



**UCF** COLLEGE OF  
**NURSING**  
**RECOGNITION**  
CEREMONY  
FALL **2022**

Zoom | Dec. 15 | 5 pm

# WELCOME



**UCF COLLEGE OF NURSING** celebrates the passage of undergraduate students into the nursing profession and honors graduate students for earning a certificate and/or master's or doctoral degree.

Undergraduate students are recognized with a medallion, while graduate students are draped with a hood.

# ABOUT US

## UCF COLLEGE OF NURSING

With a 40-year history of innovation and excellence, UCF College of Nursing is today ranked among the nation's best nursing programs and prepares nurse leaders in education, research and practice to ensure a healthier future for all. Renowned faculty, including global experts in healthcare simulation, critical care and mental health, lead the college's accredited degree programs that are offered from the baccalaureate to the doctorate at the main campus in Orlando, regional campuses in Central Florida and online.

## COMMUNITY NURSING COALITIONS

The college began its community-based, service-learning nursing curriculum in 1997 when it established seven CNCs in Orange County.

Today, they reach 17 communities across five counties — from Flagler to Brevard and everywhere in between. Our baccalaureate and advanced practice nursing students and their faculty advisors make a visible difference by implementing valuable public health education programs and providing more than 30,000 hours of community service each year to Central Florida's most economically disadvantaged residents.

## SIGMA: GLOBAL NURSING EXCELLENCE

Sigma is the international nursing honor society for global nursing excellence. UCF College of Nursing is home to the Theta Epsilon Chapter of Sigma. Members of Sigma can be identified by their purple honor cords worn distinctly over their black graduation regalia. Dean Sole and Drs. Aroian and Shattell have been inducted into Sigma's International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame for their significant contributions to nursing science. Alumnus Ken Dion '91 is serving on Sigma's board of directors as president.

## HONORS UNDERGRADUATE THESIS PROGRAM

Established in 1989, the Honors Thesis Program is the oldest and most prestigious undergraduate research program at UCF. Students research, write, defend and publish an original honors thesis. Today, the College of Nursing represents the highest proportion of students engaged in the program university-wide.

# NURSING HISTORY



## SIGNIFICANCE OF THE GONFALON

Every college at UCF has a gonfalon—a type of heraldic flag or banner. The term gonfalon comes from the old Italian word “confalone.” The images of the nursing gonfalon were thoughtfully selected to portray the spirit of nursing at UCF:

- **Torch**—representing leadership
- **Florence Nightingale’s lamp**—the global symbol for knowledge in the nursing profession
- **Caring hands**—the essence and foundation of our nursing discipline



## SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NURSING PIN

The nursing pin dates back to the Crusades in Europe when knights provided service to others. The earliest form of the pin, the Maltese Cross, was worn on the tunic placed over a knight’s armor.

In 1855, Queen Victoria presented Florence Nightingale with the Cross of St. George in recognition of the care she provided British soldiers. The pin today uniquely represents the institution from which students obtain their professional education.



## SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HOOD

The practice of hooding at graduation ceremonies also has medieval origins. Wearing the hood was traditionally associated with having superior knowledge. Throughout the Middle Ages, hooding became a symbol of the attainment of a higher degree.

The length of the hood is indicative of the degree attained. The color of the hood’s velvet edging represents the field in which the degree was earned. Apricot signifies a MSN or DNP, while dark blue signifies the PhD in Nursing.

# OUR FACULTY

## COLLEGE LEADERSHIP

**Dean, College of Nursing** Mary Lou Sole, PhD, RN, CCNS, CNL, FAAN, FCCM

**Associate Dean, Academic Excellence** Norma Conner, PhD, RN, FNAP

**Associate Dean, Nursing Research** Carmen Giurgescu, PhD, RN, WHNP, FAAN

**Interim Associate Dean for Simulation and Immersive Technology** Mindi Anderson, PhD, APRN, CPNP-PC, CNE, CHSE-A, ANEF, FAAN

