

Commencement

SPRING SEMESTER 2022



ROSS AND CAROL NESE COLLEGE OF NURSING

Saturday, May 7, 2022
Eisenhower Auditorium
4:30 p.m.



PennState



National Anthem

by Francis Scott Key

O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming;
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Alma Mater

by Fred Lewis Pattee

For the glory of old State,
For her founders, strong and great,
For the future that we wait,
Raise the song, raise the song,

Sing our love and loyalty,
Sing our hopes that, bright and free,
Rest, O Mother dear, with thee.
All with thee, all with thee.

When we stood at childhood's gate,
Shapeless in the hands of fate,
Thou didst mold us, dear old State,
Dear old State, dear old State.

May no act of ours bring shame
To one heart that loves thy name,
May our lives but swell thy fame,
Dear old State, dear old State!

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To Our Guests

We welcome you to the commencement exercises for baccalaureate degree candidates.

Commencement, the solemn but joyful climax and recognition of the graduates' years of study, is an important occasion to the University, its faculty, staff, and students. All guests and participants are requested to avoid unnecessary conversation or moving about during the exercises.

Only authorized press and University photographers are permitted on the floor to take pictures once the exercises are in progress.

When the processional party enters at the beginning of the ceremony, the audience rises. They remain standing until all members of the platform party have taken their places on the platform and during the singing of the national anthem.

Applause should be withheld during the presentation of the individual candidates; however, they may be applauded after all candidates have been recognized.

Following the singing of the alma mater, there is a recessional. We request that the audience remain seated during this period.

Eisenhower Auditorium

A FIRST AID STATION is located in the cloakroom in the right lobby area.

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DEAR GRADUATES

Congratulations!

Today marks a milestone—a time to reflect, celebrate, and be proud of your many accomplishments, as well as look forward to a new beginning as a professional nurse.

This is an exciting time in health care, and nurses are leading many of the changes. Your academic achievement and the experiences you have gained at Penn State provide you with the potential to ultimately impact the lives of many and be part of shaping the future direction of health care. Grasp the many opportunities that lie ahead; be courageous in your approach to life and believe in yourself. You have already changed lives with your dedication and commitment to excellence.

You chose Penn State and we are so proud that you did. We know you will represent the best of Penn State Nursing. As you wear the nursing pin you will receive today, remember that your contributions to the profession symbolize the Penn State Nursing family.

As you begin the next part of your journey, you are not alone. You will join a group of Penn State Nursing alumni who provide expert care to clients and families, affect the health care delivery system through practice and research, and create policy that improves health care for all. Be inspired and motivated to embrace the profession of nursing. A rewarding career of lifelong opportunities awaits you.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, students, and alumni in the Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing, we commend you on this graduation day and wish you the very best.



Laurie Badzek, LLM, JD, MS, RN, FNAP, FAAN
Dean and Professor, Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing



Raymonde A. Brown, PhD, RN, CNE
Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education,
Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing



Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree Program

Academic Processional

Performed by Centre Brass

National Anthem

Led by Katrina Cole

The audience is asked to join in the singing.

Presiding

Nicholas P. Jones, BE, MS, PhD

Executive Vice President and Provost of the University

Laurie A, Badzek, LLM, JD, MS, RN, FNAP, FAAN
Dean, Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing

Commencement Address

Toni R. Ardabell, MSN, MBA

Chief, Clinical Enterprise Operations
Inova Health

Authorization to Confer Degrees

Valerie Detwiler, BS

Member, Board of Trustees

Recognition of Meritorious Achievement

Dean Badzek

Recognition of Student Marshal

Dean Badzek

Recognition of Military Commissions

Dean Badzek

Conferral of Degrees

Provost Jones

Induction into Alumni Association

Megan Verbos, BSN, Esq.

President, Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing Alumni Society Board

Alma Mater

Led by Katrina Cole

The audience is asked to join in the singing.

