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Bagpipe Introduction
Tabitha Heavner

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National Anthem

Welcoming Remarks
Victoria Vaughan Dickson, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN
Dean, School of Nursing

Conferral of Honorary Degree
Anne D'Alleva
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Student Speakers
Sean Flaherty, Bachelors Graduate
John Sklepinski, Masters Graduate
Nancy Dupont, DNP Graduate
Anne Reeder, PhD Graduate

Presentation of the Candidates

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Alumni Greetings
Diana Filipek
President, Alumni Board

Closing Remarks
Victoria Vaughan Dickson, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN
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Recessional

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Lauren Boule, MSN, RN, NPD-BC

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Eileen Condon, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC

Dolores Coyle-Feliciano, MSN, RN

Christine DiLeone, PhD, RN

Carrie Eaton, PhD, RNC-OB, C-EFM, CHSE

Laura Eiss, MSN, RN, ACNS-BC, NPD-BC

Joy Elwell, DNP, FNP-BC, CNE, FAAN, FAANP

Sherene Fagon, MSN, RN

Kathleen Faherty, MSN, RN

Christine Glasz, MSN, RN

Jamie Gooch, DNP, APRN, ACNP-BC

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Tiffany Gwartney, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC

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Annette Jakubisin-Konicki, PhD, APRN, ANP-BC, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN

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Kimberly Kobelski, MSN, RN

Leslie Lapointe, MSN, APRN, CPNP, CHSE

Cathi Lippman, MSN, RN

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Millicent Malcolm, DNP, GNP-BC,

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Candice Maningas, MSN, RN

Annette Maruca, PhD, PMH-BC, CNE, CCHP

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Louise Reagan, PhD, APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP

Nancy Redeker, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN

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Full-Time Faculty, cont.

Christina Ross, PhD, RN
Dawn Sarage, MSN, RN, CNL, CMSRN,
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Yashika Sharma, PhD, RN
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Natalie Shook, PhD
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Marianne Snyder, Ph.D., RN
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APRN

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Honorary Degree Recipient



Dr. Joan Y. Reede
Dean for Diversity and Community Partnership,
Harvard Medical School

Dr. Joan Y. Reede, appointed as Harvard Medical School's (HMS) first Dean for Diversity and Community Partnership in January of 2002, has been responsible for promoting inclusive excellence in health, biomedical, behavioral, and STEM fields, as well as growing individual and institutional capacity to foster innovation and impact, build on a foundation of excellence, and advance health equity.

Dr. Reede is a graduate of Brown University and Mount Sinai School of Medicine. She completed a pediatric residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, and a fellowship in child psychiatry at Boston Children's Hospital. She holds an MPH, an MS in Health Policy Management from Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, and an MBA from Boston University. Dr. Reede is a member of the National Academy of Medicine (2011) and a fellow of American Association for the Advancement of Science (2019). She serves as a member of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) on their Board of Directors and previously as the chair of AAMC Group on Diversity and Inclusion (GDI). She is the recipient of honorary Doctor of Science degrees from the New York Institute of Technology and Georgetown University. In July of 2024, Dr. Reede was recognized by the W. Montague Cobb/National Medical Association Health Institute (The Cobb Institute) by receiving the W. Montague Cobb Lifetime Achievement Award.

In 1989, Dr. Reede served as the medical director of a community health center in Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Youth Services. She worked as a pediatrician in the community, serving populations in academic health centers, public schools, and juvenile prisons. In 1990, Dr. Reede founded the HMS Minority Faculty Development Program and currently serves as faculty director of the Community Engagement programs.



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Dean for Diversity and Community Partnership,
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In collaboration with the Massachusetts Medical Society and the New England Board of Higher Education, Dr. Reede founded the Biomedical Careers Program (BSCP) in 1991. A collaborative, community-based organization, BSCP's scope of involvement includes academia, private industry, medical centers, public education, and professional societies. BSCP's goal is to identify, inform, support, and provide mentoring for academically outstanding students, fellows, and early career professionals in the biomedical and health sciences.

