



**THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA**

Conway School of Nursing



**CONWAY SCHOOL OF NURSING  
DIPLOMA AWARDING CEREMONY**

Washington, DC 20064

MAY 16, 2020

11:00 AM

Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Master of Science in Nursing

*The Skills to Succeed and the Values to Guide*



# GRADUATE STUDIES GRADUATION

## MISTRESS OF CEREMONY

Petra Goodman, Ph.D., W.H.N.P.-B.C., C.N.S., F.A.A.N.P.  
*Associate Dean of Research and Professional Development*

## OPENING PRAYER

Fr. Jude DeAngelo, Order of Friars Minor Conventual  
*University Chaplin & Director of Campus Ministry*

## GREETINGS

Patricia C. McMullen, Ph.D., J.D., C.R.N.P., F.A.A.N.P., F.A.A.N.  
*Dean of the Conway School of Nursing*

## INTRODUCTION OF FACULTY

### AWARDS

#### Dean's Awards for Excellence

Presenter:

Patricia C. McMullen, Ph.D., J.D., C.R.N.P., F.A.A.N.P., F.A.A.N.  
*Dean of the Conway School of Nursing*

#### Dr. Janet Rexrode Southby Prize in Nursing Research

Presenter:

Janice Agazio, Ph.D., C.R.N.P., F.A.A.N.P., F.A.A.N.  
*Associate Dean and Director of PhD and DNP Programs*

#### Alumni Awards

Presenter:

Joyce Johnson, Ph.D., F.A.A.N., N.E.A.-B.C.  
*Associate Professor*

## PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Presenter:

Janice Agazio, Ph.D., C.R.N.P., F.A.A.N.P., F.A.A.N.  
*Associate Dean and Director of PhD and DNP Program*

# DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN NURSING

## Degrees Conferred October 2019

Laura Elizabeth Alderuccio-Roettger, Ph.D., M.S.N., B.S.N.

Dissertation: *Evaluation of the Effectiveness of a Nurse Practitioner Led Intervention Focused on Nutrition and Activity Messages*

Carole Gertrude Goffena Mayes, Ph.D., M.S.N., B.S.N.

Dissertation: *Exploring Intraoperative Team Members' Decision Making Regarding Surgical Attire Guideline Adherence*

## Degrees Conferred January 2020

Sarah Ruth Caro, Ph.D., M.S., B.S.N.

Dissertation: *The Lived Experience of Alopecia Areata*

S. Alexander Rhys Kemery, Ph.D., M.S.N., B.S.N.

Dissertation: *Family Perceptions of Quality of End of Life in LGBTQ Individuals*

Heather Lynn Watson, Ph.D., M.S.N., B.S.N.

Dissertation: *Identifying Motivation Towards Healthy Behavior in Overweight Obese Pregnant Women*

## Degrees Conferred May 2020

Turki Mohammed Albraikan, M.S.N., B.S.N.

Dissertation: *The Impact of Falling and Fear of Falling on Elderly Residing in Homes in Saudi Arabia by Using Grounded Theory*

Alexander Davis, M.S.N., B.S.N.

Dissertation: *Experiences of Registered Nurses Caring for Patients on Inpatient Psychiatric Units*

Kathleen V. Eid-Heberle, M.S.N., B.S.N.

Dissertation: *Exploration of Factors that Promote Continued Volunteer Engagement of American Red Cross Disaster Health Services Nurses*

Briyana Laurine Monique Morrell, M.S.N., B.S.N.

Dissertation: *The Influence of Rapid Response Team Membership and Call Urgency on Team Function: A Grounded Theory Study*

Oluwakemi O.A. Opanubi, M.S.N., M.B.A., B.S.N., B.A.

Dissertation: *Experiences and Quality of Life of Adult Children Caring for Parents Aging in Place*

Thunyasiri Somkome, M.S.N., B.S.N.

Dissertation: *The Lived Experience of Thai Parents of a Child Diagnosed with Cancer*

Deanna Elimanco Winters, M.S.N., B.S.N., B.A.

Dissertation: *The Lived Experience of Spiritual Well-being from the Perspectives of Seasoned Hospice and Palliative Care Nurses – A Descriptive Phenomenological Study*

## **DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE**

### **Degrees Conferred October 2019**

Elaine Chiusano Chanin, D.N.P., M.S.N.

Evidence-Based Project: *Transitional Care: Does a Nurse Practitioner Home Assessment Decrease All Cause Readmissions?*

### **Degrees Conferred May 2020**

Annie Lockett Addison, M.S.N., B.S.N.

Evidence-Based Project: *Implementation of an Evidence-Based Screening Process for Prediabetes*

Marci Lee Andrejko, M.S.N., B.S.N.

Evidence-Based Project: *Increasing Oncology Nurses' Adherence to Personal Protective Equipment Use While Handling Hazardous Drugs*

Katherine Merie Kidde, M.S.N., B.S.N.

Evidence-Based Project: *The Use of Vapocoolant Spray for Intravenous Catheter Placement Analgesia by Direct Care Nurses*

Patty Jo Mantel, M.S.N., B.S.N., B.A.

