

Florence Nightingale Pledge

(as adapted by Spalding University, School of Nursing)

I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of his assembly, to live my life with moral integrity and to practice my profession faithfully. I will abstain from whatever is harmful and injurious, and will not take or knowingly administer any illicit drug. I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standard of my profession, and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping and all family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my calling. With loyalty I will endeavor to aid the healthcare provider, in his or her work, and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care.

The Nightingale Pledge was composed by Lystra Gretter, an instructor of nursing at the old Harper Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, and was first used by its graduating class in the spring of 1893. It is an adaptation of the Hippocratic Oath taken by physicians.

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Spalding University

**School of Nursing
Undergraduate Programs
Commencement, Awards &
Recognition Ceremony**

**Friday, June 4, 2021
5:00 PM**

**Columbia Gym Auditorium
845 S. Fourth Street
Louisville, KY 40203**



*"Promoting human dignity, freedom and human flourishing in health care
through nursing education since 1933."*

Dear Colleagues:

How wonderful it is to now call you colleagues in nursing! To each of you, to your parents, spouses, children, relatives and friends who have brought you to this important moment, on behalf of the Faculty and staff of the School of Nursing, sincere congratulations for the completion of your programs of studies and the awarding of the degrees: Bachelor of Science in Nursing, the Master of Science in Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner, and the Doctorate of Nursing Practice.

As graduates of Spalding University, you have been empowered with the authority and responsibility to take the Mission of Spalding University and the Vision of the School of Nursing into our world in need of hope and healing. In this charge, you are called to create communities of authentic love for the uniqueness of every person regardless of their age, ethnicity, color, gender, religion, or their station in life; an enduring community where human dignity, freedom, human flourishing, peace and justice reigns.

Now as you go forth into our world, live the model of charity as embodied in our Vision Statement, *Called to Caring with Dignity*.

Many blessings.

Bro. Ignatius Perkins, OP, PhD, RN, Chair and Professor, School of Nursing.

School of Nursing Faculty & Staff

Brother Ignatius Perkins, OP, PhD, RN, FAAN, ANEF
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Associate Professor

Joseph Maloney, PhD, MSN, RN
Professor

Christina Meek, MSN, RN
Assistant Professor

Tammy Mullins, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, WHNP-C
Assistant Professor

Samantha Orman, MSN, RN
Associate Professor

Taryn Ray, MSN, RN, SANE, C-EFM
Assistant Professor

Nicky Wright, DNP, RN
Assistant Professor, Director Academic Success

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Director, Bailen Health Sciences Simulation Learning Center

Acknowledgements

2021 Graduates & Graduate Candidates

Jessica Trusty, BSN Candidate

I would like to take this opportunity to say how grateful I am for my education at Spalding University. I especially want to thank my amazing support system including my mother, father, and fiancé for believing in me and always supporting me through this journey. I aspire to be the best nurse I can possibly be and to continue to grow every day. Steve Jobs once said, “Your work is going to fill a large part of your life, and the only way to be truly satisfied is to do what you believe is great work. The only way to do great work is to love what you do.”

LeeAnn Wepler, BSN Candidate

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who has supported me throughout the last few years. I could not have made it without each of you. To my family, thanks for the countless times you let me do a head-to-toe assessment or quizzed me on pharm medications. To my friends thank you for spending countless hours studying until 2-3 am on Facetime, especially Mackenzie Stovall. To my boyfriend, thank you for always getting me coffee and letting me cry when I needed to. I could not have done this without all your support. Each of the faculty and staff, thank you for all the valuable information you provided, and always pushing us to be better. I will be forever grateful for the past 2 years in the Spalding Nursing Program!

