



RECOGNITION CEREMONY FOR **NURSING GRADUATES**

Virtual Ceremony
Wednesday, May 19, 2021
6:00 p.m.

*Racing to Excellence in Nursing Practice
1979-2021*



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HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

Bowie State University (BSU), founded in 1865 as Normal School Number 3 to train 'Negro' teachers, is the oldest Historically Black College and University in Maryland and one of the ten oldest in the country. Bowie State College joined the University System of Maryland in 1988 and became designated as Bowie State University. Throughout the years, BSU has built upon its proud heritage by providing educational opportunities in a broad array of curriculum areas for a diverse population of students. The number and variety of programs offered at the institution has expanded and broadened throughout its history without losing its primary mission and commitment to the African American community.

The Department of Nursing (DON) is one of four departments in the College of Professional Studies. The DON was established in 1979 to offer the Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) degree. The RN to BSN program was the first and only freestanding baccalaureate nursing program in the state at that time. Two academic programs are offered in the DON: the Undergraduate Program and the Graduate Program. The undergraduate program is the largest program in the University and in the College of Professional Studies. Students are admitted to the undergraduate program into one of three options: Traditional, Accelerated, or RN to BSN Completion. The traditional option was initiated in 2002 and the accelerated program was introduced in 2009. The accelerated option provides students who have earned

a prior degree or extensive transfer credits an opportunity to complete the nursing program in fewer semesters than the traditional option.

The RN to BSN Baccalaureate Nursing program was granted initial accreditation by the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC) in 1988. The Maryland Board of Nursing approved the initiation of a traditional Baccalaureate Nursing Program in the spring of 2001. The baccalaureate nursing program has received continuous accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Nursing Education (ACEN -formerly NLNAC) since 1988.

The Graduate Program was established in 1989. The Master of Science in Nursing degree program provides two areas of concentration: Family Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Educator. Initial accreditation of the graduate program was granted by NLNAC in 1993. The graduate program remains accredited.

Graduates of the undergraduate program in the Department of Nursing are prepared to become leaders, consumers of research and collaborative members of the health care team. Master of Science in Nursing graduates are prepared to implement the Family Nurse Practitioner or Nurse Educator role, engage in research, pursue doctoral study and contribute to health care policies which impact the health of individuals and communities. Our vision is that our graduates will be lifelong learners who will continue racing for excellence in nursing practice.



PROGRAM

Racing to Excellence in Nursing Practice

Processional



Mistress of Ceremonies

Birthele Archie, DNP, MSN, BS, RN
Assistant Professor, Department of Nursing



Greetings

Jacqueline J. Hill, PhD, RN
Chairperson, Department of Nursing

Aminta H. Breau, PhD
President, Bowie State University

Carl B. Goodman, PhD
Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Cheryl H. Blackman, PhD
Interim Dean, College of Professional Studies



Introduction of the Graduate Class of 2021

Family Nurse Practitioner
Master of Science in Nursing

Introduction of the Undergraduate Class of 2021

Bachelor of Science in Nursing



Student Reflections



Graduate Student Peer Awards

Ms. Rosemary Mukira
Graduate Student Representative, Class of 2021

Leadership Award
Empowerment Award
Most Caring Award
Peer Advocate Award



Undergraduate Student Peer Awards

Ms. Briana Gaines
Undergraduate Student Representative, Class of 2021

Warmest Stethoscope Award
Peer Advocate Award
De-Stressor Award
Humor-Healer Award

