



Commencement 2020

School of Nursing



THE CORE PURPOSE OF THE UNIVERSITY

To transform lives for the benefit of society

OUR CORE VALUES

LEARNING

A caring community, all of us students, helping one another grow

DISCOVERY

Expanding knowledge and human understanding

FREEDOM

To seek the truth and express it

LEADERSHIP

The will to excel with integrity and the spirit that nothing is impossible

INDIVIDUAL OPPORTUNITY

Many options, diverse people and ideas, one university

RESPONSIBILITY

To serve as a catalyst for positive change in Texas and beyond

LETTER FROM THE DEAN



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN SCHOOL OF NURSING STUDENTS who are graduating today and to the parents, partners, family and friends who have sustained you through this program and to this end. Commencement is a ritual that honors all that you have accomplished. It's a day of celebration — of your passion for learning and your commitment to serving others as nurses.

The School of Nursing represents a strong and extraordinary community of excellent students, dedicated faculty and staff, and supportive alumni and friends — all committed to addressing the many significant health care challenges of the 21st century through education, research and service. As a part of this remarkable community, you have worked hard, and the world will be a better place because you have learned how to apply knowledge to both new and age-old health care issues and to bring better information to bear on the problems around you.

As a part of the University of Texas community, you have taken on a responsibility to seek positive change in Texas and beyond and become a leader with integrity. You understand the importance of guaranteeing freedom for all and individual opportunities that embrace diverse people and ideas. You have, in short, learned and discovered and grown.

Today we send you out into the world to make a difference. I am deeply impressed with the energy that you bring to the nursing profession, and I value the intellectual commitment and life experience that you will contribute to the delivery of health care in the 21st century. I know I speak for everyone at the School of Nursing when I say I am honored to be associated with you.

Alexa K. Stuijbergen, PhD, RN, FAAN

Dean

Laura Lee Blanton Chair in Nursing

James R. Dougherty, Jr., Centennial Professor in Nursing

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance, Opus 39, No. 1
Edward Elgar, 1857-1934

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Alexa K. Stuifbergen, PhD, RN, FAAN
Dean
Laura Lee Blanton Chair in Nursing
James R. Dougherty, Jr., Centennial
Professor in Nursing

MARSHAL

Janice F. Hernandez, DNP, RN, FNP-C
Division Chair of Holistic
Adult Health Division
Clinical Assistant Professor

GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

Graduate Student Speaker
Amanda Simonton
PhD Graduate

Undergraduate Student Speaker
Susannah Rose Hootman
BSN Graduate

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Dean Stuifbergen

Assisted by:

Alexandra García, PhD, RN, FAAN
Graduate Advisor
Professor

Ana Todd, PhD, RN

Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Programs
Clinical Assistant Professor of Nursing

CLOSING REMARKS

Dean Stuifbergen

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Kara Ann Baldyga	Gloria Ji-Hee Kwon	Paige Margaret Reed
Sunny Songyeek Beck	Kathryn Ann Langlois	Sarah Malisse Rehberg
Kelsey Lynn Bergman	Suyee Huang Lin	Brooke Louise Schorken
Rachel Erin Bershad	Shelby Rae Long	Alexis Lynn Shroyer
Sarah Margaret Bohls	Carly Danielle Luczak	Grace Spencer Skaggs
Julisa Marlen Bosquez	Darien Elizabeth Lyons	Claire Fisher Skol
Taylor Nicole Branch	Julia Marie Martinez	Summer Dhonyale Smith
Shelby Claire Brooks	Ainsley Kay McCrimmon	Kayla Danielle Soileau
Juliana Marie Cain	Julie Suzanne Alyc McLamb	Lauren Ornella Sparavier
Sara Sofia Cardenas	Juan Armando Medina	Sierra Gabriella Sullivan
Stephanie Amy Chen	Sandy Maria Mejia	Angel Rachel Thampy
Alyssa Nicole Cosme	Kristen Lanell Moreno	Alma Nicole Torres
Mina Davoudi	Michelle Meiyng Musgrave	Evelyn Grace Tracy
John Henry Dinh	Anh Quynh Nguyen	Linh Anh Ngoc Tran
Brooke Katherine Doyle	Quynh-anh Xuan Nguyen	Samuel Tran
Desiree Antoinette Durham	Itzel Azareel Osornia	Emily Michelle Troutman
Jasmine Halaba Evangelista	Kathryn Reese Palmer	Sally Thi Truong
Rachel Kay Fenske	Nicole Elaine Pesl	Mariana Della Libera Verissimo
Jennifer Laura Gonzalez	Frances Grace Peterman	Alexias Marie Watler
Jessica Ann Green	Leeah Janae Phillips	Abigail Elise Whitehead
Monica Rani Gupta	Riley Michelle Phillips	Mariah Am'Bree'Ail Williams
Susannah Rose Hootman	Lauren Grace Pieron	Marla Wofford
Ashley K Irion	Anahi Ramirez	Jin Seul Yoo
Hwanhee Kim	Katie M Ramirez-Portillo	