Commencement Ceremony Program

Prelude & Processional	John Wilcox, Ph.D. Director of University Studies & Faculty Athletics Rep.
Welcome	Nancy Kern, EdD, MSN, APRN, FNP-C Associate Professor, Director Pre-licensure BSN Programs
Invocation	Brother Ignatius Perkins, OP, PhD, RN Chair, Professor
Presentation of Awards	<u>Caritas Award Presentation</u> Brother Ignatius Perkins, OP, PhD, RN <u>BSN Awards</u> Nancy Kern, EdD, MSN, APRN, FNP-C Nicky Wright, DNP, RN Assistant Professor, Director Academic Success <u>RN to BSN Awards</u> Patricia Spurr, EdD, MSN, RN CNE, FRE Professor, Director RN to BSN & BSHS Programs
Reflections	Maggie Horseman, BSN Candidate
Conferral of Degrees	Tori Murden McClure, M.Div., JD, MFA '05 President
Pinning	<u>BSN</u> Renee Campbell, DNP, APRN, CNM, WHNP-BC Assistant Professor, BSN Clinical Coordinator Christina Meek, MSN, RN Assistant Professor Taryn Ray, MSN, RN, SANE, C-EFM Assistant Professor <u>RN to BSN</u> Erica Lemberger, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC Associate Professor
Salute and Challenge	Tori Murden McClure, M.Div., JD, MFA '05 President
Faculty Recognition	John Burden, Ph.D. Provost Patricia Spurr, EdD, MSN, RN CNE, FRE
Thoughts for the Future	RN-BSN Candidate
Nightingale Pledge	Julie Dennison, BSN, RN Class of 2020
Benediction	Chanel Wilder, BSN Candidate
Recessional	John Wilcox, Ph.D.



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Vision: Called to Caring with Dignity

We, the Faculty of the School of Nursing, consistent with Mission of Spalding University and the Philosophy and Outcomes of the School of Nursing, commit ourselves to collaborate with one another and our clinical partners to transform health care and nursing by preparing compassionate and competent professional practitioners of nursing. As formators in nursing education and practice, we fulfill our Vision "*Called to Caring with Dignity*" through the implementation of the following initiatives:

- integrating the charism of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, founders of Spalding University, into the professional practice of nursing grounded in the moral principles of truth, human dignity, freedom, compassion, human flourishing, mercy, and charity for every person who has ever been born;
- protecting and defending the dignity and freedom of every person regardless of gender, color, ethnicity, culture, religious affiliation, socio-economic status, reason for their illness, or station in life;
- caring for the sick, the suffering, the unwanted and unloved, the vulnerable, those at the beginning of life, those at the end of life, those in the shadows of life, and our brothers and sisters who have no place to call home;
- providing excellence in nursing practice in caring and healing the whole person through the integration and application of ethical principles, the science of nursing, the natural sciences, the humanities, and religious studies;
- embracing our responsibility as leaders and citizens of the community, of our nation and our global world to advocate for positive change, to remove oppressive conditions that crucify humanity and violate freedom, and to shape legislation, social and public health policies emblematic of the tradition of Spalding University and the School of Nursing; and
- engaging in life-long learning as a moral commitment to assure continuing competency as agents of responsible change in nursing practice and leadership in health care.

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Mackenzie Stovall, BSN Candidate

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all my family, friends, and all those at Spalding University School of Nursing. I especially want to say thank you to my mother who has helped me through this journey and stood by my side every step of the way. You have always pushed me to be my best and never gave up on me, even when times have been tough. I owe all that I am to you and appreciate you more than you will ever know! To the rest of my family and friends – I am immensely grateful for your support for all these years. I would not be where I am today without all of you! As I walk across this stage today and accept my diploma, I am not only accepting it for myself, but also for those that have helped me get to this point in my life. I will forever give back to others, like those have given to me. Here's to my next chapter and new adventures as a registered nurse!

Grace Sweat, BSN Candidate

I want to take a moment to express my appreciation to my friends and family. It has been a hard journey, but I cannot thank everyone enough for the support they have given me the entire way through. Thank you to my mom and dad for the sacrifices they have made and helping make the most of my experience with their love and support. I want to thank my grandparents for the countless help on my homework. My classmates and friends for the study groups and study guides. I am grateful for everything. Thanks to the faculty and teachers of Spalding. I would not have been able to do this without them. Thank you and farewell Spalding! Four years of lessons and values taught me to see who I am and what kind of nurse I want to be.