Dr. Reede created and developed more than 20 programs at HMS that address pathways for those who are interested in careers in medicine, academic and scientific research, and the healthcare professions. Supported by a dedicated staff, she has developed mentoring programs for students from middle school through the graduate and medical school levels. She has also designed a training program for middle and high school teachers, developed science curricula for public schools, implemented research and exchange clerkship programs at HMS, and designed and implemented innovative fellowships in health policy for physicians, dentists, and doctoral-level mental health professionals.

At a national level, Dr. Reede's advice and expertise is highly sought after amongst several committees and councils, such as her appointments to the Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Minority Health, the Board of Governors for the Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center, the Sullivan Commission on Diversity in the Healthcare Workforce, the Advisory Committee to the Director for National Institutes of Health, and the Advisory Committee on Genetics, Health, and Society for the National Institute of Health.

Doctor of Philosophy

Ashwag Saad Alhabodal *

The Multidimensional Nature of Caregiving in the Context of Chronic Disease Management

Major Advisor: Dr. Ruth Lucas

Anne Reeder *

The Experiences of New England-Based Correctional Registered Nurses During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Descriptive Phenomenological Study

Major Advisor: Louise Reagan, PhD, APRN, ANP-BC, FAANP, FAAN

Doctor of Philosophy Student Awards

Carolyn Ladd Widmer Award for Outstanding Research, PhD

Anne Reeder

Sigma Theta Tau PhD

Anne Reeder

Doctor of Nursing Practice

Rachel Butler *

Increasing Goals of Care Review at End-of-Life with an Embedded Palliative Care Specialist in the Emergency Department: A Quality Improvement Project at a Community Based Hospital

Major Advisor: Joy Elwell, DNP, FNP-BC, CNE, FAAN, FAANP

Stephanie Chiappa

Treating Veterans' Chronic Pain

Major Advisor: Joy Elwell, DNP, FNP-BC, CNE, FAAN, FAANP

Ryan Davis

Breaking Barriers: CRNA Advocacy for APRN Status in New York State

Major Advisor: Joy Elwell, DNP, FNP-BC, CNE, FAAN, FAANP

Nancy R. Dupont *

Decreasing Device Related Infections

Major Advisor: Joy Elwell, DNP, FNP-BC, CNE, FAAN, FAANP

Megan Flynn

Implementation of a Workshop Designed to Decrease Incivility and Increase Psychological Safety

Major Advisor: Joy Elwell, DNP, FNP-BC, CNE, FAAN, FAANP

Bryan Frankovitch *

BRIDGE-ICU: A Novel Approach to Aligning Goals-of-Care with Prognosis, Functional Goals, and Quality-of-Life in Critical Care

Major Advisor: Kristin Bott, DNP, APRN, ACNP-BC

Nikia Henderson

Intervention to Improve Timeliness in the Reporting of Laboratory Results

Major Advisor: Joy Elwell, DNP, FNP-BC, CNE, FAAN, FAANP

Melissa Veronica Isaac-Greene

The Impact of an Evidence-Based Educational Intervention on Sharenting Practices Among Parents

Major Advisor: Joy Elwell, DNP, FNP-BC, CNE, FAAN, FAANP

Laura Karwoski *

Enhancing Nursing Efficiency Through Optimized Documentation Practices

Major Advisor: Joy Elwell, DNP, FNP-BC, CNE, FAAN, FAANP

Doctor of Nursing Practice, cont.

