University of Michigan School of Nursing

2021 Commencement

Saturday, May 1, 2021, 2:30 P.M.
The University of Michigan School of Nursing answers the call to meet unprecedented needs in an uncharted era of health care. Being part of a premier research university and maintaining close ties with the renowned Michigan Medicine, we dare to use our knowledge, innovation and compassion to advance the public good. We bring the struggles of patients and the situations encountered in practice back to the research and educational missions of our school. That’s how we find solutions and create top nursing scientists, educators and leaders.

More than 130 years of demonstrated excellence have contributed to our consistent ranking among the nation’s top schools of nursing. We enroll approximately 1,000 students in baccalaureate, master’s and doctoral programs and have more than 100 faculty members. A strong academic environment fully engages our school community with academic and practice partners worldwide.

With commitment to diversity and a global reach we are proud to graduate the next generation of nurse leaders and champions for all.

We believe that diversity is an essential element of nursing excellence and health care innovation. As such, the U-M School of Nursing is committed to building a community that reflects the diverse world in which we live. Following this guiding principal of our institution allows us to work together to cultivate an environment of mutual respect for diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives. The U-M School of Nursing will continually strive to advance efforts that build enlightened leaders that can affirm and engage differences to foster a more inclusive and equitable community.
Dear Graduates,

Today, the University of Michigan School of Nursing community celebrates your achievements at a pivotal moment for our profession.

Through countless hours of hard work amid extraordinary circumstances, you have earned a degree that signifies to your colleagues, patients and the public that you are among the most highly skilled nursing clinicians and scholars in the world. Your graduation today marks an important milestone and connects you to our institution for a lifetime.

The decision to pursue a nursing degree is not easy. I encourage you to pause and reflect on the many experiences that led you to this moment. Your character, commitment and compassion helped you succeed in your nursing education and will propel you throughout your career, no matter the path you choose.

You are a leader. You are the best. You are a Michigan Nurse. Celebrate this moment, and go forward with confidence to change the world.

Congratulations, and forever Go Blue!

Patricia D. Hurn, Dean
University of Michigan School of Nursing
Order of Exercises
(The ceremony will be hosted on the Hopin “Main Stage” unless otherwise noted.)

Welcome
Stephen Strobbe, Ph.D., RN, PMHCNS-BC, CARN-AP, FIAAN, FAAN
Chair of Faculty

Remarks
Patricia D. Hurn, Ph.D., RN, FAAN
Dean

Presentation of Teacher of the Year Award
Patricia D. Hurn

Remarks on Behalf of the Students
HaEun Lee, Ph.D.
Kristiana Hila, DNP
Margaret Smith, BSN

Commencement Speaker
Kevin Sowers, MSN, RN, FAAN
President, Johns Hopkins Health System
Executive Vice President, Johns Hopkins Medicine

Presentation of Degrees
(Please visit the designated Hopin “session rooms” for each of the following degrees.)
Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Graduates
Doctor of Nursing Practice Graduates
Master of Science in Nursing Graduates
Bachelor of Science in Nursing Graduates

Greetings to the Graduates
Karen Hollingsworth, RN, MS, CPHIMS
Alumni Society President

Closing Remarks
Patricia D. Hurn

The Victors/Finale
We invite guests to join in the singing
See inside back cover for lyrics
Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing

Melissa L. Harris, Ph.D., BSN, RN
Experiences of Family Caregivers and the Use of Non-Pharmacologic Care Strategies for Community Dwelling Older Adults with Dementia
Chair: Marita G. Titler, Ph.D., RN, FAAN

HaEun Lee, Ph.D., BSN, RN
Understanding the Association of Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILCs) Participation and Household Wealth and Access of Reproductive Health Services (RHSs) in Rural Zambia
Chair: Jody R. Lori, Ph.D., CNM, FACNM, FAAN
Abigayle Alger  
Implementing Standardized Post-Intensive Care Unit Education in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Elizabeth A. Duffy, DNP, RN, CPNP

Alexis Kathryn Green  
Improving Outcomes Through Diabetes Standardization of Care: A New Care Delivery Model at the University of Michigan Student-Run Free Clinic  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Laura Gultekin, Ph.D., FNP-BC

Ibtihal Alghanimi  
Fall Risk Awareness Bundle  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ray Blush, DNP, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC

Megan Leigh Harris  
An Educational Intervention for Nurses: Evidence Based Approaches for Providing Trauma-Informed Care to Children and Adolescents with Cancer or Receiving Bone Marrow Transplant  
Chair: Dr. Yasamin Kusunoki, Ph.D., MPH

Jaclyn Ann Chadderdon  
Enhancing Cultural Humility: A Nursing Practice Council Initiative to Enhance Care for LGBT Patients  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Laura Gultekin, Ph.D., FNP-BC

Lela Hickonbottom  
Direct Care Worker New Hire Training Program Evaluation  
Chair: Dr. Sarah A. Stoddard, Ph.D., RN, CNP, FSAHM

Mary Ann Cherenzia  
A Family Centered Motivational Interviewing Intervention to Improve Outcomes for Pediatric Obesity Patients  
Chair: Dr. Yasamin Kusunoki, Ph.D., MPH

Alyssa Clark  
Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Practitioner Students’ Knowledge, Skills, and Attitudes Towards Screening for Adverse Childhood Experiences  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Heather Jones, DNP, AGNP-C

Kristiana Hila  
Education Impact on Medical Surveillance for the Handling of Hazardous Drugs at Michigan Medicine  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Laura Gultekin, Ph.D., FNP-BC

Stephanie Colton  
Reduction of Pain in an Adult In-Patient Medicine Unit  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ray Blush, DNP, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC

Shannetta L. Houze  
Quality Improvement Project for Evidence-Based Sexually Transmitted Infections Screening in the Urgent Care Setting  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Elizabeth A. Duffy, DNP, RN, CPNP

Jessica Fladger  
Implementation of a Prenatal Lactation Consult for Pregnant Women at High Risk for Early Breastfeeding Attrition  
Chair: Dr. Marie-Anne Sanon Rosemberg, Ph.D., RN

Yi-Wen Huang  
Developing a Preoperative Patient Education Booklet for Elective Spine Surgery  
Chair: Dr. Geoffrey J. Hoffman, Ph.D., MPH
Alexandra Fay Longnecker  
Facilitating Early Mobility in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Elizabeth A. Duffy, DNP, RN, CPNP

Keara Marks  
Policy Analysis: Implementation of Asthma Medications in Public and Charter Detroit Schools Based on Michigan Law  
Faculty Mentors: Dr. Laura Gultekin, Ph.D., FNP-BC & Dr. Michelle Pardee, DNP, FNP-BC

Heather Michelle Melville  
Andrea Marie Merlotti  
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Communication Skills Training in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing: An Immersive Experience Using 360-degree Virtual Simulation  
Faculty Mentors: Dr. Ray Blush, DNP, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC & Dr. Michelle Pardee, DNP, FNP-BC

Anna Maria Pokriefka  
Nursing Practice Surrounding Administration of As Needed Intravenous Pain and Sedation Doses in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Elizabeth A. Duffy, DNP, RN, CPNP

Katherine Powers  
Improving Parent Discharge Preparedness Home from the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit with My Flight Plan for Home Tool  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Michelle Pardee, DNP, FNP-BC

Carolyn Ashley Scharf  
An Evaluation of Palliative Care Knowledge and Attitudes in the Primary Care Setting  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. April Bigelow, Ph.D., ANP-BC, AGPCNP-BC, ACHPN

Stacey Marie Sears  
Sepsis Screening Tool Process, the Utility for Early Detection of Sepsis in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit  
Chair: Dr. Kathryn Nelson, DNP, RN, CPNP-AC/PC

Jordan Rachel Shifman  
Nurse-Driven Weaning of High-Flow Nasal Cannula in Pediatric Patients with Bronchiolitis  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Elizabeth A. Duffy, DNP, RN, CPNP

Maddison Kathleen Smith  
Interprofessional Communication: CAPABLE Program  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Laura Gultekin, Ph.D., FNP-BC

Nathan Joseph Stefanovsky  
Motivational Interviewing as an Approach to Increasing Use of Noise Mitigation Strategies among Agricultural Producers: Development, Implementation, and Testing of a Protocol  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Marjorie C. McCullagh, Ph.D., RN, APHN-BC, COHN-S, FAAOHN, FAAN

Tracy Jean Steffes  
Use of a Preoperative Skin Assessment Tool in Identifying At-Risk Patients of Pressure Injury Development  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ray Blush, DNP, MSN, RN, ACNP-BC

