



Creighton University College of Nursing

# 2020

## Honors Convocation and Pinning and Hooding Ceremony

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2020  
CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY



# Program

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## Welcome

**Catherine Todero, PhD, RN, FAAN**

*Dean, College of Nursing*

*Vice Provost, Health Sciences Campuses*

## Invocation

**Sr. Candice Tucci, OSF**

*Chaplain*

## Procession of Doctor of Nursing Practice Graduates

**Mary Kunes-Connell, PhD, RN**

*Associate Dean, Academics, Assessment and Accreditation*

**Nancy Bredekamp, PhD, RN**

*Assistant Dean, Graduate Program*

## Procession of Bachelor of Science in Nursing Graduates

**Dr. Kunes-Connell**

**Julie Manz, PhD, RN**

*Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Programs*

## Awards

**Jerilyn Kamm, MA**

*Assistant Dean, Student Affairs*

## Closing Remarks

**Dean Todero**

## Benediction

**Sr. Tucci**

# Members of the Class of 2020

## DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

Kaitlin Durkin	Kari Mohnike
Kimberly Jensen	Jennifer Rivera
Lyndee LeRette	Alyssa Smolen

## POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

Gabrielle Boysen	Chaeli Souvannasoth
Kristy Cook	

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Olubunmi Ajayi	Patience Inkabi	Molly Stroosma
LaChere Anglin	Emily Ivory	Morgan Szymczak
Sara Anselmo	Stephanie Le	Dylan Thiede
Lindsey Becker	Avery Madden	Travis Turner
Nicole Brandtjen	Monica Marasco	Savannah Ueltzen
Taylor Covington	Nicole McNeil	Stephanie Van Gorden
Janelle Gibler	Noah Miller	Olivia Wolodkewitsch
Ryan Gilmore	Megan Montrie	
Elizabeth Guy	Connie Nguyen	
Sarah Harre	Sydney Olson	
Lily Higashino	Keilen Oshita	
Brian Hinkle	Catherine Paulsen	
Lai (Nina) Ho	Kaitlynn Sabo	
Michael Ibe	MiKayla Schultz	

## History of the Hood, Cap and Gown

Though the history of the hood, cap and gown dates back to the 14th century; it was not until the 19th century that colleges and universities attempted to adopt a common code to distinguish the degree, field of study and university or college conferring the degree. The tassel color signifies the field of study. The field of nursing is signified by the apricot color. Both the baccalaureate and master's degree tassels are an apricot color. The gold, metallic colored tassel is reserved solely for doctoral graduates as it represents the highest degree earned.

Gowns, though all black, do have distinguishing characteristics signifying the degree earned. The baccalaureate gown is a simple gown with the distinguishing characteristic being a long, pointed sleeve. The master's gown is also distinguished by a sleeve that is more closed with only an opening in the wrist. The doctoral gown is the most elaborate and is adorned with velvet panels and sleeve bars.

The hood is the most distinguishing characteristic of academic regalia and is reserved only for graduates being awarded a master's or doctoral degree. The hood's colors signify both the field of study and the institution conferring the degree. The apricot color represents the field of nursing while the blue color represents Creighton University. The doctoral hood is more elaborate in that it is longer and the colored trim is wider than that associated with the master's degree hood.

## History of the Nursing Pin

Although the tradition of pinning can be traced back to the Knights of the Order of St. John the Baptist and the Crusades of the 12th century, in American nursing, the tradition began in 1880 at the Bellevue Hospital nursing program in New York City. Today, schools of nursing across the country continue to offer graduates the opportunity to wear a pin that is unique to that school. No two are exactly alike.



