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NURSING

Pinning and Awards Ceremony

Juanita K. Hammons Hall
525 S. John S. Hammons Parkway
Springfield, MO 65806

May 8th

7:00 pm

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-Ed, CNE

Yvonne Callahan, MSN, RN

Alexis Curran, MSN, RN

Karla Conner, MSN, RN

Helena Cox, DNP, MSN, RN

Alyssa Dieterich, MSN, RN

Alisha Jones, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC

Morgan Nemeth, MSN, RN

Sherri Ramirez, MSN, RN

Ami Rohr, MSN, PNP

Maria Shade, MSN, RN

Ashley Simpson, MSN, RN

Alisha Tuttle, MSN

Tammy Yoes, MSN, RN, CCRN-K, CNE

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 History.....Alison Alaimo
BSN Student Speaker.....Elliot Whitehead

Pinning and Department Awards

Introduction of Students..... Dr. Cindi Aurentz
Awarding of Pins.....BSN Faculty
Student Nursing Organization.....SNO 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
Afton Riggs, Pre-SNO Liaison
Alisha Jones and Morgan Nemeth, Faculty Advisors



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 Spring 2025

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

Shania Adkison~+	Sam Hall~+	Kaitlyn Miller~+
Hanna Al-Baaj~	Lindsey Ham~	Olivia Neidt~+
Kaylie Anderson~	Kylie Hawk~+	Nylynn Newcombe~+
Grace Baker#~+*	Kallie Hayes~	Brady Niemczyk
Ava Barnes~	Jessica Hebenstreit~+	Paige Parson+
Halli Beck~+	Maria Hellebusch~	Emma Parsons~+
Madeline Beerman~	Lexie Hilton~	Ayden Pennington
Hope Bittick#~+*	Isabella Hughes~	Allyson Pollard~+
Isabelle Bokern~	Emma Hultz~+*	Hillary Scott~+
Sophie Broockerd~	Caleb Jewell~+	Elizabeth Simpson~+
Hannah Cowen~	Kirsten Johnson~	Izzy Struby~+*
Kayla Cummins	Ericka Kosier~	Claire Sullivan~+
Lizzie Douthit+	Jaiden Lampe~+	Natalie Vonderheide~+
Sam Eberle~	Zachary Langley~+	Emma Welch~+
Lindsay Eye+~	Sarah Lipski~+	Elliot Whitehead~
Sam Feurt	Samantha Malone	Favor Yartue
Abbi Geiger~	Danielle Markham~+	
Brooklin Gillen~+	Kaycee Maynard~+	
Eli Gray~	Ryan Meadows	

#Honors College

~University Honor

*Student Nurse Organization Board Member

+Active Member Student Nurse Organization



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.