Department of Nursing Academic Awards

Dr. Euwanna Heard, EdD, MSN, CRNP, APRN, FNP-BC
Graduate Program Coordinator

Dr. Sharon Wilks, PhD, MSN, RN
Undergraduate Program Coordinator



Student Nurses Association Remarks

Cordelia Obizoba, PhD, RN
Assistant Professor

Symbolism of the MSN Medallion

Ms. Rosemary Mukira
Graduate Student Representative, Class of 2021

Symbolism of the BSN Nursing Pin

Ms. Erica Burke
Undergraduate Student Representative, Class of 2021

Ceremonial Medallion for Graduates

Bestowing of MSN Medallion on Graduates

Ceremonial Pinning of Undergraduates

Pinning of BSN Undergraduates



Introduction of Speaker

Jacqueline J. Hill, PhD, MSN, RN
Chairperson, Department of Nursing

Keynote Speaker

Charlotte M. Wood, PhD, MBA, MSN, RN
*President of the Maryland Nurses Association,
Professor & Senior Level Coordinator,
Coppin State University College of Health Professions,
Helene Fuld School of Nursing*

Theme: Was It Worth It?



Nightingale Pledge

Juliana Agubokwu, PhD, MSN, RN
Assistant Professor



Presentation of the Graduates



Recessional



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POST MASTER'S CERTIFICATE OF ADVANCED STUDY, FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER



Zuwena Iddi

*Every accomplishment
starts with the
decision to try.*



Clarisa Quarles-Diallo



Ericka Smith

*Stay Humble
and Hustle Hard!*

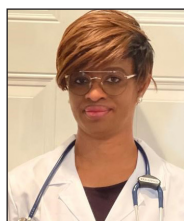
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING, FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER



Mispah Afueh



Gabriela Amaya



Yaa Appiah

God is gracious.

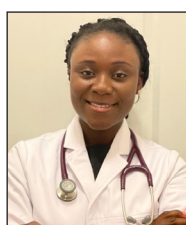


**Woinshet
Bekelejembere**

*Never stay still,
keep moving!*



Rasheeda Blake



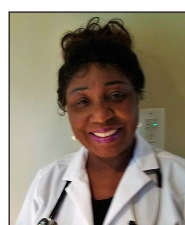
Freda Boateng

*If there's a will,
there's a way.*



Nadege Djeukui

Believe in your potential.



Vida During



Wendy Easterling

Reach for the Stars!



Candice Fisher

We walk by Faith.



Mark Griffith

*Some Superheroes
also wear scrubs!*



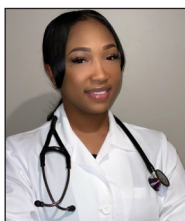
Elin Jacquette

Insist to persist!



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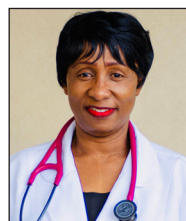
Rachel Jenkins

*She believed she could,
so she did.*



Asha Jinu

*Splendor and majesty
are before him.*



Cecelia Kai



Mijung Kim

Life is good.



Linus Kosgei

*Hang on!
Victory is on the way!*



Jacqueline Marx

*Stay strong and
trust your journey.*



Mariah Mills



Lauren Moody

*Go confidently in the
directions of your dreams.*



Rosemary Mukira

*Faith is taking the
first step.*



Margaret Namubiru

*Whatever you are,
be a good one.*



Eronmwon Okonjo

*Resilience & tenacity
turn plans into reality.*



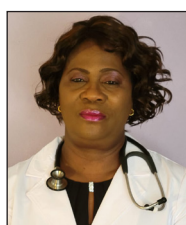
Nihinlola Olaigbe

*Validate your dreams
with persistence.*



Fausat Olayiwola

And still, I rise.



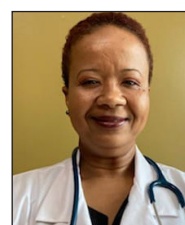
Gloria Onejeme

This far by grace alone.



Barbara Reid

*Failure is success
in progress.*



Sharon Rosemond

*To succeed, be OK
with failure.*



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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING, FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER, CONTINUED



Carlett Teru

Resilience-ability to survive in difficult and challenging times.



Tiffany White

Imagine no limitations.

ACCELERATED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING



Arian Ranchesca Carlos

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING



Gifty Adade



Beatrice Ajongwa

Perseverance is key to success.



Dominique Baker



Tiara Billy



Erica Burke



Chinedu Chiaghanam



Kennon Davis



**Trisha Nicole
Delos Reyes**

Fearlessly pursue what you were called to do.

