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NURSING

Pinning and Awards Ceremony

PSU Theatre
1110 E. Madison St
Springfield, MO 65807

December 11th, 2025
6:00 p.m.



Directors

Kathryn Patterson, DNP, FNP-C
Director, School of Nursing

Alison Alaimo, MSN, RN, BA
Undergraduate Program Director

Rebecca Johnson, MSN, RN
Undergraduate Program Director

Faculty

Cindi Aurentz, DNP, RN, MSN, RN, CNE

Yvonne Callahan, MSN, RN

Karla Conner, MSN, RN

Mallory Covington, MSN, RN

Helena Cox, DNP, MSN, RN

Dedee Culley, MSN, RN

Alexis Curran, MSN, RN

Kalene Jochems, MSN, RN

Alisha Jones, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC

Sheila Luttrull, MSN, RN

Melissa Moore, MSN, RN

Morgan Nemeth, MSN, RN

Sherri Ramirez, MSN, RN

Sarah Rinaldi, MSN, RN

Ami Rohr, MSN, APRN, PNP

Shauna Romine, MSN, RN

Maria Shade, MSN, RN

Vanessa Taylor, MSN, RN

Alisha Tuttle, MSN, RN, PHMHP-BC

Hailey Wecker, MSN, RN

Staff

Ashley Bluebaum, Academic Administrative Assistant II

Elizabeth Burrough, BS, Admissions Coordinator

Tammy Shelton, MS, Academic Administrative Assistant II



Program

Welcome.....Dr. Kathryn Patterson
Opening Remarks..... Dr. Mark Smith, Dean, MCHHS
Faculty Introductions..... Alison Alaimo
Pinning HistoryAlison Alaimo
BSN Student Speaker.....Catalina McCartney

Pinning and Department Awards

Introduction of Students.....Maria Shade
Awarding of Pins.....BSN Faculty
Student Nursing OrganizationSNO Executive Board
CRNA Interview Recipients..... Dr. Monika Feeney
Award Recipients..... BSN Faculty
International Nursing Pledge Alison Alaimo
Closing Remarks Dr. Kathryn Patterson

Student Nurse Organization Representatives

Kyra Cullers, President
Addie Wright, Vice President
Lexi Buckner, Secretary
Hannah Thomas, Treasurer
Peyton Bailey, Social Chair
Kennedy Joes, Social Chair
Laci Connelly, Pre-SNO Liaison

Faculty Advisors

Alisha Jones	Morgan Nemeth
Sarah Rinaldi	Hailey Wecker



The Missouri State University Nursing Pin was redesigned by the School of Nursing faculty in 2022. It honors many key characteristics designed by the previous faculty in 2005. This pin remains with a round edge and maroon circle with the words **Missouri State University** embossed in gold lettering across the top edge, a lamp with a candle on each side of the pin with the added inscription, “School of Nursing”, around the bottom edge.

The center of the pin remains a white background with a Caduceus symbol embossed in gold located directly above the BSN letters, with the wording, “Dedicated to Excellence”, at the lower edge of the pin center.

The symbol of the lamp with a candle on the outer edge pays tribute to Florence Nightingale, the founder of nursing. During the Crimean war (1853-1856), she was sent to the frontlines to take care of wounded soldiers and she carried a lit lamp while caring for injured soldiers. The Caduceus is associated with nursing and healthcare; the nursing sign is a staff covered in two twisting snakes topped with angel wings. This is the symbol most frequently associated with nursing.

The BSN letters signify completion of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. The BSN curriculum prepares students for work within the growing and changing healthcare environment. Completion of the four-year BSN degree provides the educational and experiential base not only for entry-level professional practice but also as the platform on which to build a career through graduate-level study. This degree also qualifies nurses for the widest range of positions in the nursing field.

Finally, the MSU School of Nursing motto, “Dedicated to Excellence”, completes the pin.

Graduating Class of Fall 2025

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

Ashley Burnett~	Kylie Manes~	Don Seo
Carly Butler~+	Catalina McCartney~+	Olivia Slaughter-Heck#~+
Jessica Clay+	Chloe McCoy	Marah Sperry~+
Laci Connelly~*+	Sydni McDonnell~+	Nathan Stalnaker
Kaitlyn Crancer	Jordyn Moore~	Ashlynn Stoneberger~
Trinity Crews	An Nguyen~	Jaytin Sybert
Kyra Cullers~*+	Annhein Nguyen~	Alexis Thamann~
Gabriel Dieterich~	Kimberly Nguyen+	Hannah Thomas~*+
Erynn Donovan	Jeanine Niyizigama~	An Tran~
Kinzie Estes	Jamie Noe+	Ava Turner~
Chloe Farr~^	Kayla O'Leary~	Aniston Wirtz~+^
Sidney Fessler~	Claire Paul~	Ellie Yoshimura~+
Molly Fortner~	Mia Peters	
Ashtynn Gray~+	Tyler Pierce~	
Tyler Harre~	Peighton Powell~	
Sarah Herr~^	Abby Rotan~	
Taylor Kettle~	Rilee Scheer	#Honors College
Aryana Kortkamp	Gabbi Schlapper~	~University Honors
Junu Lama~+	Alexis Scott	*Student Nurse Organization Board Member
Kylie Lucas~	Gabe Sellers	+Active SNO Member
		^Sigma Theta Tau



International Nursing Pledge

In full knowledge of the obligation I am undertaking, I promise to care for the sick with all the skills and understanding I possess without regard for race, creed, color, politics or social status, sparing no effort to conserve life, to alleviate suffering and to promote health.

I will respect at all times the dignity and religious belief of the patients under my care, holding in confidence all personal information entrusted to me and refraining from any action which might endanger life or health.

I will endeavor to keep my professional knowledge and skills at the highest level and to give loyal support and cooperation to all members of the health team.

I will do my utmost to honor the international code of ethics applied to nursing and to uphold the integrity of the registered professional nurse.