



*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

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Noah Bowker	Jennifer Kim	Sofia Peterson
Elisa Cavazos	Kennedy Elizabeth Knight	Tiffany Thuy Vi Pham
Erica Chang	Grace Labat	Delanie Rackler
Kyle Chiu	Megan Adel Jung-Kun Lau	Hannah Grace Rahnke
Myah Coleman	Audrey Le	Margarita Ramirez Villalobos
Alexis Danielle Corral	Nina Le	Jheripye Reyes
Bryan Dang	Kaitlyn Lee	Melissa Rios
Olivia Grace Derr	Rebekah Lemeshev	Natalie A. Rodriguez
Emily DiPuma	Alondra Lopez	Micaela Rodriguez Milhomes
Julia L. Eder	Ruilinglong Lu	Yazari Saldivar
Mariana Edith Flores Galvan	Sophia Nicole Marioni	Giselle Serrano
Emily Franco	Jaqueline Martinez	Kaliah Sherrod
Aileen Garcia	Ly H. Nguyen	Matthew Ryan Watson
Aida Getahun	Renaë Nguyen	Emily Williams
Mariana Gomez Arboleda	Anisa Ogando	Hannah Williams
Kristin Hauck	Dená Marie Olison	Macey Zajicek
Gracie Anne Hiemenz	Alexis Grace Paget	Bryce Scott Zertuche
Allyson Hollister	Paige Parker	
Areli Ibarra	Kelsey Marie Partridge	

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 Raof
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	<i>Perceptions of Persons with Dementia on What Matters in Making Decisions About Advance Care Planning</i> Jung Kwak, PhD, MSW, FGSA, Dissertation Chair
Bo Ra Kim	<i>Risk Factors of Binge Eating Behavior Among Korean American Women</i> Gayle Timmerman, PhD, RN, APRN-CNS, FNAP, FAAN, Dissertation Chair
Sungju Lim	<i>Psychosocial Influence on Epigenetic Aging and Blood Pressure Among African American Women in InterGEN Study</i> Sharon D. Horner, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dissertation Chair
Kelly Pretorius*	<i>Parental Perspectives on Sudden Infant Death Syndrome via Social Media</i> 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.



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WHAT STARTS HERE CHANGES THE WORLD