

# COLUMBUS STATE

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NURSING

## December 2023



# Pinning Ceremony

## Program

## QUICK FACTS

Location: Columbus, Ohio 43215

Founded: 1963

Mascot: Cougars

Colors: Navy & White

President:

Dr. David T. Harrison

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Dr. Rebecca Butler

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# President's Page



David Harrison became the fifth president of Columbus State Community College in July 2010. With more than 24,000 students, Columbus State is one of the largest and most comprehensive colleges in Ohio. Through its campuses in Columbus and Delaware County and its nine regional learning centers, the college serves students from all 88 counties in Ohio, provides more online learning opportunities than any college in the state, and contributes nearly a billion dollars in regional economic impact. During Dr. Harrison's tenure at Columbus State, he has focused the college on the goals of student success and attainment, workforce innovation,

and civic engagement. In 2012 Columbus State was named an Achieving the Dream college, a national initiative to help more students earn college credentials with an emphasis on first generation students, students of color, and low-income students.

He has facilitated important partnerships with local school districts, colleges and universities, and employers throughout central Ohio. He initiated the Preferred Pathway<sup>®</sup> program, which guarantees admission to Ohio State for Columbus State graduates, facilitated the development of a partnership campus with OSU in Delaware County, and deepened partnerships with other central Ohio institutions to earn degrees. He was a primary architect of the Central Ohio Compact, a regional strategy among K-12 and higher education leaders to help more students succeed in college and in the workplace.

Dr. Harrison came to Columbus State with extensive experience building successful community partnerships. As Vice Provost for Regional Campuses at the University of Central Florida, he worked with community colleges to create the Central Florida Higher Education Consortium and the nationally-recognized DirectConnect to UCF program, which guarantees the opportunity for a bachelor's degree for graduates of partner community colleges. Under his leadership, the program significantly increased the number of transfer students earning bachelor's degrees from UCF. He also developed partnerships with employers and community leaders to address workforce needs in information technology, architecture, healthcare, and other fields.

Prior to joining UCF, Dr. Harrison served in leadership roles at Seminole State College in Florida and at Sinclair Community College in Ohio, and was a consulting manager with Accenture in Pittsburgh. He holds a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University, an MBA from the Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh, and a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Dayton.

# About Columbus State

Columbus State Community College has been dedicated to meeting the educational needs of our community for 50 years. The College has grown from an initial enrollment of 67 students in 1963, to its current thriving campus of around 24,000 students.

Types of degrees:

Associate of Arts and Associate of Science (Transfer Programs)

Associate of Applied Science (Career Programs, including certificates)

Associate of Technical Studies (Career Programs individualized degree)

Academic Year: The college operates on the semester system, which includes 3 semesters

Tuition \$177.93 a credit hour / in state students; \$363.92 out of state. (2023-2024 academic year).

Our Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees are designed to allow students to complete the first two years of a bachelor's degree. Columbus State has transfer agreements with more than 35 colleges, including the Preferred Pathway® program with The Ohio State University, as well as agreements with Ohio University, Miami, Capital, Franklin, Ohio Dominican, Ohio Wesleyan, and Otterbein University.

Locations: The Columbus Campus is located on more than 80 acres in Columbus' Discovery District. The Delaware Campus is located just off SR 23 in Delaware County. Columbus State also has 9 Regional Learning Centers in Ashville, Dublin, Gahanna, Grove City, Marysville, Plain City, Southwest Columbus (Bolton Field) and Westerville.

Resources: We offer the support services students need to be successful, including tutoring, career services, counseling services, disability services, advising services, financial aid, and a transfer center.

Student involvement: Columbus State has an active campus with many opportunities for involvement, including student activities, clubs and organizations, varsity sports (offering scholarships), wellness and intramural activities, and volunteer and leadership opportunities.

Coverage zone: Columbus State serves Franklin, Union, Madison and Delaware counties.

Diversity: Columbus State attracts students of different backgrounds, life experiences and nationalities. More than 130 countries are represented in our student body.