**Assistant Dean of Students** Jessica Simmons, EdD

**Interim Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs** Stephen Heglund, PhD, APRN, FNP-C

**Chair, Department of Nursing Practice** Azizeh K. Sowan, PhD, RN, MSN, MSDA, MBA, FAAN

**Chair, Department of Nursing Systems** Mona Shattell, PhD, RN, FAAN

## ENDOWED CHAIRS

**AdventHealth Endowed Chair in Healthcare Simulation** Gregory Welch, PhD (Computer Science), FNAI

**Beat M. and Jill L. Kahli Endowed Professorship in Oncology Nursing** Victoria Loerzel, PhD, RN, OCN, FAAN

**Bert Fish Eminent Scholar** Angeline Bushy, PhD, RN, FAAN

**Chatlos Foundation Endowed Chair in Nursing** Carmen Giurgescu, PhD, RN, WHNP, FAAN

**Hugh F. and Jeannette G. McKean Endowed Chair** Mona Shattell, PhD, RN, FAAN

**Orlando Health Endowed Chair in Nursing** Mary Lou Sole, PhD, RN, CCNS, CNL, FAAN, FCCM

## NURSING PRACTICE DEPARTMENT

Kelly Allred, PhD, RN-BC, CNE

Mindi Anderson, PhD, APRN, CPNP-PC, CNE,  
CHSE-A, ANEF, FAAN

Christopher Blackwell, PhD, APRN, ANP-BC,  
AGACNP-BC, CNE, FAANP, FAAN

Donna Breit, MSN, RN

Carol Burgunder, MSN, RN, CHSE

Angeline Bushy, PhD, RN, FAAN

Michele Butts, PhD, RN, CCRN

Maureen Covelli, PhD, RN

Leslee D'Amato-Kubiet, PhD, APRN

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Sarah Rose Thornton, MSN, RN, CCRN

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Ladda Thiamwong, PhD, RN

Rajanee Tiwari, DNP, RN-BC

Dawn Turnage, PhD, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

Jayne Willis, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, CENP

# TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

## 5:00 P.M. — CEREMONY BEGINS

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Welcome	Dr. Jonathan Decker <sup>'10PhD</sup>
Call to Celebration	Dr. Mary Lou Sole
Keynote Speaker	Dr. Marchina T. Jones <sup>'10DNP</sup>
Sigma Nursing Honor Society	Dr. Kelly Allred <sup>'07PhD</sup>
Doctoral Degree Recognition	Dr. Steve Talbert Dr. Veronica B. Decker
Master's Degree Recognition	Dr. Sandy Galura
Graduate Certificate Recognition	Dr. Susan Quelly <sup>'07MSN '12PhD</sup>
Bachelor's Degree Candidate Recognition	Dr. Dawn Turnage <sup>'11 '13MSN '15DNP '19PhD</sup>
UCF College of Nursing Alumni Chapter	Kimberly Sarah Bogers <sup>'18 '20MSN</sup>
Pledge for Professional Nurses	All Faculty + Students
Closing Remarks	Dr. Mary Lou Sole

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The College of Nursing appreciates **Orlando Health** and **AdventHealth** for their generous support of the Dean's Excellence Fund and tonight's ceremony.

# GRADUATES

## DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

### *Nursing PhD*

**Lauren Ashley Lebo** | Nursing PhD

*"Social Support and Empowerment Among Caregivers of Children with Asthma"*

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Steven Talbert

**Kimberly Paige Emery** | Nursing BSN to PhD

*"Exploration of the Oral Microbiome in Non-ventilated Hospitalized Patients"*

Dissertation Chair: Dr. Mary Lou Sole

## DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

### *Post-Master's DNP*

**Cathleen Paton** | DNP: Executive Track

*"Community Health Workers' Impact on Vaccine Hesitancy in a Minority Community in South Florida"*

Project Chair: Dr. Christa Cook

**Constance R Stubblefield-Lydon** | DNP: Executive Track

*"Evaluation of Teach-Back Method to Improve Patient Experience of Brachytherapy: A Quality Improvement Project"*

