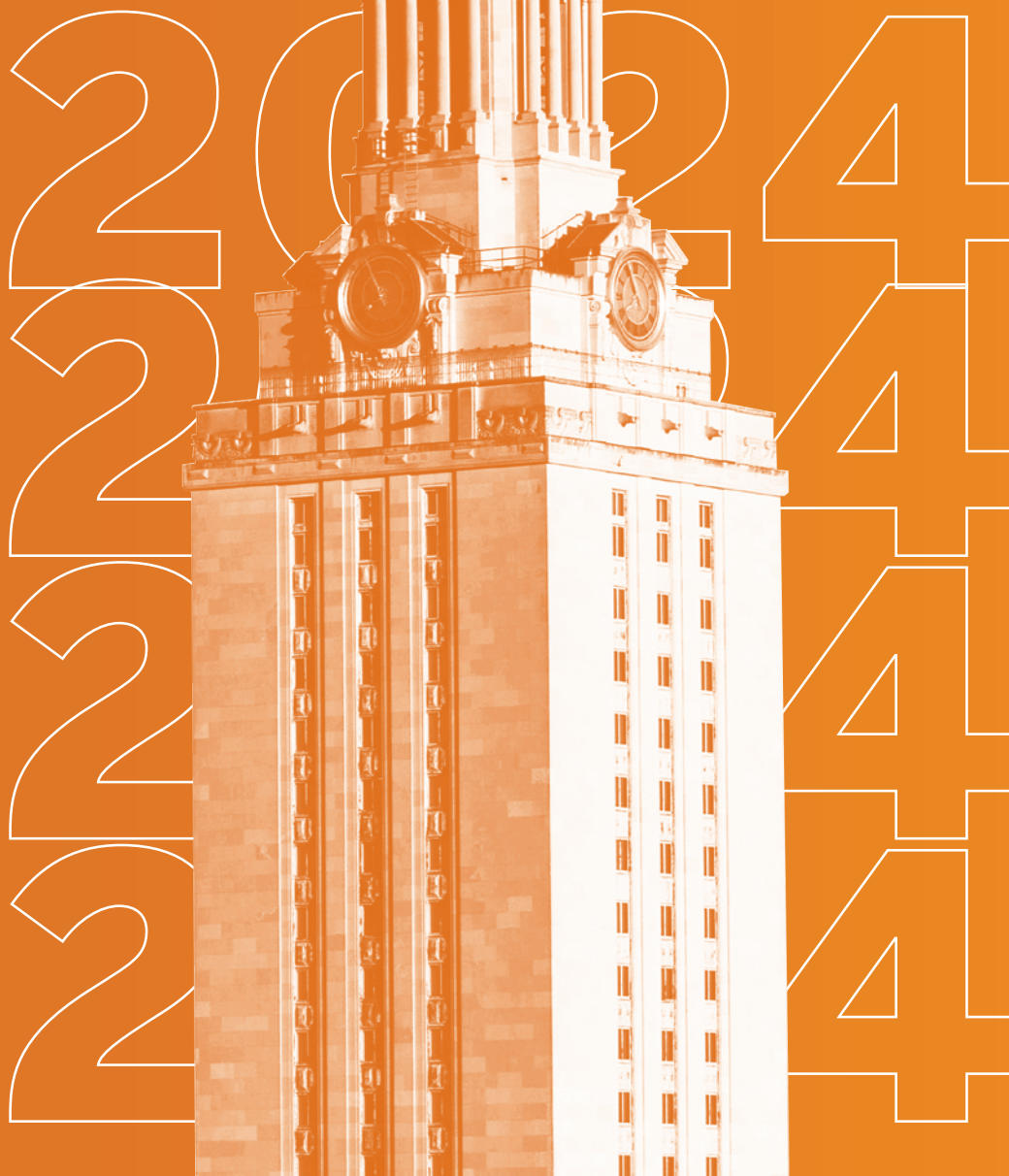


2024



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



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.

Our School of Nursing includes an excellent and strong community of outstanding students, 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.

Today, we are sending you out to the world so that you can make positive changes in Texas and beyond. 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.

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

Dean

Professor and Laura Lee Blanton Chair in Nursing

KEYNOTE SPEAKER DR. MARY WAKEFIELD



Dr. Mary Wakefield's career has focused on bringing nursing expertise to health policy.

She has served in senior positions in federal government, including eight years in the United States Senate as Chief of Staff to North Dakota Senators and serving as temporary Senior Counselor to the Director of the HHS Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (August 2022-March 2023).

In 2015, Dr. Wakefield was appointed by President Obama to serve as Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, making her the highest-ranking nurse in the U.S. government and the first nurse to hold this senior executive position. Earlier, Dr. Wakefield served as the HHS Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration.

Dr. Wakefield is a member of the National Academy of Medicine and has chaired or co-chaired committees, including the committee that produced *The Future of Nursing 2020-2030*. She has served on the boards of Sigma Theta Tau International and the American Academy of Nursing.

