

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. Stuijbergen, 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 SPEAKERS

Alexa K. Stuifbergen,
PhD, RN, FAAN

Dean

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

MARSHAL

Sharon L. Carter,
DNP, RN, CCRN, CNE

*Director - Leadership in Diverse Settings (LeaDS)
Graduate Program
Clinical Assistant Professor*

GRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER

*Tonychris Olisaebuka Nnaka
Graduating PhD student*

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER

*Abigail Jordan Thurman
Graduating BSN student*

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Dean Stuifbergen

Assisted by:

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

*Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Professor*

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

*Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs
Graduate Advisor
Professor*

Laura Murphy,
PhD, MSN, RNC-OB

Clinical Assistant Professor

Vinh T. Nguyễn,
PhD, M.Ed.

*Associate Dean for Student Services
Lecturer*

Ana Todd,
PhD, RN

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

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

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

Larissa Brungot,
DNP, RN, CNE

Clinical Assistant Professor

Shalonda Horton,
PhD, RN

Clinical Assistant Professor

CLOSING REMARKS

Dean Stuifbergen

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Henna Ahuja	Joyce Guadalupe Garcia	Merci Angela Paulhill
Destiny Monique Alexander	Alexsa Gass	Lucy M. Phelan
Deysi Aileen Alonso Moreno	Kennedy Huff	Maria Rahmatoulina
Hannah M. Arlott	Amani Unique Jacques	Meagan Nicole Ridley
Hansol Bae	Sydney Elise Jones	Miranda Meghan Rivera
Mary Beth Bayarena	Charlotte Noel Kaminski	Jordan A. Robey
Riddhi Bhakta	Eunice Njeri Kanyongo	Jillian Alexa Rodriguez
Camille Bourne	Nicole Roya Khadem	Peyton Alexis Rougeau
Kelby Louise Broekstra	Kayleigh Marie Kitto	Vanessa Kaitlyn Sayroo
Kinsley Rhea Cable	Gayla Kusin	Mary Grace Scales
Chantal Carolina Calderon	Corinne Marie LeMaire	Gwyneth Schuster
Railie Mackinzie Calhoun	Marisa May Liu	Eliza Shafer
Omar Cardona	Mary Madeleine Loeb★	Abigail Jordan Thurman
Adriana Chavez	LaRae Anecia Lundberg	Emma Trapp
Jenny Dang Ma	Samantha Louise Madenjian	Brianna Vaglica
Julia Delaguila	Kendra Suzanne Miller	Annamarie van Heerden
Taylor Michelle Esparza	Reagan Lee Millican	Katherine Wang
Olivia Montana Espinosa	Emily Catherine Mining	Allison Weik
Caroline Anne Fowler	Lovisa Kay Nylander	Alyson Grace Wong
Julie Ellen Francis	Aduragbemi “Blessing” Osunjimi	Madison Wood

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS PROJECTS

Mary Madeleine Loeb	<i>The Impact of a Medical Mission Trip Abroad on Undergraduate Students</i> Nicole Murry, PhD, RN, Faculty Mentor
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★ Undergraduate Honor's Program

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Renata Aguirre Mijares	Yuri Delia Gamez	Phan Thi Thanh Cuong*
Ashley Arceneaux	Kevin C. Goodlett	Meagan June Romano
Teresa Diann Berndt	Mercedes Harris	Ryan Scott
Kimberly Stone Borger	Ingrid Mason	Brittany Smith
Aryn Nicole Brown	Lauren McGettrick	Hannah Yerby
Jessica Bucheler	Armando Medina	Crystal P. Zavaleta
Lucy Kay Lona Chism	Kathleen O' Brien	

*Graduate of Spring 2022

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Sarah Garcia-Portillo*	<i>Incivility and Job Turnover in Newly Licensed Registered Nurses</i> Jane Dimmitt Champion, PhD, DNP, FNP, AH-PMH-CNS, FAAN, FAANP, Scholarly Advisor
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*Graduate of Spring 2020

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING

Tonychris Olisaebuka Nnaka	<i>A Precision Health Approach To Designing High Blood Pressure Self-Management Behavioral Intervention Among US Blacks</i> Miyong Kim PhD, RN, FAAN, FAHA, Dissertation Chair
Karen Percell	<i>The Relationships Between Role Ambiguity, Managerial Coaching, and the QSEN Competencies Among Medical-Surgical Nurses</i> Linda Yoder, PhD, MBA, RN, AOCN, FAAN, Dissertation Chair



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, which appears to read "Jay Hartzell". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Jay Hartzell, President
The University of Texas at Austin



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WHAT STARTS HERE CHANGES THE WORLD