

*Pinning  
Ceremony*

*Celebrating*

*The Nursing Class*

*of*

*May 2021*

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*Wednesday, May 19, 2021  
7:00 p.m.*

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## *The Pinning Ceremony*

*The* pinning ceremony is a tradition that dates to the 1890's when Florence Nightingale was awarded the Red Cross of St George to recognize her nursing service during the Crimean War. Nightingale carried on this honor by presenting medals of excellence to her students. By 1916 the practice of awarding pins to graduates became a standard rite in schools of nursing.<sup>1</sup>

The County College of Morris has maintained the tradition of awarding pins to the nurse graduates. It is a deeply meaningful ceremony that recognizes academic achievement in completing this rigorous program and signifies the initiation of the class into the profession of nursing.

Historically the CCM Nurse Pinning ceremony takes place on our beautiful campus. We present this semester's celebration of our graduates via a virtual venue in order to include more audience participants while adhering to the imposed restrictions of gathering closely in large groups. With great pride and enthusiasm, we welcome the Class of May 2021 into the Nursing Profession!

*A photo montage of the graduates can be viewed from the CCM website Nursing Department pages.*

<sup>1</sup> Reference: In the Know (May 2010). The History and Importance of the Nurse Pinning Ceremony. Retrieved from <https://www.hcpro.com/NRS-250713-4931/In-the-know-The-history-and-importance-of-the-pinning-ceremony.html>

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# Programme

**Processional** .....Nursing Class of May 2021

**Master of Ceremonies** ..... Crystal Watts, *Graduate*

**Remarks** .....Dr. Anthony J. Iacono, *President*

Jeffrey M. Advokat, *Vice Chair CCM Board of Trustees*

**DAISY Award for Faculty** ..... Dr. Lesley Andrew, *Chairperson*

**Induction to Alpha Delta Nu**

**Honor Society** ..... Jessica Shepherd, *Nursing Faculty*

**Faculty Speaker** ..... Professor Jutta Braun, *Nursing Faculty*

**Graduate Address** ..... Leigh Allocca, *Graduate*

**Presentation of Candidates** ..... Lori Kruppo, *Lab Coordinator*

**Nightingale Pledge** ..... *Graduates*



## *The Nightingale Pledge*

*(Modern adaptation based on original by Lystra Gretter)*

“I pledge in the presence of this assembly  
to practice my profession faithfully.

I will do all in my power to maintain and  
elevate the standard of my profession.

I will hold in confidence all personal matters  
committed to my keeping, and  
all family affairs coming to my knowledge  
in the practice of my profession.

I will devote myself to the welfare of those  
committed to my care.”

*–Author unknown*



# *Graduating Class of May 2021*

Rachel L. Ackerman  
Daniela Agudelo  
Zanib N. Akhtar  
Samantha E. Alameda  
Leigh P. Allocca  
Lauren E. Baldyga  
Christopher M. Barry  
Elizabeth A. Bausch  
Joshua T. Bucur  
Gabrielle N. Capko  
Zsuzsanna Carlson  
Samantha L. Cattano  
Lina M. Cifuentes  
Kayla N. Corrente  
Victoria Blair J. Cruz  
Jordan A. D'Amore  
Caitlyn M. De Vre  
Danielle DiMaggio  
MacKenzie K. Eelen  
Ashley G. Evangelos  
Marykate E. Feola  
Carolyn R. Galgano  
Ashleigh N. Gallagher  
Bryan J. Geiger  
Todd J. Genberg  
Viqar Hameed  
Ashley N. Haynes  
Johanna Helms  
Torey J. Hoeler  
Antoinette L. Kirbas  
Kevin M. Kise

Laura M. Korec  
Valentina Laborde-Jordan  
Sarah C. Laird  
Li Li Lilly Spilman  
Adrienne M. Lucas-Perna  
Angela Mammana  
Morgan Mattiello  
Maureen McGrady  
Alexandra J. Moczulski  
Brielle M. Moore  
Morgan T. Naczi  
Madeline M. Ochner  
Julia L. Owens  
Tara M. Perez  
Riley A. Praino  
Ryan Qasem  
Veronica C. Quilodran  
Annie D. Reyes  
Saraah M. Sadick  
Shannon L. Salamone  
Autumn E. Smith  
Katrina I. Snyder  
Amanda Y. Suazo  
Brittany N. Thomas  
Mackenzie C. Thumser  
Kassandra Tobon  
Daniel A. Villota  
Bernard J. Wall  
Crystal A. Watts

