

Bowie State University



Department of Nursing

“Racing to Excellence in Nursing Practice”

1979-2020



Recognition Ceremony for Nursing Graduates

May 27, 2020

Virtual Ceremony

6:00 pm

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	Musical Interlude
Greetings	Jacqueline J. Hill PhD, RN Chairperson, Department of Nursing Aminta Breaux, PhD President, Bowie State University Judith Kirkpatrick, PhD, MBA, MSW Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Tanya Smith Brice, PhD, MSW Dean, College of Professional Studies
Symbolism of the BSU Nursing Pin	Noel Ray Ciocon Class of 2020
Student Reflection Video	Class of 2020
Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc.	Brenda Drayton-Hays, RN Lambda Phi Beta Chapter
Undergraduate Academic Awards	Sharon Wilks, MSN, MPA, RN Instructor, Department of Nursing
Graduate Academic Awards	Euwanna Heard, EdD, CRNP, APRN, FNP-BC Assistant Professor, Department of Nursing
Student Peer Awards	Bebine Noe Class of 2020
Nightingale Pledge	Author Lystra E Gretter Composed 1893
Virtual Pinning of Graduates	Virtual Pinning by Family/Friends
Recessional and Congratulations	Musical Interlude

The Department of Nursing Chair, Faculty and Staff Salute you on your successful academic completion of the Bachelor of Science and Master of Science Nursing program requirements!!

May 2020 Nursing Graduates

MSN, Nurse Educator, Post-Master's Certificate

Brittani Haynes

MSN, Family Nurse Practitioner, Post Master's Certificate – Certificate of Advanced Study

Pushpa Cheriyan

Javon Crocker

Dorian Issac

Ngozi Eboh

MSN, Family Nurse Practitioner

Modupe Adefiyiju

Esther Agajelu

Afuah Ahyapong

Erik Baze

Nnechi Chidueme

Crystal Debeary

Celestine Ekeh

Julius Fokwen Titachu

George-Marie Garber

Rezvaneh Goodarzi

Rasjeswari Gorrepati

Carlitta Harris

Thuy Vy Lyn-Kew

Tracy Muthamia

Grace Offor

Charity Okafor

Lumumba Pierce

Wubit Raru

Cynthia Safo-Mensa

Janice Vaz

Bachelor of Science Nursing Graduates

Traditional Program

Shakirat Bukola Abbas	Onyeka Elvis Iwudyke
Yvonne Bihnwi Abegley	Hawanatu Konneh
Emmaculate Etih Adeck	Gladys Ngitoh Ndibang
Elizabeth Opeoluwa Akinmolayan	Gwendoline Atuh Njang
Ruth Nchumulu Alaaha	Bebine Horine Noe
Samuel Antwi-Boasiakoh	Nwude, Onyinyechi
Clinton Nkemju Bakwa	Felly Nyota
Christina Chantel Becton	Ebere Felicia Okeke
Patience Carr	Olufisayo Omobo
Noel Ray Ciocon	Chinonso Michelle Onyeiwu
Reuben Jay Aguisando Ciocon	Uchenna Caroline Owunna
Florence Lamosi Dogho	Sony Pudasaini
Ashley Sade English	Cynthia Sirri Tembi
Racheal C George	Linda Khadioli Yonge
Catherine A Hardwick	

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Academic Awards

Academic Excellence Award: presented to undergraduate and graduate students who have achieved and maintained the highest GPA during their academic studies.

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

Pioneer in Nursing Award: presented to graduating students who, in the opinion of the faculty, have persevered in completing all requirements for the degree, despite personal and professional challenges.

Outstanding Academic Development Award: presented to graduating students who, in the opinion of the faculty, demonstrated academic growth and progress throughout their academic studies.

Certificate of Excellence in Nursing Specialty: presented to graduating students who demonstrated both theoretical and clinical excellence in caring, compassion, critical thinking, leadership and professionalism in a specialty area.

Student Peer Awards

De-Stressor

Florence Nightingale

Peer Advocate

Warmest Stethoscope

Department of Nursing Faculty

Jacqueline J. Hill , PhD, RN, Chairperson

Full-time Faculty

Juliana Agubokwu, PhD, MSN, RN, Assistant Professor

Birthale Archie, DNP, MSN, RN, Assistant Professor

Kathy Barnes, MSN, RN, Instructor

Doris Clark, PhD, CNE, RN, Assistant Professor

Debra Coppedge, MSN, RN, Simulation Director

Rhonda Gall, MSN, CRNP, GNP, PMHNP, RN, Instructor

Dorothy Glisson, MSN, RN, Instructor

Brittani Haynes, MSN, RN, Instructor

Euwana Heard, EdD, CRNP, APRN, FNP-BC Assistant Professor

Denise Eileen Jarboe, DNP, CCRN, RN, Assistant Professor

Cordelia Obizoba, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor

Tabita Rigsby-Robinson, MSN, RN, Instructor

Doris Scott, PhD, CAGS, RN, Assistant Professor

Sharon Wilks, MSN, MPA, RN, Instructor

Adjunct Faculty

Ms. Foluke Ajuwon

Ms. Josephine Akintonde

Ms. Danielle Artis

Ms. Hirut Belachew

Ms. Surjit Dhariwal

Mrs. Allison Griffith

Ms. Tenni John-Idiagbonya

Ms. Gloria Jones-Benons

Mrs. Lea Lacefield

Ms. Dominique Mbachie

Ms. Javonna O'Brien

Ms. Irene Offor

Ms. Adeyinka Okonkwo

Ms. Patricia Onyemeziem

Dr. Wilberforce Osei

Ms. Kim Redfearn

Ms. Zorica Scur

Ms. Sharian Taylor-Alfred

Ms. Beverly Wagstaffe

Ms. Pamela Young

Staff

Mr. Kenneth Dovale, MS, Academic Advisor

Dr. Malik Adams, DC, Academic Advisor

Ms. Kenja Lewis, BS, Administrative Assistant II

Donna Morgan, BS, NSSC Program Coordinator



The Symbolism of the Bowie State University 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 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 traditional students. The MSN is the degree awarded to graduate students. The opened book represents the challenges and accomplishments of graduates of the program. 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 which fulfill the mission of Bowie State University.

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]

A special thanks to faculty, staff, students and others who made this occasion possible.