



MAY 9TH, 2016 5:00PM
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A Brief History of the Pinning Ceremony

The Nightingale School of Nursing at St. Thomas's Hospital in London designed and awarded a badge to the nurses as they completed their program.

By 1916, a ceremony awarding the badges was a tradition in England and the United States. The badge symbolized the educated that was prepared to serve the health needs of society.

Eventually, each school of nursing designed and awarded a customized pin. In the United States the first pin presented to a graduating class occurred at Bellevue Hospital in New York City, 1880.

The nursing pin and accompanying ceremony represents a meaningful experience for nursing students. Each graduate will be receiving a nursing pin from their faculty, symbolizing the welcoming of new nurses into the profession. By receiving the pin, the graduate accepts the responsibilities and dedication to nursing as they transition out of the student role.

PROGRAM

Entrance of Graduates

Mistress of Ceremony: **Dr. Patricia Burrell**

Hula:

Ms. Jayna Bale, Ms. Raeanne Pascua, Ms. Shalie Sayaman, Ms. Jenny-Lyn Simeon

Welcome from the College of Health & Society with Pinning as a Rite of Passage: **Dr. Lynette Landry;** Dean College of Health and Society

Keynote Speaker: Ms. Amy Thomas; MSN, APRN, FNP

Hawaii Pacific Health

Student Speaker:

Mr. Eric Mendonca

Class Gift Presentation:

Ms. Jacqueline Benitez

Announcement of Daisy Award:

Student Recipient Announcer: **Dr. Patricia Burrell** Faculty Recipient Announcer: **Ms. Sarah Hanes**

Significance of Hooding and Announcement of MSN Candidate:

Dr. Michelle Johnson

Announcement of BSN Candidates:

Dr. April Akeo

Passing of the Nightingale Lamp Graduating Student: **Ms. Elizabeth Eichenberger** Incoming Level 5 Student: **Ms. Mariel Pascual**

Modern Nightingale Pledge **Dr. Hazel Downing**

Farewell:

Ms. Sarah Hanes



STATEMENTS OF GRATITUDE



Tiffany Keiko Abe

Aiea, Hawaii

Pinner: Ariel Hawks-Feldman

"It has been quite a journey of overcoming obstacles and an immense amount of perseverance to push to this dream. Now that I have finally reached it I can only feel grateful and humbled by this incredibly rewarding path. I look forward to all it has to offer me in the future. For our fingerprints never fade from the lives that we touch. Thank you to my family and Nat for all the support through the years."



Joyce Angeles

Ewa Beach, Hawaii

Pinner: Dr. Hazel Downing

"Nursing school, was it easy? Nope. Was it worth it? ABSOLUTELY! God is so good! Proverbs 3:5-6. A very special thank you to my mom, dad, Jean and Jez for all your LOVE, SUPPORT and PATIENCE. And shout out to my nursing school friends, Choke Ragrets, teamwork make the dream work! We did it."



Norberto Aponte

Los Angeles, California **Pinner:** Dr. Burano

"And if you feel life aint worth living you got to stand up and take a look around and look away to the sky. And when our deepest thoughts are broken, keep on dreaming cause when you stop dreaming it's time to die. As we all play parts of tomorrow, in some ways we'll work and other ways we'll play. But I know we can't all stay here forever, so I'm gonna write my words of the face of today. And then we'll paint it."



Joy Lynn Arruda

Kaneohe, Hawaii

Pinner: Dr. Michelle Higgins-Mahe

"Thank you to my Mom, Dad, Steven & Isaiah for being there for me through this journey. Especially my mom, for staying strong through the hard times & helping me every step of the way. Love you all, XO. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13"



Jayna Bale Kapolei, Hawaii

Pinner: Dr. Michelle Higgins-Mahe

"To those that believed in me from the beginning: my family. Thank you for all the love, continued support, and encouragement on this journey. I couldn't have done this by myself. This one's for us. To my nursing family, it's been a difficult ride but we did it! "For nothing is impossible with God." - Luke 1:37"



Glady Meir Renz Baloran

Honolulu, Hawaii

Pinner: Kristy Vascovich

"I LOVE YOU MOM! We did it! I could not have done it without you. A big mahalo to my mom, my sister Renzy and my friends for always believing in me. Thank you to all my nursing fam especially #ChokeRagrets for keeping me somewhat sane for two years. Our dream is finally becoming a reality!"