# Nursing Program Faculty & Staff

## Nursing Department Chairperson:

Dr. Tammy Montgomery

### Faculty:

Patricia Allen  
Wendy Cook  
James Hofe  
Melissa Hyde  
Megan Jackson  
Heather Less  
April Martin  
Edna McQuesten  
Jackie Miller  
Debra Mosman  
Ashley O'Day  
Kimberly Pennell  
Tara Pepple  
Jill Ritchey  
Tara Rohr  
Alison Romanowski  
Ashley Shore  
Kimberly Stein  
Katelyn Zag

### Staff:

Nancy Cox  
Kathy Eichenberger  
Anna Flood  
Angie Lennon  
Steve Pletcher  
Brian Rauch  
Sarah Schultz  
Catherine Underwood



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# Program of Events

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Prelude

Introduction of Class:

Beth Fathbruckner

Columbus State Student Nurses Association, Member

Processional

Master of Ceremony:

Heather Less MSN, RN, CEN - Assistant Professor

Welcome & Introduction of Guests:

Tammy Montgomery DNP, RN - Chairperson

Significance of Pinning:

Dylan Parsels - Blended Class Member

Introduction of Students:

Jill Ritchey MSN, RN - Assistant Professor, SNA Advisor

Recitation of the Nursing Pledge:

Nursing Class led by: Aura Fox - Blended Class Member

Class Remarks:

Riley Maxstead - Traditional Class Member

Benjamin Hayes - Blended Class Member



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# Program of Events

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SNA Remarks:

Helen Stencil

Columbus State Student Nurses Association, President

Pinning of Student Nurses Association members:

Jill Ritchey MSN, RN - Assistant Professor, SNA Advisor

Ann Smith Spirit of Pediatrics Nursing Award:

Tara Pepple MS, RN, CCRN - Instructor

Spirit of Nursing Award:

Megan Jackson MSN, RN - Instructor

Dr. Polly Owen Future Leadership Award:

Tara Rohr DNP, RN - Assistant Professor

Nurse's Prayer:

All Nurses led by: Tracy Carr - Traditional Class Member

Circle of Caring, Passing of the Flame (All nurses please join faculty, alumnae and graduates):

Abraham Alfaour - Traditional Class Member

Recessional (please remain seated until all grads have recessed)



## Nursing Class of December 2023

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Sara Aboagye	Carley Hanlon
Abraham Alfaour	Benjamin Hayes*
Martina Barboza*	Katelyn Henry
John Bise	Bethanie Hercenberg
Ronnetta Blackwell	Danielle Hettinger
Gabrielle Bowman	Chelsie Hitzemann
Monica Burchnell	Anna Huddle*
Jacqueline Burns*	Catherine Hunley-Allender
Tracy Carr*	Kirsi Jackson*
Erin Clark	Sulin Jiao
Matthew Cohan	Candace Johnson
Chloe Coleman	Brittany Kahl
Avery Cook	Celia Kinzel*
Stephanie Cousins	Maria Kitzmiller
Natalie Derdzinski	Lenae Komine
Sarah Do	Yvonne Kontomah*
Catherine Doebert*	Kadijah Kromah
Chad Elward	Yvonne Lukong*
Aura Fox	Kevin Manalili
Elizabeth Gedde*	Riley Maxstead*
Maeve Gerrity	Kelly McMahon
Clarissa Gill	Justin Michel
Amanda Golden	Grace Miller
Jennifer Groff	Tiffany Miller
Andrew Hall	Katrina Miller-Roberts

\* denotes Student Nurses Association member





## Nursing Class of December 2023

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Ashley Miracle\*  
Alana Mock  
Greg Montgomery  
Mileena Mookphachan  
Victor Muendo  
Desiree Neal  
Hoang Nguyen  
Josue Nunuez  
Mathilde Nzonou  
Janet Ogunani  
Casey Palmer  
Dylan Parsels  
Richard Patterson  
Paris Peck  
Lisa Pesci-Gray\*  
Jordan Posey  
Amber Prince  
Rachel Ransom\*  
Kaitlyn Raymond  
Shannon Reilly\*  
Tina Rimes  
Alexa Robinson  
Morgan Ross  
Hader Saleh  
Heidi Satterfield

