

University of Arkansas
for Medical Sciences



College of Nursing
Hooding and
Recognition Ceremony

Master's and DNP Graduates

Saturday, May 15, 2021

Program

- Welcome and Introduction** Dr. Patricia Cowan
Dean, College of Nursing
- Remarks** Dr. Cam Patterson
Chancellor, UAMS
- Program Facilitator** Dr. Teresa Whited
Associate Dean of Academic Programs

Graduate Program

- Graduate Address** Courtney Scarbrough
DNP Graduate

- Procession of Master's Graduates** Dr. Patricia Cowan
and
Dr. Donna Gullette
Associate Dean
and
Dr. Teresa Whited

- Dr. Donna Gullette - *Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner*
Dr. Janice Taylor - *Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner*
Dr. Laura Mayfield - *Family Nurse Practitioner*
Dr. Carol Campbell - *Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner*
Dr. Donna Middaugh - *Nursing Administration*
Dr. Deena Garner - *Pediatric Nurse Practitioner*

Procession of DNP Graduates

- And Hooding Ceremony** Dr. Patricia Cowan
and
Dr. Teresa Whited
and
Dr. Donna Gullette
and
Dr. Leonie DeClerk
Director of DNP Program

Presentation of Awards Dr. Leonie Declerk
Awards & Scholarship Committee

Introduction to the Academic Procession

The UAMS College of Nursing welcomes you to their Pinning, Hooding and Recognition Ceremony and to the academic procession. We trust that this brief introduction will make the procession as important to you as it is to our College and to our graduates. The academic procession originated in Europe about 800 years ago. As the Middle Ages drew to a close, scholars began to associate with institutions accepting students for the purpose of higher learning. By the 13th century, these institutions had come to be known as universities. Faculties of these early universities wore robes similar to those of the clergy. Hooded robes began when itinerant or “begging” friars added tippets, or shoulder coverings, to the robes that contained a pocket to collect alms or offerings. Today’s academic hood still contains pockets. Part of the tradition of each university was to adopt official colors of the ornate academic robes its faculty would wear. Although much of the pomp and circumstance of these early universities has passed, the academic gowns and hoods retain the colors passed down by generations of graduates.

The cardinal red of the University of Arkansas was chosen in 1895 in a spirited contest, defeating a reddish purple; white was added years later after the rise of intercollegiate athletics. In addition to university colors worn on the back of hoods, faculty holding doctoral and master’s degrees wear a specific color on the front bands of their gowns to denote the type of degree they possess. As indicated below, colors denote the many different degrees awarded by universities. Many of these colors will be seen today in our faculty processional.

Master of Nursing Science Graduates

Cassidy Lauren Angerman	Shankar Steven Kathiresan*
Amanda Elizabeth Autin	Sarah Annette Kuhn
Annelise Lenn Baker	Chastiti Angeleque Lepine+
Lori Ann Black	Mallori Victoria Levenoood
Cassidy Jo Brashears	Kelli Amber Marengo+
Joan Elizabeth Carder	Chanelle Angelique McCaster
Sara Bridget Chastain+	Alisha Gray McCool
Robert C. Cluck	Stephanie Danielle Mendoza
Angela Riley Cromer*	Simone DeNae Milton
Haylie Pasqualena Danielle Day	Sydney Mohr
Tiffany Rene Diaz	Jordan Lanier Moore
Sarah Ashton Dillion	Terry Daniel Prowse
Courtney Michelle Drain	Alesha M. Rabb*
Jason Chad Dugger+	Jennifer Leigh Rawls+
Katherine Dunham	Shelby Richards
Tonya Marie Frazier*	Yuliya Cheslavovna Riddle
Tina Marie Gragg	Deneshia Monet' Robinson
Kadi Lea Harris	Joanna Allison Rostad-Hall*
Madeline A. Harvey	Richard Scott Savage
Sherri Lee Hawley	Brook Marie Scalzo
Sarah Leek Henry+	Tyler Jonel Simpson
Heather Danielle Holden	Jennifer Ann Thompson
Clint Austin Howe	Diana Torres
Anjelica Olivia Wilcox Jefferson	Alexandria Davis Vail*
Danielle Rose Jenkins	Lindsey Elizabeth Wyerick
Priscilla Parker Joiner	

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+ Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society of Nursing

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Miranda Michelle Adamson

Family Nurse Practitioner
BSN, University of Arkansas
Project Title: Implementing Diabetic
Foot Screenings in the River Valley
Advisor: Dr. Angela Anderson

