

University of Arkansas  
for Medical Sciences



**College of Nursing  
Pinning, Hooding, and  
Recognition Ceremony**

Baccalaureate, Master's,  
and DNP Graduates

**Friday, May 17, 2024**

First Pentecostal Church  
North Little Rock, Arkansas

# Program

**Welcome and Introduction** ..... Patricia Cowan, Ph.D., RN  
*Dean, College of Nursing*

**Remarks** ..... Cam Patterson, M.D., MBA  
*Chancellor, UAMS*

**Program Facilitator** ..... Teresa Whited, DNP, RN, APRN  
*Associate Dean, College of Nursing*

## Baccalaureate Program

**Undergraduate Address** ..... Rachel French  
*SNA President*  
*and*  
Tyler Dawon  
*Accelerated BSN Student*

**Nightingale Pledge** ..... Teresa Whited, DNP, RN, APRN

**Procession of BSN graduates  
and Pinning Ceremony** ..... Patricia Cowan, Ph.D., RN  
*and*  
Teresa Whited, DNP, RN, APRN  
*and*  
Fermin Renteria, DNP, APRN  
*Director, BSN Program*  
Larronda Rainey, DNP, RN  
*Department Chair, Education*

# Graduate Program

**Graduate Address** .....LaDana Morrison  
*DNP Graduate*

## **Procession of Master's Graduates**

**and Hooding Ceremony** ..... Patricia Cowan, Ph.D., RN  
*and*  
Teresa Whited, DNP, RN, APRN  
*and*  
Elizabeth Riley, DNP  
*Director, MNSc Program*

**Master of Nursing Science graduates will be hooded by their Advisors.**

Maeghan Arnold, DNP ..... *Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner*  
Janice Taylor, DNP ..... *Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner*  
Laura Mayfield, DNP ..... *Family Nurse Practitioner*  
Christie Keller, DNP ..... *Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner*  
Neal Reeves, DNP, MBA ..... *Nursing Administration*  
Kellie Bishop, DNP ..... *Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner*  
Emily Davis, MNSc ..... *Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner*

## **Procession of DNP Graduates**

**and Hooding Ceremony** ..... Patricia Cowan, Ph.D., RN  
*and*  
Teresa Whited, DNP, RN, APRN  
*and*  
Albrey Love, DNP, RN, APRN  
*Director, DNP Program*

**Doctor of Nursing Practice graduates will be hooded by their Advisors.**

Maeghan Arnold, DNP ..... *Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner*  
Janice Taylor, DNP ..... *Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner*  
Laura Mayfield, DNP ..... *Family Nurse Practitioner*  
Christie Keller, DNP ..... *Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner*  
Kellie Bishop, DNP ..... *Pediatric Primary Care Nurse Practitioner*  
Emily Davis, MNSc ..... *Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner*  
Michelle Gonzalez, Ph.D. .... *Nurse Anesthesia*  
Pam LaBorde, DNP ..... *Post-Master's DNP*

**Procession of PhD Graduates  
And Recognition Ceremony**

Patricia Cowan, Ph.D.,  
RN  
*and*  
Martha Rojo,  
Ph.D., RN  
*Director, PhD Program*  
*and*  
Latrina Prince, Ed.D.  
*Associate Dean, Graduate School*

**Presentation of Awards** ..... Rochelle McFerguson  
*Chair, Awards & Scholarship Committee*

**Dean's Address to Graduates** ..... Patricia Cowan, Ph.D., RN

**Recessional** ..... *Students, audience, please remain seated  
while faculty and stage participants exit*

## **INTRODUCTION to the Academic Procession**

The UAMS College of Nursing welcomes you to their Pinning, Hooding and Recognition Ceremony and to the academic procession. We trust that this brief introduction will make the procession as important to you as it is to our college and to our graduates.

The academic procession originated in Europe about 800 years ago. As the Middle Ages drew to a close, scholars began to associate with institutions accepting students for the purpose of higher learning. By the 13<sup>th</sup> century, these institutions had come to be known as universities. Faculties of these early universities wore robes similar to those of the clergy.

Hooded robes began when itinerant or “begging” friars added *tippets*, or shoulder coverings, to the robes that contained a pocket to collect alms or offerings. Today’s academic hood still contains pockets.

