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Presentation of Student Awards
Charlene W. Compher, PhD, RD, CNSC, LDN, FADA, FASPEN
Chair, Nursing Faculty Senate

Graduation Address
Congresswoman Lauren Underwood, MSN/MPH, RN, FAAN
U.S. Representative for Illinois’ 14th Congressional District

Introduction of Speaker
Antonia M. Villarruel, PhD, RN, FAAN

Welcoming Remarks
Antonia M. Villarruel, PhD, RN, FAAN
Margaret Bond Simon Dean of Nursing

Presentation of BSN Candidates for Degrees
Julie Sochalski, PhD, RN, FAAN
Associate Dean for Academic Programs
Presentation of MSN Candidates for Degrees
Master of Science in Nursing
Julie Sochalski, PhD, RN, FAAN

Presentation of DNP Candidates for Degrees
Doctor of Nursing Practice
Susan M. Renz, PhD, DNP, RN, GNP-BC
Director, Doctor of Nursing Practice
& Primary Care Programs

Presentation of PhD Candidates for Degrees
Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing
J. Margo Brooks Carthon, PhD, RN, FAAN
Chair, Graduate Group in Nursing

“The Red and the Blue”
Allison Gelfarb, Nu’21 and
Vivan Luong, Nu’21

Congratulations of Graduates
Antonia M. Villarruel, PhD, RN, FAAN

Closing Remarks
Antonia M. Villarruel, PhD, RN, FAAN
Congresswoman Lauren Underwood serves Illinois’ 14th Congressional District and was sworn into the 116th U.S. Congress on January 3, 2019. Congresswoman Underwood is the first woman, the first person of color, and the first millennial to represent her community in Congress. She is also the youngest African American woman to serve in the United States House of Representatives.

Congresswoman Underwood serves on the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, and the House Committee on Appropriations. Congresswoman Underwood co-founded and co-chairs the Black Maternal Health Caucus, which elevates the Black maternal health crisis within Congress and advances policy solutions to improve maternal health outcomes and end disparities. She also serves on the House Democratic Steering and Policy Committee. Rep. Underwood is a member of the Future Forum, a group of young Democratic Members of Congress committed to listening to and standing up for the next generation of Americans, the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC), and the LGBT Equality Caucus. As a strong supporter of addressing the gun violence epidemic, Congresswoman Underwood is a member of the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force.

Prior to her election to Congress, Congresswoman Underwood worked with a Medicaid plan in Chicago to ensure that it provided high-quality, cost-efficient care. She served as a Senior Advisor at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), helping communities across the country prevent, prepare for, and respond to disasters, bioterror threats, and public health emergencies. As a career public servant at HHS, she helped implement the Affordable Care Act—broadening access for those on Medicare, improving health care quality, and reforming private insurance. Congresswoman Underwood also taught future nurse practitioners through Georgetown University’s online master’s program. Congresswoman Underwood is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Johns Hopkins University. She graduated from Neuqua Valley High School and is a lifelong Girl Scout. She resides in Naperville, Illinois.
UNIVERSITY STUDENT AWARDS

Jamie Chung
*Asian Alumni Network Student Leadership Award* for her impact on the diverse community at Penn.

Anthony Scarpone-Lambert
*President’s Innovation Prize* for Lumify Care which aims to improve the patient experience by developing innovative tools and resources needed to support frontline health care workers.

*Spoon Award* for receiving the most votes from the senior class among his fellow candidates.
Alumni Spirit Award for Graduating Students
For outstanding contributions to the achievement of Penn Nursing Alumni goals, including
fostering loyalty to the School and the University and advancing social and professional bonds
among classmates and alumni during their student experiences.

Jamie Chung has been a strong leader and community builder in the School of Nursing and
greater Penn community with her extracurricular activities, outreach, research, and academ-
ics. Throughout her four years at Penn, her nominators wrote that “she has embodied the
philosophy of the School of Nursing—student leadership, citizenship, and social activism.”
Jamie has been very involved with the Asian Pacific American Nursing Student Association
(APANSA) during all of her undergraduate years at Penn, gaining leadership skills, develop-
ing community, and contributing to a healthy, collaborative environment for nursing stu-
dents. Beyond her dedication to APANSA, Jamie has also dedicated many hours to communi-
ty engagement and service within the Philadelphia community. As one example, she worked
closely with Dr. Terri Lipman as the Nursing Liaison for the Penn Leads the Vote (PLTV)
undergraduate competition. Through extra coursework, she demonstrated her dedication
to continuing to broaden her knowledge and learning about the lived experiences of mi-
nority and vulnerable populations—an extra step that is not required of the average Nursing
student. Both inside and outside the School of Nursing, Jamie has shown a dedication and
commitment to advancing equitable community, citizenship, and social activism.

