2023 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, committed and 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. With this extraordinary community, you have worked hard, successfully completed the program, and will be promising future nursing leaders. With all your commitment and dedication to nursing, and with all the knowledge and skills that you have obtained through the program, you will make the world healthier and better.

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.

Eun-Ok Im, PhD, MPH, RN, CNS, FAAN
Dean
Professor and Laura Lee Blanton Chair in Nursing
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKERS
Gayle M. Timmerman, PhD, RN, APRN-CNS, FNAP, FAAN
Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

GRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER
Jade Teetsel
Graduating MSN student

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SPEAKER
Myah Coleman
Graduating BSN student

MARSHAL
Julie Zuniga, PhD, RN, FAAN
Associate Professor

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES
Dr. Gayle Timmerman

Assisted by:
Alexandra García, PhD, RN, FAAN
Assistant Dean for the Graduate Programs Professor

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

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

Shalonda Horton, PhD, RN
Clinical Assistant Professor

Vinh T. Nguyễn, PhD, MEd
Associate Dean for Student Services

Nicole Murry, PhD, RN
Clinical Assistant Professor

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

CLOSING REMARKS
Dr. Gayle Timmerman
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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Kaval Kaur Aurora                Joyce Carla Garcia                Elyssa Maly Palivan
Malia Nicole Blume               Monica Gonzalez Frazier             Carley Preisinger
Katherine Butz                   Brianna Hubiera                   Melissa Dawn Ramirez
Daniel Carver                    Casey Inman                        Noor Raoof
Belle Cassidy                    Caroline Jordan                   Katherine Rynearson
Lindsey Collins                  Ching-Yao Julie Li                Carlos Sanchez Rodriguez
Morgan Cooper                    Amanda Sue Martinez               Katy Steiner
Caitlin Hale Daniels             Lauren Meadows                     Alan Stepchinski
Kenneth Devaney                  Dara Akilah Meekins-Anderson    Jade Teetsel
Tenzin Dickyi                    Megan Elizabeth Murillo           Michael Walker
Mariah Ergang                    Camila Navarro Redondo            Rachel Wong
Xiangya Gao                      Christina Nguyen

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING

Lisa Geshell

Perceptions of Persons with Dementia on What Matters in Making Decisions About Advance Care Planning
Jung Kwak, PhD, MSW, FGSA, Dissertation Chair

Bo Ra Kim

Risk Factors of Binge Eating Behavior Among Korean American Women
Gayle Timmerman, PhD, RN, APRN-CNS, FNAP, FAAN, Dissertation Chair

Sungju Lim

Psychosocial Influence on Epigenetic Aging and Blood Pressure Among African American Women in InterGEN Study
Sharon D. Horner, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dissertation Chair

Kelly Pretorius*

Parental Perspectives on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome via Social Media
Lynn Rew, EdD, RN, AHN-BC, FAAN, Dissertation Chair

*Graduated Fall 2019
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.