Part of the tradition of each university was to adopt official colors of the ornate academic robes its faculty would wear. Although much of the pomp and circumstance of these early universities has passed, the academic gowns and hoods retain the colors passed down by generations of graduates.

The cardinal red of the University of Arkansas was chosen in 1895 in a spirited contest, defeating a reddish purple; white was added years later after the rise of intercollegiate athletics.

In addition to university colors worn on the back of hoods, faculty holding doctoral and master’s degrees wear a specific color on the front bands of their gowns to denote the type of degree they possess. As indicated below, colors denote the many different degrees awarded by universities. Many of these colors will be seen today in our faculty processional.

## **Florence Nightingale pledge**

(adapted in part from original;  
author & year unknown;  
given to Dr. Otto by student, May 2003)

I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly ... to faithfully practice my profession of nursing.

I will do all in my power to make and maintain the highest standards and practices of my profession.

I will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping in the practice of my calling.

I will devote myself to the welfare of my patients, my family and my community.

I will endeavor to fulfill my rights and privileges as a good citizen and take my share of responsibility in promoting the health and welfare of the community.

I will constantly endeavor to increase my knowledge and skills in nursing and to use them wisely.

I will zealously seek to nurse those who are ill ... Wherever they may be and whenever they are in need.

I will be active in assisting others in safeguarding and promoting the health and happiness of humankind.

## Traditional Bachelor of Nursing Science Graduates

Nadia Valeria Albonetti <sup>®+</sup>	Lindsey McFadden <sup>†</sup>
Jessica Armstrong	Alyssa Moomey
Benjamin Clark Askew	Elizabeth Marie Nowak <sup>®+</sup>
Kaleigh B. Bagwell <sup>†</sup>	Yujin Park
Lauren Danna Barnett	Lina Dharmesh Patel <sup>*<sup>®</sup>^+</sup>
Jamie Bostick-Durfee	Mallory Renee Poe
Ethan Cole Briggler <sup>®+</sup>	Luis Daniel Ramos Perez
Amelia I. Butler	Sarah Raney <sup>†</sup>
Chelle Olene Byron	Brittany Nicole Rice
Lindsey Grace Byrum <sup>®+</sup>	Christiana Suzanne Rollason
Khoi Anh Chu	Alyssa Ruff <sup>®+</sup>
Madison Kennedy Cobb <sup>®+</sup>	Austin Caleb Ryall
Hayden L Coleman	Allie Brianne Saunders <sup>†</sup>
Kathryn Elizabeth Coleman <sup>*<sup>®</sup>+</sup>	Chloe Nicole Sawyer <sup>*<sup>®</sup>+</sup>
Camille Kathryn Crone <sup>®+</sup>	Amanda Shalter
Steven M Dunn <sup>†</sup>	Taylor Jordan Shelton <sup>®+</sup>
Keithley Nicole Felton <sup>®+</sup>	Anna Shewmake <sup>®+</sup>
Wendy Fernandez	Michael Sims
Nathan Allan Freeman	Adam Soto
Rachel Lannette French	Taylor Breanne Stecks
Rebecca Gallaher	Heather Cathleen Susky <sup>®+</sup>
Carrington Michelle Gay	Katherine Teske <sup>®</sup>
Zachariah Cain Glover	Christina Elizabeth Tolley
Sara Elayna Gonzales <sup>†</sup>	Adrian Trejo <sup>®</sup>
Skye Elizabeth Heffernan <sup>®+</sup>	Lauren Danielle Tucker <sup>®+</sup>
Sidney Rae Huffman	Alicia Dawn Turner
Aria Aysiana Hughes	Brandon Lee Wallace <sup>®+</sup>
Madison Claire Hughes	Abigail Waller <sup>®+</sup>
Sea Jaeschke-Jester <sup>®+</sup>	Daelynn Raye White <sup>®+</sup>
Khel Sabin Jewett	Jackson Reid Wiedower
Spenser Nicolas Killgore <sup>†</sup>	Brooke Wiggins <sup>®+</sup>
Daeun Kim	Ryan Bailey Williams <sup>†</sup>
Chelsea Marie Lee	Alexis Worley <sup>®+</sup>
Gillian L. Lockley	Brittany Nicole Wright
Seath Mahoney	
Salvador Martinez <sup>†</sup>	