Lauren Christina Marie Stensen  
Implementing Standardized Goal-Oriented Templates in Multidisciplinary Pediatric Intensive Care Unit Weekly Meeting  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Elizabeth A. Duffy, DNP, RN, CPNP
Master of Science in Nursing

**Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner**
Kelsey Carnacchi
Rachel Nichole Donabedian
Hannah Pearl Sandberg
Ally Aja Shrader

**Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner**
Abdulrahman Alfahad
Maha Saleh Alotaibi
Catherine Pearl Asbury
Cristian Avasilcai
Courtney Basone
Cally Brooks
Alaine Burns
Ryan Caldwell
Brandie Lynn Camp
Promita Chakraborty
Tiffany Chang
Wei-Lun Chang
Jeri Chard
Houda Colson
Wolfgang Crider
Kristina Cullen
Peter Cunanan
Sunamita Curtean
Melissa Dowell
Kelsey Fullerton
Maria Gomez
Benson N. Gitau
Meghan Judd
Alysha Kubala
Malak Mashaleh
Melissa Marie Miller
Jenna Lynn Pasma
Chelsea Salgado
Aimon J. Shareef
Lorraine Vito Topulli
Allie Kathryn Torriglia
Nrmeen Anwar Turkistani
Madison Marie Wilson
Michelle Wood

**Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner**
Adrienne Taylor Abramson
Carly J. Adkins
Julianne Marie Jost
Jacqueline Eleanor Kirouac
Archana Mandhare

**Leadership, Analytics and Innovation**
Kirstin Margaret Aalberts
Patricia Barr
Kathryn Louise Bennett
Kaitlyn Blackburn
Lauren Bryant
Peter Bryant
Patricia Butler
Chelsea Ciampa
Aaryn Ebner
Alyssa Frisbie
Heather Huber
Jeffrey Koning
Amanda Nolan
Megan Marie Perkaj

**Nurse-midwifery**
Hannah Bieber
Nioly Giovanna Bowrey
Stephanie Ann Braden
Angela Faber
Hallie Elizabeth Gonzalez
Mary Claire Mentag
Roberta Wahl Mooney
Kayla Joy Perroud
Samantha Kay Sharpe
Whitni Smith
GiGi Lynn Sutton
Certificates and Concentrations

Certificate in Nursing Education
Ibtihal Alghanimi
Jaclyn Ann Chadderdon
Hallie Elizabeth Gonzalez
Alexis Kathryn Green
Lela Hickonbottom
Kristiana Hila
Megan Marie Perkaj
Shavonne Katrina Shaow
Vidya S Thirumoorthi

Global Health Concentration
Kristiana Hila

Occupational Health Nursing Concentration
Sarah Ruby Hendricks
Kristiana Hila
Nathan Joseph Stefanovsky
Chelsea Wagner

Primary Care Family Nurse Practitioner
Katie Adamshick
Savannah Andrews
Celine Marie Hana
Sarah Ruby Hendricks
Dana Hilden
Nichole Kaledas
Andrea Kelly
Michelle Levy
Roxanne Massad
Alexis Mullikin
Charles Porretta
Shavonne Katrina Shaow
Jennifer Urabe
Chelsea Wagner
Crystal Zair
Megan Zeiher

Primary Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
Megan Rose Davidson
Kayla Fergus
Jennifer Razon Gabo
Olivia Grozenski
Morgan Parkinson
Jonathon T. Portaro
Courtney Lynn Prochaska
Vidya S. Thirumoorthi
Sarah Wagner
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Abigail Leigh Allmacher
Melanie Pulmones Angcaco
Tyler Atkinson
Nabeel Baig
Parampreet Kaur Bajwa
Emma Barr
Rebecca Lindsey Barrie
Anne Mairead Barry
Caroline Baubonis
Aaliyah Beacham
Grace Bontrager
Emily Marie Breneman
Rachel Emily Burnstine
Rebekah Elizabeth Busscher
Kesiah Calaoa
Maria Camila Catano
Farrah Chow
Reagan Marie Cloutier
Kristina Rose Clover
Brea Leigh Cole
Darian Mae Cole
Lindsay Rose Cossey
Paige Karenna Coughlin
Evan Craig
Erin Nicole Czerwiec
Dayo Davis
Amalia Harmony Davis Del Piccolo
Rachel Marie DeGroot
Hannah M. Dexheimer
Sarah Elizabeth Dickey
Jacob Paul Doxen
Alena Duckworth
Mary Grace Dude
Gillian Eichman
Yashodhara Ahava Enz
Caroline Grace Feinberg
Emma Rose Foy
Kathryn Garity
Jordan Amanda Goodrich