Recessional

The audience will please remain seated.

Commencement Nomenclator

Chris Garrison, PhD, RN, CNE, CHSE

Associate Teaching Professor

Commencement Speaker

Toni R. Ardabell
Chief, Clinical Enterprise Operations
Inova Health

Toni Ardabell serves as Chief of Clinical Enterprise Operations for Inova. In this role, she leads all clinical sites of care and 11 service lines.

This is Toni's second tour at Inova. She spent 28 years in a variety of positions starting as a staff nurse in critical care at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.

In addition to her primary role with Inova, she serves as executive sponsor for Inova's Community Health Work, Equity & Outcomes, and Sustainability. She takes a special interest in Forensic Nurses & Anti-Human Trafficking work. She is also the co-sponsor for Inova's Women's Team Member Resource Group.

Having joined Inova with more than twenty years of experience, Toni demonstrates practical, innovative leadership to meet today's dynamic healthcare industry challenges. Driven by a passion for the health and well-being of our community, she exemplifies a servant leader with particular interest addressing the needs of the underserved.

Prior to re-joining Inova, Toni was the Chief Executive Officer of Bon Secours Virginia, where she enhanced clinical access and efficiency focusing on patient access and experience. In addition, she launched the clinically integrated Network CENERGY with more than 800 physician partners in the Richmond market as well as partnering to create a Bon Secours insurance product for small employers.

Ever community minded, Toni created the Richmond Community Health Coalition in partnership with Bon Secours and community leaders, underscoring pediatric asthma and trauma informed care and launched the Sarah Garland Jones Center for Healthy Living to improve the health and well-being of residents of the East End of Richmond. The organization also partnered with Safe Harbor to open two shelters for victims of human trafficking. Recognized for her work, she has been bestowed the Distinguished Alumni Award from Penn State, cited as one of the YWCA's 2016 Outstanding Women, named Remarkable Woman of the Year by the Richmond Urban League, and selected by Richmond's Style Weekly for the Executive Woman in Business award.

Toni received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Pennsylvania State University, her Master of Science in Nursing (Cardiovascular) from Catholic University of America, and her Master of Business Administration from Marymount University.

Follow Toni on Twitter @InovaHealthToni.

Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing Marshals



Student Marshal

Colleen Swift, daughter of Doreen and Michael Swift of Setauket, NY is graduating with a 4.0 grade-point average. Swift is a member of the Beta Sigma chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. She has qualified for the Dean's List (grade-point average of 3.5 or above for enrollment in a course load of 12 or more credits) for eight semesters of her studies. She is the recipient of the President's Freshman Award for students who earned a 4.0 cumulative grade-point average during their first semester. Swift received the Sparks Award which is for students who have earned a 4.0 cumulative grade-point average based on at least 36 (but not more than 59) graded Penn State credits, and she is the recipient of the Evan Pugh Scholar Award. Swift was involved in various extracurricular activities, including Penn State's Irish Dance Team Rince Na Leon, serving as the performance chair and treasurer. Additionally, she was active in THON as a member of the Rules and Regulations Committee, and she was a member of the Student Nurses' Association of Penn State (SNAPS). Swift's externship was with Inova Health System in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Inova Fair Oaks. After graduation, Swift will assume a role with Georgetown University Hospital in their Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Swift will be escorted by the Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing faculty marshal, Beth Ann White, assistant teaching professor in nursing.



