PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL ........................................... Keefer Peterson
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WELCOME .............................................. Cindy Costanzo, Ph.D., R.N.
                                          Dean

INVOCATION ............................................ Sr. Candice Tucci, OSF
                                          Chaplain

WELCOMING REMARKS ................................. Donald Frey, M.D.
                                          Senior Vice Provost

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NURSING PRACTICE GRADUATES ............... Mary Tracy, Ph.D., R.N.
                                          Program Chair, DNP Program
                                          Mary Kunes-Connell, Ph.D., R.N.
                                          Associate Dean for Academic and Clinical Affairs

PINNING OF BACHELOR OF
SCIENCE IN NURSING GRADUATES .............. Julie Manz, Ph.D., R.N.
                                          Program Chair, BSN Program
                                          Dr. Kunes-Connell

HONORARY ALUMNI

CITATION ................................................ Linda Lazure, Ph.D., R.N.
                                          Associate Dean for External Affairs

STUDENT AWARDS ................................. Amy Cosimano, Ph.D., R.N.
                                          Assistant Dean for Student Affairs

SIGMA THETA TAU AWARDS ..................... Sandi Woods, DNP, R.N.
                                          Iota Tau Chapter

FACULTY EXCELLENCE AWARDS ..................... Sarah Carnes
                                          Caitlin Culbertson
                                          Omaha Students
                                          Laconl Strasburg
                                          Hastings Student

CLOSING REMARKS ................................. Dr. Costanzo

BENEDICTION ......................................... Sr. Tucci

RECESSIONAL ........................................... Keefer Peterson

Refreshments will be served immediately following the ceremony in the
V.J. and Angela Skutt Student Center Ballroom.
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Abby Bennett #
Laura Cunningham
Laura Donovan
Rachael Greene
Brian Gutmann □
Pamela Hartnett □ >
Andrea Hubka □

Elizabeth Lapp □
Emily Schultz Lemke □
Ashley Marreel □
Brianna Mills
Margo Minnich
Jessica Palmer
Jennifer Pearson
Kelli Pirruccello

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (MSN)

Brittany Anderson
Lindsay Barden □
Nicole Behring
Mindy Blodgett □
Shelley Brown
Emily Burdett □
Angela Carosella
Keri Dillon □
Katie Eisele
Diane Farley *
Talisha Furst □
Meagan Goodman □
Paul Jackman
Kristina Johnson □
Erin Kamp □
Bonnie Keane
Elizabeth Kelsey
Nichole Kinnamon □
Rina Kojima
Jane Kroese
Shannon Kuntz □ *
Crista Latimer □
Rebecca Lessard □

Lauren Line
Michael Litrenta
Tara Lowry *
Ellen Mallard *
Rebecca Mogensen-Kruger □
Vincent Morris
Jennifer Murray □
Stephanie Nelson □
Randi Nielsen
Rachael Niemeyer □
Lindsay O’Hara *
Melissa Okun
Michelle Omdahl
Dana Overbaugh
Jamie Owens
Ann Pearl □
Rachel Person □
Chelsey Phalen
Angela Pierson
Katherine Rystrom □
Aubrie Schaefer □
Jessica Schiefen □
Amy Shipley
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Megan Spreacker ●
Julia Thompson ●
Chelsey Turner
Stacey VanBoening

Anna Warnes
Kim Waters
Christie Wills
Christy Wood ●

POST-MASTER’S CERTIFICATE

Trudie Owens

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Emma Auld ●
Miranda Barber ●
Anne Baregi
Jaci Beauvais < > † ●
Kimberly Boehm
Andrea Borden ●
Ellen Carisch
Hannah Carlson
Sarah Carnes < > ●
Natasha Carter ●
Katelyn Comer
Michael Costanzo
Caitlin Culbertson < > ●
Marie Darabaris ●
Megan Edmonds
Alysa Fitzgibbons
Amy Froeschl
Molly Gambee
Victoria Garaycochea
Kathryn George ●
Nicole George < ●
Taylor Ginn

Mary Hawes
Elizabeth Herrmann <
Julia Hicks ●
Ellen Homan
Amy Horejsi
Whitney Houkom
Nerissa Imada
Haley Johnson
Reilly Jorgensen
Gabriella Jude < > † ●
Shelby Klosen
Emily Knorr < > ●
Christina Koutnik
Kaitlyn Kroyer <
Rasheeda Lacy
Lisa Larcom
Kara Lawler
MaryKate Lawler < ●
Jacqueline Lo <
Blair Lowe ●
Charles Lutz-Priefert > † ●
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### SYMBOL KEY
- ¤ Sigma Theta Tau, International Nursing Honor Society, Iota Tau Chapter (Inducted in 2014, purple cords)
- # August 2015 graduate
- > Alpha Sigma Nu
- < Leadership Scholars (Apricot/blue cords)
- † Decurion, Ratio Studiorum Program
- * In absentia from pinning ceremony
HONORARY ALUMNI CITATION

Leota Rolls, MSN

Presented by Linda Lazure, Ph.D., R.N.
Associate Dean for External Affairs

Leota Rolls earned her Bachelor of Arts from Hastings College and her Master of Science in Nursing from the University of North Carolina. She has served health care in many ways, as a staff nurse, director, vice president, senior vice president and adjunct professor.