## Accelerated BSN Graduates

Natalie Burklow†+	Andrew Wilton Jennings
Elizabeth Marie Cagle†+	Brenna Kuenzi®+
JociAnna Chong Gum	Allie Rogers
Rylee Paige Davis+	Morgan Grace Sprinkle
Satya Davis+	Kiana Simone Steplight
Tyler Dan Dawson®+	Drew MacKenzie Stuart
Cheryl Nicole Griffee+	Madison Beth Trivitt
Fess Chanel Hawkins	Alexis Abigail Villalobos
Courtney Lauren Hughes+	Brianna Michelle Willis

\* BSN Honors Program Graduate

+ Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society of Nursing

† Honors

®High Honors

^ Faculty Gold Key



# Master of Nursing Science Graduates

## *Acute Care Pediatrics*

Hannah Layne Mitchell+  
Madison Taylor Winter®  
Ashlynn Marie Young®

## *Nursing Administration*

Emily Paige Austin®  
Stephanie Michelle Miller®+  
Dawn Denise Moline®+  
Suzanne Michelle White ®+

## *Adult Gerontology Primary Care*

Long Thanh Dang†+  
Corey Lee Greene†+  
Ashley Marie Jeffrey†  
Mishann Luedders®  
Kristen Ranahan®  
Tiffany Dawn Reckling  
Sarah Elizabeth Scott®+

## *Psychiatric Mental Health*

Nicholas R. Bahner®  
Grant Michael Barnett®  
Sarah M. Cloud†  
Julie S. Harris+  
Jennifer Marie Hernandez®+  
Emily L. King®  
Elizabeth A. Lash®  
Kirsten Marie Orange†  
Katie Michelle Waller†

## *Family Nurse Practitioner*

Alexis Cheyenne Beard  
Morgan Layssard Colvin®+  
Lindsey Freeland†+  
Madison Evelyn Gail Klammer®  
Megan Elise Lane®  
Carter Lee Norman†  
Haley A. Phelan®  
Kristy Porter+  
Rebecca Shaffer†

## Doctor of Nursing Practice Graduates

### *Adult Gerontology Acute Care*

**Sarah Anne Campbell®**

BSN, University of Arkansas  
Project Title: *Prevention of Hospital-Acquired Pressure Injuries: A Quality Improvement Project*  
Advisor: Margaret Love, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

**Porsche Shyrell Gray†**

BSN, University of Arkansas at Little Rock;  
ADN, Baptist Health School of Nursing  
Project Title: *Reducing Kidney Transplant Pre-Evaluation Workup Time: A Quality Improvement Project*  
Advisor: Maeghan Arnold, DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC

**Amanda Graves Hale†**

BSN, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
Project Title: *ICU Pause—Postcode Debriefing*  
Advisor: Maeghan Arnold, DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC

**Hanan Ahmad Kattom®**

BSN, Alverno College  
Project Title: *Reducing Kidney Transplant Pre-Evaluation Workup Time: A Quality Improvement Project*  
Advisor: Maeghan Arnold, DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC

**Jessica Helen Mack®**

BSN, Southern Arkansas University  
Project Title: *Effects of a Standardized Handoff Tool on Interdisciplinary Communication*  
Advisor: Maeghan Arnold, DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC

**Victoria Paige Massery®+**

BSN, University of Central Arkansas  
ADN, Baptist Health School of Nursing  
Project Title: *The Impact of MEWS, Incentive Spirometry, and Out-To-Eat to Reduce Unplanned ICU Communication*  
Advisor: Maeghan Arnold, DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC

**Gretchen Maria McCallum®**

BSN, Arkansas Tech University  
Project Title: *The Impact of MEWS, Incentive Spirometry, and Out-To-Eat to Reduce Unplanned ICU Communication*  
Advisor: Maeghan Arnold, DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC

**Jennifer Lynnlee Rooney®+**

BSN, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
Project Title: *Effects of a Standardized Handoff Tool on Interdisciplinary Communication*  
Advisor: Maeghan Arnold, DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC

**Chelsea Scherz®**

BSN, Baptist Health Sciences University  
Project Title: *ICU Pause—Postcode Debriefing*  
Advisor: Maeghan Arnold, DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC

### *Family Nurse Practitioner*

**James Dustin Bailey**

BSN, Texas A&M University  
ADN, Texarkana College  
Project Title: *Improving Access to Smoking Cessation Resources, Education, and Increasing Revenue in a Family Clinic*  
Advisor: Marilyn Faye Hughes, DNP, MNSc, RN

**Lela Brown†**

BSN, University of Texas Arlington  
ADN, Texarkana College  
Project Title: *Improving Access to Smoking Cessation Resources, Education, and Increasing Revenue in a Family Clinic*  
Advisor: Marilyn Faye Hughes, DNP, MNSc, RN

**Michaela B. Long**

BSN, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
Project Title: *Fall Prevention on an Oncology Unit: Quality Improvement Project*  
Advisor: Margaret Love, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

**LaDana LeAnn Morrison+**

BSN, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Project Title: *Fall Prevention on an Oncology Unit: Quality Improvement Project*  
Advisor: Margaret Love, DNP, APRN, FNP

**Cortney Brooke Payne®**

BSN, University of Central Arkansas  
Project Title: *Advancement of e-Referrals to Tobacco Cessation Counseling in an Internal Medicine Clinic*

Advisors: Marilyn Faye Hughes, DNP, MNsc, RN and Janice Taylor, DNP, APRN, GNP-BC, AGPCNP-BC

**Tiffany Taggart Riley®+**

BSN, University of Arkansas  
Project Title: *Prevention of Hospital-Acquired Pressure Injuries: A Quality Improvement Project*  
Advisor: Margaret Love, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

**Sarah Rowland Russell®**

BSN, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith  
Project Title: *Prevention of Hospital-Acquired Pressure Injuries: A Quality Improvement Project*  
Advisor: Margaret Love, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

**Keyisha Renee Washington+**

BSN, Baptist Health Sciences University;  
ADN, East Arkansas Community College  
Project Title: *Fall Prevention on an Oncology Unit: Quality Improvement Project*  
Advisor: Margaret Love, DNP, APRN, FNP

**Psychiatric Mental Health**

**Eli Jacob Fulfer®**

BSN, University of Arkansas  
Project Title: *Quality Improvement Project: Improving the Intake Assessment Process at a Psychiatric Hospital*  
Advisor: Christie Keller, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC

**Crystal N. Lee†+**

BSN, University of Arkansas  
ASN University of Arkansas at Little Rock  
Project Title: *Quality Improvement Initiative: Suicide Risk and Safety Planning in Primary Care*  
Advisor: Albrey Love, DNP, RN, APRN, PNP-PC

**Jennifer Elaine Strickland†**

BSN, Arkansas State University  
Project Title: *Quality Improvement Initiative: Referrals in Retrospect: Implementation of New Referral Process to Improve Access to Outpatient Counseling Services*  
Advisor: Christie Keller, DNP, APRN, PMHNP-BC

**Acute Care Pediatrics**

**Meghan Renee Bullock®**

BSN, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
Project Title: *Improving the Laceration Repair Process in a Pediatric Emergency Department*  
Advisor: Albrey Love, DNP, RN, APRN, PNP-PC

**Kathleen Grace Lance†**

BSN, Harding University  
Project Title: *Improving the Laceration Repair Process in a Pediatric Emergency Department*  
Advisor: Albrey Love, DNP, RN, APRN, PNP-PC

**Jenifer Pifer†**

BSN, Arkansas State University  
ADN, Baptist Health School of Nursing  
Project Title: *Improving the Laceration Repair Process in a Pediatric Emergency Department*  
Advisor: Albrey Love, DNP, RN, APRN, PNP-PC

**Primary Care Pediatrics**

**Kelsi Jo Davison®+**

BSN, Arkansas State University  
Project Title: *Quality Improvement Initiative: Suicide Risk and Safety Planning in Primary Care*  
Advisor: Albrey Love, DNP, RN, APRN, PNP-PC

**Amy E. Jenkins®+**

BSN, Arkansas State University  
Project Title: *Quality Improvement Initiative:  
Suicide Risk and Safety Planning in Primary  
Care*  
Advisor: Albrey Love, DNP, RN, APRN,  
PNP-PC