Alumni Spirit Award
Recognizes a Penn Nursing graduate for outstanding contributions to the achievement of Penn
Nursing Alumni goals. These contributions may include fostering loyalty to the School and the
University, as well as advancing social and professional bonds among alumni.

Alycia Bischof, Nu’90, GNu’95, GRN’21 is a nationally certified pediatric nurse practi-
tioner, member of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and Sigma Theta Tau, and active lecturer, clinical preceptor, and clinical site coordinator at Penn Nursing.
Alycia can always be counted to get things done, amazingly, while juggling multiple roles
including her Doctor of Nursing Practice studies at Penn Nursing. A member turned co-chair
for Penn Nursing’s Alumni Events and Outreach Committee, Alycia also has long-standing
leadership roles within her Penn-wide undergraduate alumni class. As a 25th Reunion Class
Rep and a 1990 BSN Class Outreach Co-Chair, Alycia planned alumni events and raised
funds for a Penn Nursing paver in her class’s honor. In her role as Penn Alumni Class of 1990
Vice President, Alycia led an initiative to honor a deceased Penn Nursing classmate with the
Michelle L. Mayer Memorial in Hill House and is taking steps to ensure that Michelle’s per-
sonal blog, “Diary of a Dying Mom” is part of the Penn Nursing curriculum. She is currently
a member of the Penn Alumni Reunion Planning Committee for the (rescheduled) Class of
1990 30th Reunion. Her nominator stated, “I have known Alycia since we were undergradu-
ate students... We are both proud alumni of the BSN Class of 1990. For 31 years, Alycia
has maintained close relationships with Penn and Penn Nursing alumni, as well as faculty,
administrators, and staff at Penn. Based on all of Alycia’s impact, accomplishments, and ded-
ication to Penn Nursing and the University, I highly recommend Ms. Alycia Bischof for the
Penn Nursing Alumni Spirit Award.”
Claire M. Fagin Award
Awarded to a graduating doctoral, master’s, or undergraduate student who has demonstrated a high level of leadership and creativity at the School of Nursing or within the larger Penn community. This award is named in honor of Professor of Nursing and Dean Emerita Dr. Claire M. Fagin, the School’s third Dean (1977-1991) and Interim President of the University of Pennsylvania (1993-1994).

Jada Edwards is celebrated for her dynamic contributions to Penn Nursing and the wider University community—and doing so with the humility and grace of a true leader and role model. Jada has served as a teaching assistant for multiple classes and as a research assistant for several innovative clinical research projects, and during the COVID-19 pandemic, she worked as a nursing assistant in an intensive care setting for the University of Pennsylvania Health Care System. She has actively engaged in efforts to promote COVID screening and advocated for education of her peers on best practices. She has been an integral member of the Hill College House staff over the last two years, and she has been steadfast in her commitment to social impact through her involvement with the Penn Futures Project. Jada has also been a member of the Minorities in Nursing Organization, including service as the Vice President—bringing with her consistent advocacy and a voice that has moved Penn Nursing forward to promote nurse-driven efforts to improve equity of care for diverse populations.

Dean’s Student Award
Awarded to a graduating doctoral, master’s, or undergraduate student who epitomizes the philosophy of the School of Nursing.

Anthony Scarpone-Lambert, graduating with his BSN, is honored for his outstanding leadership at the School of Nursing and his embodiment of our School’s commitment to innovation. A first-generation college student, Anthony has been involved in student government, most recently as the Executive Vice President of the Penn Class of 2021. He has been a mentor for Penn First and Student Nurses at Penn; he served as a committee member of the Penn Nursing Wellness Board and Penn Traditions Student Campaign; and he served as a tour guide for the Kite & Key Society, a leader for the PENNacle Pre-Orientation Program, a resident advisor at Lauder College House, and a member of the Bell and Friars Senior Societies. During his time at Penn he has become known for his participation in various innovation events across Penn and beyond, always with a relentless enthusiasm coupled with grit and ambition—he was accepted into and completed the Penn Wharton VIP-X Launch Accelerator, won the Penn Wharton Startup Challenge (Social Impact Prize), received the Penn Wharton Launch Award and the Weiss Fund Innovation Award, and participated in the Wharton India Entrepreneurship Fellowship. Anthony’s start-up company, Lumify Care, has grown to six interdisciplinary team members, with over 400 nurses having worn his product to give feedback in pursuit of refining the product and market fit.
Dorothy Mereness Award
Awarded to a graduating doctoral, master’s, or undergraduate student for excellence in scholarly writing. This award is named in honor of Dr. Dorothy Mereness, the School’s second Dean (1965-1977).

