

The International Nursing Code

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

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

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

I will do my utmost to honor the International Code of Ethics applied to nursing and to uphold the integrity of the nurse.



Special thanks to the students and staff who made this ceremony possible

Joanne Davis
Brittany Fiero
James Hayhurst
Mary Jane Lesshafft
Zac Schmidt
Jennifer Sherwood
2020 Class Officers
The Singletary Center House Staff

Please join us at 3:00 p.m. at Rupp Arena for the University Commencement Ceremony.



December 2019

Pinning Ceremony

Seventy-Eighth Baccalaureate Graduating Class

9:00 a.m.
Friday, December 20, 2019
Singletary Center for the Arts

Hosted by
University of Kentucky College of Nursing
May 2020 Class Officers

Program

Processional

Audience, please stand.
Karen M. Butler, DNP, RN
Professor, Pianist

Presiding

Paige Brooks, BSN Candidate, Class of December 2019
Class President

Greetings

Janie Heath, PhD, APRN-BC, FAAN, FNAP, FAANP
Dean and Warwick Professor of Nursing

Student Speaker

Brandon King, BSN Candidate, Class of December 2019

Recognition of Practice, Research and Education Interns

Kristin Ashford, PhD, WHNP-BC, FAAN
Associate Dean of Undergraduate Faculty Affairs and Interprofessional Education Affairs, Professor

Presentation of Baccalaureate Graduates

Dr. Kristin Ashford
Darlene Welsh, PhD, MSN, RN, FNAP
Assistant Dean of BSN Program Studies, Professor
Jennifer Cowley, MSN, RN
Senior Lecturer, Class Advisor

Presentation of Student Awards

Taylor Ann Davis Leadership Award
College of Nursing Alumni Association Nightingale Award
Delta Psi Senior Nurse Award
Baptist Healthcare Lexington Nursing Leadership Award
UK HealthCare Commitment to Nursing Excellence Award
College of Nursing Faculty Award

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Paige Brooks

Closing Remarks

Dr. Janie Heath

Recessional

Audience, please stand.

The Pin

The first Dean of the College of Nursing, Dr. Marcia Dake, two faculty members and students from the 1964 graduating class were inspired by the sculpture that originally stood in front of the medical center. The sculpture, created by Amarigo J. Brioschi, formally called the Sculpture of Duality, is more commonly known as “the boomerangs.”

Dr. Janie Heath, the fifth dean of the College of Nursing, commonly describes the boomerang’s symbolism as “soaring high with excellence and staying grounded with values.”

To accept the nursing pin symbolizes that the graduate has earned the privilege to practice nursing and also accepts many responsibilities. The main responsibility, however, is the promise to the public to offer safe, quality care. To do this, the professional nurse must not only have adequate knowledge at this moment, but must continue to learn. The nursing pin communicates to consumers of nursing services that the professional nurse is competent, educated, knowledgeable and possesses professional attributes.

**Congratulations Class of December 2019!
Wear your pin with pride!**

The Cords

Gold

Summa Cum Laude (3.9 or higher cumulative GPA)

White and gold

Magna Cum Laude (3.6 or higher cumulative GPA)

White

Cum Laude (3.4 or higher cumulative GPA)

Peach and white striped

Departmental honors given to transfer students who have less than 60 hours at UK (3.7 or higher nursing GPA)

Lavender and white striped

The nursing profession’s international honor society, Sigma Theta Tau

Blue and white striped

Membership in the National Student Nurses Association

Red, white and blue

Veterans of the United States Military

White, blue and gold

DanceBlue

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Candidates

Karley Abel
Rebecca Addington
Whitney Addison
Amr Ali
Molly Banta
Ashley Barnett
Miriam Bassani
Melissa Beach
Mallory Behles
Nicholas Bischoff
Justin Blair
Jenna Blandford
Elizabeth Brooks
Logan Brown
Caroline Butler
Patterson Callahan
Kehla Castle
Barbara Chambers
Ashlee Clark
Sarah Cole
Kimberly Cornelius
Erin Costigan
Gabrielle Cox
Christen Cropper
Jennifer Davidson
Sydney Dibert
Victoria Dillard
Roger Dittert
Matthew Dixon
Kourtney Dotson
Deborah Douglas
Natalie Eckels
Patricia Feldkamp
Barton Fields
Mackaela Fischer
Andrew Fletcher
Briana Foley
Rebecca Francow
Carol Gao
Theresa Garnett
Haley Garvin

Sarah Gibbs
David Grubbs
Katelyn Hale
Ramsey Hatchett
Brittany Hayes
Gianna Helmer
Tricia Hirschert
Sydney Hollman
Hailey Howard
Haley Huff
Devin Jeffrey
Andrea Jimenez
Lauren Johnson
Tisha Jones
Sharzaud Karimi
Stacy Kemppainen
Jillian Kilrea
Hannah Kimball
Brandon King
Rachel Kinnard
Stephanie Knight
Kerry Knight
Jordan Kramer
Eric Krebs
Sydney Lamkin
Helen Lindner
Audrey Lowry
Hannah Maki
Alyssa Marlowe
Sophie Matheson
Johnathon Moran
Tyjuana Murray
Ian Nethery
Giang Nguyen
Kelly Nguyen
Anne Oliver
Courtney Partin
Shannon Patrick
Elizabeth Patterson
Jordan Paulson
Domnique Plummer