Cara Schaufele\*  
Carly Scheel  
Nicholas Schmidt  
Nicole Schmitter  
Talia Scott  
Adam Smeal  
Abby Souaysanga  
Katie Spangler  
Cody Stalder  
Jonathan Striker  
Purity Tanui\*  
Ryan Taylor  
Austin Tiarks  
Kamryn Townsel  
Nicole Tussing\*  
Jenna Velociraptor  
Peyton Wallis  
Guoying Weng  
April Williams  
Grant Winfree  
Skylar Wooster  
Brooke Wright  
Juan Xiang  
Patricia Zalwango



# Nursing Pledge

(Nursing students)

I solemnly pledge myself before all Higher Beings and in the presence of this assembly to promote health and to alleviate suffering.

With respect for life, dignity and the right of man, unrestricted by considerations of nationality, race, creed, color, age, sex, politics, or social standing. I will render health services to the individual, the family, and to the community. Maintaining confidentiality and competence by continued learning and utilization of informed judgment, I will do my best in providing and promoting high quality nursing care.

I will collaborate with members of the health professions and other citizens in promoting community and national efforts to meet the health care needs of the public.



# A Nurse's Prayer

(All nurses please join the students)

Let me dedicate my life today to the care of those who come my way.

Let me touch each one with healing hands, and the gentle art for which I stand. And, tonight when the day is done, O, let me rest in peace if I helped just one.



# Special Thank You To:

“Our families, friends, employers, Nursing faculty and staff and all those who have supported us on our journey before, during, and after Nursing school. We couldn’t have done this without your love, support, and friendship!”

Helen Stencil, President – CSCC Student Nurses Association, for the coordination of all student volunteers.

The CSCC SNA for helping with set-up, decorating, ushering and clean-up.

Kathy Eichenberger for all of her assistance and patience throughout the semesters.

Bruce Heflin, Heflin Photography.

Catherine Underwood, for her valuable assistance with compiling narratives, sending invitations, and typing our program.

## Student Narratives Nursing Class of Autumn 2023

### **Sara Aboagye**

Sara wants to thank God for being her guiding light, providing strength and reassurance in moments of doubt. She extends heartfelt gratitude to my dear friend Kingsley for his unwavering emotional support, a constant source of strength during challenging times. To her family, she appreciates your dedication to helping her understand the material and your constant encouragement has been her driving force – She is blessed to have you by my side. Sara says “This achievement is not just mine; it's a testament to the incredible support system that surrounded me. God, Kingsley, and my family – your roles in this journey are invaluable, and I am eternally thankful. As I embark on this new chapter as a nurse, I carry with me the love, lessons, and encouragement you've provided. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

### **Gabrielle Bowman**

Gabby Bowman would like to thank her husband Matt, their children Brody and Evie, and the rest of her family for their patience and unwavering support during her pursuit of this ADN. Such a strong family support network made the last two years possible. Starting in February 2024, Gabby will be working at Dublin Methodist in the OR as a circulating/scrub nurse.

### **Tracy Carr**

Tracy would like to thank God for seeing her through nursing school. She wouldn't have made it this far without the Hand of God in her life. She would also want to give a big shoutout to her family for being her rock and support system through it all. Tracy knows she will be a great nurse because of the values her family instilled in her while growing up. She would love to thank Jill Ritchey for being such a loving instructor. Her mentorship and care made a great impact throughout this journey. Indeed, you are the best amongst equals.

### **Erin Clark**

Erin would like to thank her husband for his unwavering support throughout her time in the program. Without his help, she feels she never would have been able to successfully juggle the demands of school and family life. Erin would also like to thank her two kids for their patience, understanding, and endless encouragement – especially on exam weeks! After graduation Erin will be working on a med/surg unit at Riverside Methodist Hospital, and is looking forward to the transition from school to bedside nursing.

