



May 2021

Virtual DNP & PhD Recognition Ceremony

A program to honor Graduates of the Doctor of Nursing Practice,
Doctor of Philosophy and Post-Graduate Certificate Programs

11:30 a.m.
Friday, May 14, 2021
Online via Zoom and YouTube

Hosted by
University of Kentucky College of Nursing
Graduate Nursing Activities and Advisory Committee
UK College of Nursing Alumni Association

Program

Opening Remarks

Janie Heath, PhD, APRN-BC, FAAN, FAANP, FNAP

Dean and Warwick Professor of Nursing

Recognition of Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing graduates

Tom Kelly, PhD

Associate Dean for Research and PhD Faculty Affairs

Robert Straus Professor

Kristin Ashford, PhD, WHNP-BC, FAAN

Associate Dean of Undergraduate Faculty & Interprofessional Education Affairs

Good Samaritan Professor for Community Nursing

Ellehn Hahn, PhD, RN, FAAN

Professor, Marcia A. Dake Professorship

Terry Lennie, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN

Senior Associate Dean

Marion E. McKenna Professor in Nursing Leadership

Recognition of Doctor of Nursing Practice graduates

Sheila Melander, PhD, APRN, ACNP-BC, FCCM, FAANP, FAAN

Professor and Associate Dean of MSN & DNP Faculty Affairs & Practice

Evelyn Parrish, PhD, APRN, PMHNP-BC, FAANP

Assistant Dean of Accreditation & Strategic Outcomes and Associate Professor

Morgan Chojnacki, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC

Assistant Professor

Leslie Scott, PhD, APRN, PPCNP-BC, CDE, MLDE

Associate Professor; Pediatric Nurse Practitioner DNP Track Coordinator

Karen Butler, DNP, MSN, RN, FAAN

Professor, Assistant Dean of Academic Operations

Debra Hampton, PhD, MSN, RN, FACHE, NEA-BC, CENP

Associate Professor, Assistant Dean of MSN & DNP Programs, Academic Coordinator of Graduate Leadership Programs

Julie Marfell, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, FAANP

Associate Professor

Karen Stefaniak, PhD, RN

Assistant Professor

Program continued

Sharon Lock, PhD, APRN, FNAP, FAANP, FAAN

Professor, Assistant Dean of Faculty Practice
Director of Wilmore Faculty Practice

Julianne Ossege, PhD, FNP-BC, FNAP, FAANP

Assistant Professor

Elizabeth Tovar, PhD, FNP-C, APRN

Associate Professor, DNP Primary Care Track Coordinator

Martha Biddle, PhD, APRN, CCNS, FAHA

Associate Professor, DNP Track Coordinator for Adult-Gerontology
Clinical Nurse Specialist, Chair of Student Scholarly Affairs

Melanie Hardin-Pierce, DNP, RN, APRN, ACNP-BC

Associate Professor

Video: Faculty message

Graduate faculty

Awards Presentation

Paula Holcomb, DNP, APRN, ACNS-BC

President, UK College of Nursing Alumni Association

Closing Remarks

Dr. Janie Heath



Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing Graduates

Chin-Yen Lin
Martha M. Monroe
Rana Lindsay-Rahman

Kimberly M. Riddle
Christine A. Williamitis

Doctor of Nursing Practice Graduates

Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Jessica L. Caicedo
Joshua A. Caldwell
Kristina M. Chereshnieva
Emily E. Corsentino
Rachael M. Croley
DeAnna F. Hamilton
Alexandra P. Keough
Emma K. Kroger
Chelsea M. McCarty
Nidhi N. More
Nicole E. Smith
Katherine L. Wilhelm

Adult Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist

Shannon A. King

Executive Nurse Leadership

Cori E. Arena
Kimberly B. Blanton
Nicole Brumfield
Rebecca D. Charles
Taylor K. Collins
Chad C. Eldridge
Roxanne B. Gall

Clinical Leadership in Healthcare

Holly R. Chitwood
Lynn A. Kelso
Dolores J. Polito

Family Nurse Practitioner

Kimberly M. Bastin
Ashley E. Hall
Assal Moori Shir Mohammadi
Lauren D. Motto
Shelby L. Roberts
Alexandra M. Wiesner
Jennifer L. Yenke

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner - Primary Care

Havilah Adkins
Brooklyn R. Johnson
Allison B. Reynolds

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Aaron G. Harris

Post-Graduate Certificate Recipients

Cori E. Arena
Julie G. Baatuma
Kelly R. Bohl
Steven G. Cornett
Lauren A. Davis

Jacqueline A. Gray
Susan Harvey
Elsa E. Joseph
Candace Middleton-Combs
Chizimuzo T. Okoli

Stacey L. Roberts
Christopher A. Smith
Cameron M. Stephenson
Elizabeth Tovar

Graduate Nursing Activities and Advisory Committee

Brittany Estridge, BSN, RN

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Chair-elect and DNP Student

Kendall Pfister, BSN, RN

DNP Member-at-Large

Binu Bahyal, BSN, RN

Treasurer and DNP student

Martha Biddle, PhD, APRN, RN, CCNS, FAHA

Faculty Advisor and Associate Professor

UK College of Nursing Alumni Association Awards

Carolyn A. Williams Award

Presented to a graduating Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (PhD) student who has demonstrated scholarly activity at the national, regional or local level with educational presentations, publications, grant funding for research, and has mentored nursing students and colleagues in the health care professions and demonstrated involvement in professional organizations.

Sebastian – Stanhope Award

Presented to a graduating Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) student who has demonstrated scholarly activity at the national, regional or local level with educational presentations, publications, grant funding for research, and has mentored nursing students and colleagues in the health care professions and demonstrated involvement in professional nursing organizations.

UK College of Nursing Alumni Award

Presented for the first time in 2015 to a UK College of Nursing graduate who has demonstrated scholarly activity at the national, regional or local level with educational presentations, publications and grant funding for research. The graduate has also exhibited activity in professional nursing organizations and mentored nursing students in the master's or bachelor's programs.

University of Kentucky Mission

The University of Kentucky is a public land-grant university dedicated to improving people's lives through excellence in education, research and creative work, service and health care. As Kentucky's flagship institution, the university plays a critical leadership role by promoting diversity, inclusion, economic development and human well-being.

College of Nursing Mission

The mission of the University of Kentucky College of Nursing is to promote health and well-being through excellence in nursing education, research, practice and service while fostering diversity and inclusion.

College of Nursing Symbol

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."

Vision

The College of Nursing will be one of the nation's top nursing programs in education, research, practice and service.

Values

- U** Unique and innovative contributions to healthcare
- K** Knowledge and evidence-based practice
- C** Collaborative and diverse learning environments
- O** Open and respectful relationships
- N** Nursing leadership and recognition

A Message from the Dean

The World Health Organization and the American Nursing Association announced 2020 as the “Year of the Nurse” and extended that timely delcatarion through 2021 because the value and impact of nursing in the healthcare landscape and in the lives of each American is more evident now than ever before.

The May 2021 class truly stepped up during these trying times and met the moment with grace and professionalism. Through degree completion requirements, family responsibilities, and personal hardships, this class worked with faculty and stayed connected with each other to overcome every twist and turn that was thrown their way.

I know that facing these adversities will only make our graduates better prepared to be the best nurses they can be.

Congratulations Class of May 2021 – you are truly a class we will never forget!