Alissa Bartlett

Huntington Beach, California

Pinner: Hazel Downing

"Thank you to my family and friends for the endless love and being the reason to never stop smiling."



Kristen Elizabeth Behr

Watertown, Connecticut **Pinner:** Donna Bernhard

"Thank you to my family for all the love, support, and encouragement. Without you none of this would be possible. Bill, you are my strength, my voice of reason, and my best friend. I cannot begin to thank you enough for all you have endured to make my dreams come true. Kinley and Olivia, thank you for being my little rays of sunshine, Mommy loves you so much! Yay! We did it!!"



Jacqueline Benitez

Fallbrook, California

Pinner: Ariel Hawks-Feldman

"Thank you to all of my family and friends for supporting me and a special thanks to Phil for always being there for me, I love you. Thank you Dad for encouraging me always and pushing me to fight for my dreams. I wish you were here to celebrate with me but I know you're smiling down on me from up above. "It is not about how much you do but how much love you put in the doing.""



Petra Bortnowsky

Newburgh, NY

Pinner: Dr. Patricia Lange-Otsuka

"At any given moment you have the power to say this is not how the story is going to end... Rich you have been my strength from day one. Jason and Jack you have been and continue to be my inspiration. Thank you for everything, especially for giving me the love, support, and encouragement throughout my journey!!"



Leslie Brusseau

McLean, VA

Pinner: Leonore Naomi Bretschneider

"My husband Chris has been a constant support throughout this Journey. I look forward to the new endeavors ahead of us. Cheers ya'll!"



Anne Mariesse Butay

Lanai City, Hawaii

Pinner: Leonore Naomi Bretschneider

"A very special thank you to my Mom, Dad, & Sister and to the rest of my family/friends for your continuous love and support. I love you guys for everything that you do for me! Special shoutout to my nursing fam, we went from "no ragrets" to "choke ragrets" real quick! Thank you for all the memories, laughs, and support throughout this journey! Congrats & I wish you all the best!:)"



Christine Alexis Pablo Calumag

Honolulu, HI

Pinner: Leonore Naomi Bretschneider

"Let go, let God. In loving memory of my Dad, I am who I am because of you Papang – this one's especially for you. Special thanks to Inang, my Mom, Sharon, Allan, Alleli, & Arnel for your continuous support. To Jayson, my love, you were my rock through this entire journey, when it got tough, you always held it down for me. And to Choke Ragrets, teamwork make the dream work, we did it!"



Jennifer Christner

Sacramento, California **Pinner:** Tyler Ohta

"On this special day, I would like to recognize all of my family, friends, and faculty that have supported me through this journey and to tell them THANK YOU. My success was not possible without all of your encouragement and support. Lastly, but certainly not least - thanks be to God! What a blessing He has bestowed upon me."



James Edward Clarito

Waipahu, HI

Pinner: Dr. Hazel Downing

"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear voice behind you saying, "This is the way; walk in it." Isaiah 30:21. A big Mahalo to my DAD (this is for you!) my mom, my brother, my friends and to the rest of my family who always there sup-

porting me."



Faith Cox

Mililani, HI

Pinner: Hobie Feagai

"Thank you to the light of my life Gabriel for inspiring me to continue on this journey that I am so passionate about. Thank you to my husband and family for all your love



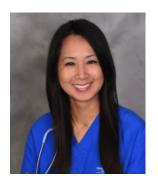


Aileen de Jesus

San Diego, California

Pinner: Dr. Catharine Critz

""Teamwork makes the dream work" which couldn't be more true for my team. My husband, Marco, you are the MVP, most days doing the work of 2 parents, all for me to fulfill my dream, urdabes! Alek, Mia & Maile, Mama appreciates your patience, support & understanding. You are my inspiration. ChokeRagrets, TY for the laughs! Most of all, praises to God; I definitely could not have done it without you!"



Nathalie Dela Paz

San Jose, California

Pinner: Dr. Hazel Downing

"Shout out to my mom, dad, family, friends, and Tiff for all the support and encour-

agement during nursing school. I am so thankful for all of you!"



Mary Ellen de Leon

Waipahu, HI

Pinner: Kristy Vascovich

""If you only knew how capable you are, you'd stop worrying and start amazing your-

self" This one's for you Mom, Dad, and Mark."



