

Creighton University College of Nursing

2021

Hooding and Commencement Ceremony

WAYNE AND EILEEN RYAN ATHLETIC CENTER

MAY 14, 2021 | 9 A.M.



Order of Exercises

PROCESSION

MACE BEARER

Mardell A. Wilson, EdD, RDN

Provost

GRAND MARSHAL'S OPENING REMARKS

Mardell A. Wilson, EdD, RDN

Provost

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Erika Lou Vopnford

Doctor of Nursing

Practice Candidate

INVOCATION

Rev. Nicholas J. C. Santos, SJ, PhD

Rector

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD

President

DEAN'S REMARKS

Catherine M. Todero, PhD, RN

Dean

Vice Provost, Health

Sciences Campuses

STUDENT COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Jenni Kay Scranton

Doctor of Nursing

Practice Candidate

BOARD AUTHORIZATION

Presented by

Rev. Nicholas J. C. Santos, SJ, PhD

Rector

DEGREE CONFERRAL STATEMENT

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD

President

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR EARNED DEGREES

Hooding of graduates by

Catherine M. Todero, PhD, RN

Dean

Vice Provost, Health

Sciences Campuses

Nancy D. Bredenkamp, PhD, APRN-NP

Assistant Professor

Assistant Dean,

Graduate Nursing Programs

Names read by

Mary Kunes-Connell, PhD, RN

Professor

Associate Dean, Academics,

Assessment and Accreditation

TURNING OF THE TASSEL

Rev. Daniel S. Hendrickson, SJ, PhD

President

Class of 2021

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Jessica Lee Adrian*	Stacy Leigh Haman
Krista Michelle Ash-Robinson	Jaci Rae Hannasch
Katherine Amanda Bangert*	Adam Matthew Harmon
Mackenzie Maureen Barnard*	Pamela A. Hetzel
Jourdan Christine Bates*	Tyva Michelle Higgins
Rebecca Lynn Rae Bayne	Brittney Jean Huisinga*
Payton Rachel Borud	Katrina Lee Hull
Monika Gayle Bowen	Nerissa Naomi Imada*
Jenna LaNae Breidinger	Kimberly Jo Jensen
Amy Nicole Brenno	Maria Anne Johnson*
Joelle Mary Christine Buchholz*	Morgan Marie Jones
Matthew Jeremy Buesking	Jacquelyn Louise Julis
Inglish DeShawn Camero	Amanda Marie Jurczyk
Lauren Randi Day*	Jona Kuuipo Kerschner
Abby Dienne Dinklage*	Kathleen Elizabeth Kincaid*
Teddi Liane Dowling	Lindsay Ryann Kvols
Kaitlin Brianna Durkin	Sarah Lane*
Sarah Elizabeth Eichhorn*	Lyndee Kay LeRette
Courtney Leigh Elliott	Ashley Nicole Li
Elizabeth Marie Felix	Scott Irwin Maaske
Alyson Kathleen Ferguson	Courtney Lynn MacDowell
Alex Kay Flanigan	Sarah Jolynn McCarthy
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Abby Christine Freese*	Veronica Brennan Mergen
Emily Ann Freudenthal	Hilary Ann Mettler
Brigitte Claire Frey*	Paige Lynne Meyers*
Allison Marie Galkowski	Kari Kristina Mohnike<
Whitney Anne Getzfrid	Taylor Irene Mowinkel
Nicholas Samuel Guzzo#	Barbara Kay Mullaney
Jamie Ann Haaland	Hanh T. Nguyen-Vaselaar
Jyllyan Christine Halldorson	Amarela Okanovic

SYMBOL KEY

* Sigma Theta Tau, International Nursing Honor Society, Iota Tau Chapter
(inducted in 2019–2021, purple cords)

Alpha Sigma Nu
< December 2020 Graduate
+ August 2021 Graduate

Class of 2021

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE *continued*

Justin Ray Parsley	Alyssa Marie Smolen
Elizabeth May Patterson*	Megan Ann Sobota
Anne Marie Peterson	Blake Wray Standifer
Nicole Marie Plum	Allison Lindsay Suing
Sarah Louise Portillo ⁺	Julie Marie Sunderman
Ashley Rene' Rawlings ⁺	Maria Ruth Taylor
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Jennifer Marie Rivera ^{<}	Kendall Leigh Thelen
Farrah Lee Rosentreader	Angelica Cristi Thompson*
Kaylee Marie Runge	Nicole A. Velázquez
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Vanessa D. Saxton*	Anna Kirsten Warnes ^{<}
Megan Mae Schlager	Elizabeth Ann Willmes
Adrienne Serafina Schleisman	Blakelee Deneane Wright
Nicole Leanne Schleisman	Jamie Ann Wu
Jacqueline Janice Schoeneck ^{#*}	Lauryn Elizabeth Wuorio
Jennifer Kay Scranton*	Diana Lorena Zapata
Emina Mujcic Smailovic	

POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Lynn Fergola	Chad Macheel
Tawni Howard	Majda Tuor
Mesha Luksan	Kristin Weston

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Molly Michelle King	Kristin Colleen Weston
Elizabeth Gail Sabau*	

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History of the Hood, Cap and Gown

Though the history of the hood, cap and gown dates back to the 14th century; it was not until the 19th century that colleges and universities attempted to adopt a common code to distinguish the degree, field of study and university or college conferring the degree. The tassel color signifies the field of study. The field of nursing is signified by the apricot color. Both the baccalaureate and master's degree tassels are an apricot color. The gold, metallic colored tassel is reserved solely for doctoral graduates as it represents the highest degree earned.

Gowns, though all black, do have distinguishing characteristics signifying the degree earned. The baccalaureate gown is a simple gown with the distinguishing characteristic being a long, pointed sleeve. The master's gown is also distinguished by a sleeve that is more closed with only an opening in the wrist. The doctoral gown is the most elaborate and is adorned with velvet panels and sleeve bars.

The hood is the most distinguishing characteristic of academic regalia and is reserved only for graduates being awarded a master's or doctoral degree. The hood's colors signify both the field of study and the institution conferring the degree. The apricot color represents the field of nursing while the blue color represents Creighton University. The doctoral hood is more elaborate in that it is longer and the colored trim is wider than that associated with the master's degree hood.

Awards and Honors

CONSTANCE SMITH-PETERSON MEMORIAL AWARD

An award to a graduate student who best exemplifies a commitment to the advancement of nursing theory and practice through scholarship, leadership, psychosocial skills and community service.

DNP PRACTICE EXCELLENCE AWARD

Presented to the DNP student whose efforts substantially contribute to an enduring practice innovation or policy implementation.

INTERPROFESSIONAL PRACTICE, EDUCATION AND RESEARCH AWARD

The CIPER IPE Award is given annually to a student in each health profession who has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to interprofessional education and demonstrates leadership for future practice in interprofessional environments.

SIGMA THETA TAU-IOTA TAU CHAPTER AWARD

A certificate and a monetary award to a graduate student for exemplary research and scholarship.

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