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Dr. Patrick De Leon is a Distinguished Professor at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing and the F. Edward Hebert School of Medicine.

As a Distinguished professor for the Daniel K. Inouye Graduate School of Nursing, Dr. De Leon leads the Public Policy Forum, where numerous distinguished visitors and delegates are invited to speak. A few of his career highlights include working for the Peace Corps, and as a Public Health intern for Senator Daniel K. Inouye. Remarkably, Dr. De Leon's internship turned into a 38 year term of public service in support of strengthening access to care and health policies for the Hawaiian culture, and retiring as Chief of Staff to Senator Inouye in 2011. Preeminently, Dr. De Leon was instrumental in standing up the GSN, and he is considered one of its founding Fathers.

In 2008, he was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies of Science. In addition, he served as President of the American Psychological Association (APA) in 2000. He was the first Non-Academic Editor for an APA Journal, and continues to serve in this position. Dr. De Leon has received numerous awards which include: The Order of Military Medical Merit; Distinguished Service Medal, USUHS; National League for Nursing Council for Nursing Centers, First Public Policy Award; Sigma Theta Tau, Inc., International Honor Society of Nursing, First Public Service Award; Ruth Knee/Milton Wittman Award for Outstanding Achievement in Health/Mental Health Policy, NASW; Delta Omega Honor Society Award for Outstanding Alumnus from a School of Public Health; APA Outstanding Lifetime Contributions to Psychology Award; American Psychological Foundation Gold Medal for Lifetime Achievement in the Practice of Psychology; and Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Hawaii.

Dr. De Leon has been awarded three honorary degrees: Honorary Doctor of Psychology from the California School of Professional Psychology, Fresno; Honorary Doctor of Psychology from the Forest Institute of Professional Psychology; and, an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from NOVA Southeastern University. He is currently the editor of Psychological Services. He has over 200 publications. He is married with one son, a daughter, one grandson and one grand-daughter. On his spare time, he enjoys writing and playing golf.