Nicole Dunbar (Foss)

Bucksport, Maine

Pinner: Dr. David Dunham

"Thank you to all of the family and friends who have supported and encouraged me on this journey. I am so grateful to have had this opportunity to grow and learn as both an individual and as a nurse. Never stop believing in yourself, you can go places

you only dreamed possible!"



Elizabeth Eichenberger

Chesterton, Indiana Pinner: Dr. Dunham

"I couldn't be more thankful to everyone that has shown me love and support these last 5 semesters of nursing school- my friends, family, and mentors, I couldn't have done it without you. A special thanks to Corey, I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for you. I love you."



Darianne Juanita Escalona

Agat, Guam

Pinner: Pamela G. Miyashiro

"They say that you're only as strong as your support system, & without mine, I wouldn't be where I am today without them. To my Dad, Jorge, & Eisa, thank you all so much for always having faith in me even when I didn't have faith myself. I love you. Also, thank you to all of my professors for all of your patience & wisdom throughout the years. I hope I made you all proud :)"

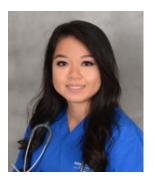


Brittany Francis (Crocitto)

Brimfield, Massachusett

Pinner: Leonore Bretschneider

"I can say with great certainty that who I am today is better than who I was yesterday and tomorrow is a new day full of adventure. A special thanks to my mother for her unwavering support and thank you to my husband for becoming my anchor and personal cheerleader."



Marisa Garnet

Waianae, Hawaii

Pinner: Michelle Higgins-Mahe

""Never have I ever wanted to strangle myself with my own stethoscope as much as I did while I was in nursing school." Through it all, my love for humanity kept me going. From the deepest chambers of my, I want to say thank you to everyone who has ever cheered me on, supported me, and believed in the power of my brain. No ragrets other than having the best nursing group "Choke Ragrets"."



Sarah Hanes Perkasie, Pennsylvania

Pinner: Dr. Pamela Almeida

"Thank you so much to my Mom, Dad, Sheri, Emily, Phil and the rest of my family! A big thanks to my husband Eric as well, I love you."



Kylie Higa Honolulu, Hawaii

Pinner: Ariel Hawks-Feldman

"A special thank you to my family, especially my mom, and Chris for all the unconditional love and support they've given me. <3"



Summer Lee

Honolulu, Hawaii

Pinner: Shawnalyn Lavatai

"Thank you Mom, Dad, Jen, Al, Shawna, DeRoy, Reesie, and the rest of my loving family and friends for all of the support and encouragement through this journey. A special thank you to Jordan and Maya Papaya for being the world's greatest support system and for always making me laugh, even after the craziest of days. I love you all! WE DID IT!!"



Justin Malabanan

Pearl City, Hawaii

Pinner: Mahealani Suapaia

"Thanks to my family and friends who have supported me throughout not just nursing school but in life as well. Nothing I do could ever repay what you guys have done for me."



Anna Manolakis

Honolulu, Hawaii

Pinner: Dr. Michelle Higgins-Mahe

"Thank you to my Mom, Dad, Michael, George, and all of the faculty and friends I've made in nursing. You all helped me push through Nursing school!:)"



Jennifer Mariano

Waipahu, HI

Pinner: Patricia Burrell

"Thank you to all of my family and friends for everything! Thank you for being on this journey with me and I promise that I will make you all proud of me. Without your love and support I would not have been able to make this dream possible. I love you all!"



Danielle Martin

Livermore, CA

Pinner: Dr. Hobie Feagai

"Thank you Mom, Dad, Rachel, and all of the friends I have made along the way. I could not have done this without you."



Eric Mendonca

Aiea, Hawaii

Pinner: Jaquelyn Mitchell

"Thank you to my family & friends for putting up with me and my mood swings during this journey called nursing school. I couldn't have done it without you guys and all your medical problems... and of course, all your endless love and support!! Mom, Dad, Kylie, Z and the rest of the family, this one is for you! Thank you for always believing in me!! The "adventure cloud" has just begun..."



Sheryl-Ann Miguel

Waipahu, Hawaii

Pinner: Dr. Mary Iwalani Ohia

"First and foremost, thank you God for blessing my plans and making it greater than what I could ever imagine. Thank you to my mom, dad, and sister for your unrelenting love and support. To my nursing friends, there is no other group of people I would want to have endured this journey with. This is also dedicated to you, Nanang Macaria, missing you always! Jeremiah 29:11-13."