**Nurse Anesthesia**

**Justin Lane Alexander®**

BSN, Arkansas State University  
Project Title: *Tranexamic Acid for  
Myomectomy Blood Loss Management*  
Advisors: Michelle Gonzalez, Ph.D., CRNA,  
CHSE and Leonie DeClerk, Ph.D., DNP,  
APRN, FNP-BC

**Kimberly Nicole Alexander®**

BSN, Missouri State University  
Project Title: *Improving Sedation Team  
Registered Nurses Knowledge and Skills in  
Pediatric Airway Management*  
Advisors: Michelle Gonzalez, Ph.D., CRNA,  
CHSE and Leonie DeClerk, Ph.D., DNP,  
APRN, FNP-BC

**Evan Jefferson Cook†**

BSN, University of Arkansas  
Project Title: *Tranexamic Acid for  
Myomectomy Blood Loss Management*  
Advisors: Michelle Gonzalez, Ph.D., CRNA,  
CHSE and Leonie DeClerk, Ph.D., DNP,  
APRN, FNP-BC

**Jonathan Ulises De La Torre®**

BSN, University of Texas at Rio Grande  
Valley  
Project Title: *Tranexamic Acid for  
Myomectomy Blood Loss Management*  
Advisors: Michelle Gonzalez, Ph.D., CRNA,  
CHSE and Leonie DeClerk, Ph.D., DNP,  
APRN, FNP-BC

**Willy Junior Desir®+**

BSN, Miami Dade College  
Project Title: *Adopting Ultrasound Guided  
Peripheral Intravenous Placements in Pre-op  
at Baptist Health Medical Center*  
Advisors: Michelle Gonzalez, Ph.D., CRNA,  
CHSE and Leonie DeClerk, Ph.D., DNP,  
APRN, FNP-BC

**Grant Phillip Gebhardt®**

BSN, University of Arkansas  
Project Title: *Adopting Ultrasound Guided  
Peripheral Intravenous Placements in Pre-op  
at Baptist Health Medical Center*  
Advisors: Michelle Gonzalez, Ph.D., CRNA,  
CHSE and Leonie DeClerk, Ph.D., DNP,  
APRN, FNP-BC

**Allison Jean Hasler®**

BSN, University of Arkansas  
Project Title: *Cannabis: A Can-Not-Miss on  
Pre-operative Assessments*  
Advisors: Michelle Gonzalez, Ph.D., CRNA,  
CHSE and Leonie DeClerk, Ph.D., DNP,  
APRN, FNP-BC

**Tryseldah Mutsago Jabangwe**

BSN, University of Michigan Flint;  
ADN, Northwestern Michigan College  
Project Title: *Efficiency Driven Anesthesia  
Model (EDAM): A Needs Assessment*  
Advisors: Michelle Gonzalez, Ph.D., CRNA,  
CHSE and Leonie DeClerk, Ph.D., DNP,  
APRN, FNP-BC

**Sergio Leal-Angeles®**

BSN, University of Central Arkansas  
Project Title: *Improving Sedation Team  
Registered Nurses Knowledge and Skills in  
Pediatric Airway Management*  
Advisors: Michelle Gonzalez, Ph.D., CRNA,  
CHSE and Leonie DeClerk, Ph.D., DNP,  
APRN, FNP-BC

**Sedrick Todd Lewis†+**

BSN, Nazareth College  
Project Title: *Adopting Ultrasound Guided  
Peripheral Intravenous Placements in Pre-op  
at Baptist Health Medical Center*  
Advisors: Michelle Gonzalez, Ph.D., CRNA,  
CHSE and Leonie DeClerk, Ph.D., DNP,  
APRN, FNP-BC

**Jim Beam Nimer®+**

BSN, University of Rochester  
Project Title: *Cannabis: A Can-Not-Miss on  
Pre-operative Assessments*  
Advisors: Michelle Gonzalez, Ph.D., CRNA,  
CHSE and Leonie DeClerk, Ph.D., DNP,  
APRN, FNP-BC

