



# PINNING CEREMONY

for the Associate Degree Nursing Class

May 13, 2024

NEW RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
DUBLIN, VIRGINIA



# Order of Program

Processional

Welcome ..... Ms. Helen Wolfe  
Dean of Health Professions, NRCC

Opening Comments ..... Ms. Wolfe

Presidential Remarks ..... Dr. Patricia B. Huber  
President, NRCC

Guest Speaker ..... Ms. Teri Moore  
retired Associate Professor of Nursing and  
Associate Vice President for Student Learning, NRCC

Pinning Remarks..... Ms. Wolfe

Pinning of Nursing Students..... Nursing Faculty

Blessing of the Hands ..... Dr. Graham C. Mitchell  
Professor of Psychology and Religion, NRCC

Nursing Faculty

Nursing Students

Recessional

*The audience is asked to remain standing during the recessional.*

## 2024 Associate Degree Nurses

Paula Andrea Acero Orejuela\*

Allyson Makenzie Bateman\*^

Jordan Marie Benedict\*

Taryn Haleigh Brewer\*

Rebecca Grace Buchinsky\*

Victoria Brooke Camper\*

Meagan Allexis Carico\*

Breanna Kay Curnin\*

Melanie Ann Dent

Angela Keith Duff\*

Brittney Nichole East\*

Jeremy Jose Fernandez\*

Sarah Paige Guida\*

Madison Brooke Harris\*^

Emma Kay Helms\*

Cameron Drake Hendrick

Korbin Bryce Hendricks\*

Falyn Grace Henley\*

Zachary Josiah Leet\*

Lillian Audrey Light\*^

Meghan M. McNulty

Jillian Victoria Midkiff\*^

Madison Elizabeth Moulton

## 2024 Associate Degree Nurses

Madelyn Grace Murray\*

Aubrey Sarah Nolan\*^

Megan Taylor Paredes\*

Lilly Grace Potts\*

Megan Elizabeth Powers\*

Harmony Grace Pratt\*^

Chelsea Golden Reno\*

Anne Lee Schroeder\*

Carmon Mariah Shelton\*

Lauryn Grace Shumate\*^

Jessop Matthew Skewes

Laken Nicole Smith\*

Carson Tyler Stephens^

Ashley Ann Thompson\*

Lana Van Jaarsveld\*

Jennifer Marie Viet\*

Wesley Christopher Weber\*

Madison Grace Whitesell\*

Emma Grace Whitlock\*^

Shuler Grace Williams\*^

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Thank you to **Carilion Clinic** for providing nursing pins to all the graduating nurses.

And a special thank you to our **12 clinical agencies**. These organizations generously provide opportunities for nursing students to work with patients as well as expert staff members.

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# Governance Of The College

## President

Dr. Patricia B. Huber

## New River Community Local College Board

Mr. Christopher B. Calfee

Ms. Jessica D. Littlejohn

Mr. B. Craig Chancellor

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Mr. William K. Cunningham

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Dr. Margaret R. Dewald-Link

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Mr. Eric K. Johnsen

Mr. Jonathan D. Sweet

## Honor Cords

Purple..... Summa Cum Laude 3.8 (With Highest Honor)

Green.....Magna Cum Laude 3.5 (With High Honor)

Orange.....Cum Laude 3.2 (With Honor)  
(Honors Based on Cumulative Grade Point Average)

Gold Stoles..... Phi Theta Kappa Member

Silver Medallion/Red and Blue Ribbon ..... All-Virginia Academic Team Scholar

## The Academic Regalia

In the universities of medieval Europe, the gown, cap, and hood signified the privileges and responsibilities of the scholar. The teaching guild was the guild of the master of arts. The bachelor was the apprentice of the master.

In American colleges and universities, the gown has become a symbol of the democracy of scholarship as it covers dress indicating rank or social standing. Associate, bachelor's and master's degree gowns have no trimming. The doctor's degree gown is faced with velvet and has velvet bars on the sleeves in colors to show the faculty or discipline to which the degree pertains.

The cap derives from Roman times when freed slaves had the privilege of wearing a cap and thus symbolizes freedom of scholarship. Academic caps feature a tassel indicating the wearer's discipline.

The hood is the forerunner to the present cap. The colors of the hood denote the discipline represented by the degree and the college or university from which the degree was granted.



## The New River Community College Nursing Pin

The NRCC nursing pin was designed to symbolize the nursing education experience and the future path of the nursing graduate.

The **winding path** represents the opportunity for you to go anywhere.

You stand at the **gate** now. It is open and invites you to travel beyond.

The **mountains** portray the beautiful area where we live and challenges to meet and new heights to attain.

The **bricks** in the wall symbolize a firm foundation on which to build.

The **sun** represents your bright future.

The **round shape** is the circle of teaching and learning and of giving and receiving.

The **Roman numerals** for 2003 appear on the gate, the year this program began.

*The New River Community College nursing pin was designed by Ms. Teri Moore,  
NRCC's first nursing program director.*