Jessica Mitchell

Boston, Massachusetts **Pinner:** Dr. Hazel Downing

"Thank you to my husband and kids for being so supportive and patient with me over the last years so that I was able to achieve my dream! I am just glad that I made it!!!!

Woot woot!!!"



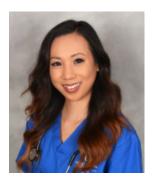
Kayla Morgan

Bend, OR

Pinner: Dr. Catharine Critz

"Thank you to my Mom, Dad, Riley, Steven, Grandma, and Gramps, friends and family for helping and supporting me through the Nursing Program, I love you guys! Special thanks to my amazing mom for inspiring me to become a nurse. "Believe in yourself. Believe in your capacity to do great and good things. You are a Child of God with infi-

nite capacity.""



Mhelicent Nagal

Waianae, Hawaii

Pinner: Dr. Hazel Downing

"What's Good Class of Spring 2016? WE DID IT! Biggest shout out to the best nursing ohana (Choke Ragrets) I could ever ask for. I will forever cherish the growth, laughter, memories and friendships we all have shared #TeamWorkMakesTheDreamWork Last but not least, greatest thank you to God, my family and each individual/faculty that has supported and helped me on this long, hard journey called nursing school."



Kent Richie Pardillo

Ewa Beach, Hawaii

Pinner: Ariel Haws-Feldman

"Thank you very much to my mama Evy and Ate Honey! I love two so much and thank you for all always being there. Thank you also to Mommy Gigi, Uncle Reggie, Jessa, Shaynee, and Mark for all the support! I kent believe I am graduating. #chokeragrets"



Raeanne Joy Pascua

Ewa Beach, Hawaii

Pinner: Dr. Hazel Downing

"To a special little one who gave me strength, encouragement and countless motivation to keep me going.. my son, Rylan-Michael. Thank you for teaching me about life, motherhood, and most importantly how to really care for someone. I love you. I can

finally say, I've made it."



Amanda Pearson

Chicago, IL

Pinner: Dr. Hazel Downing

"A very special thank you to my Mom, Dad, and most importantly Sebastian for getting me through this journey. I am so blessed to met such wonderful kind hearted friends

in Nursing school. I wish you all the best!"



Bich Pham Honolulu, Hawaii

Pinner: Dr. Hazel Downing

""Thank You GOD for Blessing me MUCH MORE than I DESERVE". Also, Thanks to my supportive boyfriend and all of my friends who have helped and pushed me until the end. Last but not least, my baby has given me the motivations of keep on going and reach the FINISH LINE. YAY!!! We finally can all celebrate our hard work all these

years. Thanks and CONGRATULATIONS ALL!"



Danita Marie Pires

Wyoming, Pennsylvania Pinner: Dr. David Dunham

""You were given this life cause you are strong enough to live it." I want to thank my loving husband Jorge, my beautiful children Skylah and Dacian, my Mom, and my sister Lindsay for being my rocks through this journey in my life to become an RN. I couldn't have done it without you! We all had to give more than we wanted but in the

end it was worth it. I love you guys!!!"



Kara Powell

University Place, Washington Pinner: Ariel Hawks-Feldman

"A big thank you to my Mom, Dad, Valerie, Jojo, family, roommates and friends for the continued love and support throughout this crazy journey! Love you all! YAY!"



KristyLee Mahealani Rabaino

Hauula, Hawaii Pinner: Ines Finin

"Nursing school was completely chaotic; I can't wait for my cortisol levels to return to normal. This has been a crazy ride and I can't believe it's coming to an end. Every stressful moment and every tear shed was worth it. I couldn't have done this without the continuous love and support from God, family, friends, & my amazing fiancé. I love you all so much! We made it! #Chokeragrets"



Hannah Roberts

Paradise, California

Pinner: Dr. Hazel Downing

"Our job is to love people. When it hurts. When it's awkward. When it's uncool and embarrassing. Our job is to stand together, to carry the burdens of one another and to meet each other in our questions." Mom and Dad, thank you for teaching me how to love others. Tony, thank you for accompanying on this exciting journey and holding my hand along the way. We did it!"