India Taylor, BSN Candidate

I just want to express my sincere gratitude to my mother, and my significant other. I also want to take this opportunity to thank my family, friends, and classmates for the support throughout this journey. Every one of them have been instrumental every step of the way. Special thanks to my Grandad, this degree belongs to you, I am just the bearer. I will remain forever indebted to you all. Also, I want to thank Dr. Wright, Dr. Meek, Dr. Maloney, Professor Browning, Professor Ray, and the other Spalding Nursing staff. I could not have done it without them. THANK YOU!!!!!!

Louise Timmons, BSN Candidate

I woke up in a pandemic and had to make the hard choice of whether to stay the course and go to nursing school basically not in person or wait it out. I chose to persevere and keep busy when the world seemed to be at a standstill. In the words of Charles Dickens, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." In this time of uncertainty, nurses joined the ranks of the true heroes and I feel so honored to have the chance to be of service. I want to thank the universe for allowing me to keep growing along with the support from my friends, family, fellow students and faculty, as well as my loving partner. I am elated to be starting new chapters in my life so the time has come to "Celebrate, Celebrate, and Dance to the Music".

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McKenzie Roadhouse, BSN Candidate

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all my family, friends, classmates, and Spalding Nursing. I especially want to say thank you to my entire family and fiancé for coming together as a village to help me raise my son and focus on school at the same time. I am immensely grateful for the sacrifices my fiancé, Jacob, has taken to financially pull me through. I have not only gained the knowledge to have a career in nursing, but I have gained forever friends from my cohort and role models among the staff at Spalding University. My heart is so full, and I am so grateful that my dreams are becoming reality and I get to become McKenzie Roadhouse, RN BSN. Thank you, Spalding University!

Cayla Rogers, BSN Candidate

I am thankful I get to graduate among fellow students who had to be just as flexible and resilient as I was through this global pandemic. A big and special thanks to my family, especially my husband William and my parents Scott & Dana for their support through the last 4 years, they have not been easy. I also want to say thank you to my lifelong best friends who I would not have met if it were not for Spalding University. I am forever thankful for them as we spent numerous hours studying together, growing closer, and ultimately becoming like sisters.

Thank you, Spalding University, for the last 4 years, I am ready for the next chapter.

Rachael Smith, BSN Candidate

I am so very grateful to have completed this program. Thank you to my family and friends who stood with me the whole time and listened to me talk about my new knowledge, let me practice skills on them, and listened to my concerns, and encouraged and supported me every time I needed it. I'm honored to have this degree, and to have the opportunity to make a positive impact in someone's life, no matter how big or how small. I am so excited to be starting this new chapter of my life, with new adventures and a new way of life. Thank you!

Olivia C. Stewart, BSN Candidate

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my family, friends and all of those who have supported me in this journey. Through all the ups and downs, you all stood by me and believed in me. Mom and Dad, thank you for pushing me to be the best I can be and always being willing to do whatever it took to be sure I could achieve my dreams. You truly are the best parents I could ever ask for. Ryan, thank you for sticking by me and supporting me throughout nursing school and always understanding no matter how stressed I was. I could not have asked for a better husband through it all. I cannot wait to start my nursing career and see where life takes me!



Official Pin of the School of Nursing History of the Official Nursing Pin

The official pin of the School of Nursing at Spalding University is a replica of the official Seal of Spalding University. At the center of the Seal is the pelican, wings displayed and inverted, pecking at her breast according to medieval legend, for drops of blood to feed her young. The pelican is the symbol of the Sisters of Charity, Nazareth, Kentucky, founders of Spalding University, and of the service which the University and its graduates offer to humankind.

At each side of the pelican are variations of the Christian cross. On the right is the fleur-de-lis or French cross, symbol of the City of Louisville and a reflection of the French influence upon the Sisters of Charity through their co-founder, Bishop Jean Baptiste M. David. On the left is the crossed crosslet emblazoned on the coat of arms of the Spalding family from which Catherine Spalding, co-founder of the Sisters of Charity, was descended and for whom Spalding University is named.