Project Chair: Dr. Sandra Galura

**Holly Ann Mantle** | DNP: Executive Track

*"Reducing Pressure Injuries in Adult Intensive Care Unit"*

Project Chair: Dr. Dawn Turnage

**Sean Michaels** | DNP: Executive Track

*"BCMA Perception and Compliance Using Mobile Devices (BCMA Mobility)"*

Project Chair: Dr. Deanna Beverly

**Stephanie Philips** | DNP: Executive Track

*"Implementation of an Evidence-Based Pre-Surgical Testing Algorithm: The Impact on Ordering of Non-Indicated CXRs, ECGs, and Diagnostic Tests in Outpatient Surgical Patients"*

Project Chair: Dr. Sandra Galura

# GRADUATES

**Elaine D. Polaski** | DNP: Executive Track

*"Implementing a Dedicated Education Unit to Improve Clinical Learning Outcomes of Student Nurses"*

Project Chair: Dr. Stephen Heglund

**Heather Renee Porter** | DNP: Executive Track

*"Utilization of Standardized Supplemental Video Wound Care Instructions for the Home Health Nurse"*

Project Chair: Dr. Elizabeth Kinchen

**Brent Eric Rogers** | DNP: Executive Track

*"RN Mentor Support Program for Novice Nurses"*

Project Chair: Dr. Donna Neff

**Nicole Joy Smith** | DNP: Executive Track

*"A Mentorship Program for Newly Licensed Registered Nurses in Acute Care"*

Project Chair: Dr. Erica Hoyt

**Brigit C. Zamora** | DNP: Executive Track

*"Improving GN Hire Rates in a Progressive Care Unit Through Implementation of a Dedicated Education Unit"*

Project Chair: Dr. Deanna Beverly

**Ada Maryane Arizmendi** | DNP: Advanced Practice Track

*"Improving Access to Screen and Treat Sexual Transmitted Infections With Self-Collected Swabs"*

Project Chair: Dr. Christopher Blackwell

**James Edwin Folkner** | DNP: Advanced Practice Track

*"Quality Improvement in a Diabetes Education Program"*

Project Chair: Dr. Jean Davis

**Nicole Elizabeth Jordan** | DNP: Advanced Practice Track

*"Implementation of Eat, Sleep, Console to Decrease Length of Hospital Stay for Full Term Newborns Exposed to Opioids In Utero: A Quality Improvement Project in a Freestanding Community Pediatric Hospital"*

Project Chair: Dr. Valerie Martinez



# GRADUATES

**Richard Patrick King** | DNP: Advanced Practice Track

*"Revised Complex Wound Order Set for Primary Care Staff at OVAMC"*

Project Chair: Dr. Jean Davis

**Linda Pierre** | DNP: Advanced Practice Track

*"Decision-Making Related to End-of-life Care and Completion of Advanced Care Planning (ACP) in Haitian Women in a Community Setting"*

Project Chair: Dr. Leslee Damato-Kubiet

**Courtney Lea Truax** | DNP: Advanced Practice Track

*"Training Regarding Disinfection: Establishing an Evidence-Based Transition to Proper Disinfection and Management of Shared Patient Surfaces in an Urgent Care"*

Project Chair: Dr. Dawn Eckhoff

# GRADUATES

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

### ***Leadership and Management***

Lily Antoinette Azcona  
Ashley Lauren Bueche  
Corey R. Cook  
Courtney Elizabeth Cushion  
Christopher Douglas Ervolino  
Marissa Kay Jernigan  
Upendo H. Mtango  
Samantha Newfrock  
Misty A. Orr  
Kara Leigh Pasawicz  
Marcie Heather Pegg  
Cristina Conable Phillips  
Katerina Piedra  
Maeghan Autumn Ringer  
Karen Marie Seyfert  
Karen Ann Sullivan  
Rosemarie Palmer  
Robyn Tipton  
Kristy L. Perry

### ***Healthcare Simulation***

Kathleen Hilary Everson  
Michelle Ann Kaleita

### ***Nurse Educator***

Jordan Ryan Bowers  
Stephanie Anne Broughton  
Keturah Jaromyre Corneille  
Sarah Erselyn Duran  
Amanda Elizabeth Gray  
Christelle Wildine Isaac  
Rebecca Dorothy James  
Tatyana Melnik  
Susan Ashley Terry O'Donnell  
Jasmine Patterson  
Jennifer Lauren Tedesco  
Tatiana Thelusmar

## GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

### ***Healthcare Simulation***

Shirley V. Jeffrey  
Bradley McLaughlin  
Maria J. Stacks

### ***Nurse Educator***

Charles Erwin Dugan  
Linda Pierre  
Nancy Margaret Goff

# GRADUATES

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

### *Online RN to BSN*

Muriel Alliance	Yensy Guzman	Monica Enid Ramos
Yamilenia Alvarez-Collado	Victoria Anne Hartwell	Heather Josette Roman
Melinda Appleton	Sandra Denise Horton	Justine Elizabeth Rota
Griffin Charles Sterling Balducci	Kobe Earl Hughes	Maggie Mae Morrow Rountree
Amanda Bennett	Kayla Denise James	Diana Beatriz Sakal
Holly Marie Bennett	Toni James	Natalia Saldarriaga
Jamie Ann Cairns	Brenda Jean-Baptiste	Maggie Addalu Sanderhoff
Ana Maria Camacho	Marsha Rosalyn Jefferson	Nyala Marie Shuler
Joshua Alexander Carlson	Kimberly Sara Lachmanen	Aldjynnie Daphney Simeon
Sasha Chambers	Gabrielle Leroux	Joseph Lewis Simone
Raquel Latoya Champion	Joanne Enith Lopez	Jodianne Small
Xiomara Elisa Coffman	Mariah Kathleen Lopez	Lizbeth Solano
Sara Danielle Colbacchini	Herma Martin	Emily Andrea Sullivan
Latema Cawada Crittington	Jennifer Lyn Massey	Kerline Disedor Thomas
Sha'Niya Javon Edwards	Jamie Young Mincey	Andrew Jeremiah Uyeda
Brianna Alexia Ellis	Kristen Erin Moore	Danielle Velasquez
Marlena Calley Encarnacion	Abigail Nicole Neal	Carina A. Victoria
Mario Triston Forbes	Erycha Malakas Nicolas	Emily Christina Walker
Susan Ann Gibbs	Shivani Patel	Shinique Zelda Wilkins
Ashley Marie Gomez	Kailey Ann Prendergast	Stephanie Lynn Wilmerton
Kimberly Michelle Goodwin	Lindsey Pressa	Shady Dluao Yang
Jessica Carrie Grishaber	Marrissa Carrin Quintana	Amy Yip
	Faith Forough Rajabi	

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

### *Concurrent ASN to BSN Cohorts by Campus*

#### UCF Online, Florida College System

Amy Marie Barley	Danielle Noel Delgado	Itzia Petra Santamaria
Natalie Nicole Baselice	Alyssa Denae LaCambra	Myranda Paige Smith
Conner Steven Beluscak	Megan Diane Link	Austin James Trouard
Maria Fernanda Blanchard Pepper	Jane Maag	Keyona Ranae Lee Vega
Giulianna Daniela	Tiffany Lea Neal	Kaile Ann Wright
Colmenares Duque	Lillian Jeannette Rankin	LaShai Shonee Wyatt
	Alyssa Jo Russo	

# GRADUATES

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*Concurrent ASN to BSN Cohorts by Campus*

