



ELIZABETH T. MACNEIL SCHOOL OF NURSING

PINNING CEREMONY

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OPENING CEREMONY

MARCH OF THE GRADUATES

7 PM

Opening Prayer / Mission & Ministry

Welcome Address / Myra L. Carew, PhD, RN, FNP-C, Associate Dean of Nursing

NURSING TRADITIONS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Reflection on the Tradition of the Lamp / Kimberly Nava-Marquez

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.

Reflexión sobre la Lámpara de Enfermería / Natalie Soriano

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 /

Professor Erin Hernandez

Presentation of the DUSNA Cords /

Professor Erin Hernandez

AWARDS

Academic Excellence Award / Dr. Meredith Watkins

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Reflection of the Tradition of Pinning / Sara Sidak

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 U.S., 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.

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Reflection of the Elizabeth T. MacNeil Pin / Olivia Ruiz

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 apply to the mission and character of 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.

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Pinning of the Elizabeth T. MacNeil School of Nursing Class of 2025

Calling of student names / Dr. William Zic & Professor Erin Hernandez

Reflection on the Nursing Oath / Florian Tangarorang

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.

Reflexión sobre el Juramento de Enfermería / Monserrat Romero

El Juramento de Enfermería tiene sus orígenes en Detroit, Michigan, escrito por Lystra Gretter para la clase graduada de 1893. Para los estudiantes graduados, el juramento simboliza el éxito y el logro de una meta. Para el mundo, significa un profesional de confianza. Los familiares y amigos que son testigos de la toma del juramento presencian el momento en que su ser querido se convierte oficialmente en enfermero/a. Es un compromiso tomado con orgullo, que lleva consigo el peso de la responsabilidad y el honor de la profesión de enfermería.

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Nurses Oath

Professor Denise King

Reflection on Student Nurse Experience

Karen Fonseca & Carlos DeLaTorre

Blessing of the Hands

Mission & Ministry

Closing Remarks/ Nursing as a Calling and Profession

Dr. Tamara Bland, Borra College of Health Sciences Dean

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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