Joy Michelle Saludo

Honolulu, Hi

Pinner: Dr. Hazel Downing

"It's been a great time getting to know all of you and I'm happy to have shared this great experiance in my life with such amazing peers and instructors who have taught me so much. Good luck to all in your future endeavours."



Shalie Sayaman

Waipahu, HI

Pinner: Peter Look

"Thank you Lord for this huge blessing. Thank you Mom, Dad, Edison, Joy, James, the rest of my family, and all my friends for believing in me and for all your love and support through this journey. And of course to my son, Ryne, for being my #1 fan, my inspiration in life... Thank you for always motivating Mommy to keep going and strive for the best. I love you all."



Taylor Rae Silva

Kaneohe, Hawaii

Pinner: Dr. Hazel Downing

"A special mahalo to my Mom, Dad, and Ethen. You folks have been my rock through this journey and couldn't have done it without your love and support. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your path straight." Proverbs 3:5-6"



Jenny-Lyn Simeon

Waipahu, HI

Pinner: Kristy Vascovich

"I wouldn't have survived this long and difficult journey without the people who are most important to me: Mom, Dad, Jhamie, Mikey, Ina, and Edward. Thank you for all your love, support, and motivation. To my nursing friends, thank you for keeping me sane and laughing. A special dedication to my angel, Ama Mariano. And most importantly, all praise to God for his continuous blessings and guidance. I love you all!"



Zayla Toledo

Ewa Beach, Hawaii

Pinner: Dr. Mary Iwalani Ohia

"Thank you to my friends and family for helping me push through this intensive- stress inducing nursing program. Special thanks to my amazing inspirational hard working mom and awesome Fiancé Trent for being my best friend, tank, and shoulder to vent and cry on. I Love you and I'll do my best to make you guys proud!!"



Daniel Valencia

Irvine, California

Pinner: Vanessa Lyons

"It has been a long and difficult journey to get here, but it has all been worth it. I could have not done any of it without the support of friends and family, and especially the support of my beautiful fiancee. Thank you all who have taken this journey with me and pushed me to better myself."



Joshua Noel Picardal Villegas

University Place, Washington **Pinner:** Dr. Mary Iwalani Ohia

""Jeremiah 29:11. Thank you God for blessing me on this journey of becoming an RN. This journey has been filled with many trials and triumphs! Thank you mom, dad, tan, my cousins, aunties, uncles, friends, and grandparents for your undying love and support. To my nursing family, we did it! #Chokeragrets"



Sarah Whipp

Nashville, TN

Pinner: Michele Johnson

""I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength" Phil 4:13. The biggest thank you to my amazing husband for staying so patient throughout this and loving me unconditionally. Thank you to my littlest supporter, Hudson, for loving momma even when goodbyes seemed so frequent. Love you guys and can't wait to start fresh in SC!"



Arielle Williams

Elgin, South Carolina

Pinner: Dr. Nita Carrington

"Thank you to my family for all your love and support. A special thank you to my husband Brandon and my mom Evie for the encouragement, motivation, and strength you gave me on my journey to become an RN. I love you!"

MASTERS OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

MSN Student: Lauren Dumpit **Faculty Mentor:**

Dr. Hobie Feagai





Congratulations C



lass of Spring 2016

Spring 2016 Nurses Pinning Committee



Top row: Danita Pires, Sheryl-Ann Miguel, Jenny-Lyn Simeon, Aileen De Jesus, Marisa Garnet, Anne Mariesse Butay **Bottom row:** Summer Lee, Eric Mendonca, Jacqueline Benitez, Elizabeth Eichenberger, Sarah Hanes, Joshua Villegas, Brittney Francis

Not Pictured: Christine Alexis Calumag, Justin Malabanan, Arielle Williams

Spring 2016 Nurses Pinning Committee



Pinning Committee Tri-Chairs: Sarah Hanes, Elizabeth Eichenberger, Jacqueline Benitez



I pledge myself here, in the presence of this assembly, to practice my profession with integrity.

I will endeavor to maintain and elevate the standard of nursing, both as a science and as an art.

I wholeheartedly recognize the importance of high standards of care and of personal accountability.

I devote myself to the healing, protection, and welfare of those committed to my care.

I accept a duty to work for the improvement of health in the communities in which I live and work.

I will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping, and will respect the privacy of medical information.

I will act with compassion in ethical matters.

I fully acknowledge the seriousness of the responsibility that I accept in my calling, and the significance of this pledge that I take today.