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS PROJECTS

Taylor Nicole Branch:	<i>Resistance Training for the Prevention of Diabetic Heart Disease</i> Carol Delville, PhD, APRN, ACNS-BC, FCNSI, Supervising Professor
Stephanie Amy Chen:	<i>A Literature Review of Factors Affecting the Nurse-Patient Relationship and Patient Outcomes in Limited-English-Proficiency Patients</i> Li-Chen Lin, PhD, RN, CNRN, Supervising Professor
Desiree Antoinette Durham:	<i>Asthma Symptom Severity: Comparing Child and Parent Perceptions</i> Sharon Horner, PhD, RN, FAAN, Supervising Professor
Carly Danielle Luczak:	<i>Caring for Autistic Pediatric Patients Through Nurses' Eyes</i> Julie Zuñiga, PhD, RN, FAAN, Supervising Professor
Grace Spencer Skaggs:	<i>The Relationship Between Eating Episode Frequency and Consistency and Binge Frequency, Caloric Intake, and Body Mass Index in Binge Eating Women</i> Gayle Timmerman, PhD, RN, CNS, FNAP, FAAN, Supervising Professor
Angel Rachel Thampy:	<i>Effect of Sleep Health Literacy on the Sleep Hygiene Practices of Emerging Adults</i> Sharon Carter, DNP, RN, CCRN, CNE, Supervising Professor
Emily Michelle Troutman:	<i>Assessing Sex Differences in Anesthesia Practice</i> Sharon Carter, DNP, RN, CCRN, CNE, Supervising Professor

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Zeena Abdul-Kafor	Houston Hohfeld	Jordan Prescott
Ervin Alberto	Olivia Grace Holmes	Gabriela Quintero
Beatrice Banglesdorf	Sean Huckleberry	Katherine Rodman
Debra Biskobing	Emily Hunt	Kitzia Rooks
Vanessa Brewer	Amanda Eileen Kanski	Mona Saberi
Yesenia Ceja	Lorie Kmetz	Valerie Sant
Christian Steven Clark	Mackenzie Rose Koetting	Christina Schulte
Aaron Cummins	Yen-Jung Liu	Tihana Sladic
Adelia Dunbar	Alexandra Gloria Mast	Emily Nadezhda Stahl
Lynnea Elisabeth Edwards	Brenda Lizette Mata	Karsyn Stark
Mary Fassnacht	Brian McAvoy	Elizabeth Stevie
Anne Fraley	Amie Meaux	Sara Elizabeth Tabler
Marijane Smitherman Frede	Jordan Miles	Ryan Webb
Paulina Garza	Rebecca Montgomery	Kelly Chambliss White
Lindsey Gentry	Cory O'Connell	Ryan Austin Wood
Jessica Hart	Marlena Phillips	Nancy Yedanapalli
Claire Hill	Matthew David Piehler	Molly Yang
Michael Richard Hogue	Jennie Posey	Carlina York

ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE (APRN)