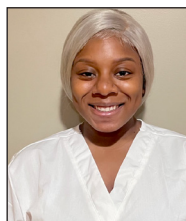


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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING, CONTINUED



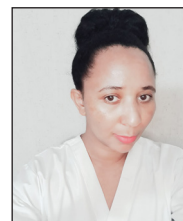
Maria Zsallerdie
Fler M. Fernanadez
Work hard. Pray harder.



Briana Gaines
The comeback is always stronger than the setback.



Jean Gbaye
When life puts you in tough situations, don't say 'WHY ME?' Just say 'TRY ME'.



Ayantu Gemechu
Jesus is Lord.



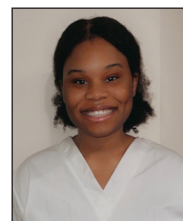
Mariah Gibau
If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you.



Earl Gray
If there is no struggle, there is no progress.



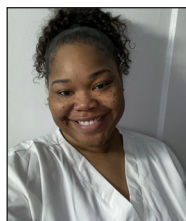
Stephanie Hyacinth
It always seems impossible until it's done.



Valerie Hyacinth



Temitope Ikusika



Tammia Johnson
She believed she could so she did.



Maimunah Kamara



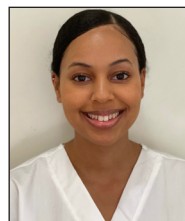
Sussan Mattsson



Winifred Mepha
Believe in yourself and anything you want to achieve is possible.



Maria Miranda



Fauzia Nasralla
Nothing can dim the light that shines within you.



Monique Nelson



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Emmerencia Ngwenyi

*Learning is a treasure
that will follow its
owner everywhere.*



Manfred Nusta

*Be confident in
your abilities.*



Urella Nwabueze

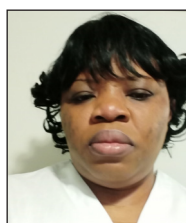
*Save one person, you're
a hero. Save hundreds,
you're a nurse.*



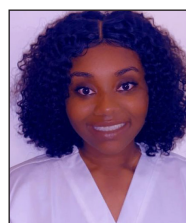
Ashley O'Brien



**Oluwatomiyin
Omotadeadeniyi**



Abigail Opara



Talaya Plowden

*Believing in yourself is the
first secret to success.*



Cheynee Richberg

*What she tackles
she conquers.*



Cynthia Sab

*For with God, nothing
shall be impossible.*



Monica Veney

*If God didn't do it, it
just wouldn't have
gotten done.*



Brittany Williams



DEPARTMENT OF NURSING ACADEMIC AWARDS

The Student of Distinction Award is presented to the undergraduate or graduate student who has distinguished themselves in clinical nursing practice, academic achievement, leadership, and professional or community services during their tenure at the BSU Department of Nursing

The Pioneer in Nursing Award is presented to the undergraduate or graduate student who, in the opinion of the faculty, has persevered in completing all requirements for the degree, despite personal and professional challenges.

The Outstanding Academic Development Award is presented to the undergraduate or graduate student who, in the opinion of the faculty, demonstrated academic growth and progress throughout their academic studies.

The Florence Nightingale Award is presented to the undergraduate or graduate student who has exemplified the application of the most caring nursing behaviors toward her patients/clients. Florence Nightingale is often called "the Lady with the Lamp," and was a caring nurse and a leader. She would enter the British soldiers' wards at night with a lantern in her hand and attend to their physical and psychological needs. Florence Nightingale (1820-1910) was a British nurse, social reformer and statistician. She is known as the founder of modern nursing

The Mary Elizabeth Mahoney Award is presented to the undergraduate student who reported that they are the first one in their family to complete a BSN in a Registered Nursing Program, or to an MSN student who is the first one in their family to complete the same. Mary Elizabeth Mahoney (1845-1926) was the first African American to graduate from the nursing school at the New England Hospital for Women & Children in 1879 at the age of 34. She is known not only for her outstanding personal career, but also for her exemplary contributions to local and national professional organizations. Mahoney inspired both nurses and patients with her calm, quiet efficiency and untiring compassion.