The University name and location provide the circumference of the shield.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

2020 RN to BSN Graduates

Michelle Brast	Katie Klingenfus	Charity B. Rowland
Jolyn A. Chapman	Caitlin Liford	Desiree Williams
Jessica Alt Jahm	Alysia Ann Rood	

2020 BSN Graduates

Harriet Nana Ako	Tselem Gahagan	Brianna O'Dea
Happiness Amadi	Lakiesha T. Gross	Nelly A. Okon
Madeline Armao †	Laryn Hamilton	Kymberlie Phillips
Emily Best ‡	Christy Hardin †	Jennifer Porter [Ⓢ]
Jessica Bledsoe	Crystal L. Henderson	Alexis K. Powell
Anna Marie Bond	Melissa Hopf-Farmer	Abigail L. Quinn
Bayley Brutscher	Sarah Hutchinson [Ⓢ]	Lindsey Rapp
Kimberly L. Cecil	Bailey Jenkins	Brandy Ray
Merissa Cecil †	Mariama Koroma	Molly Mae Sauer
Mallory Ciresi	Leah A. Kuhn	Paige Scharfenberger
Julia Tydings Dennison † [Ⓢ]	Emily S. Lewis	Maranda Scott
Allison DeSpain ±	Louissaint Louis XVI	Elizabeth Simpson
Ahyauna Ellis †	Regan McKenna Lyons	Brianna Smith
Martin Enriquez Jr.	Breanna Martin	Brook Smith
Ariana Ensley	Abigail McGimsey	Meredith Springer
Derek Fields	Mckenzie Miller	Mikayla Talbott
Cherley Fleury	Emmanuel Mwintuma	Jenna Thornhill †
Adam Frith	Herschell Nicholls [Ⓢ]	Pamela S. Welch ‡
Robert Samuel Gafford	Clinton C. Nwosuh	John Zimmerer

Academic Honors & Honor Cords

- ± = Summa Cum Laude (overall GPA of 3.90 to 4.00) Gold Cords
‡ = Magna Cum Laude (overall GPA of 3.70 to 3.89) Light Blue Cords
† = Cum Laude (overall GPA of 3.50 to 3.69) White Cords
[Ⓢ] Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing Member Purple & White Cords
SUNS Officers – Silver, Blue & Purple

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Christy Lyons, BSN Candidate

This past year has been anything but easy for the world while struggling with a pandemic and for my family faced with health issues. I would not be graduating today without the help and support of God, my family, boyfriend, and friends. I am extremely grateful for my education and the opportunities I have received. I aspire to be an exceptional nurse, which I know that I can be with the continued love and support from the people I have surrounding me. Here's to the start of a wonderful career and a life caring for others!

Callie Ann Mansfield, BSN Candidate

I would like to take the time to thank my mother, memaw, aunt, sisters and brother for all your love and support throughout these last four years. I could not have graduated without all your encouragement and love. I love you!

Tracey Lynn May, BSN Candidate

I first would like to thank my mother, my father and my love Ann for supporting me and for putting up with me these past 18 months. To my sister and my tribe of friends who have assured me that I could do this along the way (thanks for the kick in the butt). This has not been an easy road but we are finally at the finish line. To all my nurse friends that I admire, I finally understand how important this clinical education is for our practice. To my professors that had my back, I thank you all. To all future nurses: If I can do this at 51, anyone can. Never stop growing, never stop learning. It is our turn now to make a difference in the care of others. Be kind to one another, leave your mark, make a difference.

Beth Owens, BSN Candidate

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my family, friends, classmates, and Spalding University for supporting me on this journey. I especially want to thank my husband and children for your encouragement, love, and patience. I want to thank my parents for always being there, not just for me, but also for my family. I did not do this alone and your support means more to me than you will ever know!

