



THE SCHOOL OF NURSING  
&  
HEALTH SCIENCES

# *Pinning Ceremony*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING  
**- CLASS OF 2025 -**

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025  
9:00 A.M.



SAKOWICH CAMPUS CENTER,  
MULTIPURPOSE ROOM



# PROGRAM

## WELCOME FROM THE ACADEMIC DEAN & TRADITION OF THE PINNING

Traci Alberti, Ph.D., FNP-BC  
*Associate Professor & Academic Dean, Nursing*

## FACULTY SPEAKER

Karen Fotino, DNP, RN  
*Associate Clinical Professor, Nursing*

## BLESSING OF THE PINS

Fr. Daniel Madden  
*Director of Austin Scholars Formation*

## STUDENT SPEAKER

Ryan Cossette

## PIN PRESENTATION & MERRIMACK NURSING PLEDGE

Lynne Sheppard, DNP, RN  
*Clinical Professor & Undergraduate Nursing Program Director*

Vanessa Vath, Ph.D., RN  
*Associate Clinical Professor, Nursing*

Sarah Comora, MSN, RN , CNL  
*Assistant Clinical Professor, Nursing*

## AWARDS PRESENTATION

Traci Alberti, Ph.D., FNP-BC  
*Associate Professor & Academic Dean, Nursing*

## CLOSING

Lynne Sheppard, DNP, RN  
*Clinical Professor & Undergraduate Nursing Program Director*



# CLASS OF 2025

*Amanda Acorroni  
Emily Angelari  
Lillian Beal  
Cera Bettencourt  
Erin Bouthiller  
Stephanie Boyle  
Darcy Campbell  
Ellen Church  
Olivia Cifardoni  
Kylie Colella  
Ryan Cossette  
Kassidy Cousineau  
Leslie Cruz  
Anya Cunningham  
Rileigh Davenport  
Taylor Dearth  
Madison Dellamonica  
Ava DiRienzo  
Haley Dotolo  
Jamie Fernandez  
Emma Ford  
Angel Frankel  
Madeline Giesler  
Brooke Gobbi  
Caroline Gorman  
Emily Haley  
Jamie Hayes  
Inaya Hernandez  
Mia Houle  
Caryl Huebner  
Abigail Hutter  
Jessica Jalbert  
Alexandra Karellas  
Anna Keays  
Maia Kennelly*

*Malia Kirk  
Catherine Kubit  
Sara L'Heureux  
Lucy LeDoux  
Kyla Lopez  
Alyssa Marchelletta  
Brooke Martin  
Teagan McDonald  
Catia Melo  
Samantha Mercauto  
Kelley Munger  
Grace O'Malley  
Olivia Orem  
Julia Ostermann  
Dominique Pabon  
Tatiana Pena  
Savannah Poirier  
Sarah Quaranto  
Abigail Querzoli  
Madison Rankin  
Briana Reissfelder  
Madison Scaccia  
Anthony Scavotto  
Haley-Mae Sorell  
Harry Sorell  
Giulia Sousa  
Alexis Stec  
Kaitlyn Stewart  
Hannah Tenenbaum  
Lindsey Ward  
Hannah Way  
Aidyn Welsh  
Brooke Wertz  
Isabella Zullo*

# THE MERRIMACK NURSING PLEDGE

I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly to practice my profession with faith, compassion and in service to the community.

I will care for my patients and their families with the utmost respect and dignity.

I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standards of my profession while safeguarding my own well-being.

I will embrace diversity and advocate for the welfare of those who are placed in my care.

With this pledge I accept the accountabilities and responsibilities that the nursing profession embodies.



# IMPORTANCE OF THE PINNING

The pinning formalizes the transition from student to professional nurse. The tradition itself has roots back to the 12th century but is more typically associated with Florence Nightingale, considered the founder of modern nursing, who presented medals of excellence to exemplary nursing graduates at her London school.

She captured the public imagination when she led a group of female nurses to Crimea in October of 1854 to deliver nursing service to British soldiers.

The pinning ceremony signifies that students have joined the sisterhood and brotherhood of nurses and are ready to serve society as a healthcare professional.

Nursing has often been referred to as a “calling” and the modern pinning ceremony is based on the history of this respected profession.



# AWARDS

## NURSE SCHOLAR AWARD

The Nurse Scholar is one with an enlightened mind. This Nursing Department award recognizes the student with the highest GPA while maintaining the highest standards of academic integrity.

## STUDENT NURSE LEADER AWARD

A student nurse leader empowers the lives of others.

This award recognizes a student nurse leader who significantly demonstrates outstanding leadership in student clubs/organizations, community involvement and/or college service, thereby significantly enhancing the quality of the nursing program and college.

## EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL PRACTICE AWARD

The recipient of the clinical practice award has an engaged heart. This award recognizes a student who demonstrates exemplary clinical practice in the application of critical thinking and theoretical knowledge in the delivery of safe, compassionate patient care.



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## NURSING FACULTY & STAFF

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