

## MEET JEAN JOHNSON, PhD, RN, FAAN



Dr. Johnson is the founding dean of the George Washington University School of Nursing (GWSON), professor emerita and a certified executive coach following completing of the Hudson Institute's coaching program. She brings significant leadership experience to her coaching practice having been a dean as well as president of two national nursing organizations. She has been recognized for her contributions to health care being inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award by the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty, and being selected as a National Program Director by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Her belief is that everyone has a path of professional and personal development, and that the choices people make are critical to their well-being and moving forward in life. Coaching is way of facilitating that forward journey. Her background in health care service and education informs her coaching relationships and helps to create a bond in the coaching relationship. Understanding the challenges that leaders and all workers experience greatly facilitates the work to be accomplished in meeting the individual or group goals. Also being a long-time educator, she has deeply explored the learning process to gain insight into how people create change in their lives and their work.

She currently coaches leaders in several large health care systems and academic institutions. In addition, Dr. Johnson has worked with colleagues at the University of Cape Town in South Africa for over a decade and continues to coach students and faculty at the University.

