



THE SCHOOL OF NURSING  
&  
HEALTH SCIENCES

# *Pinning Ceremony*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING  
**- CLASS OF 2024 -**

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024  
9:00 A.M.



LAWLER ARENA



# PROGRAM

## OPENING

Douglas Pisano, Ph.D.

*Professor & Dean, School of Nursing & Health Sciences*

## TRADITION OF THE PINNING

Traci Alberti, Ph.D., FNP-BC

*Associate Professor & Associate Dean, Nursing*

## WELCOME FROM THE PROVOST

John “Sean” Condon, Ph.D.

*Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs*

## FACULTY SPEAKER

Janet Ierardi, Ph.D., RNC, CNE, CNE-CL

*Clinical Professor, Nursing*

## BLESSING OF THE PINS

Fr. Raymond Dlugos, O.S.A., Ph.D.

*Vice President for Mission & Ministry*

## STUDENT SPEAKER

Abigail Greeley

## PIN PRESENTATION & MERRIMACK NURSING PLEDGE

Lynne Sheppard, DNP, RN

*Clinical Professor & Undergraduate Nursing Program Director*

Jillian Costa, MSN, cNP

*Clinical Coordinator, Nursing*

## AWARDS PRESENTATION

Traci Alberti, Ph.D., FNP-BC

*Associate Professor & Associate Dean, Nursing*

## CLOSING

Lynne Sheppard, DNP, RN

*Clinical Professor & Undergraduate Nursing Program Director*



# CLASS OF 2024

*Nevaeh Al-Sarabi*  
*Kylie Batista*  
*Bree Bergeron*  
*Jillian Besser*  
*Olivia Bourque*  
*Alexis Braga*  
*Hannah Brennan*  
*Ava Caliri*  
*Anna Cashin*  
*Madison Center*  
*Leah Centrella*  
*Olivia Chambers*  
*Sydney Colbert*  
*Alec Cruz*  
*Giana D'Alleva*  
*Devyn Daigle*  
*Mai Detzel*  
*Michael Fonte*  
*Elizabeth Francioso*  
*Ashley Gajdzik*  
*Brynn Geraghty*  
*Alyssa Gerard*  
*Emily Grady*  
*Lydia Grant*  
*Abigail Greeley*  
*Amanda Hamilton*  
*Caroline Heffernan*  
*Calvin Huynh*  
*Caroline Kelleher*  
*Mia Kelley*  
*Ashley Kelly*  
*Abigail Laine*  
*Kaleigh Lane*  
*Mia Lane*

*Meredith Lewis*  
*Rhianna Lyman*  
*Ashley Macek*  
*Ava Mahoney*  
*Sophia Mansella*  
*Veronica Maria-Severino*  
*Andrew McDonald*  
*Abigail McLeavy*  
*Lauren Mullally*  
*Kaitlyn Murphy*  
*Caroline Naylor*  
*Tyler Nichols*  
*Dylan O'Connell*  
*Elle Parsons*  
*Macy Patten*  
*Olivia Peluso*  
*Ella Peris*  
*Kristina Poulakis*  
*Marissa Randlett*  
*Caitlyn Raymond*  
*Taylor Richards*  
*Kara Salvi*  
*Julianna Smith*  
*Kayla Stone*  
*Yvonne Tan*  
*Taylor Tocci*  
*Nikala Tuffanelli*  
*Katherine Tully*  
*Abigail Tyldesley*  
*Elise Vare*  
*Brooke Waitt*  
*Nicole Weir*  
*Emily Yath*

# THE MERRIMACK NURSING PLEDGE

I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly to practice my profession with faith, compassion and in service to the community.

I will care for my patients and their families with the utmost respect and dignity.

I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standards of my profession while safeguarding my own well-being.

I will embrace diversity and advocate for the welfare of those who are placed in my care.

With this pledge I accept the accountabilities and responsibilities that the nursing profession embodies.



# IMPORTANCE OF THE PINNING

The pinning formalizes the transition from student to professional nurse. The tradition itself has roots back to the 12th century but is more typically associated with Florence Nightingale, considered the founder of modern nursing, who presented medals of excellence to exemplary nursing graduates at her London school. She captured the public imagination when she led a group of female nurses to Crimea in October of 1854 to deliver nursing service to British soldiers.

The pinning ceremony signifies that students have joined the sisterhood and brotherhood of nurses and are ready to serve society as a healthcare professional. Nursing has often been referred to as a “calling” and the modern pinning ceremony is based on the history of this respected profession.



# AWARDS

## NURSE SCHOLAR AWARD

The Nurse Scholar is one with an enlightened mind. This Nursing Department award recognizes the student with the highest GPA while maintaining the highest standards of academic integrity.

## STUDENT NURSE LEADER AWARD

A student nurse leader empowers the lives of others.

This award recognizes a student nurse leader who significantly demonstrates outstanding leadership in student clubs/organizations, community involvement and/or college service, thereby significantly enhancing the quality of the nursing program and college.

## EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL PRACTICE AWARD

The recipient of the clinical practice award has an engaged heart. This award recognizes a student who demonstrates exemplary clinical practice in the application of critical thinking and theoretical knowledge in the delivery of safe, compassionate patient care.



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# MERRIMACK COLLEGE

## NURSING FACULTY & STAFF

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*Simulation Technician, Nursing*

Jacqueline Gillette  
*Compliance Administrator*

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*Assistant Professor, Nursing*

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*Senior Nursing Administrator, Nursing*

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*Clinical Professor & Undergraduate Nursing Program Director*

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