

COLLEGE OF NURSING

**COMMENCEMENT
& AWARD CEREMONY**

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OF ARIZONA



INTRODUCTION

Emerald Reay, BSN-IH Candidate

PROCESSIONAL

Lorraine Martin Plank, Faculty Chair

WELCOME

Kathleen Insel, Dean (interim)

SPANISH WELCOME

Felipe Jimenez, MS-MEPN Candidate

DEAN'S REMARKS

Kathleen Insel, Dean (interim)

EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS

Kathleen Insel, Dean (interim)

STUDENT AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Kathleen Insel, Dean (interim)

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Sheila Gephart, BHS Division Chair (interim)

Terry Badger, CSHS Division Chair

Cheri Lacasse, RN-MS Program Director

Connie Miller, GNHE Division Chair

DEGREE CONFERRAL

Michael Dake, Senior Vice President, Health Sciences

ALUMNI COUNCIL REMARKS

Melissa Goldsmith, Alumni Council President

CLOSING

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EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS

Kathleen Malkin, Senior Lecturer, RN-MS Program
Catherine Poisel, Lecturer, MS-MEPN Program, Tucson
Vladimir Semin, Lecturer, MS-MEPN Program, Phoenix
Tami Anglen, Lecturer, BSN-IH Program

INCLUSIVE EXCELLENCE

At the College of Nursing, we are committed to Inclusive Excellence by embracing and demonstrating diversity, equity, and inclusiveness throughout all levels of the institution and in the community. We strive to promote inclusive and safe learning environments for all people regardless of background. We uphold that the diversity of our students, faculty, and staff are a resource, strength, and benefit. We also uphold that excellence is inseparable from inclusivity. We respect and honor diverse learning needs and strive to model behavior aligning with the College of Nursing Mission, Vision, and Values. We will not tolerate any demonstrations of discrimination, and any suggestions on how we can improve our learning environments are welcomed. We affirm that all members of the College of Nursing are responsible in upholding this commitment.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We respectfully acknowledge the University of Arizona is on the land and territories of Indigenous peoples. Today, Arizona is home to 22 federally recognized tribes, with Tucson being home to the O'odham and the Yaqui. Committed to diversity and inclusion, the University strives to build sustainable relationships with sovereign Native Nations and Indigenous communities through education offerings, partnerships, and community service.





STUDENT AWARDS & RECOGNITION
OUTSTANDING PHD DISSERTATION AWARD

Christine Platt, PhD-DNP Candidate

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL SYSTEMS
LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Lindsey Werk, RN-MS Candidate

PEARL PARVIN COULTER AWARD

Joseph McBurney, RN-MS Candidate

GLADYS E. SORENSEN AWARD

Dara Wright, MS-MEPN Candidate, Phoenix
Leila Darbouze, MS-MEPN Candidate, Tucson
Deja Taggart, BSN-IH Candidate

JULIA HUBLEY AWARD

Kayla O'Shaughnessy, MS-MEPN Candidate, Phoenix
Katie DiBene, MS-MEPN Candidate, Tucson
Bobbie Vaughan, BSN-IH Candidate

MARY F. JEFFRIES AWARD

Abigail Beckley, BSN-IH Candidate

ALUMNI COUNCIL AWARD

Christian Ozorio, MS-MEPN Candidate

INCATS PROGRAM

Adrienne Troup, MS-MEPN Candidate



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**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING
DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE**

Christine Platt*

*Effects Of A Behavioral Intervention
With Foster Families: A Randomized
Controlled Trial*

Committee Chair: Dr. Sheila Gephart

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING

Sally Martens*

*Self-Concept Development in School-
Aged Children With Congenital Upper
Limb Differences: A Mixed Methods
Study*

Committee Chair: Dr. Terry Badger

Jennifer Montjoy

*Ketamine-Assisted Psychotherapy:
Clinical Outcomes and Self-
Transcendence in Depression and
Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder*

Committee Chair: Dr. Tad Pace

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Sherri Duarte*

*Implementing a Blood Product
Scanning Process for Massive
Transfusion Protocols in a Trauma
Center*

Committee Chair: Dr. Sheila Gephart

Jessica Mattia-Barry

*Making a Difference: Increasing
Provider Comfort Addressing Sexual
Orientation and Gender Identity in
Primary Care*

