



PINNING
CEREMONY
&
GRADUATION
for the Associate Degree Nursing Class

May 15, 2023

NEW RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
DUBLIN, VIRGINIA

Order of Program

Processional

Welcome Ms. Helen Wolfe, M.S.N., R.N.
Interim Coordinator of Nursing Programs, NRCC

Opening Comments Dr. Patricia B. Huber
President, NRCC

Introduction of Speakers Ms. Wolfe

Video Messages from Nursing Graduates Ms. Cassie Craven
Ms. Larissa Gilbert
Ms. Jordan McGrady

Guest Speaker Ms. Kristie Williams, M.S.N., R.N.
Vice President, Carilion Giles and Tazewell Community Hospitals

Pinning Remarks..... Ms. Wolfe

Presentation of Nursing Students Dr. Peter T. Anderson
Vice President for Instruction and Student Services, NRCC

Degree Presentation Dr. Huber
Assisted by Dr. Mark C. Rowh
Vice President for Workforce Development and External Relations, NRCC

Pinning..... Nursing Faculty

Conferring of Degrees Dr. Huber

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

Nursing Faculty
Nursing Students

Congratulatory Video Messages Dr. Mitchell

Recessional

The audience is asked to remain standing during the Recessional.

NEW RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

2023 Associate Degree Nurses

Kristy Dawn Albert

Lynette Nicole Carroll*

Kalayna Marie Cassady*

Taylor Nicole Conley^

Ashley Nichole Cox*

Cassie Muncy Craven

Sylvia Jeannette Cupp*

Amanda Nicole Davis*

Rachael Wray Durham

Hannah Elaine Evans*

Kendra Brea Franklin

Kayla Megan Gardunio*

Morgan Tylor Gee*

Larissa Shyanne Gilbert

Madison Hope Hinton*

Allison Rose Hosey

Angela Marie Hubler

Rachel Elisabeth Huffman

Valery Anne Jacobson

Nathan Isaiah Jenkins*^

Abigail Elizabeth Grace Lafon^

Jennifer Kaitlyn Lawrence

Kayla Lynn Mabe

2023 Associate Degree Nurses

Ruth Jean-Maria Martin*^

Samantha Jane Mathews*

Jordan Danielle McGrady*

Kendra Camille Morris

Jenna Rene O'Neill*

Caitlyn Deziree Ousley*

Adelee Morgan Palmer*

Jenna Marie Quesenberry

Alyssa Faith Saunders

Ashlee Nichole Slusher*

Ally Kathleen Smith^

Madison Autumn Smith^

Kealee Nichole Stanford

Ashley Nicole Stewart

Emma Nicole Sutphin^

Cohen Gage Taylor^

Christopher Lee Thompson-Hudson*

Amy Nicole Thornton

Kenna Nicole Tienvieri^

Jessica Jake Wheeler

Brittany Nichole Williams

Carlin Paige Williams

Faith Hazel Williams^

Acknowledgments

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Megan Paredes
Carson Stephens
Jennifer Viet

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Nursing faculty: Michelle Goodman, Wendy Hay, Lisa Helmick, Caitlin Reed, Heather Umberger, and Helen Wolfe (Interim Coordinator of Nursing Programs)

Adjunct faculty: Jean Cintron, Sharon Clowes, Nikki King, Emily Matherly, Leah Nichols, Deborah Pike, Melissa Rice (who also serves as the full-time faculty member in the Practical Nursing program), Brittany Smith, and Libby Woodyard

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

Because the list of names must be furnished to the printer in final form seven days prior to the ceremony, it is possible that one or more of the candidates listed may have been unable to complete all requirements for a degree. Inability to remove a name before printing the program does not commit the college to grant a degree to a person listed. Similarly, receipt of a Summer 2023 degree is contingent upon completion of the necessary requirements.

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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.*