Shakeylla Starr Allen

MNSc, University of Arkansas for
Medical Sciences; BSN, University of
Arkansas at Little Rock
Project Title: Sepsis is Serous!
Increasing Sepsis Bundle Compliance
Advisor: Dr. Pam Laborde

Christina Lynn Allen-Doyle*

Psychiatric Mental-Health Nurse
Practitioner
BSN, University of Central Arkansas
Project Title: Closing the Gap:
Identifying Depressive Symptoms in
Adolescents in the Inpatient Setting
Advisor: Dr. Carol Campbell

Tara Almand*

MNSc, University of Arkansas for
Medical Sciences; BSN, Southern
Arkansas University; ASN, Southern
Arkansas University
Project Title: Improving Depression
Screening in a University-Based Health
Clinic through Implementation of a
Standardized Tool
Advisor: Dr. Marilyn Faye Hughes

Vanessa Marie Orlando Allen*

MNSc, University of Arkansas for
Medical Sciences; BS, Westfield State
College; ASN, North Arkansas College
Project Title: Implementing ACEs and
Anxiety Screening in a Pediatric Day
Treatment Program
Advisor: Dr. Leonie DeClerk

Maeghan Elizabeth Arnold*+

MNSc, University of Arkansas for Medical
Sciences; BSN, University of Central
Arkansas
Project Title: Improving Handoff
Communication through Implementation
of a Modified SBAR: A QI Initiative
Advisor: Dr. Marilyn Faye Hughes

Jalesia Sierra Austin

Family Nurse Practitioner
BSN, University of Arkansas
Project Title: Improving Patient
Satisfaction after Cystoscopy using
Scripting
Advisor: Dr. Melissa Drake-Rowe

Kenzie Allyn Bullock

Psychiatric Mental-Health Nurse
Practitioner
BSN, University of Arkansas for Medical
Sciences
Project Title: Using Technology to Assess
Mood States in an Outpatient Mental
Health Center
Advisor: Dr. Carol Campbell

Teresa Dukes-Scott+

Family Nurse Practitioner
BSN, University of Arkansas at Little
Rock
Project Title: An Electronic Data
Flowsheet for Determining HIV PEP
Eligibility: A QI Initiative for TeleSANE
Advisor: Dr. Albreyl Berber-Love

Cynthia Thompson Durham*

Family Nurse Practitioner
BSN, University of Arkansas for Medical
Sciences
Project Title: Increasing the Identification
and Documentation of Tobacco Use in the
Electronic Health Record at a Surgical
Oncology Clinic
Advisor: Dr. Claudia Barone

Ann Marie Estes

Family Nurse Practitioner
BSN, University of Arkansas for
Medical Sciences

Project Title: Use of the CARES
Tool to Improve Nurse Confidence
and Patient Comfort During the End
of Life

Advisor: Dr. Marilyn Faye Hughes

Randi Lauren Ferguson*

Family Nurse Practitioner
BSN, University of Arkansas for
Medical Sciences

Project Title: Optimizing Laboratory
Testing in an Infusion Clinic

Advisor: Dr. Angela Anderson

Ashley Nicole Givens+

Primary Care Pediatric Nurse
Practitioner

BSN, University of Arkansas at Little
Rock

Project Title: Water Safety Education
Using Tailored Anticipatory
Guidance (TAG) in a Pediatric
Community Clinic

Advisor: Dr. Albrey Berber-Love

Stephanie Glenn

Family Nurse Practitioner
BSN, University of Arkansas at Little
Rock.

Project Title: Reducing Missed
Appointment Rates at UAMS
Northeast Family Medical Center

Advisor: Dr. Leonie DeClerk

Justin Goucher+

Adult Gerontology Primary Care
Nurse Practitioner
BSN, University of Arkansas for
Medical Sciences

Project Title: Improving Compliance
in Diabetic Foot Exams

Advisor: Dr. Pam Laborde

Kyla Kristine Grant

Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse
Practitioner

BSN, University of Arkansas

Project Title: Stress Testing Policy and
Procedure to Promote Confidence and
Competence: North Street Clinic
Quality Improvement Project

Advisor: Dr. Melissa Drake-Rowe

Teresa E. Gravett*+

MSN, Arkansas Tech University; BSN,
Arkansas Tech University

Project Title: Increasing Participation in
Chronic Case Management

Advisor: Dr. Marilyn Faye Hughes

Lauren Bethany Hart

Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse
Practitioner

BSN, University of Arkansas at Little
Rock

Project Title: Tobacco Cessation:
Increasing Staff Adherence with
Distributing Patient-Completed
Tobacco Questionnaires and
Documenting Tobacco Status in
Electronic Medical Record