Julia Kenny

Development and Implementation of a Standardized Oxygen Weaning Pathway for Pediatric Patients: A Pilot Study
Major Advisor: Joy Elwell, DNP, FNP-BC, CNE, FAAN, FAANP

Jeannette R. Koziel

Streamlining the Medical Respite Referral Process
Major Advisor: Joy Elwell, DNP, FNP-BC, CNE, FAAN, FAANP

Dana Lamotthe

Understanding Primary Caregiver Satisfaction Using the EMPATHIC-30 for NICU Families
Major Advisor: Valarie Artigas, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC

Taylor May

Reducing the use of Mechanical Ventilation Utilizing Non-Invasive Methods of Surfactant Administration: A Program Evaluation
Major Advisor: Valarie Artigas, DNP, APRN, NNP-BC

Magdalena Pierce

Boosting New Graduate Retention in Hospital Settings with Mentoring: A QI Project
Major Advisor: Denise Bourassa, DNP, RN, CNL, CNE

Jennifer Pilchik *

The Fundamental Need for ICU Delirium Prevention: Decreasing ICU Delirium by Creating and Implementing a Nurse-driven ICU Delirium Prevention Bundle
Major Advisor: Kristin Bott, DNP, APRN, ACNP-BC

Catherine Elizabeth Reilly *

Tracking Surgical Smoke Evacuation after Education: A Model for Improvement
Major Advisor: Joy Elwell, DNP, FNP-BC, CNE, FAAN, FAANP

Jessica Thompson

Implementation of a Tobacco and Marijuana Prevention Program in a School-Based Health Center
Major Advisor: Brenda McNeil, DNP, FNP-BC, APRN

Nicole Turick

Stroke Simulation Education for Emergency Department Advanced Practice Providers
Major Advisor: Jamie Gooch, DNP, APRN, ACNP-BC

Doctor of Nursing Practice, cont.

Stephanie Wills *

Improving Physical Activity Self-Efficacy with the Use of
Motivational Interviewing in People with Diabetes Type 2

Major Advisor: Joy Elwell, DNP, FNP-BC, CNE, FAAN, FAANP

Jestina Wolff *

Pre-Analytic Specimen Error Reduction Through
Standardized Specimen Management Nursing Practice in the
Interventional Radiology Setting

Major Advisor: Joy Elwell, DNP, FNP-BC, CNE, FAAN, FAANP

Master of Science

Adult/Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

Stephanie Albutt *
Catherine Ashton
David Baigert
Chelsea Bateman
Annette Brzoska *
Kady Jean Cockburn
Taylor Duffy
Delany Flanagan *
Joshua Georgette
Emma Green *
Elizabeth Haskell *
Mekha Jacob
Luke Lamarre
Michael Lipka
Karina Neves
Jacqueline O'Keefe
Danielle Walker
Jessica Wojiski *
Efrosini Xanthoudakis

Post-Graduate Certificate AGACNP

Kristine Gabrielle Barnowitz
Kimberly Davis *
Mariana Heath
Bradley Johnson
Naia Thurmond

Adult/Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

Melanie Collin
Andressa Cunha
Christine Holschlag Daniels *
Katlyn Herles *
Kelly Ho
Aaron McKnight
Claire Rosen
Jacqueline Stratoudakis *

Family Nurse Practitioner

Jessica Anziano
Cameron Bain
Michelle Belak
Abigail Davis
Eugene Kobilik
Melody Len LoPreiato *
Elizabeth Martin *
Jennifer Monahan
Amber Morelli
Sarah Pelletier *
Jessica Petruska
Michelle Roberge
Rosanne Clapis Santos
John Paul Sklepinski

Post-Graduate Certificate FNP Jeannette Adorno

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

Sara Armstrong *
Melissa Bourgeois
Tracy Briggs *
Elissa DeCarlo
Vivian Gjessing
Jessica Greenberg
Kylee Hamm
Elissa Hayes
Alex Hess
Mihye Kim *
Selena Menapace *
Melanie Naratil
Pedro Nixon Ramirez *
Emma Randazzo
Mary Grace Shelnuitt
Andrea Shirley *
Anaëlle Thommasson
Alexandra VanAken
Stacey Wanner *

Master of Science, cont.