### **Aura Fox**

Aura would like to thank her husband, Ben, and kids, Aiden, Evan, and Julia, who have supported her throughout nursing school. Their love and support made all the difference in this journey towards fulfilling a long-held dream. Thank you to her parents, Ron and Jane, and her friends who cheered her on throughout this process. She is blessed to have been in this process with her classmates, especially her 6 Silver clinical group. Laughter is truly the best medicine! Aura would like to thank the patients she has worked with who have trusted her with their care. A special thanks to Janet Sheppard, Gretchen Firchau, Alison Romanowski, Becca Nappi, and Jackie Miller who have helped her navigate her path into nursing. Upon graduation, Aura will work at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

### **Elizabeth Gedde**

Elizabeth would like to thank her parents Todd and Margaret Ann for the endless support throughout nursing school. With the amount of support and love, it has pushed her to not only finish nursing school but also become a better nurse. Also, Elizabeth would like to thank her siblings Calynn, Marissa, and Jared for continuing to be a bright light throughout the ups and downs of nursing school and her future endeavors. Elizabeth plans on working in the Emergency Department at OSU East Hospital after graduation.

### **Andrew Hall**

Andrew extends heartfelt thanks to his parents, Sherry and Eric Hall, for their unwavering support and encouragement throughout his nursing journey. He also expresses deep appreciation for his fellow students, who shared laughter, tears, and countless study sessions, forming bonds that will last a lifetime. Andrew wholeheartedly congratulates his peers on reaching this significant milestone. Looking toward the future, Andrew will join OhioHealth's Inpatient Central Flex Team as

a medical surgical/intermediate level nurse, where he aspires to apply his knowledge and compassion in providing excellent patient care.

### **Benjamin Hayes**

Benjamin extends his heartfelt congratulations to everyone here today. He expresses deep gratitude to his family and friends for their support throughout this journey. Benjamin also acknowledges and appreciates the invaluable guidance provided by his clinical instructors, whose support has played a crucial role in making him feel more at ease and well-prepared to embark on his nursing career. In addition, Benjamin extends his thanks to Quizlet and Elsevier for the abundant study materials and practice tests that significantly contributed to his education. Their resources have been instrumental in his academic success. Benjamin looks forward to contributing his skills and passion to the emergency department at Grant Hospital. (Enter at your own risk!) Benjamin wishes everyone the best of luck on their NCLEX exam, confident that the knowledge and experiences gained during their education will pave the way for success in their future endeavors. Congratulations to all!!!

### **Anna Huddle**

Anna wants to say how extremely grateful she is to have such an incredible mom that has supported her throughout all of nursing school. Anna says that without her mom's love and encouragement she wouldn't be where she is today. She would also like to thank her spectacular boyfriend Zach, for always being her biggest cheerleader. She also wants to say how grateful she is to her dad for always being the best listener/student when it came time to study. Lastly, Anna wants to further extend her gratitude to her stepdad, stepmom, and her brother Adam, for pushing her to be her very best every day. Anna plans on working in the Vascular Thoracic Surgery unit at Riverside Methodist Hospital after graduation. Anna is also currently completing her bachelor's degree at OSU.

### **Catherine Hunley-Allender**

Catherine would like to thank her husband Monte for all his support while listening to her doubts and his encouragement while she was trying to figure it all out. She would also like to thank her parents Nancy and Joe, and Aunt Rebecca for all their help with childcare, transportation, and meals. Without their help she wouldn't have been able to complete the program. Thanks to her children; Maverick, Mason, and Caliana for the motivation to push through! Catherine plans to work in the ED or psych unit.

### **Kirsi Jackson**

Kirsi would like to thank her husband Jonathan, and children, Grace and Audrey, for their support while she was in nursing school. Kirsi would also like to thank other members of her family who are nurses for their encouragement including Lucy, Josh, Michaela, Jason, and Elena, and the rest of her family for their love and support. Kirsi plans to work in the surgical intensive care unit at The Ohio State University after graduation.

### **Celia Kinzel**

Celia would like to thank her husband Geff, her children, Rowan Logan and Mark, mother, and her family. Without their help, understanding and patience she would not have been able to accomplish graduating nursing school. Celia would like to give an extra special thank you to her oldest son, Rowan. He made and hung a sign at her desk that reads "try your best, work hard, never give up" that motivated her every time she read it. Celia plans on working on the oncology unit at Riverside Methodist Hospital after graduation.

### **Yvonne Kontomah**

Yvonne would like to thank her family for all the support while she was in nursing school. Without the love and support from her family and friends Yvonne says she would not have made it through this journey. Yvonne would like to thank her parents, Felicia, and Anthony for always being there. Yvonne plans on working on the cardiac unit at Riverside Methodist Hospital after graduation.