Her contributions to health care include serving on the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, chairing the HHS Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's National Advisory Council, participating as a member of HHS/HRSA's Office of Rural Health Policy's National Advisory Committee and as a member of the Commonwealth Fund's Commission to Create a High Performing Health System.

She serves on the Veterans Health Administration's Special Medical Advisory Committee, the Macy Foundation Board of Directors, and the Medical Advisory Board of the University of Washington Health Systems.

Dr. Wakefield was recognized as a Living Legend by the American Academy of Nursing.

With an enduring commitment to educating next-generation nurses, Dr. Wakefield has taught hundreds of nursing students at undergraduate and graduate levels, including as a Visiting Professor at The University of Texas at Austin School of Nursing.

Her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing is from the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota and her Master's and Doctoral degrees in Nursing are from The University of Texas at Austin.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS

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

Dean

Professor and Laura Lee Blanton

Chair in Nursing

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mary Wakefield, PhD, RN, FAAN

STUDENT SPEAKERS

Jennifer Joyner, MSN, CPNP-AC

Graduating Doctoral Student

Crystal Guy

Graduating Master's Student

Helen Kalleb

Graduating Bachelor's Student

MARSHAL

Janice F. Hernandez, DNP, RN, FNP-C

Clinical Assistant Professor

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Vinh T. Nguyễn, PhD, M.Ed.

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FNAP, FAAN**

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Professor

Alexandra García, PhD, RN, FAAN

Assistant Dean for the Graduate Programs and

Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs

Professor

Ana Todd, PhD, RN

Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Programs

Clinical Assistant Professor

Laura Murphy, PhD, MSN, RNC-OB

Clinical Assistant Professor

Graduate Advisor

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

Director of Learning Enhancement and

Academic Progress Center

Clinical Associate Professor

Larissa Brungot, DNP, RN, CNE

Clinical Assistant Professor

Shalonda Horton, PhD, MSN, RN

Clinical Assistant Professor

Teresa Bailey, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC, CNE

Clinical Assistant Professor

Tracy Demchuk, EdD, MA

Senior Director for Graduate Program Advising

& Admissions

Michelle Barajas, BSHDFS

Director, Undergraduate Admissions & Advising

CLOSING REMARKS

Associate Dean Vinh T. Nguyễn

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Hanade Abdalla	Meredith Emberton	Megan Ogden
Ericka Acevedo	Ehinome Esechie	Emily Peng
Goodness Agabi*	Danna Esqueda Medrano	Sarah Doan Thuy Pham
Yoxany Almaguer	Jocelyn Euceda	Rahzar Anonh Phanthavong
Andrea Alvarez	Abigail Christina Eudave	Isabelle Ranke
Maria Alvarez Lozano	Maram Hammad	Jessalyn Reyes
Avery Ambrose	Caroline Culp Harper	Abigail Roberts
Emily Anne Benz	Anthony Alexander Herrera	Lillian Rychlik
Nicolas Bish-Lehr	Annabelle Hodes	Alyssa Marie Saavedra
Stephanie Cardenas Malvaez	Layla Ismail*	Paola Salazar
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Sabrina Safa Chowdhury	Helen Kalleb	Silvia Shin
Lillian “Lilly” Cone	Emily Ke	Al Themistocle
Leah D’souza	Grace Haeun Kim	Sarah Tomlinson
Ana Sofia Dalton	Sara Kothia*	Justin Tran
Kaylee Daniel	Jasmine Sinai Luna	Celeste Citlali Valdez
Jacqueline Dauz	Kyrah Luna	Daniella Varela
Louise Anne Del Barrio	Maria Gabriela Montenegro	Avery Warburton
Sara Donovan	Amanda Montiel Montes	Yan Ru Wong
Larissa Duray	Christine Nguyen	Natalie Yokley
Dana Ely	Victor Njeru	

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS PROJECTS

Goodness Agabi	<i>Racial Disparities in Dementia Caregiving</i> Jung Kwak, PhD, MSW, FGSA, Faculty Mentor
Layla Ismail	<i>Nurse-Patient Communication with Mechanically Ventilated Patients</i> Elizabeth Heitkemper, PhD, RN, Faculty Mentor
Sara Kothia	<i>The Representation of Reported Race/Ethnicity Data in Cancer-Related Cognitive Impairment Research Amongst Cancer Patients</i> Ashley Henneghan, PhD, RN, FAAN, Faculty Mentor

*Honor’s Program Graduate

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Audrey Abawi	Maia Goldfarb	Thomas Mumpuni-Simes
Elise Balasa	Erica Greathouse	Emily Murphy
Sarah Baxter	Anna Gumble	Andrea Gray Perry
Jayme Beahm	Arushi Gupta	Sana Amelia Isaac Powell
Rachel Bershad	Crystal Guy	Alixandra Robinson
Amanda Boardman	Leighton Henderson	Quinton Bradley Rosser
Makenna Burke	Kathy Hu	Sydney E. Schuetze
Kristen Cowings	Shyretha Johnson	Kelly Shinol
Marija Davis Andrade	Jennifer Laessig	Craig Slack
Pragati Desai	Cassidy Lapp	Jennifer Marie Smith
Monica DeSantiago	Chloe Magali Marien Casey	Linda Thi
Caroline Dixon	Erika Marin	Melany Vaca Lizano
Arie Emde	Kaitlin Miesch	Jonathan Waknine
Kelsey Evans	Morgan Mull	Nichole Wolf