Committee Chair: Dr. Robin Poedel

Karen Garcia

*Improving Medication Adherence
Through Increased Patient Buy-In In
Primary Care*

Committee Chair: Dr. Renee Gregg

Alexandra Norrlof*

*Telehealth Education for Caregivers of
Children to Improve Liquid Medication
Dosing Accuracy*

Committee Chair: Dr. Kimberly Shea

Belinda Humes

*An Educational Video to Improve
Healthcare Professionals' Knowledge in
Cognitive Screening*

Committee Chair: Dr. Sally Reel

Mary Ann Opoku*

*Adolescent Depression Screening in
the Primary Care Setting*

Committee Chair: Dr. Gloanna Peek

Zainab Jimada*

*The Importance of Self-Measured
Blood Pressure (SMBP) in Diagnosing
and Managing Hypertension*

Committee Chair: Dr. Lorraine Martin
Plank

Ana Marie Rivera*

*Implementing a Pictorial Tool to
Improve Heart Failure Knowledge in
Hispanic Patients*

Committee Chair: Dr. Shu Wung

Abbigael Simpson

*Promoting Youth Mental Health During
Covid-19: The Feasibility of Integrated
Social-Emotional Learning*

Committee Chair: Dr. Shawn Gallagher

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING **Clinical Systems Leadership**

Elizabeth Clemons
Jessica Dempsey
Stephanie Figueroa
Maria Hollopeter
Joan Iwu

Stephanie Jensen*
Mary Johnson
Divya Jose
Aaron Levy
Joseph McBurney
Lindsey Werk

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING **Entry to the Profession**

Brenna Abril*
Brady Adams
Brita Ahlers*
Shanon Andersen*
Andrea Armour
Ashley Barr*
Kaitlin Beck*
Nicole Benatar
Rosine Laure Bouguem*
Mackenzie Bowers*
Rhianna Brard
Evaline Brown
Sangeeta Budworth
Catrina Caltagirone
Christiana Castillo*
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Alexandra Cutler
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Melissa Dahm*
Leila Darbouze
Cassidy DeCausmaker

Katie DiBene*
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
Entry to the Profession

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Kayla O'Shaughnessy

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Christian Ozorio*

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Sierra Padilla*

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Olivia Straub*

Jessica Sullivan*

Hanna Test*

Daniel Thews

Gabrielle Thomas

Lauren Tracey*

Adrienne Troup

Katherine Walter

Angela Wang*

Emily Wheaton*

Ryan Whitehorse

Chloe Wiberg*

Chelsea Wieser*

Madison Wiggins

Ashlynn Williams

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Alexa Wong*

Kalina Worthy

Emma Wright

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING **Integrative Health Pathway**

Daisy Aguilar
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Amanda Christenson
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FOR LIFE!**



STUDENT AWARD DESCRIPTIONS

OUTSTANDING PHD DISSERTATION AWARD

Awarded to a graduating PhD candidate whose dissertation: had an overall impact on nursing science or practice; helps provide a foundation for the nominee's research program or scholarly endeavors; demonstrates independent research; and demonstrates scholarly writing.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP AWARD

Presented to an outstanding RN-MS student who, in an online learning environment, demonstrates transformational leadership skills; collaborative, positive contribution; excellent written and verbal communication skills, and a commitment to leadership excellence.

PEARL PARVIN COULTER AWARD

Presented to an outstanding RN-MS student who embodies the qualities of academic excellence; commitment to nursing; interpersonal relationships with patients, peers and staff; and organizational leadership.

GLADYS E. SORENSEN AWARD

Presented to an outstanding graduating student who demonstrates excellence in scholarly endeavors, a contribution to nursing through presentations, an unwavering commitment to nursing, and excellent communication skills.

JULIA HUBLEY AWARD

Presented to a graduating pre-licensure student who demonstrates a commitment to nursing, clinical excellence, collaboration with health professionals, and excellent communication skills when giving care.

MARY F. JEFFRIES AWARD

Presented to a graduating BSN student who is committed to pursuing graduate studies in Nursing.

ALUMNI COUNCIL AWARD

Presented to a graduating candidate who exemplifies the spirit of Bear Down by giving it all in the classroom, at clinical sites, and through service to others.



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