### **Yvonne Lukong**

Yvonne would like to thank her family for all their support while in nursing school. Also, will love to thank all her instructors, especially Allison, Jill who saw a nurse in her and encourage her to hang in there still the end. Yvonne is Glad she did.

Yvonne plans on working at OSU in a Trauma Unit while continuing to pursue her BSN at The Ohio state University. Yvonne would be graduating with her BSN in May of 2024.

### **Riley Maxstead**

Riley would like to thank her friends and family for their support throughout nursing school. She would especially like to thank her parents, Carissa and Greg Maxstead, for supporting her in all of her dreams and encouraging her to push forward in challenging times. Without them and the values they instilled in her, she would not have the drive and passion that she does to help others. She would also like to thank all the faculty for the time they took assisting her in better understanding concepts and perfecting skills to become not only a confident, but also competent nurse. Riley plans on working on a cardiovascular unit at The Ohio State University East Hospital after graduation. To anyone that finds themselves in a hard time, she'd like them to remember this quote by Scotty McCreery "Just when you think you can't make it through the rain, your season's change".

### **Katrina Miller-Roberts**

Katrina would like to thank her family especially her son Kam and husband Seth for all of their support and sticking through this process with her. She knows it has been hard on everyone and they have supported her and stood by her side through it all. She plans to begin her RN career at Mount Carmel Grove City on the progressive care unit.

### **Mileena Mookphachan**

Mileena would like to thank her parents, Diamond and Tawai for all of the encouragement, love, and support through her nursing school journey. They always motivate her in everything that she does. She would not have been able to get through school without them. Mileena will be working in the NICU at Nationwide Children's Hospital.

### **Victor Muendo**

Victor would like to thank his Aunt Carol Martin for all her support while he was in nursing school. Carol was very helpful through her advice about nursing classes, encouragement and being an inspiration to Victor. Victor would also like to express gratitude for the guidance and mentorship his clinical instructor Sonya Secrist provided during clinical rotations." Victor knows that his journey in nursing school has not only equipped him with necessary knowledge and skills, but has also shaped him into a caring and empathetic individual who is ready to make a meaningful impact in the lives of those entrusted to his care. Victor plans on working in the Brain and spine unit at Ohio State Wexner medical center after graduation.

### **Desiree Neal**

Desiree would like to thank all her family and friends for their continuous support and encouragement while in nursing school. She would also like to thank her guardian angels, her mom, dad, and son for guiding her in the right direction and reminding her to never give up. She would also like to give a special thank you to her husband Jamaal, she knows that without him being by her side none of this would have been possible. Desiree plans to work in med/surg upon graduation.

### **Mathilde Nzonou**

I am thankful to God for giving me the strength and perseverance I needed. I would like to thank my mom, Aunt Suzie, Uncle Ken, Barbara and Ray and all my friends for their love and support throughout this program. I couldn't have done it without you.

### **Janet Ogunani**

Janet Ogunani would like to thank her mom and her family for supporting her through her nursing school journey. Janet is planning on working at the James cancer hospital on the medical oncology unit.

### **Casey Palmer**

Casey would like to thank her family, especially her mother and sister, for continuing to encourage and support her throughout her long college journey of becoming the nurse she has always wanted to be. She would also like to thank the friends that she has made while in the nursing program at Columbus State; without the people she has gone through the

nursing classes with, she doesn't believe she would have been as successful in them as she has been. Casey plans to work on the Labor & Delivery unit at Riverside Methodist Hospital upon graduation and passing of the NCLEX.

### **Richard Patterson**

Richard extends his heartfelt gratitude to his partner, Justine, recognizing her enduring support, understanding, and patience as pivotal pillars throughout his nursing school journey. He acknowledges that Justine experienced the program alongside him, witnessing him at some of his lowest points, and he's deeply grateful for her unwavering presence. He also thanks his mother, Jeana, for instilling fundamental values in him, notably emphasizing the importance of empathy, a lesson that has deeply enriched his approach to care. Grateful for everything that has supported his path, Richard extends appreciation to the collective support he received. To the friends he's made on this path, Richard wishes them the best. Looking ahead, Richard is determined to channel his compassion and skills into Emergency Medicine in the Toledo area post-graduation, aspiring to extend his impact globally, eager to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need.

