

2022

Commencement

School of Nursing



TEXAS
The University of Texas at Austin



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. Stuifbergen, PhD, RN, FAAN

Dean

Laura Lee Blanton Chair in Nursing

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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

**Alexa K. Stuijbergen,
PhD, RN, FAAN**

Dean

*Laura Lee Blanton Chair in Nursing
James R. Dougherty, Jr., Centennial
Professor in Nursing*

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS

Alexa K. Stuijbergen, PhD, RN, FAAN

Dean

GRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER

Catherine Allen

Graduating PhD student

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER

Christopher “CJ” Ligon

Graduating BSN student

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Dean Stuijbergen

Assisted by:

**Gayle M. Timmerman,
PhD, RN, CNS, FNAP, FAAN**

*Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Professor*

Gayle J. Acton, PhD, RN

*Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs
Associate Professor*

**Alexandra García, PhD, RN, FAAN,
PHNA-BC**

Graduate Advisor Professor

Vinh T. Nguyen, PhD

*Associate Dean for Student Services
Title IX Liaison*

Shalonda Horton, PhD, RN

*Chair for the Family, Public Health, and Nursing
Leadership Division
Luci Baines Johnson Endowed Fellow in Nursing
Clinical Assistant Professor*

Ana Todd, PhD, RN

*Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Programs
Clinical Assistant Professor of Nursing*

Leigh A. Goldstein, PhD, RN, ANP-BC

*Clinical Assistant Professor
Director of Learning Enhancement and
Academic Progress (LEAP) Center*

Nicole S. Murry, PhD, RN

Clinical Assistant Professor

Li-Chen Lin, RN, PhD

Clinical Assistant Professor

CLOSING REMARKS

Dean Stuijbergen

MARSHAL

**Sheri Innerarity, PhD, APRN, ACNS,
FNP, FAANP**

Clinical Associate Professor

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Crystal Ogechi Adiele	Sunny Kang	Allyson Renee Pemberton
Kristine Kelechi Adiele	Tae Kim	Norma Leticia Perales
Lauren Sydney Beckage	Reshma Rose Kurian	Taylor Brooke Pereyra
Caroline Burton	Jacob Robert Lawrence	Tiffany Giang Pham
Margaret Allison Cartwright	Hannah Jieun Lee	Bailey Ashton Ragan
Emma Grace Clark	Christopher “CJ” Ligon	Meredith Jane Rauch
Aurora Maria Colon	Cindy Yue-Sum Lin	Kyndle Nycole Reece
Timothy Crisp	Paige Lindsay	Brooke Eve Rennie
Janira Jacqueline Cruz	An Minh Ly	Fidelia Joy Reynolds
Krupa Desai	Abriana Ellyce Martinez	Jessica Marie Pangan Rosario
Janet Doloksaribu	Jaymee Ann Medina	Cassandra Natalie Salaiz
Rose Elizabeth Dopkin	Freia Louise Mierendorf	Gerardo Salazar
Seth Duron	Audrey Lynn Moore	Mary Claire Sides
Isabella El-Hage	Khala Genae Moore	Carly Ann Skufca
Natalie Katharine Farrington	Brandon Barry Nailling	Emily Marguerite Slaughter
Alayna Flolid ★	Michelle Huong Nguyen	Hannah Louise Tindall
Lauren Aliana Garcia	Genna Elise Nicolas	Sophia Karen Torres
Nyssa Alejandra Gomez Farias	Callie Frances Pate	Jennifer Donahue Vaske
Briannah W Johnson	Isha Patel	Kristen Nicole Yoder