Advisor: Dr. Claudia Barone

Elizabeth Bridgforth Hartz*+

Family Nurse Practitioner
BSN, University of Arkansas

Project Title: A Multimodal
Educational Intervention to Improve
Coding and Documentation Accuracy

Advisor: Dr. Angela Anderson

Shannon Kalkwarf*

MNSc, University of Arkansas for
Medical Sciences; BSN, University of
Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Project Title: Increasing Cord Blood
Donation Enrollment through Provider-
Led Education: A Quality Improvement
Initiative

Advisor: Dr. Marilyn Faye Hughes

Christie Magee Keller+

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
BSN, University of Arkansas
Project Title: Demystifying the Process of Coding for Complexity in an Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic
Advisor: Dr. Carol Campbell

Laken Kayla Koonce

Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
BSN, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Project Title: Improving Stem Cell Transplant Patient Satisfaction through Enhanced Patient and Caregiver Education
Advisors: Dr. Patricia Cowan

Laura Alison Lyon*

MSN, Texas Womens University; BSN, University of Arkansas
Project Title: Deprescribing in Hospice
Advisor: Dr. Leonie DeClerk

Joshua Caleb McKinnon

Family Nurse Practitioner
BSN, Arkansas Tech University
Project Title: Improving Patients Satisfaction and Knowledge with Cultural Care in the Marshallese Community
Advisors: Dr. Melissa Drake-Rowe

Lauren Harrison Moss*

Family Nurse Practitioner
BSN, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith
Project Title: Parental Perception of Asthma Management in Little Rock Public Schools
Advisors: Dr. Albrey Berber-Love

Alysha Nicole Petroff+

Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner
BSN, Arkansas State University
Project Title: Increasing APRN Knowledge and Utilization of Palliative Care Services Through Video Education
Advisors: Dr. Marilyn Faye Hughes

Margaret L. Pierce

Family Nurse Practitioner
BSN, University of Central Arkansas
Project Title: Utilization of a Mobile Translation Application to Improve Patient-Provider Communication with Spanish-Speaking Patients
Advisors: Dr. Angela Anderson

Lakendra S. Ready+

MNSc, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences; BSN, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Project Title Improving Anxiety and Depression Screening for Healthcare Students
Advisors: Dr. Pam Laborde

Jacob Ballard Sandefur

Family Nurse Practitioner
BSN, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Project Title: Improving Education of Patients with Leukemia
Advisors: Dr. Melissa Drake-Rowe

Courtney M. Scarbrough

Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
BSN, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Project Title: Expanding the Medical Assistant Role: A QI Project
Advisor: Dr. Patricia Cowan

Kelli Jo Smith

Family Nurse Practitioner
BSN, University of Arkansas for
Medical Sciences
Project Title: Improving Nurse-Patient
Communication and Patient Satisfaction
in a Surgical Oncology Clinic
Advisors: Dr. Stephanie Thompson and
Dr. Marilyn Faye Hughes

Diane Marie Wood*+

MNSc, University of Arkansas for
Medical Sciences; BSN, University of
Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Project Title: Improving the Client
Experience through Intentional
Rounding
Advisor: Dr. Claudia Barone

Joan LaVonne Tackett+

MNSc, University of Arkansas for
Medical Sciences, BSN, University of
Arkansas for Medical Sciences
Project Title: Moving from D's to A's:
Increasing Tobacco Cessation
Counseling in the Primary Care Setting
Advisors: Dr. Claudia Barone

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Graduate Student Awards

Outstanding Future Nurse Leader Award

Joanna Allison Rostad-Hall

This award is presented in recognition of exceptional potential for outstanding future contributions to the profession as a nurse leader, as demonstrated by excellence in scholastic achievement and professional service.

Kathryn P. “Bucky” Thomas Award

Ann Marie Estes

This award honors Bucky Thomas and was established by Benni Ogden Fambrough. It is in appreciation for Bucky’s faithful service to the College of Nursing. This monetary award will be given to the graduate student who demonstrates kindness, compassion, gives positive encouragement to others, and shows respect for and loyalty to the College of Nursing.

The Veronica McNeirney Award

Justin Goucher

This award is presented in recognition of clinical excellence in the care of seriously ill adults. This excellence has been demonstrated through a humanistic approach, a sense of compassion, and the application of scientific knowledge and judgment in providing nursing care, which reinforces the potential of the client.

Willa Belle Adams Award

Yuliya Cheslavovna Riddle

This award was established by Cyrus S. Adams in memory of his wife, Willa Belle Adams, to honor the nursing care she received. It is an award that recognizes a master’s graduate who exemplifies clinical nursing skills.