Kathryn Riman, a Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics (LDI) Associate Fellow, is recognized for her excellence in scholarly writing. While completing her PhD program in a rigorous three-year timeframe, Kathryn has co-authored eight publications in leading, peer-reviewed nursing and interdisciplinary journals, including “Improved work environments and staffing lead to less missed nursing care: A panel study” (Journal of Nursing Management, November 2020) on which she was second author. She increased the impact of this paper through a sole-authored, May 2020, LDI Health PolicySense blog entitled: “Strategies to reduce missed nursing care: Study finds changes to work environment, staffing are effective.” In addition to Kathryn’s prolific publishing record with faculty, her dissertation theorized that nursing care of children with emotional, behavioral, developmental, and neurological disorders would be more complex and accordingly require better educated nurses, more supportive work environments, and higher staffing levels, to support optimal nursing care. Her dissertation work will inform pediatric health administrators and nurse leaders to improve children’s outcomes through better nursing organization.

Henry O. Thompson Prize in Ethics
Awarded to a graduating master’s or doctoral student for distinction in ethical thinking and action. This award was established and funded by Dr. Joyce E. Thompson (see p. 10) in memory of her husband “Hank,” who was a long-time member of the School’s Adjunct Faculty.

Audrey Kingman is recognized for demonstrating the highest adherence to ethical principles during her tenure as a student in Penn Nursing’s Nurse-Midwifery/Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner program. Faculty cite her diplomatic and respectful way of ensuring that all student voices were heard during biweekly faculty meetings—this during a difficult year due to the pandemic, the challenges of online learning, and the intensity of racial injustices. It was Audrey’s integrity that resulted in her ability to successfully advocate for the inclusion of postpartum contraception into the practice of caring for women during her Intrapartum/Integration rotation at a small rural hospital that, up until that point, had not been offering that service. Additionally, her exemplary performance in her antepartum clinical rotation helped the Penn Ob/Gyn Associates practice to convert seamlessly to telehealth to access patients early in the pandemic, creating telehealth clinical opportunities for her entire class within the health system.
Jeanne Frances Hopkins Award
Awarded to a nursing undergraduate or graduate student who has achieved academic excellence while embarking on a uniquely Penn curricular opportunity. This award was established by Dr. Diane O. McGivern, the School’s first Associate Dean and Director of Undergraduate Studies (1977-1985), in honor of her mother-in-law who was a nurse.

Kendall Grasela, graduating from Penn Nursing’s BSN program, is recognized for her academic excellence while a NCAA-ranked athlete for the Penn Women’s Basketball team. She was the Ivy League Tournament Champion in 2017 and Big Five Champion in 2019. During her senior year, Kendall was the starting point guard as well as Co-Captain of Penn Women’s Basketball team. She is the first women’s basketball player to attend Penn Nursing. Despite the rigors of juggling academics and athletics, she has maintained a strong academic record: she was named to the Eastern College Athletic Conference Honor Roll and pursued submatriculation into the Pediatric Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program. Despite her busy schedule, Kendall has been committed to advancing and mentoring students within the Penn Nursing community.

JoAnn Nallinger Grant Award
Awarded to a nursing undergraduate who is graduating with a minor in Nutrition or a second major in Nutrition Science, and who has demonstrated academic excellence and exemplary achievement in education, service, and/or research. This award was established in honor of Penn Nursing alumna JoAnn Nallinger Grant, HUP’62, Nu’72.

Allison Marie Dubiner is recognized as a Nutrition Minor who has demonstrated excellence in her own educational journey at Penn Nursing. Allison has served younger students as a tutor for basic science and women’s health courses. She was a Research Assistant in studies to improve sleep in older adults suffering with memory loss—and as a nurse intern with Independence Blue Cross, she provided telephone outreach to patients about recent clinical experiences. She has also facilitated research regarding overcoming barriers to cervical cancer screening in non-cisgendered people. Allison plans to use her acquired nutrition knowledge as she launches a promising career as an antepartum nurse.