Hannah Renfro, BSN Candidate

I would like to take this moment to thank everyone who has helped me get to where I am today. I would like to thank my parents for always supporting me and providing me with endless opportunities so that I could be successful. I would also like to thank my family and my best friends for always being there for me and helping me get through these past four years of college. I would not be where I am today without all the support that I have had. Lastly, I would like to thank Spalding for giving me the opportunity to create so many memories over the past four years that I will never forget. I cannot wait to see what my future holds and am excited to start my journey as a nurse!

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Maggie Horseman, BSN Candidate

At the end of my time here at Spalding University, I want to thank my husband, family, friends, and classmates for being constant supporters in this journey. The patience, compassion, and love that I have felt from each of you has made my time here worth it. I am thankful for everyone who has helped shape me into the nurse I hope to be, especially my husband and my parents. I would not be where I am without you. We did it!

Aeisha Khaled Hussein, BSN Candidate

I would like to thank my friends and family especially my mother for bringing us across the world as a widowed, single mother, all alone with four young children and only knowing a few words of English. Thank you for giving up everything for our education and our success, I cannot imagine being here without your love, support, and your encouragement to continue every time I wanted to quit.

Thanks to my siblings and fiancé for being so understanding and patient with me because I know I wasn't the easiest to deal with before every exam. Lastly, I am proud of myself for being the first bachelor degree graduate in my family and I am proud of my classmates for making it through this past year during COVID. I hope to continue to grow and make my family proud.

P.S. Also thanks to coffee!

Paige Jackson, BSN Candidate

As I graduate and start a new journey in my life, I want to stop and thank all of those special people that have traveled this long journey with me. First, I would like to thank my Mom and Sam. You guys have been my biggest supporters, whether it's giving me time away to study alone, being my patient while I practice clinical skills, or cheering me on when I doubted myself before an exam. I would not have been able to make it this far without you guys. If I am honest, this degree is not for me but for my kids, they have been my motivation for not giving up. On those nights I wanted to just stop and quit those faces kept me going. I could go on and on with my gratitude but the simplest way to put it would just be THANK YOU and I LOVE YOU!!!! I hope I made you all proud.

Alyssa Krause, BSN Candidate

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and gratitude to the people who have contributed to my success thus far in life. To my family, I will never forget the encouragement and uplift you brought me during my nursing school journey. Thank you for believing in me during the difficult times. I walk across the stage today because of you. I would not be where I am without my family. As I graduate, a new journey begins. I thank you for your kindness, thoughtfulness and prayers. Graduation reminds me of everyone who has touched my life. The gift of your presence and acknowledgement is truly appreciated. I will never be done saying thank you nor will I ever stop reminding you of how much all of you mean to me. I love YOU and thank YOU!! Here's to the next journey and all it brings.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

2021 RN to BSN Graduates

Danita Albrinck ±	Holly Greving±	Sheila Patterson ‡
Ruth Anne Baker ±	Tonya Hartnell ±	Karen Pingelton ‡
Casey Berry †	Charlene Herzog ±	Suzanne Prewitz ±
Luis Blanco Gonzalez †	Tara Kemper ±	Coleman Rice ‡ ²
Tracy Boggs	Emily Kiriakos ±	Rebecca Rose ‡
Ashley Brewer ±	Peggy Kossan ±	Charlotte Sanders ±
Amy Callahan ±	Deneve Lancaster ±	Mignon Semmler ±
Shannon Calvert ±	Chandra Mangar ‡	Linda Sheen ±
Alicia Caudill ±	Leann McClain †	Sabrina Sheppard ‡
Leigh Clark ±	Shannon McQueeney ±	Nicole Tedford ±
Dasha Crain ±	Sandy Miller ±	Shannon Thompson ±
Elaine DiStasio ±	Ja-Nee' Mooney ±	Faith Wells ±
LeAnne Dodson ±	Stacey Moorhead ±	Michelle Whelan ±
Kasie Fanning ±	Jacqueline Nelson ‡	