Post-Graduate Certificate NNP

Victoria Tapia

Kathy Hoang Uliano

Nursing Administration and
Leadership

Nanette E. Pink

Lily Shield

Jennifer Van Hooser-Pickert

Nurse Educator

Katherine Bergers

Angelina Cabral

Christine M. Campbell *

Marichris Casucog Cariaga

Casey Clausen

Rebecca DeDufour

Eleanor Dowd *

Olivia Kelly

Lorna Obia

Erin Schmidt

Sarah Stirling

Salvatrice Tinsley *

JoAnn Courtney Tobin *

Rezarta Xhindole

Doctor of Nursing Practice Student Awards

Josephine Dolan Award for the Scholarship of Application
Rachel Butler

Sigma Theta Tau
Bryan Frankovitch

Eleanor K. Gill Award for Excellence in Clinical Practice
Catherine Reilly

Master's Student Awards

Eleanor K. Gill Award for Excellence in Clinical Practice
Acute Care - Kimberly Davis
Primary Care - Kelly Ho
FNP - Abigail Davis

Sigma Theta Tau Master's
Melody LoPreiato

Bachelor of Science

Calvin Ampofo
Denardia Amponsah-Amfo
Kaitlyn Arbucci
Gabiella Argenio
Skyler Arpin *
Michael Abankwa
Ansong Asante, Jr. *
Courtney Balerna *
Nicole Ballas *
Karyme Baranda-Villafan
Adrianna Bartlett
Alexa Michaela Bartoli *
Natalie Bedoya
Phoebe Bergstraser *
Candice Betances
Paulo Betancourt
Alana Bigard
Melanie Bisbee *
Maria Cecilia Bistras *
Del Bonnin
June'a Boucher
Molly Brett *
Kaitlynn Rose Brito
Torres *
Emily Brochu
Tim Buckley
Diamond Bussiere *
Abby Card *
Julia Cassano *
Jade Claxton
Maxx Contois
Ashley Coon
Logan Corey *
Nahalia Davis
Katherine DeVito *
Alexander Dionne
Yasmine Essel
Ava Ferrari
Michael Fiorito
Sean Flaherty *
Tobias Fraedrich *
Lizbeth Francisco
Garcia
Gillian Fulton *

Amy Gabriel *
Madison Gaynor *
Samuel Geisler
Jessica Glowacki
Dana Goldberg
Veronica Gorbenko
Emily Gorman
Flavia Heredia *
Esme Ho *
Katherine Holmes
Rayyan Ibet
Khadija Ibrahim *
Pola Indyk
Brianna Iuteri *
Nicolas Kaczan
Thomas Kamara
Ria Karun
Frances Kim
Madelyn Laprade
Teresa Leopold *
Sophia Lim
Jennifer Liu
Alejandra Lopez
Logan Lowder
Daniel Lyons
Ían Mallari
Joaneshly Marquez-Santana
Vincent Mascoli *
Luke Maynard *
Molly McElhinney *
Norah McElhinney
Christy McEnroe *
Rohan Mistry *
Hailey Nardelli *
Olivia Orphanos *
Gifted Osei *
Mickayla Pang-Khloeum
Jacquelyn Parker
Szymon Paszkowski
Haley Pereira
Skylar Phan *
Brenna Pierce
Erica Poehailos
Mariella Kate Polizzi
Luciano Quagliaroli

Amaya Randolph
Emi Rosenthal *
Annalise Rupe
Aryanna Seryna Ryan
Madison Sastram *
Sherina Sauveur *
Abigail Schwartz
Teresa Amin Shahin
Molly Sheridan
Allison Ann Sidell *
Kaitlyn Sobin
Stephany Tomasto
Nicole Torres *
Gerardo Tueme Lezama
Carolyn Twomley
Lauren Verrilli
Allison Pauline Villano *
Daniel Ward *
Isabel Whelan *
Iris White *
Marissa White
Sarah Whitehouse
Christina Yang *
Grace Young