Joyce E. Thompson Award in Women’s Health
Awarded to the master’s student who demonstrates leadership and excellence in maternal and child health. This award was funded by Dr. Thompson, Professor Emerita of Nursing, who held numerous leadership positions at the School, was a member of the School’s faculty for 23 years, and established the Nurse Midwifery Program.

Asaki Toda is commended for her leadership and excellence in maternal and infant health. Asaki, already having attained a midwifery education in Japan, pursued a master’s degree through Penn Nursing’s Nurse-Midwifery/Women’s Health/Gender-Related Nurse Practitioner program to enhance her practice abilities and advance her technical skills. Faculty note her outstanding management of the complex care of laboring patients within a system of interdisciplinary collaboration—and a Quality Improvement project during her final clinical rotation that resulted in an implementation algorithm for treatment of postpartum anemia that is being adopted for clinical management of this complication on the postpartum units at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.
Marion R. Gregory Award
Awarded to the PhD student whose completed dissertation promises significant contribution to nursing knowledge. This award was established by Dr. Florence Downs, the School’s first Associate Dean for Graduate Studies (1977-1994), in honor of her mother.

Joshua Porat-Dahlerbruch’s outstanding dissertation, Association of BSN Articulation with Surgical Patient and Nurse Outcomes: A Cross-Sectional Study, explored whether nurses who have achieved a baccalaureate degree in nursing through articulation pathways beginning with a diploma or associate degree nursing education contribute equally to the better patient outcomes associated with generic baccalaureate nursing education. His work builds upon and extends CHOPR’s groundbreaking research published in *JAMA* and *The Lancet* documenting that each ten percent increase in hospitals’ percent of nurses with BSN qualifications is associated with a seven percent decline in mortality. The major finding of Joshua’s dissertation—that it doesn’t matter which educational pathway nurses take to achieving the BSN qualification; all pathways resulting in completed BSN qualifications are associated with value-added when compared to non-BSN registered nurses—has positive implications for bringing greater access to BSN education to underrepresented minorities and rural residents and will spur progress toward a primarily BSN national nurse workforce in the future.

Mary D. Naylor Undergraduate Research Award
Awarded to a nursing undergraduate student who demonstrates contributions to advancing nursing knowledge through research. This award was funded by Dr. Naylor, who is the Marian S. Ware Professor of Gerontology and Director of the NewCourtland Center for Transitions and Health. Dr. Naylor also served as the School’s second Associate Dean and Director of Undergraduate Studies (1986-1998).

Cassidy Gallagher, a Student Nurses at Penn (SNAP) Community Service Chair in 2018 and Treasurer from 2019 to 2020—is honored for her outstanding commitment to scholarship and nursing research. Cassidy independently developed two research projects and sought out funding for each. Her first project in 2019 assessed community health needs in Bienvenida, Dominican Republic, during which she uncovered a lack of sexual and reproductive health education, along with a high prevalence of pregnancies, HIV, STIs, and teen prostitution. The second project focused on addressing these gaps through a four-week virtual health sciences camp for teens in Bienvenida. Cassidy was accepted to present her research at the 2020 National Student Nurses’ Association (NSNA) Annual Convention in Florida; however, the COVID-19 pandemic necessitated canceling the event. Despite this, her excellence in research, scholarship, service, and leadership has been recognized by NSNA at both the national and state levels.
**Norma M. Lang Award**

Awarded to an undergraduate or master’s student who has demonstrated excellence in academic and scholarly practice. This award is named in honor of Professor of Nursing and Dean Emerita Dr. Norma M. Lang, the School’s fourth Dean (1992-2000).

**Elyse Berman** is recognized for her impressive academic career and work ethic. She graduated with a 3.98 GPA from her undergraduate program in December 2020 and completed her research residency in fall 2020. Elyse has worked with Diane L. Spatz, PhD, RN-BC, FAAN since 2018, playing an essential role in the lactation program at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. In addition to providing education to families about breast pumps and Baby Weigh scales, she works directly with staff to ensure human milk safety and compliance with all policies and procedures, among other duties. Dr. Spatz notes that Elyse is the most detail-oriented and organized student worker that she has ever employed. Additionally, Elyse served as President of the Alpha Phi Omega community service fraternity.