2021 BSN Graduates

Abdulaziz Abdulahi	Brittanie Glasser	Joshua Quallen
Ryan Ainsworth	Samantha Goble	Hannah Renfro
Ashley Alexander	Jaycee Head	Heather Richards
Jessy Ashbaugh	Dionjae Hopper	McKenzie Roadhouse
Ava Assef † ²	Maggie Horseman †	Cayla Rogers ±
Taylor Bent	Aeisha Hussein †	Joshua Roux
Craig Blasi ±	Paige Jackson	Lauren Sizemore †
Marley Boone	Haley Jo Keller ‡ ²	Kristen Smith †
Paul Boone	Kaleigh King-Maloney	Rachael Smith †
Mary Boone-Abraham †	Kaylin R. Kraft	Olivia C. Stewart †
Kendall Brown	Alyssa Krause	Victoria Stout
Tadd Brown ²	Emily Lacy	Mackenzie Stovall
Hoang Bui	Autumn Lindsay	Grace Sweat ±
Paige Burns	Isaac Lineberry	India Taylor
*Tatiana Juliett Cahill	Tessy Lutes	Emily Thompson †
Olivia Carter †	Christy Lyons ±	Louise Timmons
Paige Cecil †	Callie Mansfield †	Jessica L. Trusty ‡
Vera Clark	Jerome Martinez	Chioma Wallace
Andrea Compton ±	Tracey May	LeeAnn Weppler
Courtney Crombie ‡	Eleeza McWhorter	Chanel Wilder
Khina Dahal	Kayla Meyer	Katherine Williams ²
Melissa Davis †	Addison Morris	Marchelle Woodson
Lillian Davis	Elizabeth Owens ‡	Elizabeth Young
Susan DeFord	Nisha Patel	
Aliyah Dockery †	Alexis Perret	

* Posthumous Degree Conferral

Undergraduate Awards

Sister Agnes Miriam Payne, SCN Award

This award is to recognize a graduating senior nursing student for his/her contribution to professional nursing practice as exemplified by the contributions of Sister Agnes Miriam Payne, SCN.

Sister Catherine Mary Zollner, SCN Award

This award is to recognize a graduating senior nursing student who exemplifies the qualities of leadership reflective of the life and leadership of Sister Catherine Mary Zollner, SCN, former administrator of Caritas Peace Center, Louisville, Kentucky. This award has been established by the medical staff of Caritas Peace Center in memory of Sister Catherine Mary Zollner, SCN.

Dolores F. Smith Humanitarian Award in Nursing

This award is to recognize a junior or senior nursing student who embodies, in a special way, those values inherent in the Philosophy of the School of Nursing.

Donna Gough Faquir Service Learning Award

This award is to recognize a graduating senior nursing student who has demonstrated a commitment to community service. This award is given to recognize Donna Gough Faquir's dedication to community service.

Alice Vardiman Nursing Communication Award

This award is to recognize a graduating nursing student who demonstrates the essentials of positive communication, building an atmosphere of rapport with patients, peers, and faculty reflective of the influence and life values of Miss Alice Vardiman, a former faculty member of the School of Nursing.

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Courtney Crombie, BSN Candidate

I want to extend my utmost appreciation for my family, my fiancé, my friends, and my new nursing school buddies for being patient throughout this trying nursing school experience. Starting during the pandemic put a large curve on the process but with the support and love of my friends and family, it was made into the best experience possible. Thank you again to all who were involved in my success! Congrats class of 2021! We did it!!

Aliyah Dockery, BSN Candidate

I would like to thank my parents and fiancé for always encouraging me and pushing me to be the best version of myself. I would personally like to thank my fiancé for always listening to my endless rambling when I was stressed and for always believing in me when I found it hard to believe in myself. I would also like to personally thank my Mom for always being my rock and anchor through everything. My Father has had the biggest impact on my career. He has always encouraged me to do what I love. Today is not just my win, but it is yours too. I could not have made it through this journey without a great support system from my family and from Spalding. Teamwork makes the dream work!