Bold = Class Officers
* = Sigma Theta Tau
+ Veterans & Active Military

Undergraduate Recognition and Awards

Valedictorians



Katherine
DeVito *



Khadija
Ibrahim *



Luke
Maynard *



Madison
Sastram *

Senior Class Officers

President – Daniel Lyons

Vice President – Samuel Geisler

Secretary – Norah McElhinney

Treasurer – Molly Brett *

Fundraising Chair – Mariella Polizzi

Community Service Chair – Allison Sidell *

Class Historian – Sean Flaherty *

Honors Students

Courtney Balerna *

Karyme Baranda-Villafan

Candice Betances

Tobias Fraedrich *

Esme Ho *

Rayyan Ibet

Brianna Iuteri *

Ria Karun

Rohan Mistry *

Olivia Orphanos *

Carolyn Ladd Widmer Undergraduate
Leadership Award

Molly Brett

Clara Williams Holistic Nurse Award

Abigail Schwartz

Sigma Theta Tau Undergraduate

Katherine DeVito

Sigma Theta Tau Members

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Bachelor's

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Asante, Jr.
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Melanie Bisbee
Maria Bistras
Molly Brett
Kaitlynn Rose Brito Torres
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Logan Corey
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Olivia Orphanos
Gifty Osei
Skylar Phan

Emi Rosenthal
Madison Sastram
Sherina Sauveur
Allison Ann Sidell
Nicole Torres
Allison Pauline Villano
Daniel Ward
Isabel Whelan
Iris White
Christina Yang



Faculty Award

E. Carol Polifroni Scholarship of Praxis Award



Carrie Eaton

Ph.D., RNC-OB, C-EFM, CHSE
Associate Clinical Professor

The E. Carol Polifroni Scholarship of Praxis Award is given annually at graduation to a School of Nursing faculty member who has shown exemplary integration of theory, philosophy, research, and practice. UConn School of Nursing would not be the renowned institution it is today without the efforts and influence of E. Carol Polifroni. Over 47 years at UConn, Dr. Polifroni made a lasting impact on the School, the University, the state, and the international arena of nursing with her work on the philosophy of science and leadership. She served the School as interim dean three times and was its dean from 2016 to 2018. Most notably, she served in the School's first faculty practice plan, helped establish the Ph.D. program in 1994, created the accelerated, second-degree program in 2003, and served the University in a variety of roles. Dr. Polifroni served as major advisor to 17 Ph.D. graduates and associate advisor to more than 30 Ph.D. and DNP graduates. She received more than \$7.5 million in external grants in support of diversifying the nursing workforce and developing the next generation of nurse educators, but her most valuable contributions to the School were her enduring leadership and dedicated mentorship of future nurses.



Faculty Award

Pellegrina (Peggy) Lacovella Stolfi Clinical Teaching Award

Joseph Fetta

PhD, RN, CNRN
Health Assessment

Carla Plourde

MSN, RN
Population-Based

Kara Parker

MSN, RN
Community Health

Peggy Stolfi has embodied clinical teaching excellence in both our traditional and accelerated CEIN/BS nursing programs for the last 21 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.



Faculty Award

John McNulty Excellence in the Scholarship of Clinical Education Award



Dawn Sarage

MSN, RN, CNL, CMSRN, CHSE
Clinical Instructor

John McNulty ... a teacher extraordinaire

John was a nurse's nurse and a teacher's teacher. When he cared for patients, they were his whole focus. When he was teaching, the student was at the center of all his activities. As undergraduate program director for several years, he taught medical surgical nursing as he administered the program with more than 400 students. Proud to be Professor McNulty, John believed he needed to engage the students in order for them to learn; he could not just teach. He entertained them through his skits, drew them in through his stories from his work experience as a weekend supervisor, and always made them think through creating alliterations, plays, and sonnets. His NCLEX bootcamp and march toward passing on the first try is a UConn legend. John knew when to challenge the status quo and used student learning as his compass for decisions. Students were his life's work and yet he knew work-life balance. He assured the parents of our students that safety was the most important thing on a college campus, because his own daughters were the fulcrum of his world. Safety, study, and fun, in that order, was his mantra.



Faculty Award

Regina M. Cusson Healthcare Innovations Award



Christina Ross

PhD, RN

Assistant Professor

The Regina M. Cusson Healthcare Innovations Award is given annually to a faculty member who has shown demonstrable commitment and interest in being an example for leading health care innovation through the School of Nursing.

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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