### UCF Connect, Seminole State College

Francia Nicole Acevedo Nunez	Skylar Ellyse Gruber	Ambika Sevita Pancham
Allyson Selin Adak	Sebastien Leopold Guillaume	Joanne Ngan Pham*
Nicole Jomar Disca Blas	Angela Renise Faltado Guinto	Ashley M. Poure
Rachel Ann Brost	Juan S. Henao	Brett Colin Radenhausen
Lara Valene Bularzik	Sierra Jade Hosier	Kailani Rose Ramos
Christian Michael Carcioppolo	Rebecca Sze-Wah Hui	Madison Jean Reidy
Michael Corbisiero	Abigail Grace Jackson	Elizabeth Louise Roth
Zachary Aristotle Cranas	Abigail June Kellie	Justin Thomas Schoonover
Chandler Brooke Crawford	Daniella Elizabeth Klima	Devanshi Shah
Lydia Marilyn Cruz*	Holly Allyn Knecht	Brandon J. Sims
Pierre Jerry D'orgeat	Amanda Sarah Koplovitz	Aaron Nathaniel Smith
Olivia Lynn Davis	Karla Guadalupe Lara	Brittany Ann Stephan
Michelle Ann Decker	Madison Kate Leaphart	Taylor Lynn Storm
Anna-Nicole Didier	Ngan Ngoc Kim Luong	Melinda Sue Strayer
Rachel Frances Estabrooks	Preeti Luthra	Solimar Kaya Strouse
Samantha Figueroa	Madison Taylor Meyer	Nicole Subirana
Shay Lynn Fincher	Berona Michelle Muro	Sabina Edith Swanson
Victoria Lee Galanty	Wilson Nguyen	Caroline Elizabeth Tarpley
Julianne Townsend Gay	Nicole Melissa Nunez	Laura Villasante-Ramos
	Mariah Kelly Owens**	Claudia Villasante-Ramos
		Denaiah Kapree Williams

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

*Concurrent ASN to BSN Cohorts by Campus*

### UCF Connect, Valencia College

Deneshia Alethia Brown	Sabrina Jahan	Jason McRoberts
Carlee Morgan Burnett	Jonathan Tridev Jewram	Gulnozakhon Mirjumaeva
Shanique Selena-Gay Fagan	Erica Alleri Juarez	Nichole Kimberly Nelson
Sarah Greene	Emily Nicole Kortum	Helena Lynette Reichner
Catterina Maria Guerrero	Erin Patricia-Margaret Manock	Kiara Paola Rivera
Chloe Trinity Habibzadegan	Erin Julia Moran McClellan	Corrine E. Sylvain
		Gloricelis Torres

\* = Cum Laude

\*\* = Magna Cum Laude

# RECITE THIS PLEDGE

## A PLEDGE FOR PROFESSIONAL NURSES

As I complete this phase of my professional nursing education, I pledge to:

- Care for all clients with compassion and respect for human dignity.
- Maintain confidentiality concerning the clients for whom I provide nursing care.
- Safeguard all clients from incompetent, unethical or illegal practice of others.
- Assume accountability for the quality of care I render, including my judgments and actions as a nurse.
- Maintain competence in my nursing practice.
- Collaborate with other members of the healthcare team to provide optimum care for my clients.
- Educate clients and the community about wellness and illness.
- Advance the profession of nursing by evidence-based practice, promoting standards of care, being politically active, and participating in professional organizations.

*Adapted from Florence Nightingale Pledge and the American Nurses Association Code for Nurses*

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

During our time together, you have demonstrated commitment toward your patients, your community and the healthcare environment as a whole. You have made personal sacrifices to accomplish your academic goals. You have gained new knowledge and learned to make a difference by thinking in new ways and challenging the status quo.

You are the future of nursing—you are scholars, role models and nurse leaders. Thank you for letting us share in your journey of professional and personal growth.

**We are proud to call you a  
UCF KNIGHT NURSE!**

# HONOR YOUR GRADUATE

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As a graduating student a gift of \$20.22 will give you a graduation cord as a thank you gift.

Honor your graduate and help the UCF College of Nursing charge on into the future with a gift back to the college. Contributions given in honor of your graduate in the amount of **\$20.22** – his or her class year – will support nursing excellence at UCF and the college's vision of becoming a **21st century leader** in health professions education by transforming nursing practice through innovations in education and research.

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**Every patient deserves a UCF Knight nurse!**

## STAY IN TOUCH #KNIGHTNURSES

After graduation stay connected with the College of Nursing to receive invitations for alumni events, career links and continuing education opportunities. We want to highlight and share your achievements in our monthly e-newsletters and annual college magazine. Keep us informed by submitting a class note online at [ucfalumni.com/concontactupdates](http://ucfalumni.com/concontactupdates).



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