Jalesa Poindexter
Robert Pollock
Sophie Post
Madeline Price
Halle Reid
Carlie Reinstedler
Kirsten Richardson
Brienne Rivard
Erin Robinette
Emily Schlacks
Kelsey Sherrard
Marcie Shreve
Kelsey Simpson
Tasha Sitkiewitz
Kaitlin Sizemore
Kaelin Smith
Arina Solis
Ashley Solomon
Madison Stewart
Christian Stolly
Madelyn Strong
Orianna Summers
Katelynn Taulbee
Taylor Thamann
Amy Turner
Sydni Walden
Kayli Webb
Justin Williams
Riley Wilson
Alicia Wisner
Alexis Wolf
Melissa Wolfenbarger
Morgan Wood
Claire Wulfreck
Alyssa Young
Holly Youpa
Katelyn Zinsmeister

BSN Senior Class Officers

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Student Nurses Association

The UK Chapter of the National Student Nurses’ Association (NSNA) is dedicated to fostering the professional development of nursing students. The organization has 60,000 members in 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Jenna Blandford

Vice President

Sophie Post

UNAAC Representative

Devin Jeffrey

Adriana Kelly

Brandon King

Andrea Jimenez

Rachel Kinnard

Jordan Kramer

Sophie Matheson

Madelyn Strong

Orianna Summers

Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing

The Delta Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International was chartered at the UK College of Nursing in 1980. Undergraduate members must be in the top 35% of their class, completed half the nursing program and be in their junior or senior year. The Society supports learning, knowledge and professional development of nurses, making a difference in global health.

Mallory Behles

Jenna Blandford

Sarah Cole

Victoria Dillard

Roger Dittert

Matthew Dixon

Carol Gao

Brittany Hayes

Gianna Helmer

Haley Huff

Sharzaud Karimi

Brandon King

Stephanie Knight

Jordan Kramer

Sydney Lamkin

Kaitlin Sizemore

Kaelin Smith

Madelyn Strong

Dean’s Interprofessional Health Care Honors Colloquium

Selected junior year students participate in an honors colloquium that includes interactive seminars to explore health care implications of interprofessional practice and work in teams to develop an interprofessional project.

Molly Banta

Jenna Blandford

Brandon King

Kaitlin Sizemore

Undergraduate Nursing Education Interns

Melissa Beach, Jordan Kramer & Arina Solis

Project: Nursing 203 Assessment Video Demonstrations

Mentors: Carole Haurylko, BSN, RN & Tricia Rogers, MS, RN

Brandon King & Orianna Summers

Project: Physical Assessment Videos: Basic and Focused for NUR 221 Students

Mentor: Tammy Courtney, MSN, RN, CNE

Undergraduate Nursing Practice Interns

Molly Banta

Project: Inclusive Health: Hypertension Screenings for Those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Mentor: Melissa Hounshell, BA

Jennifer Davidson & Tyjuana Murray

Project: Exploring Barriers to Family Planning in Women with Substance Use Disorder

Mentor: Hartley Feld, PhD, PHCNS-BC, RN

Sarah Gibbs & Sharzaud Karimi

Project: Longevity and the Blue Zones: Factors That Promote a Long Life

Mentor: Lois Davis, MSN, RN

Undergraduate Nursing Research Interns

Kehla Castle

Project: Colorectal Cancer and Exposure to an Opportunistic Bacteria in Farming: An Epidemiologic Analysis

Mentor: Hartley Feld, PhD, PHCNS-BC, RN, & Cheryl Witt, PhD, RN

Carol Gao

Project: Parental Feeding Styles Affecting Childhood Obesity

Mentors: Audrey Darville, PhD, APRN, CTTS, FAANP

Kerry Knight

Project: Beyond Birth

Mentors: Kristin Ashford, PhD, APRN, WHNP-BC, FAAN

Sophie Matheson & Madelyn Strong

Project: Improving Tobacco Treatment Engagement Among People Living with Mental Illnesses

Mentor: Chizimuzo Okoli, PhD, MPH, MSN, RN, CTTS

Sophie Post

Project: Evaluation of Equestrian Related Head Injuries in Kentucky, Managed in the Emergency Department

Mentors: Jake Higgins, PhD, RN, CCRN-K

Kirsten Richardson

Project: What We Give Them Can’t Touch What They Take Recreationally: Kentucky Registered Nurses and Pain Treatment in Substance Abuse Patients

Mentor: Jake Higgins, PhD, RN, CCRN-K

Riley Wilson

Project: Comparison of Predictive Abilities of Pressure Injury Tools

Mentor: Jake Higgins, PhD, RN, CCRN-K