



Department of Nursing

68th Annual

BSN Pinning Ceremony

Saturday, April 24, 2021

2:00 p.m.

Church-Chapel, Goshen College

Pinning Ceremony livestream at: goshen.edu/livestream

Program

Processional*

Welcome | Jewel Yoder

Reflection | Gretchen Sauder

Presentation of Pins | Beth Miller
Cheryl Caffee

Anointing of Hands | Susan Setiawan

Blessing | Jewel Yoder

**Please remain silent as the graduates process.*

Graduates

Adriana Berger

Goshen, Indiana

Leslie Latisnere Reinada

Goshen, Indiana

Tessa Clark

Goshen, Indiana

Lucia Keim Martinez

Goshen, Indiana

Genevieve Cowardin

Goshen, Indiana

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Katja Norton

Goshen, Indiana

Jesica Day

Elkhart, Indiana

Bryan Olvera

Goshen, Indiana

Elizabeth Diaz

Goshen, Indiana

Alexis Owensby

Elkhart, Indiana

Cassandra Espinoza

Sylmar, California

Rachel Porter

Goshen, Indiana

Alexandrea Gordy

Elkhart, Indiana

Oscar Ramirez

Goshen, Indiana

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Goshen, Indiana

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Brooklyn Harris

Urbana Illinois

Rachel Versluis

Goshen, Indiana

Kyra Krall

Carmel, Indiana

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We say thanks

Adriana Berger -

I would like to thank my family for supporting me the whole way through and encouraging me every time I said I was just going to drop out over the last 3 years. I would also like to thank my family for always showing up throughout my whole school career both sports and academic related. I could always count on looking into the stands and seeing someone there for me. It wouldn't have been the same without you guys, so thank you.

Tessa Clark -

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Genevieve Cowardin -

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Elizabeth Diaz -

To my husband, Juan, who has been my constant support, chef, housekeeper, love, and best friend. This degree is our accomplishment! I might not have made it without all of your support. Thank you! I love you! To my parents who have supported me and encouraged me in this career path before I even knew that this is what I wanted to do! I dedicate all of my accomplishments to you both. You taught me the value of hard-work and perseverance, two qualities that have been essential in making it through this program. Thank you and I love you both so much! To Anita, my mentor and friend, who advised me, encouraged me, and cheered me on when I decided to make this career transition. I feel honored to have you in my life and in my corner. The impact you have had on my life is significant and I can't thank you enough! To Brenda Srof, Beth Miller, Tracy Buller, Ruth Stoltzfus, Susan Setiawan, Gretchen Sauder, and all of the nursing professors. I received so much support from many of you when I decided to come back to finish the program. Many of you gave me the added confidence to believe in myself when I still had doubt that I could do it. Thank you so much! The care and compassion with which you all teach teaches us more than we could ever learn from textbooks. You exemplify what it means to provide compassionate and holistic care to others. Thank you.

Cassandra Espinoza -

To my friends who spent those late nights studying with me and being my home away from home, to my brother who always believed in me and supported me unconditionally, to my boyfriend who motivated me and picked me up when I failed, a mis abuelos que trabajaron duro para darme esta oportunidad, and to my mom and dad who raised me to be una guerrera y mujer fuerte, this is for you! Thank you for making this day possible.

Alexandrea Gordy -

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Elise Hackman -

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Brooklyn Harris -

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Bryan Olvera -

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Rachel Porter -

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Oscar Ramirez -

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Goshen College Core Values

Christ-Centeredness

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

I Corinthians 3:11

Passionate Learning

For this very reason, you must make every effort to support your faith with goodness, and goodness with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with endurance, and endurance with godliness, and godliness with mutual affection, and mutual affection with love. For if these things are yours and are increasing among you, they keep you from being ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

II Peter 1:5-8

Servant Leadership

But whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of [God] came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Matthew 20:26-28

Compassionate Peacemaking

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Matthew 5:9

Global Citizenship

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

II Corinthians 5:18-20