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS PROJECT

Alayna Flolid

Undergraduate Student's Attitude Towards E-Cigarettes

Carol L. Delville, PhD, APRN, ACNS-BC, FCNSI, Faculty Mentor

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Logan Adams	Mercedes Harris†	Abigail May Ross
Maggie Barron	Josiane Natalie Henry	Mary Salmond
Sabine A. Berghammer Contreras	Melissa Ibarra	Marilu Sanchez
Charles Oscar Berndt	Brienna Lynn Johnson	Bianca Schmidt
Sarah Jean Culbreath	Cynthia Lewis	Kirstin Snyder
Andrew Davis	Nicole Jenay Manley	Angela Zastrow-Spears
Vinh Doquang	Sarah Jo Matthews	Christina Stolte
Danielle Marie Duplechain	Megan Meseck	Phan Thị Thanh Cường
Lindsay Baniewicz Faber	Molly Branich McVey	Rebecca Warner-Hindman
Kiley June Faircloth	Grace Muange-Kambumba	Meghan Wheeler
Alexandra Ficula	Nicole Marie Murman	Cynthia Williams
Alexandra Rosalba Fisk	Saeedah Qadeer	Xinyi Xu
Samuel Frazier	Stephanie Quintero	Isabelle Yapobi
Michael Anthony Gandara	Katherine Raymond	Kavya Yedatore
KayLynn Grysen	Belinda Marie Read	Christy Hye Yoon
Camille Marie Kielbasa	Christina Reardon	Sarah Yuen

†Graduating summer 2022

POST-MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Erica Burgett	Jamie Fitzgerald	Jason Morris
Erin Cloke	Olaf Garcia	Candice Shipp
Kaitlin Daniel	Chelsey Jones-Gallegos	Emma Smith
Laura Defreitas	Erin Medeiros	Elizabeth Washington-Phillip

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Fathia Alomoush	<i>Text Messaging and Phone Calls for Diabetes Self-Management Education (DSME) in Type 2 Diabetes</i> Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Scholarly Advisor
Melissa Baldwin	<i>Measuring the Impacts of the Addition of Resilience Training for Nurse Residents</i> Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Scholarly Advisor
Guillermo Carnegie, Jr.	<i>Psychotherapy and Opioid Management</i> Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Scholarly Advisor

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

- Cassidy Chavez *Evaluating the Effectiveness of a Low Carbohydrate Intervention for The Management of Glycemic Control in Type 2 Diabetes Through Retrospective Chart Review*
Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Scholarly Advisor
- Faria Chevez Garza *Cervical Cancer Screening in Older Women*
Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Scholarly Advisor
- Carly Edgar *A Judgment Free Zone: Experiences with APRN Student Simulation*
Cara Calloway Young, PhD, RN, FNP-C, FAANP & Heather Cuevas, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, FCNS, Scholarly Advisors
- Paige Delia Harmony Frock *Exploring Health Literacy, Acculturation, and Conversations About Sexual Health in Hispanic/Latinx Mothers of Adolescents*
Cara Calloway Young, PhD, RN, FNP-C, FAANP, Scholarly Advisor
- Kimberly Lorraine Hale *Ethical Decision-Making Among Nurses in the Context of COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation*
Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Scholarly Advisor
- Rebecca Hernandez *Exploring Clinical Preparedness Through the Perspective of Family Nurse Practitioner Preceptors*
Janice F. Hernandez, DNP, RN, FNP-C, Scholarly Advisor
- April Alonzo Herrera *Taking a Pulse on Emotional Intelligence*
Sharon Carter, DNP, RN, CCRN, CNE & Danica Fulbright Sumpter, PhD, RN, Scholarly Advisors
- Amy Beth Lynn *An Evaluation of Anemia Screening Policies Affecting Female Air Force Recruits*
Stephanie Morgan, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, Scholarly Advisor
- Theresa Lyons *The Impact of Social Distancing Efforts During the COVID-19 Pandemic on Persons Residing in Long-Term Care*
Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Scholarly Advisor
- Henry Martinez *Comparison of Superficial Surgical Site Infection and Revision Arthroplasty Rates Among Non-Obese, Obese, and Morbidly Obese Cohorts After Total Knee Arthroplasty*
Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Scholarly Advisor
- Abel Mendez *Nurse Practitioner Attitudes and Perceptions of COVID-19 Treatment*
Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Scholarly Advisor
- Lisa Morris *Answering the Call: An Exploration of the Experiences of Case Investigators and Contact Tracers Who Worked During the COVID-19 Pandemic*
Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Scholarly Advisor

