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Dr. Clifton is very proud that in 2018, the CON/JJYS collaboration was awarded the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Exemplary Academic-Practice Partnership Award. In 2019, Dr. Clifton was the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s (ANCC) 2019 Certified Nurse Award in the Family Nurse Practitioner category. In 2020, she was admitted as a fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.