



RECOGNITION
CEREMONY FOR

NURSING GRADUATES

VIRTUAL CEREMONY

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Racing to Excellence in Nursing Practice

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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.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

DR. DESTINY-SIMONE RAMJOHN



Dr. Destiny-Simone Ramjohn is proud to serve as Vice President of Community Health & Social Impact with CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, the largest health care insurer in the Mid-Atlantic region. In this role, Dr. Ramjohn leads philanthropic giving and authentic community engagement strategies where people live, learn, work, play, and seek care to drive measurable improvements on health. This intentional alignment of business impact, social impact, and health impact—with an eye toward equity—enables CareFirst to enhance the lives of members and the communities it serves.

Prior to joining CareFirst, Dr. Ramjohn spent five years with Kaiser Permanente as Director of Community Health developing measurement, evaluation, and high-impact strategies for the financial, material, and human resource investments across the Mid-Atlantic region that directly address the social determinants of health and promote health equity. A signature accomplishment was Future Baltimore, a flagship partnership for West Baltimore designed to address inequities that relate to economic opportunity, access to quality care, mental health and community safety in ZIP code 21223.

Creating conditions that promote health equity are at the core of Dr. Ramjohn's personal and professional mission. Her work examines the role of anchor institutions, like universities and health systems, in generating economic

and health impacts that minimize inequities, especially jobs, added years of life from better health, reduced use of emergency departments for primary care, and more. Dr. Ramjohn is a strategic disruptor and innovative change agent, enthusiastically implementing new ideas to ensure that large health systems' policies, programs, and practices are aligned with an equity agenda.

Dr. Ramjohn's work has been recognized through numerous honors and awards. In 2020, she was named one of the Maryland Daily Record's "Very Important Professionals" an honor given to leaders 40 years old and under for their "professional experience, community involvement and commitment to inspiring change." She was also recognized with the Maryland Daily Record's "Healthcare Heroes" award in 2019 for advancements in healthcare innovation. In 2018, she won the Council on Foundations and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary's Award for Public-Private Partnerships. Dr. Ramjohn was appointed by Maryland Governor Larry Hogan to the Community Health Resources Commission (CHRC) which expands access to health care for low-income Marylanders. Since its inception, the CHRC has awarded 266 grants totaling \$77.7 million, supporting programs in every jurisdiction of the state. She is a Board Member of the Maryland Philanthropy Network, a statewide membership association representing more than 130 organizations that together steward more than \$9 billion in charitable assets.

Her research and work are guided by a strong desire to advance health equity using authentically inclusive, empowering, and evidence-based techniques to bring our nation's most vulnerable from the margins of our society to the center of dialogue, advocacy, and power. She earned her doctorate in Sociomedical Sciences from Columbia University. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. Destiny-Simone lives in Baltimore City and actively gives her personal time, talent, and treasure to a range of organizations including the Harbor City Chapter of The Links, Incorporated, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Sorority, Incorporated, Fayette Street Outreach, Roberta's House, Generation Hope, and Leaders of a Beautiful Struggle.

BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY

School of Nursing | Class of December 2021



The Undergraduate Class of 2021

PINNING CEREMONY PROGRAM

"Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now, We're On The Move"

Processional

"Crossover" by Travis Greene

Mistress of Ceremony

Dr. Birthale Archie

*Assistant Professor, Department of Nursing,
Chairperson, Recognition Pinning Ceremony Committee*

Greetings

Dr. Jacqueline J. Hill

Chairperson, Department of Nursing

Dr. Aminta H. Breaux

President, Bowie State University

Dr. Carl B. Goodman

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs

Dr. Cheryl H. Blackman

Interim Dean, College of Professional Studies

Mistress of Ceremony

Dr. Birthale Archie

Introduction of the Undergraduate Class of 2021

Student Reflection

PowerPoint Video

Undergraduate Student Peer Awards

Mr. Birhanu Workie

Undergraduate Student Representative, Class of 2021

Warmest Stethoscope Award

De-Stressor Award

Peer Advocate Award

Humor-Healer Award

Department of Nursing Academic Awards

Dr. Sharon Wilks

Undergraduate Program Coordinator

Student Nurses Association Remarks

Dr. Cordelia Obizoba

Associate Professor

Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., Remarks

Ms. Brenda Drayton-Hays

Mistress of Ceremony

Dr. Birthale Archie

Tribute to Class-Reading

Felista Washington, RN-BSN Program

Symbolism of the BSN Nursing Pin

Ms. Teneisha Henry

Undergraduate Student Representative, Class of 2021

Ceremonial Pinning

Pinning of BSN Undergraduates

Introduction of Speaker

Dr. Jacqueline J. Hill

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Destiny-Simone Ramjohn

*Vice President of Community Health & Social Impact,
CareFirst Blue Cross Blue Shield*

Nightingale Pledge

Dr. Denise Jarboe

Assistant Professor

Presentation of the Class

Dr. Jacqueline J. Hill

Recessional

"Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now, We're On The Move"
by McFadden & Whitehead

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

RN-BSN Program



Felista Washington

Traditional Program



Valerie Antoine



Aissata Balde



Zainab Gafari



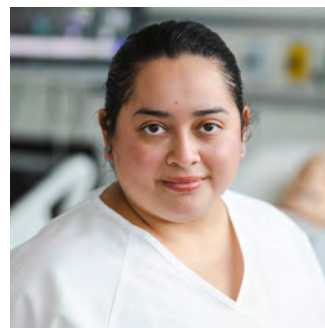
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Justina Jones



Karolyn Martinez



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Amani Williams



A'dora Willis



Birhanu Workie

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

Peer Awards

Warmest Stethoscope Award: This award goes to the scholar with the kindest heart. The one who you can always expect to be on the positive side. No matter what this program has thrown their way they managed to face every obstacle with a smile.

De-Stressor Award: This award goes to the scholar who is always there when you need them. Falling behind on your studies? Not sure what the next assignment is? Don't worry!! You can always count on this scholar to help you get on the right track.

Peer- Advocate Award: "A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way." This scholar is no stranger to leadership. You can always count on this person to be the first to volunteer to speak, present and voice your concerns.

Humor- Healer Award: We all know nursing school can be tough. This is the scholar you turn to when you need a good laugh! Class is going slow? Clinical seems longer than usual? Doesn't matter to you, because you're around the person who makes everything funny.

Academic Awards

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

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

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

Florence Nightingale Award—In the opinion of the faculty, this award is presented to the 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.

Mary Elizabeth Mahoney Award—First African-American Nurse. This award is presented to the student who reported that they are the first one in their family to complete a BSN in a Registered Nursing Program. Mary Elizabeth Mahoney, (1845-1926) was the first African American to graduate from the nursing school at 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.

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

Academic Excellence Award—is presented to an undergraduate student who has achieved and maintained the highest Cumulative Grade Points Average (CGPA) during their academic studies in the BSU Nursing Program. This award will be announced at a later date after final grades have been posted)



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.

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 Great 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]

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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. Destiny-Simone Ramjohn, for her participation and significant contribution through her message an "Address to the Graduates." A resounding applause of gratitude is extended to the committee Chair Dr. Birthale Archie, a very special thanks to Amani Williams, Karolyn Kishia Martinez, and each of outstanding Recognition Pinning Ceremony committee members. A committee that worked cooperatively and productively in a short period of time to transition from a planned face-to-face ceremony to a virtual celebratory event overnight related to changing times.

We tout kudos to the graduating class 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 December 2021 Graduating Class!!!

Dr. Jacqueline J. Hill

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