**KeAnthony Levar Potter®+**

BSN, Columbus State University  
ASN, Georgia State University  
Project Title: *Anesthesia STATs*  
Advisors: Michelle Gonzalez, Ph.D., CRNA,  
CHSE and Leonie DeClerk, Ph.D., DNP,  
APRN, FNP-BC

**Zuleima Lizeth Reyes®+**

BSN, University of Central Arkansas  
Project Title: *Improving Sedation Team  
Registered Nurses Knowledge and Skills in  
Pediatric Airway Management*  
Advisors: Michelle Gonzalez, Ph.D., CRNA,  
CHSE and Leonie DeClerk, Ph.D., DNP,  
APRN, FNP-BC

**Candace Eugenia Robinson®+**

BSN: Tuskegee University  
Project Title: *Anesthesia STATs*  
Advisors: Michelle Gonzalez, Ph.D., CRNA,  
CHSE and Leonie DeClerk, Ph.D., DNP,  
APRN, FNP-BC

**Nicole Sanders®+**

BSN, Arkansas Tech University  
Project Title: *Anesthesia STATs*  
Advisors: Michelle Gonzalez, Ph.D., CRNA,  
CHSE and Leonie DeClerk, Ph.D., DNP,  
APRN, FNP-BC

**Amelia Ray Vaughn®**

BSN, University of Arkansas at Little Rock  
Project Title: *Cannabis: A Can-Not-Miss on  
Pre-operative Assessments*  
Advisors: Michelle Gonzalez, Ph.D., CRNA,  
CHSE and Leonie DeClerk, Ph.D., DNP,  
APRN, FNP-BC

*Post-Master's Leadership*

**Britney Beumeler®**

MNSc, University of Texas Health Science  
Center San Antonio; BSN, University of  
Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
Project Title: *Identification of Frailty in  
Geriatric Trauma Patients A Quality  
Improvement Project*  
Advisor: Pam LaBorde, DNP, APRN, CCNS

**Neil Donovan Langer®**

MNSc, University of Texas at Tyler; BSN,  
Midwestern State University  
Project Title: *Improving the Screening and  
Treatment of Hepatitis C in a Rural Primary  
Care Clinic*  
Advisor: Pam LaBorde, DNP, APRN, CCNS

**Rosalynn Denise McGill†+**

MNSc, University of Arkansas for Medical  
Sciences; BSN, Henderson State University  
Project Title: *Patient Satisfaction Survey for  
Outpatient Physical Therapy*  
Advisor: Pam LaBorde, DNP, APRN, CCNS

**Cassandra LeAnn Medlock®+**

MNSc, University of Arkansas for Medical  
Sciences; BSN, Arkansas Tech University  
Project Title: *Improving the Patient  
Experience through Nurse Leader Rounding*  
Advisor: Pam LaBorde, DNP, APRN, CCNS

**Christina Lynn Miller®+**

MNSc, University of Arkansas for Medical  
Sciences; BSN, University of Arkansas for  
Medical Sciences  
Project Title: *Prescribing Dual Antiplatelet  
Therapy Post Acute Coronary Syndrome in  
Surgical Patients*  
Advisor: Pam LaBorde, DNP, APRN, CCNS

† Honors

® High Honors

+ Sigma Theta Tau, International Honor Society of Nursing

## PhD in Nursing Graduates

### **Steven Chasteen+**

MNSc, BSN, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences; B.S., University of Arkansas

Dissertation Title: *Comparison of Simulation-Based Education with Lecture-Based Teaching to Enhance LGBTQ Cultural Competence in Nurse Practitioner Students*

Advisor: Martha Rojo, Ph.D.

### **Matthew Michael Harmon**

B.A., BSN, Arkansas State University; AASN, Arkansas Northeastern College

Dissertation Title: *Barriers and Facilitators to NGRI Conditional Release Completion*

Advisors: Sara Jones, Ph.D.; Martha Rojo, Ph.D.; Krista Susan Snellgrove, Ph.D.

### **Devin Terry**

MSN, University of Central Arkansas; BSN, Arkansas State University

Dissertation Title: *Clinical Decision Support Tools: Acute Care RNs Perceptions of Usefulness and Ease of Use*

Advisor: Sara Jones, Ph.D.

