

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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for our graduates to download free of charge.



Spalding University

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

**Friday, June 4, 2021
2:00 PM**

**Egan Leadership Center
Troutman Lectorium
901 S. Fourth Street
Louisville, KY 40203**



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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
Chair, Professor

Pamela Smith Elzy, DNP, MHA, RN, NPD-BC
Assistant Professor, Director Graduate Programs

Missy Hawes, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, IBCLC
Assistant Professor, Coordinator of MSN-FNP Program

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Assistant Professor

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Assistant Professor, BSN Clinical Coordinator

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Assistant Professor

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Associate Professor

Erica Lemberger, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC
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

Andrea Zimmerman, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, WHNP-C
Assistant Professor

Angela Shelman, BA
Coordinator of Office Operations

David Stewart, BSN, RN, CCRN, CHSE, NREMT-P
Director, Bailen Health Sciences Simulation Learning Center

Acknowledgements

2021 Graduates & Graduate Candidates

Hollie L. Simes, MSN FNP Candidate

I want to thank my parents, Steven and Lisa, and my boyfriend, Garrett, for their endless support during the last two years! Thank you to my family and friends for all the encouragement and love throughout this process! I'm so grateful to have met the incredible cohort that I share this day with, and I am so proud of us!

Renisha Stone, MSN FNP Candidate

I can't believe I made it!! Thank you to my parents Janice, Darron & Gina for always supporting me in everything that I do. To my beautiful daughters Jada & Lariyah, you are EVERYTHING to me, your love and support got mommy this far and I hope you are as proud of me as I am of you. To my brothers, family & friends, thank you for always being there for me & giving me words of encouragement when I felt like I wanted to give up. I started this journey as an LPN and now I have officially MASTERED IT. GOD thank you for guiding my footsteps and allowing me to embrace everything you have in store for me. Jeremiah 29:11.

Stephanie Anne Via, MSN FNP Candidate

This has been a long and incredible journey. Going through grad school during a pandemic was not easy. I could not have done this without the constant support and encouragement of my husband Jeremy. You took care of everything for me so I could accomplish my goal. I love you so much. Thank you to our children Caleb and Hannah, my Mom Pat, and my sisters Lisa and Theresa for always being supportive and understanding when I couldn't spend as much time with you as I wanted to. Lisa, you were Dad's voice cheering me on the entire time. Thank you to my sweet friends, especially Kelly and Jenny. Kelly, every time I look at my stethoscope and my lab coat, I think of you. Jenny, I miss you every day and you will always be in my heart. To my Dad and brother in heaven, I know you are with me today. I hope I made you proud. Lastly, thank you to the outstanding professors and staff of Spalding University. You made this a wonderful experience for me. Congratulations class of 2021!

School of Nursing MSN FNP Commencement Ceremony Program

Prelude & Processional	Missy Hawes, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, IBCLC Assistant Professor, Coordinator of MSN-FNP Program
Welcome	Pamela Smith Elzy, DNP, MHA, RN, NPD-BC Professor, Director Graduate Programs
Invocation	Brother Ignatius Perkins, OP, PhD, RN Chair, Professor
Presentation of Awards	Collan Darnall, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, ENP-C Assistant Professor
Reflections	Stephanie Via, BSN, RN MSN FNP Graduate Candidate
Hooding & Pinning	Jaclyn Bitterman, DNP, RN Associate Professor, MSN Clinical Coordinator Missy Hawes, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, IBCLC Assistant Professor, Coordinator of MSN-FNP Program Andrea Zimmerman, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, WHNP-C Assistant Professor
Conferral of Degrees	Tori Murden McClure, M.Div., JD, MFA '05 President
Salute and Challenge	Tori Murden McClure, M.Div., JD, MFA '05 President
Thoughts for the Future	Jessica Johnson, BSN, RN MSN FNP Graduate Candidate
Nightingale Pledge	David Kersting, BSN, RN MSN FNP Graduate Candidate
Benediction	Madison Hall, BSN, RN MSN FNP Graduate Candidate
Recessional	Missy Hawes, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, IBCLC Assistant Professor, Coordinator of MSN-FNP Program



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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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Acknowledgements

2021 Graduate Candidates

Malisica Brunner, MSN FNP Candidate

I must first give all the glory and honor to my Heavenly father. I could not have made it through this without all of the love and support of my family and friends. The love, encouragement, and prayers when I wanted to throw in the towel was simply amazing and priceless along this journey to include my classmates. Thank you is not enough to the multiple sponsors that provided me with scholarships throughout this entire program.

My babies, I only hope that you know all the sacrifices made were to show you that with God anything is possible and your Mama/Nan did this for you all! I am so excited to see what the future holds and I hope to continue to make you all proud by becoming the best NP I can be!! Never would have made it without each and every one of you.