POST-MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Kiely Kristine Hansen	Marcia Jovel Landin	Ashley Whatley
Kimberly Anne Hillman	Laurette Elizabeth Rivers	
Ryan Keech	Rachel Schroer	

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Janette J. Adams
MSN, APRN, NP-C

The Effects of a 3D Body Composition Scan on the Mental Wellness of Weight Loss Patients: A Retrospective Chart Review
Megan Hebdon, PhD, DNP, RN, NP-C, Scholarly Advisor

Carter Andrew Crain
MSN, APRN, CPNP-AC, CCRN

Assessment of the Interest for Expanded Clinical Role of the Advanced Practice Provider in an Academic Medical Center
Teresa Bailey, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC, CNE, Scholarly Advisor

Joy Eguavoen
MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC

Developing an Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) Screening Protocol for the Veteran Population: A Quality Improvement
Marc Webb, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC, Scholarly Advisor

Christopher Jake Blanca Gonzales
MSN, RN, CMSRN, CENP, NEA-BC

Implementation of Weather-Related Disaster Training and Competency
Li-Chen Lin, PhD, RN, CNRN, Scholarly Advisor

Victoria Goodwin
MSN, APRN, ACNP-BC

Stop the Revolving Door! Reducing 30-Day Heart Failure Readmissions with Interdisciplinary Quality Improvement
Li-Chen Lin, PhD, RN, CNRN, Scholarly Advisor

Jennifer Joyner
MSN, CPNP-AC

Cost Predictors for the Care of Late Preterm Infants: A National Perspective
Teresa Bailey, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC, CNE & Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, MSN, MA, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Scholarly Advisors

Lisa Marie Newton
MSN, FNP-BC

United Front: Building Couples-Centered Support for Military Families Facing Breast Cancer
Megan Hebdon, PhD, DNP, RN, NP-C & Heather Becker, PhD, Scholarly Advisors

Michelle O'Rourke
MSN ACNP-BC

The Lived Experiences of Nurse Practitioners During a Nursing Strike
Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, MSN, MA, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Scholarly Advisor

Jacob Don Paul
MSN, APRN, ACNPC-AG, CCRN

An Evidence-Based Practice Project Focused on Intensive Care Unit Delirium
Linda Yoder, PhD, MBA, RN, AOCN, FAAN, Scholarly Advisor

Kristin Roeseler
MSN, APRN, CPNP-PC, PMHS

Forging a Foster-Friendly Facility
Stephanie Key, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC, Scholarly Advisor

Thomas C. Sargent
MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC

Protecting Those Who Care: A Systematic Review of Effective Interventions to Reduce Workplace Violence Against Nurses in United States Acute Care Hospital Settings
Nico Osier, PhD, BSN, BS, RN, Scholarly Advisor

Caroline Grace Turnbull
MSN, APRN, NP-C

Geriatric Mental Health Program Evaluation and Assessment of Depression, Anxiety, and Quality of Life: A Pilot Study
Megan Hebdon, PhD, DNP, RN, NP-C & Carolyn Phillips, PhD, RN, ACNP, Scholarly Advisors

Yu Zhong
MSN, APRN, FNP-C

Assessing the Effectiveness of Nursing Virtual Reality Simulation for ESL Students to Decrease Anxiety in Clinical Courses
Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, MSN, MA, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Scholarly Advisor

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING

Rodolfo Aguilar,** MD, PMHNP-BC, APRN *A Study of Sexual and Mental Health Among Baby Boomers in the United States*
Lynn Rew, EdD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, Dissertation Chair

Benedicta C. Anikputa, MPH, RN *Associated Factors that Contribute to Readiness for Healthcare Transition in a Population of Adolescents and Young Adults with Special Healthcare Needs*
Sharon Horner, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dissertation Chair

So Hyeon Bang, MSN, RN *Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus Self-Management of Burmese Refugees in Texas: A Clinical Ethnographic Interview*
Alexandra García, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dissertation Chair

Jeeyeon Kim,* BSN, RN *The Influence of Music on Cognitive Function in People With Type 2 Diabetes*
Heather Cuevas, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, FCN, Dissertation Chair

Julie Mellin, MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC *Sexual Activity As Self-Injury*
Cara Young, PhD, RN, FNP-C, FAANP, FAAN, Dissertation Chair

*Summer 2024 Graduate

** Summer 2023 Graduate



At this world-class institution,
you worked hard, and you prevailed.

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

At Texas, you learned to think big.

Go change the world.



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