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COLLEGE OF HEALTHCARE SCIENCES  
KEIGWIN SCHOOL OF NURSING

SPRING 2024  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
IN NURSING

PINNING  
*Ceremony*

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FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2024  
AT 2:00 PM

TERRY CONCERT HALL  
2800 UNIVERSITY BLVD NORTH



*Brooks Rehabilitation College of Healthcare Sciences  
est. 2019  
Jacksonville University*



## BRIEF HISTORY OF THE NURSING PINNING CEREMONY

*Pinning marks the completion of the initial nursing education and welcomes the graduate into the profession of nursing. Pinning dates back to the Crusades during the 12<sup>th</sup> century where monks who were “**Knights of the Order of the Hospital of St. John the Baptist**” served the sick and injured. When new monks joined the order, they were given a Maltese cross to wear on their arm.*

*The modern ceremony of pinning dates to the 1860’s and Florence Nightingale. In recognition of her service to the injured soldiers during the Crimean War, Florence was honored with the **Red Cross of St. George**. She, in turn, decided to award her best students with a medal of excellence, a symbolic “badge of courage”.*

*In 1916, the tradition of awarding a pin to all nursing graduates became common practice throughout the United States. The pin indicates the institution from which the nurse received their education.*



*Jacksonville University* is the proud home to the *Keigwin School of Nursing*, thanks to a multi-million dollar gift from Beverly and Jack Keigwin that was announced on Wednesday, March 1, 2017. The Keigwins' donation is the largest in the nursing school's 36 year history. Jack Keigwin, former Board of Trustee member, executive-in-residence and friend to the University said the gift is one of the most meaningful ones he and his wife have made. Beverly Keigwin, a former nurse, and successful businesswoman has devoted her time, energy and passion to the School of Nursing's students.

*Jacksonville University* is very grateful to the Keigwins' for their incredible generosity as we continue to provide rigorous nursing educational experiences that benefit students, area patients, their families, and our Jacksonville community.



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**BROOKS REHABILITATION  
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Alyssa R. Arnold

Brianna Marie Bortnem\*\*

Courtney E. Hanson\*\*

Christopher S. Nottingham

Malika Teasha Payton

*Departmental Honors \*\**



# **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING STUDENT AWARDS**

PLAYING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

WELCOME AND CONGRATULATORY REMARKS

Dr. Leigh Hart

*Associate Dean, Keigwin School of Nursing*

RECOGNITION OF SIGMA THETA TAU/HONORS

Dr. Lauren Holloway

*President, Sigma Theta Tau, Lambda Rho Chapter-at-Large*

MALONE AWARD

Dr. Amber Santos

*Nursing Faculty*

STUDENT MESSAGE

Alyssa Arnold

SYMBOLISM OF THE PIN

Brianna Bortnem

Malika Payton



# **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING STUDENT AWARDS**

## **AWARDING OF THE PINS**

Dr. Ginger Strong

Dr. Amber Santos

Catherine Elliott

*Undergraduate Faculty*

## **INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSE PLEDGE**

Dennis Oakes

*Nursing Faculty*

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

Courtney Hanson

Christopher Nottingham

## **PRESENTATION OF THE SPRING CLASS OF 2024**

Dr. Ginger Strong

*Director, Undergraduate Nursing Programs*



**SIGMA THETA TAU  
INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY OF  
NURSING**

Brianna Marie Bortnem

Courtney E. Hanson



## SYMBOLISM OF THE PIN



*The graduate pin is a tradition in schools of nursing dating back to the birth of modern nursing in the 1800s. Every school's pin presents the symbolism of the school's core beliefs. The Jacksonville University School of Nursing pin was designed in 1986 by a committee of students from the first three classes and was approved by all the students and faculty in the school. The pin was updated in 2016 to include the current title of the Keigwin School of Nursing.*

*The pin is a white enamel circle about the size of a quarter, which surrounds a green cross. The white color reflects our respect for the traditions and history of nursing. The green cross represents the deeply personal and humanistic quality of our profession. The cross also represents the bond between a strong academic foundation and clinical practice, each of which is made stronger by the bond with the other.*

*Within the circle are written the words "Jacksonville University Keigwin School of Nursing" separated by two gold stars. The stars represent the pride in our past accomplishments and the promise of our future, to which we aspire as graduates of Jacksonville University.*

*A gold braid surrounds the pin. The braid symbolizes the unity provided by the liberal core of our education.*

*The flame of knowledge resides in the center of the pin. It holds forth the illumination of the knowledge we carry with us from the Jacksonville University Keigwin School of Nursing and lights our way as we travel the path in our nursing careers.*

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL  
OF NURSES PLEDGE

*In the full knowledge of the obligations I am undertaking,  
I promise to care for the sick with all the skill  
and understanding I possess, without regard to race, creed,  
color, political 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 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 or health.*

*I will endeavor to keep my professional knowledge and skill  
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 nurse.*

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*It has been a privilege and pleasure to have played an instrumental role in the educational progression of the students in this class. We thank our students for the opportunity they entrusted in us to support them in becoming professional nurses. We also wish each of them success in their future endeavors.*

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