Evidence-Based Project: *Communication Skills Training for Family Caregivers of Persons with Dementia from Alzheimer's Disease*

Anne Teresa Hesson Reeser, M.S.N., B.S.N.

Evidence-Based Project: *Implementation of an Evidence-Based Educational Intervention for Nursing Management of Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy (PEG) Tubes*

David Robert Want, M.S.N., B.S.N.

Evidence-Based Project: *Identification of Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Clinical Procedural Skills Used in Practice: Examination of Frequency of Use, Importance of Skill, and Training for Skill*

Lois Ann Wessel, M.S., B.S.N., B.A.

Evidence-Based Project: *An Evaluation of an Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (Project ECHO) Training for Latino Community Health Workers on Diabetes Self-Management*

# PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

Presenter:

Elizabeth Hawkins-Walsh, Ph.D., C.P.N.P., P.M.H.S, F.A.A.N.P.

*Associate Dean & Program Director for Master's Studies and  
Community Partnerships*

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

### Degrees Conferred July 2019

Natalie Dolan Shepherd, M.S.N., B.S.N. — *Family Nurse Practitioner Program*

### Degrees Conferred August 2019

Tiffany Adams, M.S.N., B.S.N.— *Family Nurse Practitioner Program*

Diane E. Basich, M.S.N., B.S.N.— *Family Nurse Practitioner Program*

Laura L. Debler, M.S.N., B.S.N.— *Family Nurse Practitioner Program*

Julia Anne Elliott, M.S.N., B.S.N.— *Family Nurse Practitioner Program*

Elizabeth Anne Naaden, M.S.N., B.S.N.— *Family Nurse Practitioner Program*

Harouna Pare, M.S.N., B.S.N.— *Family Nurse Practitioner Program*

Kaliah Arrielle Reeves, M.S.N., B.S.N., B.S.— *Family Nurse Practitioner Program*

Catherine Michelle Tibbetts, M.S.N., B.S.N.— *Family Nurse Practitioner Program*

### Degrees Conferred January 2020

Sarah Michelle Rubin, M.S.N., B.S.N., B.A.—*Family Nurse Practitioner Program*

### Degrees Conferred May 2020

Alexandra Barniea Green, B.S.N., B.A.— *Family Nurse Practitioner Program*

Jennifer Lea Blansett, B.S.N.— *Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Dual Acute/Primary Care*

Capri Amelia Jones, B.S.N., B.B.A.— *Family Nurse Practitioner Program*

Tiffany Nicole Newton, B.S.N.— *Adult Gero Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Program*

Victoria Nell Petrucci, B.S.N.— *Family Nurse Practitioner Program*

Kristine A. Rowell, B.S.N.— *Family Nurse Practitioner Program*

Gabriel Martin Sevalie, B.S.N.— *Family Nurse Practitioner Program*

Sarah Jane Sharp, B.S.N.— *Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Dual Acute/Primary Care*

Le'Sharo La'Shea Willoughby, B.S.N.— *Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care*

## POST GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

### January 2020

Megan Gabauer, M.S.N. — *Adult Gero Primary Care Nurse Practitioner*

### May 2020

Mary Perry, M.S.N., RN, RNC-NIC — *Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Dual Acute/Primary Care*

# GRADUATE AWARDS

## **DR. JANET REXRODE SOUTHBY PRIZE IN NURSING RESEARCH**

*Established by Dr. Richard Southby to honor Colonel Southby when she retired from the U.S. Army Nurse Corps in 1996. The monetary award is presented annually to a graduate who has achieved recognition in and exhibited an outstanding commitment to nursing research.*

## **DEAN'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MASTER'S STUDIES**

*The Dean's Award for Excellence in Master's Studies is made on the basis of superior academic achievement, significant leadership potential, professional commitment, service to the School of Nursing and the community, and for knowledge and aptitude in nursing research.*

## **DEAN'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PHD DOCTORAL STUDIES**

*The Dean's Award for Excellence in Doctoral Studies is made on the basis of superior academic achievement, quality and significance of the dissertation research, leadership skills, and service to the School of Nursing, the community and the nursing profession.*

## **DEAN'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP) STUDIES**

*The Dean's Award for Excellence in DNP Doctoral Studies is made on the basis of superior academic achievement, quality and significance of the evidence based project, leadership skills, and service to the School of Nursing, the community and the nursing profession.*

## **ALUMNI AWARD/MASTER'S STUDIES**

*This award is presented to a master's student who has demonstrated leadership and academic achievement in Master's studies.*

## **ALUMNI AWARD/PHD STUDIES**

*This award is presented to a doctoral student who has demonstrated leadership and academic achievement in Doctoral studies.*

## **ALUMNI AWARD/DNP STUDIES**

*This award is presented to a doctoral student who has demonstrated leadership and academic achievement in Doctoral studies.*

## **SPECIAL THANKS**

The Conway School of Nursing wishes to thank the Diploma Awarding Ceremony Committee, Conway School of Nursing Alumni Association, The Catholic University Commencement Committee, and The Conway School of Nursing Faculty and Staff. This will be a commencement we will never forget. Special thanks to the students and families for their patience in these trying times.

Diploma Awarding Ceremony Committee: Stephanie Adams, Lynn Doyle, Shea McCormick, Alice Myers, Megan Podboy & Jackie Tintle

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