### **Lisa Pesci-Gray**

Lisa would like to thank: her husband Geoff, two children Holden and Gracyn, parents Mike and Cindy, sister Laura, brother-in-law Mike, mother-in-law Diane and close friends for their unwavering love and support during this life changing decision of pursuing a nursing degree. It's been quite the journey and one she couldn't have done without them. She would also like to express gratitude for her nursing school friends who understood the labor of love involved with this type of education and were available for late night texts and phone calls. She feels honored to graduate with a Columbus State Nursing degree. The relationships made with fellow students and instructors have made a lasting impression. Lisa is excited to start her nursing career with Nationwide Children's Hospital on their ambulatory clinic team. Congratulations to all!

### **Amber Price**

Amber would like to thank her fiancé, family, and friends for being her biggest cheerleaders. They believed in Amber when she didn't believe in herself. They gave Amber the strength to continue when nursing school became tough, and she felt like giving up. None of this would be possible without them. Thank you to everyone. We did it. Amber plans on working on the med surg floor for Ohio Health.

### **Rachel Ransom**

Rachel would first like to thank her husband Brandon, sister Ashly, and the many friends and relatives who might be watching for their support while she was in nursing school. Brandon without the long days and nights that you sacrificed to carry your family this wouldn't be possible. To Rachel's purpose and "ausome" son Bishop, she did it all for you. She wants you to know that you can, and you will, in life. Lastly, Rachel would like to thank some of the best humans she's ever encountered, her CSCC nursing school friends. This has not been an easy journey and she's grateful for the countless hours studying, laughing, and sometimes crying in those trenches together. Huge thank you to the CSCC nursing faculty. Rachel has accepted a position on the labor & delivery unit at Riverside Methodist Hospital after graduation.

### **Kaitlyn Raymond**

Kaitlyn would like to thank her incredibly supportive fiancé, Andrew for being an endless source of love and for providing her with a solid foundation to fall back on. Andrew's encouragement gave her the confidence to return to school. Kaitlyn wants to lead by example for her stepdaughter, Freya and show her the importance of perseverance and dedication. She wants Freya to know that she can achieve anything she sets her mind to. She would also like to thank the nurse that she has chosen to pin her today, Wendy. Wendy believed in Kaitlyn before she believed in herself and inspired her to aim higher in her career. Kaitlyn will continue to work in the operating room for Nationwide Children's Hospital at their Westerville Surgery Center where she is currently a Surgical Technologist. She is eager to grow and be trained by their wonderful team of nurses.

### **Shannon Reilly**

Shannon would like to thank her mother, Lynda, for all of her support while she was in nursing school. She wouldn't have made it here today without her encouragement and motivation. Lynda is a hard-working mother of 3 and a nurse of 34 years. Shannon was honored to watch her mother graduate and receive her MSN. Now, today, her mother is here to proudly witness Shannon receive her RN. Shannon would also like to thank her loving and supportive father, Pat. She wants to thank the rest of her family, friends, instructors, and classmates for keeping her going! A very special thanks to Shannon's roommate, Alissa, for helping her study and becoming her personal in-house patient actor. Shannon plans to



work in the Acute Care Department at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center after graduation and is excited to grow in this profession.

#### **Tina Rimes**

Tina would like to thank her husband Stephen for all his love and support while she was in nursing school. Without Stephen's devotion and willingness to be a single parent for days-at-a-time, Tina says she would not have made it through. Tina would also like to thank her daughter, Remi, for allowing mommy to go back to school. Tina has not yet decided where she wants to work but is determined to make an impact and plans to explore a number of programs before deciding on a chosen field.

#### **Hader Saleh**

As we present these nursing pins to our graduates, let us also recognize the unsung heroes who stand beside them. Shirzad Fadhil, your steadfast commitment and sacrifice have not gone unnoticed. Your support has contributed immeasurably to the success of Hader Saleh. The pin about to be placed is not only a symbol of Hader Saleh's hard work and dedication but also a tribute to the partnership you both share. Hader plans to work in med/surge upon graduation.