The Certificate of Excellence in Nursing Specialty is presented to the undergraduate or graduate student who demonstrated both theoretical and clinical excellence of caring, compassion, critical thinking, leadership and professionalism in a specialty area.

The Academic Excellence Award is presented to the undergraduate or graduate student who has achieved and maintained the highest GPA during their academic studies. This award is announced after final grades have been posted.

THE NIGHTINGALE PLEDGE

"I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of the assembly to:

Pass my life in purity and to practice my profession faithfully; I will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous and will not take, or knowingly administer, any harmful drug.

I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standard of my profession and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping, and all family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my calling..."

[We pledge to engage in inter-professional collaborative practice with physicians and other healthcare team members to plan and implement individualized, safe, patient-centered care]





THE SYMBOLISM OF THE MSN NURSING MEDALLION

The ceremonious bestowing of the medallion is symbolic of a "rite of passage" which signals the transition from a Bachelor of Science Registered Nurse to the Master of Science prepared Registered Nurse. One who is prepared to sit for the specialty certification as a "Family Nurse Practitioner. The Bowie State University school of nursing medallion is a mark of distinction, rich in history and meaning. The bestowing of the medallion grew out of the concept that can be traced back to the Florence Nightingale era in which the nurses were awarded a badge with a **Maltese Cross**. The wearing of the school medallion is a unique way of recognizing school affiliation. The medallion denotes nursing excellence and service to others. It signifies acceptance of the responsibility of the practice of nursing and the advanced educational level of achievement of the graduate.

The MSN is the degree awarded to graduate students who will receive a medallion with a black ribbon to be placed ceremoniously around the neck. The opened book represents the challenges and accomplishments of the graduates of the program. The Bowie State University flame logo atop the book denotes the flame of faith and the torch of truth that is reflected in the Bowie State University Alma Mata school song.

The double circle represents continual progression and feedback which students engaged in as they completed school requirements. The flow of arches surrounding the pin represents students' diverse cultures, gender, and other characteristics that fulfill the "Great Mission of Bowie State University."



THE SYMBOLISM OF THE BSN NURSING PIN

The Pinning Ceremony is symbolic of a "rite of passage" which signals the transition from student nurse to professional nurse. The school of nursing pin is a mark of distinction, rich in history and meaning. It can be traced back to the concept of heraldry, which is the system of devising and granting insignias for coats of arm. The wearing of the school pin is a unique way of recognizing school affiliation. The pin denotes nursing excellence and service to others. It signifies acceptance of the responsibility of the practice of nursing and the educational preparation of the wearer.

The Bowie State University nursing pin insignia was designed historically by students and faculty to represent the challenges and achievements of the nursing profession. The BS on the insignia was the original degree awarded to RN students, currently they are now traditional nursing students.

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I would like to take this opportunity to immensely thank President, Dr. Aminta H. Breaux, Provost, Dr. Carl B. Goodman, and Dr. Cheryl H. Blackman, the Interim Dean of the College of Professional Studies for their tremendous support in planning and implementing this initiative. A very special appreciation acknowledgment goes to our keynote speaker, Dr. Charlotte M. Wood for her participation and significant contribution through her message, "Was it Worth It." A resounding applause of gratitude is extended to the committee chair and each of the outstanding Recognition-Medallion-Pinning Ceremonies committee members for working cooperatively and productively in a short period of time to ensure the execution of this excellent program to applaud our graduating classes of 2021!!!

We tout kudos to all of the graduates and program participants who have come together to make this celebratory event one to remember!! In addition, many thanks are herald to faculty and all of the ancillary staff who contributed in any manner to bring this presentation to our Bowie State University community, friends and partners. I thank you for coming to join with us as we salute the May 2021 graduating classes!

Dr. Jacqueline J. Hill

Chair, Department of Nursing