Sarah Moore Lord	Lindsey Buster Sansing	Teagan Nicole Votaw
Rebecca Jane Moore	Brittany Stanton	Anabel Winiecki
Jacqueline Faye Sabella		

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING

Amanda Simonton: *Physical Activity Attitudes and Preferences of Adults with Opioid Use Disorder Receiving Methadone Maintenance Treatment: A Mixed Methods*
Study Co-Chairs: Richard A. Brown, PhD & Cara C. Young, PhD, RN, FNP-C

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING

- Linda Watts Bostwick: *Translation of Novel Antiemetic to Sub-Saharan Africa using Diffusion of Innovation Framework*
Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Supervising Professor
- Emily Carder: *Needs Assessment for an Inpatient Protocol for Pregnant and Postpartum Women with Opioid Use Disorder*
Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Supervising Professor
- Sarah Garcia-Portillo: *Incivility and Job Turnover in Newly Licensed Registered Nurses*
Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Supervising Professor
- Nicola Harchut-Pouttu: *Depression at the End-of-Life: Are there Ethnic Disparities?*
Gayle Acton, PhD, RN, Supervising Professor
- Jacklynn Ochoa: *Assessment of Cognitive Impairment in Mexican-American Type II Diabetic Patients: A Retrospective Chart Review of Geriatric Patients in Primary Care*
Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Supervising Professor
- Leslie Larae Russell-Brockett: *Effect of High Intensity Adaptive Resistance Exercise On Improving Measures of Sarcopenia*
Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Supervising Professor
- Daphna Jean Shaw: *The Impact of Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics in a Population of Children with Down Syndrome*
Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Supervising Professor
- Erika H. Tabke: *Academic Integrity: Undergraduate Nursing Students' Perceptions of Behaviors in the Classroom and Clinical*
Linda H. Yoder, PhD, MBA, RN, AOCN, FAAN, Supervising Professor
- Joyce Aberebogja Tolofari: *Needs Assessment for Retention of Prelicensure African American Students Admitted into the Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN) Program at the Austin Community College (ACC)*
Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Supervising Professor
- Christi Sales Weems: *HPV Vaccine Compliance Rates: Where Do We Stand? A Look at HPV Compliance Rates of 11-13 Year Olds*
Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Supervising Professor
- Patricia Susan White: *Transitioning Undergraduate Maternal-Newborn and Pediatric Hospital Clinical Experience to Immersive Simulation-Based Education*
Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Supervising Professor

DNP GRADUATES MAY 2020

Rosa De La Torre
Cara Smith Gallagher
Chantelle Hernandez Garcia
Angel Lynn Grady
Catherine E. Mccaffity
Sara Marie Murcray-Mosca
Crystal Parker
Mary Salazar

DNP STUDENT

Robert Frances Mijares (03/07/1975-11/10/2019)



Throughout this strange and mystifying year, I have often heard people speak about an eventual return to “normal.” They are expressing a desire for the familiar — what once was — without realizing that the future will, and should, look different. At UT, we know that this moment of uncertainty contains boundless opportunity. This is a time for reinvention and reimagining. And the graduates who will earn their UT degrees this fall will be poised to lead us through this period of transition and discovery, toward a brighter shared future.

Their talents are awe-inspiring. Their vision and creativity are staggering. They are engaged, courageous, fiercely independent and razor sharp when it comes to anything irreverent or humorous. (I know because I’ve been the subject of more than a few of their memes, and they’re borderline brilliant.)

If you are a parent or family member, you should be beyond proud of what your students have accomplished during this unprecedented time. If you are a 2020 graduate, I tip my hat to you and want to express just how deeply proud I am of all that you’ve dedicated and sacrificed to get to this milestone day. You’ve earned a degree from one of the finest universities in the world and no one can ever take that accomplishment away from you. You’re not only a Longhorn for life, you’re also forever a UT graduate.

Celebrate and savor this moment — there’s nothing “normal” about it. And that’s a very good thing!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Jay Hartzell". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large loop at the end.

Jay Hartzell, President
The University of Texas at Austin