Faculty Marshal

Beth Ann White, DNP, CRNP, ANP-C, CNE has been an assistant teaching professor since 2017. She received the 2018 DNP Student Champion Award from the Penn State Tressa Nese and Helen Disvekich Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence where she holds affiliate faculty status. Dr. White also received the 2020 Janet

A. Williamson Excellence in Teaching Award from the Penn State Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing. Dr. White has chaired the Academic Integrity Committee since 2018, is the NURS 305 Focus Group Facilitator, and is the University Park ExamSoft Super User. She is currently participating with the ECHO LTC RISE Project with the Penn State College of Medicine. In addition to teaching, Dr. White continues to practice as a CRNP for Geisinger, and she sits on the Board of Directors for the Primary Health Network, which is the largest FQHC in Pennsylvania. Dr. White is a graduate of Geisinger School of Nursing where she received her diploma in nursing. She received her bachelor's degree in nursing, master of science degree in nursing with an Adult Nurse Practitioner option, and a doctor of nursing practice degree with an emphasis on leadership from Penn State.

The Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing

The college's mission is to improve the health of all people in Pennsylvania, the nation, and the world by developing qualified nurse leaders at all levels of practice, developing nursing science related to health and health care, and providing nursing care to individuals, families, and communities. The college works to fulfill that mission through integrated programs of nursing education, research, scholarship, and outreach.

The Penn State Board of Trustees officially authorized the first undergraduate nursing program in 1964. That fall, twenty-two students were admitted to the program. Since then, the program has grown through the creation of a master's degree program in 1973, the introduction of a Ph.D. program in the late 1990s, and the launch in 2014 of Penn State's first online professional doctoral degree program, the doctor of nursing practice (D.N.P.), offered through Penn State World Campus.

In 1989, the trustees approved the creation of the School of Nursing from what had previously been a department within several Penn State colleges. The school became an independent academic unit in 2008 and was granted college status in 2013 with an organizational structure consistent with other Penn State colleges. In 2021, the college was the recipient of a transformational gift from Ross and Carol Nese and in return, the University's Board of Trustees opted to recognize their generosity by renaming the college.

The college's research-intensive learning environment contributes to improving health care through nursing science. Interdisciplinary research with vulnerable populations is the hallmark of research conducted in the Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing.

Today, the college annually enrolls more than 2,200 undergraduate students and 200 graduate students. More than 100 faculty members teach at twelve campus locations and online via Penn State World Campus where students can pursue a range of degree and certificate programs.

About the Nursing Program

Nursing offers worldwide opportunities for leadership in health care practice, research, and policy development. Nursing professionals are in demand in all areas of practice, including acute care, private practice, long-term care, and outpatient clinics. Penn State's undergraduate Nursing program incorporates a strong foundation of natural sciences, humanities, communications, and social and behavioral sciences. The curriculum includes courses in acute and chronic care as well as specialty care such as geriatrics, pediatrics, and obstetrics. Students obtain clinical experience in a variety of health care facilities, including local and regional medical centers such as Mount Nittany Medical Center and Penn State Health, Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. The bachelor of science in nursing (B.S.N.) degree program is approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Program Notes

The B.S.N. degree is conferred after the satisfactory completion of eight semesters of study.

MILITARY COMMISSION: Students who have satisfactorily completed the advanced course in military, naval, or air science may be granted commissions upon graduation. Military and air science graduates are commissioned as second lieutenants; naval science graduates may be commissioned as ensigns in the Navy or second lieutenants in the Marine Corps.

HONORS GROUP: This group represents those students who are graduating with distinction (honors). They are divided into: Summa Cum Laude (top 2 percent), Magna Cum Laude (top 4 percent), and Cum Laude (top 6 percent). This list was produced April 15 as an unofficial list of graduating students earning honors.

EVAN PUGH SCHOLARS: The Evan Pugh Scholars are students who were in the upper 0.5 percent of their respective classes at the end of the semester. All have been full-time students for at least four semesters prior to selection.

SCHREYER HONORS COLLEGE: This is Penn State's University-wide honors program for academically exceptional students. The goals of the college are to provide an environment in which students of high ability and motivation can achieve their academic potential and develop as responsible civic leaders and global citizens. The curriculum is designed to challenge students, enrich and broaden their general education, and deepen their preparation for graduate study or a profession. A Schreyer Scholar's progress in her or his field of specialization is enhanced by special courses, independent study and research, graduate courses, honors option work in regular courses, and opportunities for informal discussion with faculty and prominent visitors to the campus. Honors degrees are awarded to those who successfully complete an honors thesis. Students graduating as Schreyer Scholars are noted with an asterisk (*).

