

# 2024



# COMMENCEMENT



The University of Texas at Austin  
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

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Congratulations to all our University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing students who are graduating today. Also, congratulations to the parents, partners, family, and friends who have supported and nurtured the graduates, enabling and facilitating their success. This commencement honors all that you have accomplished throughout the program and celebrates your continuous passion and commitment for nursing and your future leadership and contributions to nursing. This cohort of students is unique because they needed to go through the rigorous training process even during the unforeseen COVID-19 pandemic. All have succeeded and are standing here to celebrate their accomplishments. I am very proud of all of you!

Our School of Nursing includes an excellent and strong community of outstanding students, deeply dedicated faculty and staff, and highly supportive alumni and friends. Our community is committed to addressing significant local, national, and global health care challenges through education, research, and service.

As a part of this extraordinary University of Texas community, you have learned to lead and make promising changes in Texas and beyond with necessary competencies, compassion, and integrity. We are very proud that we had the opportunity to educate you—future nurse leaders—who will not only make an impact in the State of Texas but also in the world.

I am highly excited about all the promising changes that you will bring to the nursing profession, and I am also deeply impressed with all the intellectual commitment and life experience that you will bring to the delivery of health care. This outstanding community of yours will always be here to support and celebrate your future journey and accomplishments.

Congratulations again. Hook'em, Horns!

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eun-Ok Im'.

**Eun-Ok Im, PhD, MPH, RN, CNS, FAAN**

*Dean*

*Professor and Laura Lee Blanton Chair in Nursing*

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER: PAMELA F. CIPRIANO, PHD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN

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Dr. Pamela Cipriano, an internationally recognized nursing leader, is the 29th President of the International Council of Nurses (ICN) and a Professor at the University of Virginia's School of Nursing and Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy in Charlottesville, VA. She previously served as Dean of the UVA School of Nursing, ICN's First Vice President, and two terms as the president of the American Nurses Association. She also has extensive experience as an academic medical center executive with a focus on improving the quality and safety of service delivery and the work environment.

Dr. Cipriano is well known in the United States and internationally, as a strong advocate for the nursing profession. During her 40-plus-year career, she has led efforts to advance the role and visibility of nurses and increase nursing's impact and influence on policy. She currently is Co-Chair of the UHC2030 Steering Committee, a multi-stakeholder platform for advancing actions to achieve universal health coverage and strengthen health systems at global and country levels worldwide.

Dr. Cipriano is also a Co-Chair of the National Academy of Medicine's Action Collaborative on Clinician Well-Being and Resilience, which aims to prevent burnout and improve the physical and mental health and well-being of all clinicians. Among her many honors and awards for exceptional leadership and contributions to the profession, she was the 2010-2011 Distinguished Nurse Scholar-in-Residence at the Institute of Medicine, received the American Academy of Nursing's Healthcare Leader Award in 2018, and was named as a Living Legend in 2023.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS

**Eun-Ok Im, PhD, MPH, RN, CNS, FAAN**  
*Dean  
Professor and Laura Lee Blanton  
Chair in Nursing*

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Pamela Cipriano, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN**  
*President of the International Council of Nurses*

### STUDENT SPEAKERS

**Victoria Tierney**  
*Graduating Master's Student*

**Briana Tayler Bridges**  
*Graduating Bachelor's Student*

### MARSHAL

**Nicole Murry, PhD, RN**  
*Clinical Associate Professor*

### RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

**Vinh T. Nguyễn, PhD, M.Ed.**  
*Associate Dean for Student Services*

*Assisted by:*

**Gayle Timmerman, PhD, RN, CNS,  
FNAP, FAAN**  
*Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs  
Professor*

**Alexandra García, PhD, RN, FAAN**  
*Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs  
Professor*

**Ana Todd, PhD, RN**  
*Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Programs  
Clinical Assistant Professor*

**Janice Hernandez, DNP, RN, FNP-C**  
*Clinical Associate Professor  
Division Chair, Holistic Adult Health Nursing  
Director, Leadership in Diverse Settings (LeaDS)  
MSN Program*