For 47 years Rolls worked at Mary Lanning Healthcare in Hastings, Neb. In 1986 Rolls was instrumental in negotiating with Creighton University College of Nursing to create a satellite program at Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital. The collaboration brought Creighton’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree to the Hastings campus.

The partnership had a positive impact on the local economy, attracting students to Hastings from Nebraska and as far as California, and it continues to provide new opportunities. Creighton College of Nursing was the first in the state to offer the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, the highest level of preparation for clinical practice.

Rolls has received numerous honors and awards from Nebraska and national organizations, such as the Distinguished Achievement in Nursing from the Nebraska Nurses Association. In 2011 she was recognized for her support and commitment to Mary Lanning Healthcare and for her generous devotion to the advancement of health care with the prestigious William H. and Alice T. Lanning Award.

She has devoted many years to state and national nursing boards and associations, including the Center for Nebraska Nursing Foundation and the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. Rolls has also been active in her local community through numerous clubs, committees and boards. She currently serves on the Community Health Center (Regional) Board, YWCA Board of Directors, Hastings Public Library Foundation Board and Sunnyside Board of Directors.

For her collaboration with Creighton University, her commitment to health care and for her continued support of her local community, Leota Rolls is a most deserving recipient of the Honorary Alumni Award.
AWARDS AND HONORS

UNDERGRADUATE

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
An award for the highest overall scholastic achievement in the undergraduate program.

CONSTANCE SMITH-PETE RSON MEMORIAL AWARD
An award to a senior or group of seniors for the most outstanding community-based synthesis paper or project.

NURSING STUDENT(S) OF THE YEAR AWARD
An award for the undergraduate student displaying outstanding ability in academic achievement, professional competence, service and spirit (Omaha and Hastings campuses).

SERVICE AND SPIRIT AWARD
An award for a senior who best exemplifies the Creighton spirit through extracurricular activities and service.

SIGMA THETA TAU-IOTA TAU CHAPTER AWARD
A certificate and a monetary award to a traditional senior or group of seniors for the most outstanding research utilization project.

GRADUATE

CONSTANCE SMITH-PETE RSON GRADUATE MEMORIAL AWARD
An award to a graduate student who best exemplifies a commitment to the advancement of nursing theory and practice through scholarship, leadership, psychosocial skills and community service.

DNP EXCELLENCE AWARD
Presented to the DNP student who demonstrates excellence in advanced practice, leadership, research/practice inquiry and incorporates Jesuit values into practice.

SIGMA THETA TAU-IOTA TAU CHAPTER AWARD
A certificate and a monetary award to a graduate student for exemplary research and scholarship.
**HISTORY OF THE NURSING PIN**

Although the tradition of pinning can be traced back to the Knights of the Order of St. John the Baptist and the Crusades of the 12th Century, in American nursing, the tradition began in 1880 at the Bellevue Hospital nursing program in New York City. Today, schools of nursing across the country continue to offer graduates the opportunity to wear a pin that is unique to that school. No two are exactly alike.

The Creighton University College of Nursing pin was designed in 1964 by one of our first graduates of the four-year BSN program, Michael McCabe. A replica of the design is pictured below.

The pin is fashioned after the Creighton family coat of arms placed on a shield with the nursing college’s motto: God Send Grace, signifying our dependence on the help and goodness of God. The coat of arms is supported by two lions; the lion has long been an image of courage, strength, and diplomacy. At the top of the crest is an earl coronet, an emblem of a family of peerage. The blue on the pin symbolizes loyalty and truth.
HISTORY OF THE HOOD, CAP AND GOWN

Though the history of the hood, cap and gown dates back to the 14th century; it was not until the 19th century that colleges and universities attempted to adopt a common code to distinguish the degree, field of study and university or college conferring the degree. The tassel color signifies the field of study. The field of nursing is signified by the apricot color. Both the baccalaureate and master’s degree tassels are an apricot color. The gold, metallic colored tassel is reserved solely for doctoral graduates as it represents the highest degree earned.

Gowns, though all black, do have distinguishing characteristics signifying the degree earned. The baccalaureate gown is a simple gown with the distinguishing characteristic being a long, pointed sleeve. The Master’s gown is also distinguished by a sleeve that is more closed with only an opening in the wrist. The doctoral gown is the most elaborate and is adorned with velvet panels and sleeve bars.

The hood is the most distinguishing characteristic of academic regalia and is reserved only for graduates being awarded a master’s or doctoral degree. The hood’s colors signify both the field of study and the institution conferring the degree. The apricot color represents the field of nursing while the blue color represents Creighton University. The doctoral hood is more elaborate in that it is longer and the colored trim is wider than that associated with the master’s degree hood.