### **Tammy Webb+**

MNSc, Excelsior College; BSN, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Dissertation Title: *Impact of Nurse Residency Programs on Patient Quality and Safety Outcomes in Children's Hospitals*

Advisor: Corey Nagel, Ph.D.

## **Baccalaureate Student Awards**

The Faculty Gold Key ..... **Lina Dharmesh Patel**

This award is presented to the BSN graduate who demonstrates academic excellence, leadership in professional and community activities, excellence in nursing practice and personal and professional growth.

The Virginia R. Jarratt Award ..... **Kathryn Elizabeth Coleman**

This award is presented to the BSN graduate who demonstrates scholastic achievement, excellence in the art and science of nursing, awareness of the heritage of nursing and current forces affecting the delivery of health care, and performance that reveals appreciation as a caring profession.

The Faculty Award for Outstanding  
Achievement and Contribution ..... **Chelsea Marie Lee**

This award is presented to the BSN graduate who demonstrates exceptional leadership efforts that enhance student/faculty relationships and who encourages other students to participate in their professional organization.

Ina Swetnam Award ..... **Elizabeth Marie Nowak**

This award is presented by the College of Nursing in honor of Associate Professor Emeritus Ina Swetnam to the graduate who has achieved scholastic excellence and who demonstrates excellence in the care of maternity patients.

Gloria Rauch Award ..... **Madison Kennedy Cobb**

This award was established by Drs. Robert & Donna Middaugh in memory of Miss Rauch, professor of nursing at UAMS College of Nursing for 34 years. It honors the pursuit of excellence in nursing care of children and is presented to the BSN graduate who demonstrates scholastic achievement and excellence in practice with infants, children, and their families.

Daisy in Training Award ..... **Chelle Olene Byron**

This award is presented to the generic BSN senior who went above and beyond to deliver extraordinary compassionate care.

## BSN Student-to-Student Awards

Nightingale Award ..... **Kathryn Elizabeth Coleman**

This award is presented to the leader who demonstrates a desire to contribute to the nursing profession and has participated in civic and community activities at the state and national level.

Nurses' Nurse Award ..... **Taylor Breanne Stecks**

The recipient of this award is recognized as the nurse that you would most like to care for if you were ill, and whose loyalty lies with the patient first. This nurse shows empathy for patients as individuals.

Nursing Excellence Award ..... **Lina Dharmesh Patel**

This award is presented to the graduate who demonstrates outstanding class and clinical preparation, and confidence and competence in nursing, and who communicates well, is creative in delivery of care, looks further than the textbook for answers, and assists other students when needed.

Most Supportive Student Award ..... **Kathryn Elizabeth Coleman**

This award is presented to the graduate who supports other students through triumphs and trials, facilitates group morale, shares time and talents, and gives sincere positive encouragement.



## Graduate Student Awards

Outstanding Future Nurse Leader Award.....**Neil Donovan Langer**

This award is presented in recognition of exceptional potential for outstanding future contributions to the profession as a nurse leader, as demonstrated by excellence in scholastic achievement and professional service.

Kathryn P. “Bucky” Thomas Award .....**Britney Beumeler**

This award honors Bucky Thomas and was established by Benni Ogden Fambrough. It is in appreciation for Bucky’s faithful service to the College of Nursing. This monetary award will be given to the graduate student who demonstrates kindness, compassion, gives positive encouragement to others, and shows respect for and loyalty to the College of Nursing.

The Veronica McNeirney Award ..... **Christina Lynn Miller**

This award is presented in recognition of clinical excellence in the care of seriously ill adults. This excellence has been demonstrated through a humanistic approach, a sense of compassion, and the application of scientific knowledge and judgment in providing nursing care, which reinforces the potential of the client.

Willa Belle Adams Award..... **Amanda Graves Hale**

This award was established by Cyrus S. Adams in memory of his wife, Willa Belle Adams, to honor the nursing care she received. It is an award that recognizes a graduate who exemplifies clinical nursing skills.

## PhD Student Awards

Dr. Eric Ashworth Hodges’ Award for  
Best Dissertation.....**Tammy Webb**

This award will be presented annually at the College of Nursing Pinning, Hooding and Recognition Ceremony. Doctoral candidates who have completed their nursing doctoral dissertation since the previous May graduation are eligible for consideration.