through the Peace Corps, providing resources and education to improve community sexual health. She later earned her nursing degree and became an emergency room nurse where she saw firsthand the way gaps in our healthcare system left people behind. As an Epidemic Intelligence Service officer with the Centers for Disease Control,

Sara served on the frontlines to provide care across the world to communities ravaged by infectious diseases.

Committed to strengthening access to quality, affordable health care for all people, Sara later became a leader in the healthcare industry, working to improve access to care across Wisconsin. And in 2020, Sara chose to take her two decades of experience as a healthcare leader to fight for a healthier, safer Wisconsin by running for the State Assembly and later Lieutenant Governor.

In her first year as Lieutenant Governor, Sara is leading the fight to expand Medicaid in Wisconsin, including through [her new podcast](#) which focuses on access to health care and the importance of expanding Medicaid. This year, she also [launched a PAC](#) to elect leaders with health care backgrounds and those who are committed to helping pass Medicaid expansion in Wisconsin.