Samantha Goble, BSN Candidate

These past two years have not been easy but thanks to the help and support of some amazing people, I am here today. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to my family, friends, and classmates. I want to say a special thank you to my Mom and Dad for supporting me not only financially, but also for being there for me through all the tough times and mental breakdowns the struggles of college ensued on me. I appreciate you both more than you will ever know. College has brought me so many memories and friendships that I will cherish forever, and I want all of you to know just how grateful I am for those and the support I have received. I hope to be an amazing nurse and make you all proud!

Jaycee Head, BSN Candidate

I would like to thank my family, friends and classmates for being so supportive throughout this journey. My parents have always been my biggest fans and I could not have done this without them pushing me to be my best. I will cherish all my memories that I have created with some of my closest friends. Thank you, Spalding University, for the past four years. I will forever cherish this time.

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Paige Burns, BSN Candidate

I just want to give a HUGE thanks to my village: To my husband for being my own personal cheerleader and my rock through this whole journey. To my parents and my in-laws for having faith in me and helping with babysitting so I could effectively participate in class and clinical. To my coworkers for helping me study and for creating a knowledgeable work environment. And most of all, thank you to my Aunt Tricia (Nappy) for keeping my son for the past two years so I could accomplish this huge feat. This would not have been possible without you and the rest of my village!

Olivia L. Carter, BSN Candidate

I am so thankful to be surrounded by such amazing friends, family, and boyfriend throughout my journey here at Spalding University. I would especially like to say a big thank you to my wonderful mother and father for always believing in me and supporting me in everything I do. Without your constant love and support I would not be the person I am today or have accomplished all that I have. Although this journey is coming to an end, a new door is opening, and I am so lucky to have you both behind me every step of the way. I love you both so much. Here's to being in the best and most rewarding profession!

Paige Cecil, BSN Candidate

I would like to take the time to acknowledge some of the special individuals in my life that helped support and get me through this extensive accelerated nursing program. Without these select folks, I may not be where I am today. First and foremost, I want to give a huge amount of appreciation to my grandparents. They have taught me more throughout the years of my life than I can even put into words. The love I have for them is unconditional. Thanks to the both of you for always being my rock and biggest support system. You have stood by my side through my entire education.

I would also like to acknowledge my mother for being there for me when I need someone to talk to about anything and everything. Remaining focused through the past 13 months would not have been as easy if I did not have such a loving mother and friend. Furthermore, I cannot forget the amazing classmates I went through the entire program with. We all worked as a team and got through it together! Especially my main girls Kristen, Nisha, Courtney, and Emily. This group of girls are some of the most amazing women I have ever met and hope to keep a friendship for life with them. Along with the other friendships I have made through this nursing program.

Lastly, I want to thank the faculty who cared to take the time to listen to our concerns and the ones who served as mentors to the best of their abilities. You are appreciated and will not be forgotten. Here's to the next chapter of our journey and to saving one life at a time!

Undergraduate Awards

The Daisy in Training Award

The Daisy in Training Award recognizes graduating BSN student who has demonstrated outstanding compassionate care to patients and families while in school. This award celebrates what it truly means to be a nurse.

Brother Ignatius Perkins Caring with Dignity Award

This award, established by the Faculty of the School of Nursing at Spalding University, recognizes its commitment to the principles of human dignity, ethics and caring in nursing, which is the hallmark of the tenure of Brother Ignatius Perkins, OP, PhD, RN, FAAN, ANEF, current and former Chair of the School of Nursing at Spalding University and former Dean of the College of Health and Natural Sciences.

This award is to recognize a graduating BSN and MSN student who has demonstrated excellence in promoting and protecting human dignity through ethical behaviors and humanistic caring in nursing consistent with the mission of Spalding University and the vision of the School of Nursing: *Called to Caring with Dignity*.

Louree Pottinger Award

This award is given to an outstanding graduating registered nursing student(s) who demonstrates the same self-direction and commitment to learning that characterized the life and work of Ms. Louree Pottinger, who was an early activist in the Kentucky Nurses Association and helped to elevate nursing to a professional status in the Louisville area.

Acknowledgements 2020 Graduates

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