Thank you and I love you all from the bottom of my heart!!!

Tracy Dupaquier, MSN FNP Candidate

I would like to say first, I could not have accomplished this without faith in God and always believing that there is a purpose and reminding myself that I am on HIS time. Thank you also to my husband Rob, our three sons: Chris, Tyler and Max; and our daughter Savannah for always believing in me, supporting me, and encouraging me. Many thanks to my extended family and friends for cheering me on through this journey. Last but certainly not least, thanks to my fellow Spalding colleagues - we did it!

Without faith: fear wins. With faith: fear fails. Be fearless.

Madison Elizabeth Hall, MSN FNP Candidate

Thank you to my people. To my mom and dad, Tim and Amy, and my brother Max. And to my boyfriend Levi. You have all helped me through nursing school and now this! Your constant support, love, and encouragement made this possible. I hope I made you all proud. We did it!

Graduate Awards

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 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*.

Outstanding MSN Alumna Award

The Alumni Award for Clinical Excellence recognizes an MSN Spalding graduate who demonstrates in their professional practice clinical expertise and a passion for the practice of nursing. This individual has consistently demonstrated excellence in the practice of the art and science of professional nursing and is viewed as an exemplary nurse by clients, patients, families, and colleagues.

Acknowledgements

2020 Graduates

Aiesha Moore Monroe, MSN, APRN

I would like to thank my family and friends for your support and love during this journey. There have been many challenges but you all have contributed to my success. I give special thanks and appreciation to my son, David A. White III. You have been patient and supportive well beyond your years. Thank you for sitting with me and encouraging me while I was studying these last two years. This was all for you my beautiful, amazing child. You've inspired me to become a better person than I ever imagined. It is a phenomenal blessing to be your mother. To my mother, Patricia Moore Washington, thank you for being an example of strength and resilience. To the Black Professional Nurse Alliance, thank you for trusting me with your truths. Stay empowered always!



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.

Masters of Science in Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner Program

June 2020 MSN Graduates

Angela Opal Allen	Aiesha Moore Monroe ^Σ
Laura Lee Allen ^Σ	Nadege Yawa Mulenge
Amber M. Banovz Ash	Bridget Lynette Pitcock ^Σ
Erika Denise Burnside	Tabatha Ann Scherer ^Σ
Amanda Rae Dewees ^Σ	Sara Marie Staab
Ashley Nicole Duvall	Patrick Alexander Stiebling
Jessica Michelle Kehl	Jonathan Wayne Thomas
Emily A. Lyons ^Σ	Shanell Sylrose Wade
Alix Mattingly	Paige Marie Wolf

December 2020 MSN Graduates

Cynthia R. Adams	Katelynn B. Prewitt
Emily J. Baus	Brianna S. Redman
Susanna N. Blair	Jodi L. Ritchie
Emily A. Blake	Ferran R. Sanders
Alicia N. Bradley	Brian L. Saylor
Kayla N. Brenzel	Melissa J. Schlegel ^Σ
Andrea L. Burton	Katherine M. Schrodt
Erica R. Dutton	Carolyn R. Schuler
Nicholas M. Ellis ^Σ	Kirsten T. Trudeau
Jasmine M. Green	Kara A. Wedding
Amy M. Highfill	Karona R. Yarbrough
Elizabeth J. Logsdon ^Σ	Holly M. Zirnheld
Joanna G. Martin	

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Malisica T. Brunner ^Σ	David M. Kersting ^Σ
Jessica R. Coleman	Kristen J. Martin
Tracy J. Dupaquier ^Σ	Hollie L. Simes
Madison E. Hall ^Σ	Renisha S. Stone ^Σ
Melissa B. Harris	Trevor M. Thomas ^Σ
Jessica L. Johnson	Stephanie A. Via ^Σ

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Graduate Awards

Vickie Bohannon Owsley Advanced Nursing Practice Award

This award recognizes a graduate of the Master of Science in Nursing Program who has demonstrated caring and competence in advanced practice nursing as exemplified in the life of Vickie Bohannon Owsley, DSN, ARNP, a graduate of the School of Nursing.

Mother Catherine Spalding, SCN, Nursing Leadership Award

Named in honor of Mother Catherine Spalding, SCN, co-foundress of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, this award honors a graduate of the Master of Science in Nursing Program who has affirmed human dignity and inspired creativity and vision in nursing leadership.

Egan Leadership Award

The Egan Leadership Award is named in honor of Eileen Egan, SCN, former president of Spalding University, who served Spalding for twenty-five years. Dr. Egan was instrumental in the development of many Spalding graduate programs. Her work contributed to the University's designation as a doctoral/research university. The Egan Leadership Award is granted annually to one student in each graduate program whose work exemplifies the mission of the University through its integration of discipline-specific scholarship and service to the community.