#### **Cara Schaufele**

Cara would like to thank her husband Patrick for his support during nursing school. Without Patrick's calm demeanor, unwavering reassurance, and willingness to take on the lion's share of keeping the household running, she would not have made it through. Cara would like to thank her parents, John and Gaye Schaufele for their continued encouragement. Cara knows that she will be a compassionate and caring nurse because of the values instilled from a young age. She would also like to congratulate her fellow classmates on their success in a difficult course of study and encourage them to nurture their love of nursing throughout their careers." Cara plans to work in women's health upon graduation.

#### **Carly Scheel**

Carly would like to thank her sister and roommate for all their support and patience during nursing school. She would also like to thank her parents, Jody and Ken Scheel for always encouraging her to be the best she can be. Carly is planning on working on the Labor and Delivery Unit at Riverside Methodist Hospital after graduation.

#### **Talia Scott**

Talia would like to thank her family, friends, fiancé, classmates, pets, and all the margaritas for their help in getting her through this program. She is continuing her education at Ohio University and has accepted a position at Riverside Methodist Hospital as an Operating Room Nurse. She is grateful to have had the opportunity to embark in this Nursing school journey with her mother, Sharla, who also graduates this semester.

#### **Purity Tanui**

Purity would like to thank God for her Nursing journey! She would also like to thank her family and friends for their endless support and encouragement throughout the program. Without their love and understanding, she would not have made it through. Purity would like to thank all her instructors for preparing her to be the best nurse. A special shout out to Jill Ritchey, Alison Romanowski, Megan Jackson, Katie Zag, and Kathy McManamon. You all walked with her during her tough seasons, and she believes that she wouldn't have made it this far without your encouragement. Purity plans to work at Ohio Health after graduation. Thank you!

#### **Ryan Taylor**

Ryan would like to thank his fiancé Jane, if it wasn't for your love and support I would have never made it through this program. Ryan would also like to thank his mom, Scarlet and his dad, Russell, they have always instilled hard work and dedication in me and if it wasn't for that I would have never made it through this program. Ryan would also like to thank his sister, Nicole and his 4 nieces and nephews, Brandon, Taylor, Logan and Ava who have supported me throughout the journey. Ryan plans on working in the medical intensive care unit at Riverside Methodist Hospital.

#### **Kamryn Townsel**

Kamryn would like to thank her family for all their support throughout nursing school. Without them, this would not have been possible. They have been supportive from day one and she could not thank them enough. Second, she would like to thank the friends that she has made as they understood the struggle and helped carry her through it. She would also like to thank Sonya, her former clinical instructor, for believing in her and pushing her to come out of her shell to reach her full potential. Lastly to her son, Niko, this one's for you! She thanks you for being her motivation and her reason why. She cannot wait to give you the life that you deserve. She says "I owe you the world because you are mine. Mommy loves you". Kamryn plans on working for OhioHealth doing their Med-Surg residency with dreams to become a L&D Nurse.

### **Peyton Wallis**

Peyton would like to thank her husband Curt and son Latham for their support, love, and encouragement while she was in nursing school. She would also like to thank her mother for always supporting her. She would like to thank the amazing group of friends she found along the way. Peyton will be working in the OR at Riverside and is enrolled at OU for her BSN and will start in January. She is excited for her new journey.

### **Grant Winfree**

Grant would like to the praise, honor and glory to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for getting Grant through college and the nursing program. Grant would like to thank his parents Cynthia and Woody Winfree. Their encouragement, love, and support strengthen Grant to push through the program. Grant would like to thank his nursing advisor, Kimberly Pennell. Her outstanding support and advice help Grant through the trials of navigating the nursing program. Grant would also like to thank Jill Ritchey for all her help with navigating Elsevier and for her kindness. Grant plans working on the burn unit at Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center.

### **Brooke Wright**

Brooke would like to thank her mother, Crystal and her Aunt Lisa for being there for her and for always encouraging her even though she felt numerous times she couldn't get through the program. She would also like to thank herself for accomplishing one of the hardest college majors while also working a full-time job! Brooke plans to work in med/surg upon graduation!