

University of Arkansas  
for Medical Sciences



# **College of Nursing Pinning Ceremony**

Baccalaureate  
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, College of Nursing*

## Baccalaureate Program

**Undergraduate Address** . . . . . Taylor Moll  
*BSN Graduate*

**Nightingale Pledge** . . . . . Dr. Nicole Ward

**Virtual Pinning of BSN Graduates** . . . . . Dr. Nicole Ward  
*Director of Baccalaureate Education  
and  
Faculty Representative*

**Presentation of Awards** . . . . . Mrs. Rochelle McFerguson  
*Chair 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.

# **Florence Nightingale Pledge**

(adapted in part from original; author & year  
unknown; given to Dr. Otto by student, May 2003)

I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly. . . to faithfully practice my profession of nursing.

I will do all in my power to make and maintain the highest standards and practices of my profession.

I will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping in the practice of my calling.

I will devote myself to the welfare of my patients, my family, and my

community. I will endeavor to fulfill my rights and privileges as a good citizen.

And take my share of responsibility in promoting the health and welfare of the community

I will constantly endeavor to increase my knowledge and skills in nursing and to use them wisely.

I will zealously seek to nurse those who are ill...

Wherever they may be and whenever they are in need.

I will be active in assisting others in safeguarding and promoting the health and happiness of humankind.

## Bachelor of Nursing Science Graduates

Tania Marely Acevedot  
Zoe Noelle Allen  
Hollis Claire Amberboyt  
Jordan Taylor Amerson†  
Veronica Priscila Arzola-Montoya  
Brittany Beam  
Jacquelyn Benitez†  
Marley Imyneé Brown+  
Rachel Laura Brumit  
Kelley Burlsworth++  
Jenna Elizabeth Burns++  
Jennifer Susan Bustost  
Kendra Kay Byrd  
Kaleigh Michelle Byrne++♦  
Susan Elisabeth Campbell++  
Rachel Elise Chappell†  
Dixie Elizabeth Chism  
Meghan A. Cooley†  
Natalie Rose Crace†  
Katrina Johnson Cuellar†  
Abbey K. Cupp†  
Mary M. Davidson++  
Bonnie Marie Davis++  
Abigail DeSantist  
Ashlie Faith Dintleman  
Mary Frances Dooley†  
Dantrel Deshun Drayer  
Kathryn Annette Drew†  
Jace Christopher Dumast†  
Madison Leann Dunnahoo  
Megumi Ellsworth†  
Elizabeth Pollack Engard  
Alyson Paige Everright++  
Keyana Shanetra Foreman  
Kamryn Forrester†  
Anna Tess Frost†  
Kelsey Patricia Fry  
Taylor Madison Fugatt†  
Alexandria Glenn Fulenwider†  
Ella Noelle Greert  
Alaina Elise Hall  
Lawson Greer Hamilton  
Gisele Hardy++♦\*  
Tayler Lynn Harmon†  
Latisha Harpert  
Emily Grace Haynes  
Patrice Nicole Heard†  
Casey Jayne Heffington  
Hannah Adams Hollenberg++♦  
Lily Elaina House†♦  
Lydia Nicole Howell†  
Lisa Michelle Hull  
Cody Ray Jones++†♦  
Magen Elizabeth Joyce+†  
Kaitlin Elaine Karney++  
Devin Michael King++  
Bethany Paige Knowles  
Hanna Lee+♦  
Mikayla Grace Lemley  
Chloe Ann Long  
Hannah Denise Madanst  
Julianna Elyse Malone  
Samuel Alexander Mason  
Sabrina Elizabeth Maxfield†  
Morgan Ann McClain  
Lauren Marie McCluskey†  
Dana Michelle McIntosh†♦  
Bethany McKnight†  
Taylor Ann Moll  
Hannah Montgomery†  
Kayla Dawn Moody†  
Tiffany Morgan  
Stacy Marie Morris  
Magdalena Navarro  
Dawnre A. Noonon  
Emily Oakhill  
Courtney Lynn Oleson  
Jordan Starr Olson  
Casey Ellen Parker++  
Madison Taylor Phillips