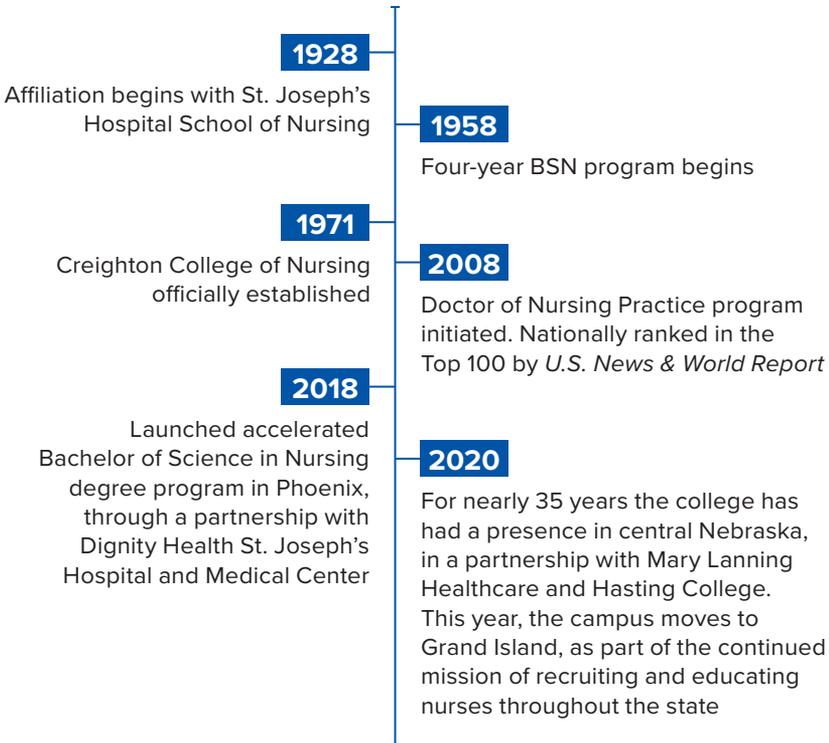
The Creighton University College of Nursing pin was designed in 1964 by one of our first graduates of the four-year BSN program, Michael McCabe.

The pin is fashioned after the Creighton family coat of arms placed on a shield with the nursing college's motto: God Send Grace, signifying our dependence on the help and goodness of God. The coat of arms is supported by two lions; the lion has long been an image of courage, strength and diplomacy. At the top of the crest is an earl coronet, an emblem of a family of peerage. The blue on the pin symbolizes loyalty and truth.

# Building on a History of Nursing Excellence

For 50 years the College of Nursing has been a trendsetter and visionary for the evolving climate in health care and the field of nursing. In 1975 the college launched one of the first accelerated BSN degree programs in the nation, and today continues to be at the forefront of education with its programs in Omaha, central Nebraska and Phoenix.

The College of Nursing shines with accomplishment over the past five decades and looks forward to much celebration in 2021: With its 50th anniversary, the college will also celebrate the 45th anniversary of the accelerated nursing program and the 40th anniversary of the master's program. In the spring, the Phoenix Accelerated Nursing Program will move to its permanent home when construction is completed on the health sciences campus in midtown Phoenix.



# Awards and Honors

## **ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

An award for the highest overall scholastic achievement in the undergraduate program.

## **CONSTANCE SMITH-PETERSON MEMORIAL AWARD**

An award presented to an individual or individuals who exemplify exceptional interest and dedication to the field of public health nursing.

## **NURSING STUDENT(S) OF THE YEAR AWARD**

An award presented to the full-time undergraduate senior(s) displaying outstanding ability in academic achievement and professional competence.

## **SERVICE AND SPIRIT AWARD**

An award presented to a full-time undergraduate senior who best exemplifies the Creighton spirit through extracurricular activities and service.

## **SIGMA THETA TAU-IOTA TAU CHAPTER AWARD**

A certificate and a monetary gift of \$50 presented to an individual graduating senior who demonstrates excellence in scientific writing, presentation and/or the application of evidence-based practice in the classroom or clinical setting.

# Welcome to the Creighton University Alumni Family

Congratulations on your significant achievement!

With your degree, you join a network of over 70,000 Creighton alumni across the world. As part of this incredible community, you enjoy access to networking and mentoring opportunities, special events and much more.

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