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Stacey Janelle Palmer	<i>An Evaluation of Nutrition Education in Baccalaureate Nursing Programs Across the Country</i> Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Scholarly Advisor
Sally E. Stroud	<i>The Experiences of Case Managers Planning Hospital Transitions During COVID-19</i> Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Scholarly Advisor
Anita Thapa	<i>Characteristics of Patients and Providers Associated with Antibiotic Prescription in Treatment of Acute Sinusitis</i> Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Scholarly Advisor
Jennifer Wade	<i>Professional Identity in Nursing Characteristics in Managed Care Nurses</i> Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Scholarly Advisor
April Watkins	<i>Creating an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Led Atrial Fibrillation Clinic: Implementation and Patient Characteristics</i> Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Scholarly Advisor
Cheryl Williams	<i>An Evaluation of Pregnancy Outcomes for Women Enrolled in a Nurse-Home Visitation Program Receiving In-Person, Telehealth, or Hybrid Services</i> Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Scholarly Advisor

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING

Catherine Allen	<i>How Pregnant Women at Risk for Food Insecurity Make Decisions about Food and Nutrition</i> Kavita Radhakrishnan PhD, MSEE, RN, FAAN, Dissertation Chair
Katherine Carroll Britt	<i>Mild Cognitive Impairment and Dementia: The Impact of Religious and Spiritual Activity on Risk, Behavioral Disturbances, and Cognition</i> Kavita Radhakrishnan PhD, MSEE, RN, FAAN, Dissertation Chair
Adem Cengiz†	<i>The Relationships among QSEN Competencies, the Nursing Practice Environment, and Role Ambiguity in Perioperative Nurses</i> Linda Yoder, PhD, MBA, RN, AOCN, FAAN, Dissertation Chair
Eunju Choi*	<i>The Use of Social Media to Explore the Unmet Needs and Supports of Adolescents and Young Adults with Cancer</i> Heather Becker, PhD, Dissertation Chair
Emily Croce	<i>Closing the Loop: Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Access to Childhood Atopic Dermatitis Healthcare</i> Lynn Rew, EdD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, Dissertation Chair

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*Graduated Summer 2021

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING

Eliana Rita Gill

An Exploration of Symptom Clusters, Symptoms, and Blood-Based Biomarkers in People with Cystic Fibrosis During an Acute Pulmonary Exacerbation
Julia A. Zuniga, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dissertation Chair

Lisa Ann Davis†

Stroke and Time: A Discourse Analysis of How Patients, Clinicians and Scientists Use Talk as Social Action in the Context of Acute Ischemic Stroke
Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Dissertation Chair

Ashwini R. Hoskote†

Understanding School Nurses' Practice Behaviors in Adolescent Mental Health
Karen Johnson, PHD, RN, FSAHM, FAAN, Dissertation Chair

Atami Sagna de Main*

Social Environment and Late-Life Mental and Behavioral Health Outcomes
Bo Xie, PhD, FGSA, Dissertation Chair

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*Graduated Fall 2021



Dear Graduate,

When we hear the word “commencement” this time of year, we often think of the end of a journey. And it is true that with graduation, today also marks the end of an academic process for you and for many, the conclusion of your formal academic education. And yet we call it commencement because it is also a form of beginning.

The next stage of your life is full of possibilities. The degree you have earned is more than just an accolade or credential, it is also a calling to lead and to serve. Our university has long embraced its role in training future leaders who go on to serve society in countless ways. For your own contribution to this legacy, the skills, knowledge, creativity, and curiosity you developed as a Longhorn will serve you well.

Today we celebrate both your individual successes and our collective accomplishments. You have been part of artistic and creative works, technological breakthroughs, and acts of kindness and compassion that have helped others on and off campus. The Class of 2022 embraced its opportunities and faced its challenges – and our faculty, staff, and alumni applaud you for your dedication and resilience. It is truly an honor to come together in this moment and recognize your extraordinary achievements.

As you leave the Forty Acres and take your place as leaders and change agents, you do so with our full confidence. I am excited to see what you achieve, where your degree takes you, who you serve, and how you will change the world.

Congratulations and Hook ‘em!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Hartzell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "H" and "Z" that are interconnected.

Jay Hartzell, President
The University of Texas at Austin