

P RAXIS

Professionalism in behavior, presentation, and conduct

Respectful of the richness and diversity of others and of self

Accountability for my actions

eXcellence in scholarship, practice, teaching, and service

Integrity, inquisitiveness, and innovation

Service to the profession and the community

UConn

SCHOOL OF NURSING



CEIN/BS Commencement Ceremony

Tuesday, December 17th, 2024

**Jorgensen Center
for the Performing Arts**

SCHOOL OF
NURSING

ORDER OF EXERCISES

University Marshal

Del Siegle, Ph.D., MS, BS

Lynn and Ray Neag Endowed Chair for Talent Development

Processional Welcome

Victoria Vaughan Dickson, Ph.D., RN, FAHA, FAAN

Dean and Professor, School of Nursing

Commencement Speaker

Lucinda Canty, Ph.D., CNM, FACNM, FAAN, FADLN

Excellence in Nursing Leadership Award

Student Speaker

David Broughton

2024 CEIN Class President

Sigma Theta Tau International, Mu Chapter Award

and Presentation of Candidates

Elizabeth Mayerson, DNP, FNP-BC, CNE

President, Sigma Theta Tau Mu Chapter

Assistant Director of Prelicensure Programs

and Assistant Clinical Professor

Nursing PRAXIS Pledge

Diana Filipek-Oberg

President of the School of Nursing Alumni Board

Conferral of Degrees

Amy Gorin, Ph.D.

Vice Provost for Health Sciences and Professor

Closing

Victoria Vaughan Dickson, Ph.D., RN, FAHA, FAAN

Dean and Professor, School of Nursing



Pellegrina (Peggy) Lacovella Stolfi Clinical Teaching Award

Peggy Stolfi has embodied clinical teaching excellence in both our traditional and accelerated CEIN/BS nursing programs for the last 22 years. Not only did she love what she was doing every day, but she built strong relationships with clinical partners, most significantly the Hartford Public School System and Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Throughout her time at UConn, Peggy went above and beyond to create meaningful, memorable, and quality clinical learning experiences for our students.

Dr. Lucinda Canty

Ph.D., RN, CNM, FACNM, FAAN



2024 EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AWARD

UConn's School of Nursing is honored to recognize Dr. Lucinda Canty with the University of Connecticut School of Nursing 2024 Excellence in Leadership Award! Dr. Canty is a certified nurse-midwife, an associate professor, and Director of the Health Equity in Nursing Program at the University of Massachusetts Amherst Elaine Marieb College of Nursing.

Dr. Canty received her Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut, her MSN from Yale University School of Nursing, and BSN at Columbia University School of Nursing. Her three-decade nursing career is driven by her vision for a more equitable future for new mothers, nurses, and midwives, achieved by fusing science with creativity and care delivery with compassion.

Dr. Canty's research focus on maternal health, including maternal morbidity, has led to an increased awareness of health disparities in maternal health outcomes. Her research uses a Black feminist approach to center on the experiences, perceptions, and voices of Black women to understand the issues and challenges they face and develop solutions to promote health equity.

Dr. Canty is the founder of Lucinda's House, a maternal health collective that supports Black mothers and mothers of color and works to address structural and systemic issues in care through research, health education, and community engagement. She is a member of the National Black Nurses Association and serves as co-chair of the Black Maternal Health Taskforce.

As a Professor of Nursing at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, she co-founded *Overdue Reckoning on Racism in Nursing*: a series of discussions on racism in nursing.

Dr. Canty is a sought-after nurse scholar in addressing both maternal health equity and anti-racism initiatives. She was featured as a Fearless Nurse on the film: **Everybody's Work: Healing What Hurts Us All**, examining racism in healthcare.

A recognized leader in her field, Dr. Canty has been delivered legislative updates at the federal and state level; she is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and the American College of Nurse Midwives. She is the 2023 Yale School of Nursing Alumni Association (YSNAA) Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient and the recipient of the 2023 Florence S. Wald Award from the Connecticut Nurses' Association. She is also the 2024 Columbia University School of Nursing 2024 Distinguished Alumni Award for Nursing Practice.