**Rosalyn J. Watts Diversity Scholar Leadership Award**

Awarded to the undergraduate student whose outstanding qualities of scholarship and leadership exemplify a commitment to Penn Nursing’s Office of Diversity and Cultural Affairs by serving as a role model to promote meaningful interaction among diverse groups. Dr. Watts is Associate Professor Emerita of Nursing. She served as a member of the School’s faculty for more than 30 years, holding various faculty and leadership roles, including Director of the School’s Office of Diversity Affairs (2002-2007).

**Frances Anjelique Agudo** is applauded for her commitment to and leadership in programs and initiatives that strengthen the multicultural, social, and scholarship climate at Penn Nursing and the wider University community. She has been a dynamic member of the Asian Pacific American Nursing Association (APANSA) since her freshman year, serving her first year as a Freshman Liaison, followed by a year as the Financial Chair, and most recently as Vice President. She used this platform to be a voice for the community and profession, recognizing the disparities prevalent within health care and the Asian Pacific American community—including taking the lead in crafting APANSA’s statement of solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and a collection of resources. Frances also developed and facilitated—in collaboration with PPA, the Penn Philippine Association (where she was active as President)—a panel event with nursing faculty and alumni aimed at discussing the intersection between the Filipino/greater Asian American identity and nursing during Filipino American History Month. Her work with PPA resulted in a variety of events cohosted with other cultural organizations on campus, designed to strengthen the Asian Pacific community on campus as well as demonstrate solidarity with the Black community. Frances’ dedication to diversity works extended into her scholarship and professional life as well as through assisting with faculty research projects that further diverse perspectives and amplify voices of color.
Sigma Theta Tau BSN Student Leadership Awards
Recognizes BSN students who are members of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, Xi Chapter, who demonstrate a high level of academic achievement, leadership, and service within the School of Nursing, University and/or the community.

Julia Ann Kennedy is recognized for her commitment to the profession of nursing and to community service, as well as for her academic achievement—she has maintained a high GPA while demonstrating leadership both on-campus and off-campus. She has served the Student Nurses at Penn (SNAP) organization as President, Secretary, and peer advisor; she was also awarded the SNAP Upperclassmen State Scholarship. Julia served as the 2018 Student Nursing Association of Pennsylvania delegate and as a resolution author in that same year. She supported the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society as well, volunteering for both Light the Night and the Red and White Ball. She has also been an active advocate for public health, volunteering to staff the University of Pennsylvania COVID-19 testing clinic and the regular blood drives scheduled at Fagin Hall.

Lindsay Krott is commended for her leadership in public service and campus life. Now Past-President of Student Nurses at Penn (SNAP), during her tenure she was instrumental in member recruitment and engagement—including helping to create SNAP’s first-ever Instagram and Facebook pages, which resulted in SNAP winning the Social Media Award for School Instagram at the Student Nursing Association National Convention. Lindsay also worked with staff on the 2020 Year of the Nurse & Midwife initiative, developing a project to send thank you cards to nurses at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She is a flautist in Penn’s band and provides mentorship within the flute section, and serves as a tutor and as course note-taker for those in need of educational accommodations—and she has engaged in fundraising for Light the Night and volunteered at the Red and White Ball in support of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Additionally, through her internship with the Office of the Health Commissioner for the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, she co-hosted a NARCAN training and education event at Fagin Hall.
 Sigma Theta Tau MSN Student Leadership Award
Recognizes an MSN student who is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, Xi Chapter, who demonstrates a high level of academic achievement, leadership, and service within the School of Nursing, University, and/or the community.

Alexandrea Russell is lauded for her commitment to midwifery and to her fellow students in Penn’s Nurse Midwifery program. She is a meticulous and thorough clinician, and a true doula and yogi willing to share her steadfast presence and deep wisdom with everyone—and she brings with her a sense of joy, levity, and calm that has been a source of comfort to colleagues. Alex is passionate about addressing health inequities experienced by women, particularly women of color, demonstrated by her class presentation on maternal mortality across cultures in which she succinctly described the relationship between systemic racism and poor maternal health in the United States and other countries. Alex also volunteered as the student representative to the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) while at Penn.

 Sigma Theta Tau Doctoral Student Leadership Awards
Recognizes doctoral (DNP and/or PhD) students who are members of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society, Xi Chapter, who demonstrate a high level of academic achievement, leadership, and service within the School of Nursing, University, and/or the community.