**Laura Murphy, PhD, MSN, RNC-OB**  
*Clinical Assistant Professor  
Graduate Advisor*

**Larissa Brungot, DNP, RN, CNE**  
*Clinical Assistant Professor*

**Shalonda Horton, PhD, RN**  
*Clinical Assistant Professor*

**Teresa Bailey, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC, CNE**  
*Clinical Assistant Professor*

**Jennifer Williams, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, CEN**  
*Clinical Instructor*

**Tracy Demchuk, EdD, MA**  
*Senior Director for Graduate Program  
Advising & Admissions*

**Michelle Lemaster, BSHDFS**  
*Director, Undergraduate Admissions & Advising*

### CLOSING REMARKS

**Vinh T. Nguyễn, PhD, M.Ed.**  
*Associate Dean for Student Services*

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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| Samuel Rongo Andrade         | Nada Haddad               | Maya Nayar              |
| Kaitlyn Ballard              | Payton Nicole Hayes       | Amy Nguyen              |
| Cierra Ann Bennett           | Julia Heilrayne           | Sandy Nguyen            |
| Hannah Marie Bookout         | Denisse Hernandez         | Katie Park              |
| Briana Tayler Bridges        | Leah Hernandez            | Lauren Pham             |
| Chase Bynum                  | Rachel Hernandez          | Eh Dee Na Poe           |
| Renee Lee Caraway            | Samantha Marie Higdon     | Ellen Ranslem           |
| Yahaira Azareth Cerda Martin | Caleb Huang               | Nika Rezanour           |
| Jade Colunga                 | Averri Jones              | Arely Rivas Mijares     |
| Jessica Elliott              | Addison Kahle             | Alondra Rodriguez       |
| Amani Evans                  | Joanna Ko                 | Alessandra Ruiz         |
| Ozioma Adaobi Eze            | Tony Lee                  | Abigail Samson Omoregie |
| Florence Fadipe              | Dwight Anthony Lising     | Olivia Schneider        |
| Maria Jose Forest            | Isabella Lodhi            | Jorge Servin            |
| Avery Foster                 | Zachary Maness            | Caroline Siddons        |
| Vanessa Lisette Frausto      | Berenice Martinez-Aboytes | Laura Toledo            |
| Dominique Jordyn Garzoli     | Wreighn Mendoza           | Jessica Tran            |
| Lindsey Guajardo             | Morgan Emery Miller       | Arielle Warren          |
| Nadia Gutierrez              | Victoria Molina           | Samantha Alexis White   |

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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| Makaelah Adajar-Zacarias   | Anne Dominique Gangoso  | Kaitlyn Rody      |
| Shante-Isabel Atillo       | Katherine Githens       | Bianca Ruiz       |
| Callye Camden              | Hannah Howard Allison   | Wed Saber         |
| Ebonie Carter-Best         | Eric Hsiao              | Maria Serrano     |
| Nyeka Janae Crandell       | Katie Hsiao             | Haley Small       |
| Miranda Elizabeth Crawford | Khudajah Karamali Rajan | Hannah Spangler   |
| Faith Effanga              | Karinna Luis-Marquez    | Victoria Tierney  |
| Claire Egliht              | Freida Miller           | Kathy Maithy Tran |
| Ashley Rose Felt           | Darby Mott              | Michael Valencia  |

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING

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| Dong Eun Jang | <i>Examining Self-Management Behaviors and Quality of Life Among Middle-Aged Stroke Survivors</i><br>Julie Zuniga, PhD, MSW, FGSA, Dissertation Chair |
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At this world-class institution,  
you worked hard, and you prevailed.

But commencement means  
beginning, and now the real  
change starts.

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**WHAT STARTS HERE CHANGES THE WORLD**