



ELIZABETH T. MACNEIL SCHOOL OF NURSING

PINNING CEREMONY

Class of 2024

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OPENING CEREMONY

MARCH OF THE GRADUATES

7:00 PM

Opening prayer / Kayla Jackson-Wolff

Opening Remarks / Glenna G. Temple, PhD, President

Welcome Address / Crystal Paunan DNP, CNE, Acting Executive Director of Nursing

NURSING TRADITIONS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Reflection on the Tradition of the Lamp / Naomi Moreland

In nursing, symbols carry profound meaning. Take the nursing lamp, for instance, which traces its origins back to Florence Nightingale during the Crimean War. She was known as “the lady with the lamp,” moving tirelessly among wounded soldiers, embodying commitment and compassion.

At the Nightingale Nursing Training School in 1860, students mirrored her dedication, working round the clock. In 1964, the Florence Nightingale Foundation created a sterling silver lamp, symbolizing patient care and professional dedication. Today, it’s a ubiquitous emblem on nursing pins, inspiring excellence in academic and clinical practice.

This lamp isn’t just a symbol; it’s a pledge—to oneself, colleagues, profession, and patients. Let it remind us of our duty to uphold the highest standards of care and compassion as we embark on our nursing journey.

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Reflexión sobre la Lámpara de Enfermería / Bianey Campos

En la profesión de enfermería, los símbolos llevan un profundo significado. Toma la lámpara de enfermería, por ejemplo, que remonta sus orígenes a Florence Nightingale durante la Guerra de Crimea. Ella era conocida como “la dama con la lámpara”, moviéndose incansablemente entre los soldados heridos, personificando el compromiso y la compasión.

En la Escuela de Enfermería Nightingale en 1860, los estudiantes reflejaban su dedicación, trabajando día y noche. En 1964, la Fundación Florence Nightingale creó una lámpara de plata esterlina, simbolizando el cuidado del paciente y la dedicación profesional. Hoy en día, es un emblema ubicuo en los pines de enfermería, inspirando la excelencia en la práctica académica y clínica.

Esta lámpara no es solo un símbolo; es una promesa: para uno mismo, colegas, profesión y pacientes. Permitamos que nos recuerde nuestro deber de mantener los más altos estándares de cuidado y compasión mientras emprendemos nuestro camino en la enfermería.

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DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT NURSES ASSOCIATION

Dominican University Student Nurses Association /
Dr. Uebelhor

Presentation of the DUSNA Cords /
Dr. Uebelhor

AWARDS

Clinical Excellence Award / Professor Hernandez

Academic Excellence Award / Dr. Watkins

Service and Leadership Award / Professor Barrera

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Reflection of the Tradition of Pinning / Rebecca Mae Meimban

The nursing pin holds profound historical significance, tracing its roots to the Maltese Cross, symbolizing courage and service. Originally worn by those combating disease, it evolved into the hospital badge a century ago, signifying education and service.

The nursing pin carries deep historical meaning, with its origins linked to a symbol representing bravery and dedication. Initially worn by individuals battling illness, it later transformed into the hospital badge, symbolizing both education and service. In the US, Bellevue Hospital of Nursing presented the first pin in 1880.

Receiving a nursing pin symbolizes the culmination of nursing education and a commitment to applying that knowledge. It's more than a transition from student to nurse; it's a badge of pride in professional education, worn throughout one's career. This pin is unique, representing the values and legacy of the nursing program.

Reflexión de la Tradición de Broches / Anais Karim

La insignia de enfermería lleva un profundo significado histórico, con sus orígenes vinculados a un símbolo que representa valentía y dedicación. Inicialmente usada por personas que luchaban contra enfermedades, más tarde se transformó en el distintivo hospitalario, simbolizando tanto la educación como el servicio. En los Estados Unidos, el Hospital de Enfermería Bellevue presentó la primera insignia en 1880.

Recibir una insignia de enfermería simboliza la culminación de la educación en enfermería y el compromiso de aplicar ese conocimiento. Es más que una transición de estudiante a enfermera; es un distintivo de orgullo en la educación profesional, usado a lo largo de toda la carrera. Esta insignia es única, representando los valores y el legado del programa de enfermería.

Reflection of the Elizabeth T. MacNeil Pin / Geza Mendoza

This pin is distinctive, represents one program, and displays symbols of the elements important to the school. The outer ring features a laurel wreath; this wreath symbolizes health and protection.

The white inner ring provides identification of our nursing school, Elizabeth T. MacNeil, and the bottom portion of the white ring distinguishes an achievement of baccalaureate of science in Nursing Degree (BSN).

Within the center of the pin is Dominican University's crest. Within the crest it has the three roses, the university's motto "Caritas Veritas", and the coat of arms. The Sisters paired "Caritas" -meaning love- with "Veritas" – meaning truth- as both applies to the mission and character to our university.

As you embark on this journey, you become part of a cherished legacy of nursing alumni who have profoundly impacted the world through their dedicated practice. We entrust you with the important task of upholding the excellence exemplified by those who came before you, ensuring that the legacy of compassionate care and exceptional nursing continues to thrive.

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Pinning of the Elizabeth T. MacNeil School of Nursing Class of 2024

Calling of student names / Dr. Zic & Professor Hernandez

Reflection on the Nursing Oath / Arianna Lebab

The Nursing Oath has its origins in Detroit, Michigan, penned by Lystra Gretter for the graduating class of 1893. For graduating students, the oath symbolizes success and achievement of a goal. To the world, it signifies a trustworthy professional. Family and friends witnessing the oath-taking witness the moment when their loved one officially becomes a nurse. It is a pledge taken with pride, carrying the weight of responsibility and the honor of the nursing profession.

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Nurses Oath

Professor King

Reflection on Student Nurse Experience

Antonia Coconate & Naomi Moreland

Blessing of the Hands

Andrew Mercado, Director of University Ministry

Closing Remarks

Nursing as a Calling and Profession /

Dr. Tamara Bland, Borra College of Health Sciences Dean

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Nursing Pledge

I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assemble, to practice my profession faithfully. I will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drug. I will do all in my power to maintain, and elevate the standard of my profession, as both a science and an art. I will hold in professional confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping. With loyalty, I will endeavor to assist the physician and other interdisciplinary team members in their work, devoting myself to the welfare of those committed to my care with compassion. I will constantly endeavor to increase my knowledge and skills in nursing, and to use them wisely. I will zealously seek to nurse those who are ill, wherever they may be, and whenever they are in need.

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Antonia Coconate

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Geza Mendoza

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Gaudalupe Perez

Jasmine Perez

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