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## *Alpha Delta Nu*

*We recognize these graduates' achievement in academic excellence as they are inducted into the Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (OADN) National Honor Society, Alpha Delta Nu.*

Zanib Akhtar  
Leigh Allocca  
Lauren Baldyga  
Christopher Barry  
Elizabeth Bausch  
Victoria Blair Cruz  
Jordan D'Amore  
Caitlyn De Vre  
Marykate Feola  
Bryan Geiger

Ashley Haynes  
Torey Hoeler  
Valentina Laborde-Jordan  
Angela Mammana  
Riley Praino  
Saraah Sadick  
Shannon Salamone  
Autumn Smith  
Crystal Watts

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## Nursing Department

### Chairperson

Lesley Andrew, DNP, RN, CNE ..... Assistant Professor

### Full-Time Faculty

Vivek Agnihotri, DNP, RN, APN, CCRN ..... Associate Professor  
Jutta Braun, MS, RN, CNE ..... Associate Professor  
Sara Dolan, MSN, RN, CCRN, CNE..... Assistant Professor  
Elizabeth Elliott, MSN, RN, CNE..... Assistant Professor  
Suzanne Gilmore, MSN, RN..... Associate Professor  
Joyce Kucerovy, MSN, RN, CMSRN ..... Associate Professor  
Laura Parker, MSN, RN, CCRN, CNE ..... Professor  
Kathleen Prokop, MA, MEd, RN, CNE..... Professor  
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Sharon Roché, MS, RNC-NIC..... Assistant Professor  
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Carolina Arencibia, MSN, AG-ACNP, RN ..... Instructor  
Kristina Barkey, MSN, RNC-OB ..... Instructor  
Ann Marie Buntly, MSN, RN, CPAN ..... Instructor  
Marianne Cavanaugh, DNP, AG-ACNP-BC, RN..... Instructor  
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Lisa Diana, MSN, APN, AGACNP-BC..... Instructor  
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Laura Ishmael, MSN, RN ..... Instructor  
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Cathy McCormack, MS, RN ..... Instructor  
Alexandra Ponsiglione, MSN, RN ..... Instructor  
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Jacqueline Tierney, MSN, RN, CHPN ..... Instructor  
Lisa Whittle, MSN, RN, CDE ..... Instructor

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## *Lab Coordinators*

Lori Kruppo, MSN, RN  
Catherine Siciliano, BSN, RN

## *Department Administrative Assistants*

William Satmaria  
Donna Iansito

## *The Pinning Committee*

Lori Kruppo  
*Advisor*  
Dr. Vivek Agnihotri  
*Faculty Advisor*

Crystal Watts  
Johanna Helms

## *Special Thanks*

### Special Thanks

The graduating class of May 2021 would like to express our sincere gratitude to our family, friends and loved ones for their unwavering support and encouragement throughout our nursing school journey. It takes a village, and we are so thankful for everything that you have done to help us all get through school successfully, sanely, and in one piece! It is an honor to share this moment with all of you.

To our amazing clinical instructors, professors, faculty advisors and lab coordinators – thank you for sharing your knowledge, professional experience, and for always being there. We appreciate all that you have taught us and are grateful for your guidance. Thank you for helping us construct the foundation on which to build our nursing careers. As we end one chapter and move onto the next, we aspire to become the nurses of whom you can be proud.

Thank you Dr. Lesley Andrew, John Hester, our advisors, and the CCM Print Shop for your assistance with our virtual pinning.

*“As a nurse,  
we have the opportunity  
to heal the heart, mind, soul  
and body of our patients,  
their families and ourselves.*

*They may not remember  
your name but they will  
never forget the way you  
made them feel”*

*-Maya Angelou*