Class of 2024 Graduates

STORRS

Nolan Alexander
James Alfonso
Patricia Antalek-Schrag *
Sophia Beland *
Hana Bojka *
Morgan Bolduk **
Megan Boswell *
Kaeleigh Broyles
Logan Broyles
César Louange Bugingo
Mackenzie Burke
Matthew Burrell +
Tammaris Calhoun
Cecilia Cho
Alyssa Condon *
Seth Courchesne **
Emmalee Deojay *
Alex Deoss *
Justin Fifield *
Kabira Goodall *
Georgia Gray *
Jessica Heller *
Joanna Her *
Kayla Higgins *
Sheenkai Jabary *
Whitney Knight *
Erin LaFleur *
Derrick Legault
Erin Malley
Brent Mayerson *
Isabela Mayumi Mendiola Montano*
Tyler Moore *
Kevin Morales *
Hooman Musavi
Astuanta Awa Niang
Zareena Niazi
Joshua Ferdinand Nitura
Kathleen O'Connell *
Jenne Pfeifer *
Briana Phouadara
Matthew Pinheiro
Jailene Quintero
Izabella Raviv *
Jadalynn Rivera
Janice Saligan Lawlor
Jennifer Simpson
Devin Sukhram *
Karen Tirgrath *
Zoe Trzaskos *
Benjamin Wood *
Carolyn Zimmer *

BOLD = Class Officers

* = Sigma Theta Tau

+ Veterans & active military

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AVERY POINT

Emily Bigelow +
Renee Blaise
Joanna Bukowska
Christopher Burkle
Alexandria Conde
Aydy Espinoza
Allison Federici
Erin Haas *
Brenda Hidalgo
Juliette Hogan
Heaven Hurd *
Madison Keefe
Kaelynn Mirabile *
Annie Ramirez *
Maria-Fernanda Reyes *
Tyler Rouillard +
Ryleigh Shortell *
Gretchen Stelter *
Mary Tobin*
Hailey Tompkins **

STAMFORD

Khadija Ali
Leslie Almonte *
Stephanie Aragon *
Savannah Bromley *
David Broughton *
Emily Bueti *
Caterina Ceci
AnaMaria Cucciniello
Willard Fiore*
Hutch Garrett +
Makeba George
Isabella Giordano *
Bryan Gonzalez-Torres
Sarah Jablonsky *
Almira Kastrati
Olivia Kennedy *
Kelly Kirby *
Desiree Martin
Zuquila Mbachiantim
Amanda McCarthy *
Kayley McLaughlin
Nicole McMeekin *
Diane Miranda
Morgan Moltzau *
Joanna Moomjian *
Patrick Nguyen *
Maria Novoa *
Lauren O'Hearn
Alissa Perdomo
Vinu Pillai *
Fudgi Plantaud +
Sarah Rahmig *
Mollie Roman
Meghan Schlichtig
Tiffany Scott
Grayson Simon
Lucy Weissauer *
Laurecia Worae *

WATERBURY

Leo Alejandro
Katharina Araujo *
Azya Bass *
Betzaida Bayouth *
Marisa Canova *
Joseph Celio *
Natalie Chasse
Gosia Cunningham *
Tenzin Dahnzay *
Callia Donahue *
Lauren Ferguson *
Courtney Graham *
Adrijana Hasango
Lyndsey Hassenfeldt **
Hailey Hotchkiss
Destiny Jones
Christina Ann Kampson *
Candace Lajeunesse
Julianne Le *
Shanna Lennehan *
Jessenia Loja-Rivera
Danielle Lurate *
Austin McMahan *
Brady McQuade *
Noslen M. Negrón
Elias Noori
Katherine Peavy
Riley Peragine *
Shane Peterson +
Zoe Pezzulo *
Yalda Rashid
Jude Remy
Madison Rocha *
Ashley Stone *
Herta Sufka
Erica Sweeney *
Amelia Taddei *
Emily Thompson *
Janee Walker
Jazmin Zambrano *