Nina Haley Graham
Ally Greenberg
Mashala Grimes
Lauren Addie Guindi
Deborah K. Ha
Ellen Wright Hadley
Kelsey Marie Hanson
Halle Marie Hassett
Erica K. Hembd
Hadley Ann Hermon
Jenna Mary Hernandez
Michael Hoban
Clare Catherine Hoerster
Hyun Jeong
Sierra Johnston
AJ Johnstone
Madeline Rose Jones
Michelle Jonik
Leila Indira Karna
Kelly Rae Keen
Darren Louis Kehoe
Lauren Nicole Kerprich
Killian Shannon Kerr
Leslie Haeun Kim
Yena Kim
Griffin Nicklas Klaft
Carsen Koviak
Rachel Erin Krengel
Morgan Krupic
Samantha Jane Labadie
Milan Lancaster
Angela Lena LaPenna
Madeline Laurencelle
Clare Lee
Joyce Sharon Lee
Olivia Leonard
Emily Leong
Lindsay Marie Lesha
Wei Li
Awards for Excellence in Nursing

THE JANE WILSON COON UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARD was established in 1997 in recognition of Dr. Coon’s 30 years of contributions to undergraduate nursing education. In the 15 years that she taught at the University of Michigan, Dr. Coon made substantive contributions in the areas of nursing management and leadership, clinical integration, and bioethics. This award recognizes an undergraduate student who demonstrates leadership and academic excellence.

This year’s recipient is Kathy Sliwinski

THE DUMAS LEADERSHIP AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE was established in 1994 and is an annual award presented to a student who has displayed excellence in leadership in the school. It honors the pioneering leadership and vision of Rhetaugh G. Dumas in bringing together scholarship and diversity. Dr. Dumas served as dean of the School of Nursing from 1981 to 1994.

This year’s recipient is Andrea Marie Merlotti

THE SYSTEMS, POPULATIONS AND LEADERSHIP AWARD TO AN OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT was established by the Department of Systems, Populations and Leadership faculty to annually recognize an undergraduate student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and management potential in nursing.

This year’s recipient is Skylar Breanna Stoddard

THE SYSTEMS, POPULATIONS AND LEADERSHIP AWARD TO AN OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT was established by the Department of Systems, Populations and Leadership faculty to annually recognize a graduate student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and management potential in nursing.

This year’s recipient is Kathryn Louise Bennett

THE JENNIFER S. JOSCELYN MEMORIAL FUND AWARD was established in 2000 by her family, friends, and colleagues to honor Ms. Joscelyn, a graduate of the class of 1995, who passed away in 1999 from complications of surgery for infectious bone disease. This award was established to recognize a graduating senior who has demonstrated outstanding determination and dedication to providing excellent care to infants and their families, thereby reflecting the values and accomplishments of Ms. Joscelyn’s life.

This year’s recipient is Reagan Marie Cloutier
THE JUDY M. JUDD ALUMNI AWARD was established in 1989 to honor Professor Judd for 30 years of service to the University of Michigan School of Nursing. Committed to both the care of childbearing families and the education of students, Professor Judd challenged students to give critical examination to maternity health practices. She provided students with the skills, the opportunity, and the support to make a positive impact on the lives of the childbearing families for whom they cared. The recipient of this award has demonstrated a commitment to childbearing families in particular, affirming the rights of the families with whom he or she worked.

This year’s recipient is Rachel Emily Burnstine

THE ELLEN H. TOPOREK MEMORIAL AWARD, established in 1955 by Milton and Pauline Toporek in memory of their daughter, Ellen, is presented annually to the student nurse exhibiting a high degree of excellence and aptitude in nursing and, in particular, possessing those essential attributes of love, warmth, and understanding, which are so important for successful pediatric nursing. Success in pediatric nursing depends on the ability of the nurse to instill in their patients a sense of confidence, belonging, and the will to recover.