Schreyer Scholars are wearing bronze medals on blue ribbons in recognition of their honors degree. The medals, designed by sculptor John A. Cook, professor emeritus in the College of Arts and Architecture, carry the inscription "intellectual curiosity • integrity of purpose • scholarly achievement."

Undergraduate Student Awards

Alyssa Tygh received the Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing Alumni Society Undergraduate Student Service Award (for graduating seniors who support the ideals of the college and the nursing profession by engaging in service activities that support individuals, families, or communities and foster the student nurse's personal and professional development).

Megan Harshbarger received the Kim Gedney-Guzik Award (presented annually to a student who excels clinically, exhibits strong academic qualifications, and shows emerging leadership attributes).

Courtney Healy, Heidi McNally, Colleen Swift all received the Beta Sigma Student Achievement Award, presented to those who are newly inducted members of Beta Sigma Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International and have maintained a grade-point average in the top one percent of his/her class.

Candidates For Degrees

This program contains the list of students who indicated their intent to graduate as of April 15, 2022. Students who indicated their intent to graduate after that date, or were approved to participate in commencement but have not completed all degree requirements, are not listed.

Subject to completion of all degree requirements and satisfaction of minimum criteria, distinction may be conferred as indicated upon the individuals listed herein and upon such others as may meet the requirements.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) Degree Program

Lynda Abi-Daher	Hanna C. Evans
Oksana Aksenov	Allison Feeney
Caitlyn Marie Albarran	Alexandra E. Fitzgerald
Jillian Grace Albertson	Casey Elizabeth Flanagan +
Isabella Annunziata	Shannon Flynn ++
Christina Arde	Jalen Fowler +
Diana Carolina Arias	Jacquelyn B. Galang
Jordyn Lindsay Aurora	Giovanna Gatto
Susan Bartholomew	Kaycie Gerrity +
Morgan Elizabeth Bauer	Paige Elizabeth Gillespie ++
Maria Joanne Beer * +	Edwina Gilman
Brooke Behanna	Ryan Gleason ++
Anna Beno ++	Sara Goldstein
Elizabeth Boucher	Gianna Kathleen Gordon ++
Renee Marie Boudreau ◊◊	Tyler Guarino
Emma Aisling Brady ++	Darianna Gutierrez-Luengas
Meghan Brown	Fiona Hally
Alyssa Bubel	Erin Margaret Handy
Hilary Patricia Burns ◊	Shannon Hanrahan
Alayna Marie Cappelli +++	Chelsea Harris
Shannon Marie Choate ++	Jill Harshbarger
Carlo Anthony Ciccotelli	Megan Harshbarger
Kristen Marie Cincotta	Rebecka Ann Hart
Phaedra Damianos Conroy	Allyson Hadley Hayford
Jessica Conti *	Courtney Rose Healy +++ (1)
Jennifer Costello	Brooke Elizabeth Heffler ++
Caitlin Mary Davidson	Kaitlyn Elise Heintz
Nicole De Stio	Holly Heisey
Kathryn DeJohn	Devin Grace Hennessey
Adiyah Dempsey *	Beth Hoffer
Kimberly Ann DiNapoli	Alexus Christina Howell +++
Isabella DiNardo	Kamryn Alexis Hubeny
Lianne Isabelle Dimalanta	Colleen Elizabeth Hughes +
Sophia L. Dorazio +	Taylor Rae Hux ++
Nicole R. Dunkley +	Jacqueline Michelle Izzo
Lauren G. Eadie	Yea Jin Jang
Devan Elizabeth Eickhoff ++	Cheyenne McKenna Johnson