William Gore Pulliam  
Alexis Nadine Rackley  
Paige Marie Reid+†  
Ana Karen Reyes-Guerrero  
Lindsey Delain Reynolds+†♦  
Kelsey Suzanne Rhodes  
Katherine E. Rivas  
Katherine Quinn Rolfe  
Alexander Joseph Mallory  
Rottman+†♦\*^  
Tylachea Lashawn Rucker  
Stefani Ruth Sasca+†♦  
Jericho Scott  
Courtney P. Scroggins+  
Kelsey Slater  
Hayley Elizabeth Houston Smith+†♦\*  
Kelsey Taylor Stacy

Ashton Danielle Tate+†  
Hannah Elizabeth Thomas  
Krista Ann Tressner+†♦\*  
Joshua Vieyra+†\*  
Ashley Morgan Underwood Wade+†  
Bethany Walker  
Hannah Weaver+†♦  
Halle Grace Webb  
Mandy Ann Wermann†  
Emily Savannah West  
Chelsea Jade Wiles  
Kimberly Willis†  
Naudia Willis  
Asiah Janelle Willis-Easter  
Brianna Danielle Winkle  
Kayla Lanette Woods-Gray  
Andrea Charne Worden†  
Carrie Ann Wyatt

\* BSN Honors Program Graduate

+ Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society of Nursing

† University Honors ♦ Nursing Honors ^ Faculty Gold Key

## **Baccalaureate Student Awards**

### **The Faculty Gold Key**

**Alexander Joseph Mallory Rottman**

This award is presented to the BSN graduate who demonstrates academic excellence, leadership in professional and community activities, excellence in nursing practice and personal and professional growth.

### **The Virginia R. Jarratt Award**

**Gisele Hardy**

This award is presented to the BSN graduate who demonstrates scholastic achievement, excellence in the art and science of nursing, awareness of the heritage of nursing and current forces affecting the delivery of healthcare, and performance that reveals appreciation as a caring profession.

### **The Faculty Award for Outstanding Achievement and Contribution**

**Taylor Ann Moll**

This award is presented to the BSN graduate who demonstrates exceptional leadership efforts that enhance student/faculty relationships and who encourages other students to participate in their professional organization.

### **Ina Swetnam Award**

**Abigail DeSantis**

This award is presented by the College of Nursing in honor of Associate Professor Emeritus Ina Swetnam to the graduate who has achieved scholastic excellence and who demonstrates excellence in the care of maternity patients.

### **Gloria Rauch Award**

**Krista Ann Tressner**

This award was established by Drs. Robert & Donna Middaugh in memory of Miss Rauch, professor of nursing at UAMS College of Nursing for 34 years. It honors the pursuit of excellence in nursing care of children, and is presented to the BSN graduate who demonstrates scholastic achievement and excellence in practice with infants, children, and their families.

### **The Outstanding RN to BSN Award**

**Lily Elaina House**

This award is presented to a RN graduate in the outreach program. This BSN graduate demonstrates excellence in nursing practice, professional growth, and community leadership.

### **Daisy in Training Award**

**Meghan A. Cooley**

This award is presented to the generic BSN senior who went above and beyond to deliver extraordinary compassionate care.

## **BSN Student to Student Awards**

### **Nightingale Award**

**Ana Karen Reyes-Guerrero**

This award is presented to the leader who demonstrates a desire to contribute to the nursing profession and has participated in civic and community activities at the state and national level.

### **Nurses' Nurse Award**

**Tania Marely Acevedo**

The recipient of this award is recognized as the nurse that you would most like to care for if you were ill, and whose loyalty lies with the patient first. This nurse shows empathy for patients as individuals.

### **Nursing Excellence Award**

**Cody Ray Jones**

This award is presented to the graduate who demonstrates outstanding class and clinical preparation, and confidence and competence in nursing, and who communicates well, is creative in delivery of care, looks further than the textbook for answers, and assists other students when needed.

### **Most Supportive Student Award**

**Lindsey Delain Reynolds**

This award is presented to the graduate who supports other students through triumphs and trials, facilitates group morale, shares time and talents, and gives sincere positive encouragement.