This year’s recipient is Abigail Leigh Allmacher

THE JOSEPHINE M. SANA AWARD was established in honor of Professor Sana, who retired after 25 years of contributions to the School of Nursing and the University of Michigan. Professor Sana was known for her humanitarianism and her emphasis with students on scholarly excellence in medical-surgical nursing. She served as a role model for graduate level students and as a mentor for rising faculty, treating each person with respect and great dignity. Professor Sana worked closely with students to assist them in developing their abilities in critical thinking and synthesis of knowledge. She was instrumental in the establishment of gerontological courses and content across the school’s curriculum.

This year’s recipient is Promita Chakraborty

THE MEDVEC NURSING INNOVATION AWARD is part of the Barbara R. and Michael E. Medvec Nursing Innovation Endowment Fund. The award is given to graduate students to promote the development of projects aimed at improving health care delivery, quality of care, patient outcomes and population health through innovation.

This year’s recipient is Alexis Kathryn Green
Honors and Scholarships

U-M SCHOOL OF NURSING
HONORS PROGRAM

The Honors program provides special opportunities for undergraduate students who wish to delve further into their undergraduate educational experience and research.

Students in the program work with faculty on research, participate in a student mentorship program, cultivate leadership capabilities through community service and involvement in planning of Honors activities, meet and interact with leaders in the nursing profession, engage with faculty in small group settings and learn through special Honors seminars.

The U-M School of Nursing Honors program is rigorous, with high expectations for its selected students.

Abigail Leigh Allmacher
Grace Bontrager
Sarah Elizabeth Dickey
Jordan Amanda Goodrich
Clare Catherine Hoerster
Griffin Nicklas Klaft
Wei Li
Mikayla Elizabeth Morgan
Kelsey Marie Postler
Abigail Elizabeth Schneider
Kathy Sliwinski
Jessica Viale

Honors program students are recognized by apricot honor cords.

SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL
HONOR SOCIETY OF NURSING

STTI membership is by invitation to baccalaureate and graduate nursing students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship and to nurse leaders exhibiting exceptional achievements in nursing.

Nabeel Baig
Emma Barr
Rebecca Lindsey Barrie
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Madeline Laurencelle
Joyce Sharon Lee
Emily Leong
Wei Li
Sahra McKinnon
Samantha Karli Mindell
Sarah Mintz
Mikayla Elizabeth Morgan
Tessa Quinn Nosanchuk
Kate Elizabeth O'Sullivan
Kelsey Marie Postler
Rosalie P. Qi
Rachel Lynn Quigley
Ayla Raye-Leonard
Hannah Anderson Reuland
Jenna Elizabeth Ringquist
Timothy Joseph Schaublin
Erica Marie Segura
Carri Ann Shafley
Kathy Sliwinski
Margaret Anne Smith
Skylar Breanna Stoddard
Natalie Tanzy
Christina Liz Thomas
Taylor Lynn Tison
Jessica Viale
Emma Renea Vollmer
Toby Faith Waldman
Lucy Faith Welch
Kaylee Wen-Chi Yang

STTI students are recognized by purple honor cords.
Thank you for attending this program. The University of Michigan strives to create an open forum, one in which diverse opinions can be expressed and heard.

It is the right of members of the university community, speakers, artists and other invited guests to express their views and opinions at the university. We will protect the right of individuals to speak or perform, and the rights of those members of the university community who wish to hear and communicate with an invited speaker or artist.

Protesters also have a right to express their opposition to a speaker in appropriate ways, both within the confines of this event and outside this virtual platform. However, protesters must not interfere unduly with communication between a speaker and members of the audience.

If the hosts of this event or university representatives believe that protesters are interfering unduly with a speaker or performer’s freedom of expression, those protesters will be warned. If the warnings are not heeded and the interference continues, then the individuals responsible may be removed from this event.

We reaffirm these policies in order to most fully protect the rights of free expression for speakers, performers, and protesters alike, as set forth by our Civil Liberties Board in our Student Handbook, and in accordance with the U-M Standard Practice Guide; Regents' Ordinance Article XII, Section 1; and state statutes

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Hail! to the victors valiant
Hail! to the conqu'ring heroes
Hail! Hail! to Michigan
the leaders and best
Hail! to the victors valiant
Hail! to the conqu'ring heroes
Hail! Hail! to Michigan,
the champions of the West!
Congratulations to the Class of 2021!

Please stay in touch.

We are proud of our graduates and love to hear news of their accomplishments.

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