Leah Aubrey Jordan
 Alyssa Kaveney ++
 Emily M. Kearns +++
 Melissa Keefer
 Sydney Elizabeth Kegerreis ++
 Eileen Kissling
 Colin Krumpe
 Gabriela Rose Lazar
 Victoria Lemon
 Lindsay Marie Levindoski
 Isabel Virginia Licosati
 Arli Logan Mach
 Lindsey Anna Macrae
 Joyah Magee
 Gabrielle Major
 Kellie Marie Malaney
 Christen Marante
 Coriana Marie Masslofsky
 Jennifer Mayes
 Shawn Lawrence McBryde
 Devin McClain
 Kayla McClernand
 Sarah McClintic
 Kailyn McCoy
 Tara Rose McGinn
 Kaelen Makenna McMullin
 Heidi Nicole McNally +++ (1)
 Crystal Elizabeth Mendez Solimando
 Kezia Mlenga
 Carolyn Molnar +
 Emily Josephine Mullin
 Abbey Grace Nicol
 Taylor Nicole Nieves-Sosa
 Jake Novroski
 Alexis Kristin O'Hara
 Emily Olivier
 Ashley Paige Patten ++
 Emily Victoria Petersen
 Wendy Plumb
 Melissa Prochotsky
 Claire Elizabeth Quillen
 Molly Raimondo
 Leslie Rang
 Rebecca Marie Ray +++ (1)
 Austin Reed
 Julia Reilley ++

Charlotte Mary Reisner
 Margaux Anne Rice
 Larissa S. Richard *
 Benjamin Jacob Riffard
 Hannah K. Ringeisen
 Jordan Ashley Rodak +
 Ashley Michelle Roeske
 Juliana Rose Roldan
 Madison Leigh Ryon
 Sophia Grace Salvi
 Alexandra Julia Sammartino
 Erika Noelle Samson
 Alexandra V. Schrank
 Aleya Nicole Shaffer
 Lori Shoumlisky
 Noelle Simoes
 Erica Jo Simonsen
 Jessica Elizabeth Sinclair
 Daniel Skroly
 Grace Michele Slaman
 Farryl Daine Sopinsky
 Julianna Sporn
 Maura Stokarski
 Jessica Kaitlyn Stranieri +
 Sarah Elizabeth Swartz
 Colleen Keenan Swift +++ (1)
 Rylee Jeanne Szemenyei
 Sarah Anne Telsey
 Morgan Rachel Titus
 Erika Leigh Tobacco
 Nia Tomlinson * +
 Naomi Jacquelyn Torres
 Amaya Gabrielle Tucker
 Alyssa Tygh
 Taylor Renae Tyson ◊
 Olivia Marie Vasti +
 Hannah Raelle Vetter
 Gillian Villano
 Noelle Marissa Villella
 Danielle Voyses
 Rebecca Wanner
 Ella Ward
 Maria Lenore Weil ++
 Maggie Rose Welty
 Hanako Wise
 Kayla Andrea Wondoloski

Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing Alumni Society

We invite all new graduates to join the Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing Alumni Society. One of the newest college alumni societies under the Penn State Alumni Association, the Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing Alumni Society helps graduates stay connected with one another, the Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing, and the Penn State community at large.

We engage alumni, students, faculty, and staff through various programs such as the Shirley Novosel Distinguished Nursing Alumni Award and Student Service Awards, the Mentoring Program, tailgates, Spring Alumni Weekend, and regional networking events.

You automatically become a member of the Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing Alumni Society when you join the Penn State Alumni Association (first year is free) and select the Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing as your affiliated college.

We look forward to having you join us!

alumni.psu.edu/newalumni

* Schreyer Scholar
 + Cum Laude
 ++ Magna Cum Laude
 +++ Summa Cum Laude
 (1) Evan Pugh Scholar

Military Commissions
 ◊ U.S. Army
 ◊◊ U.S. Navy

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