Beth Quigley is honored for her commitment to Sigma Theta Tau International and the future of nursing. Beth has served as Sigma Theta Tau XI Chapter faculty counselor, Colloquium Chair, and Governance Chair, balancing this responsibility with her work as an outstanding undergraduate nursing instructor in the area of health assessment and with her pursuit of a DNP degree—during which she has demonstrated excellent scholarship and collaboration within her DNP cohort. In addition to her exemplary leadership at the School of Nursing, she enthusiastically supports the wider community as a food bank volunteer; a volunteer coach for soccer, volleyball, and swimming; a participant in the Minding Your Mind organization; and a fundraiser in support of a local grade school. Additionally, Beth has been active in connecting older adults with resources such as Meals on Wheels and COVID-19 vaccinations, as well as providing them with best practices on navigating the health system.

Olivia Arnold is celebrated for her contributions to nursing science and for her aptitude. She has engaged in leadership activities, including service as PhD student representative on Penn Nursing’s Curriculum Committee and Graduate Group, as a member of the Policy Revision Committee in her clinical setting, and as a preceptor and simulation instructor to the School’s undergraduate students. Olivia has received funding for her doctoral dissertation research and presented at several Research Congresses—and she continually seeks out learning opportunities to further her scholarship. Recognizing the tremendous need for policy engagement related to her work, she was accepted to the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics as an Associate Fellow where she engaged in research on health and health policy and developed multidisciplinary connections.
**Teaching Assistant Award**  
*Awarded to a teaching assistant who demonstrates cognitive, professional, and interpersonal competencies.*

**Bruno Saconi**, is recognized for his masterful ability to bring analytics to life as a Teaching Assistant (TA). Bruno, a doctoral student, has been a TA at Penn since fall 2018. He has taught undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral level courses, and with each course he has become a favorite among his students. They comment on his generosity with his time and knowledge, his investment in each student, and his patience and diligence in ensuring that concepts are understood. This was particularly true over the last year of the COVID-19 pandemic, when he was a “familiar and steady presence...during uncertain times.” Bruno has also impressed faculty during his time as a TA due to his exceptional competence in communicating complex materials in accessible and interesting ways, and his thoughtful and innovative contributions to enhancing course design and structure. He is commended for raising the bar for students and faculty alike.

**Theresa I. Lynch Award**  
*Awarded to a graduating doctoral, master’s, or undergraduate student for consistent contributions to the advancement of the School of Nursing. This award is named in honor of Dr. Theresa I. Lynch, the School’s first Dean (1950-1965).*

**Lindsay Krott**, graduating from Penn Nursing’s BSN program this year, is celebrated for her student leadership, citizenship, and social activism. Lindsay has served on the Student Nurses at Penn (SNAP) Board for two years, first as the Peer Advising Program Co-Chair and this past year as the President. She also served as one of the SNAP representatives on the Dean’s Student Group Committee. In these roles she has been consistently committed to ensuring that student voices are heard, to serving as a resource for students, and to making sure that Penn Nursing students feel as though they are part of the School’s community. Her passion for social activism related to harm reduction in the context of the opioid crisis led to an internship with the Office of the Health Commissioner for the Philadelphia Department of Public Health—and here, too, she brought the work she did there back to Penn Nursing by hosting, along with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health, a NARCAN training and education event at the School.
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Frances Anjelique Tanangco Agudo
Mona Akhiary
Hlina Abiy Araya
Kaylee Eileen Arndt
Catherine Agnes Aronowitz
Kathryn Parks Aronowitz
Sarah Michelle Ball
Ariana Patrice Banning
Emily Elizabeth Beiting
Elyse Joelle Berman
Sydney Marie Bertrand
Natalia Boos
Kallie Brown
Lydia Eileen Buckwalter
Claire Nicole Caldarola
Sophie Hadassah Caplan
Briana C. Cass
Makenna Morgan Casto
Sara Nicole Cheadle
Christine America Cernoch
Sukie Chen Chek
Julie Chen
Anna Wei-Shiuan Chin
Clara Cho
Amaris Grace Christmas
Jamie Jihee Chung
Mary Edith Collins
Sara Katharine Cronin
Shanaya Gonzalez Cross
Brianne Kathleen Daly
Kimberly Susan D’Angelo
Jaylen Mckenzie Davis
Caitlyn De Guzman
Kimberly Marlene De La Cruz
Alyssa N. D’Esposito
Daniela LaShawn Dinkins
Sarah Pauline Dodds
Gabrielle Kate Garces Domingo
Kathryn Doran
Siena Reynolds Dryden
Allison Marie Dubiner
Elise Odette Dunlop
Jada Ashley Edwards
Ashley Elizabeth Erickson
Ime Imani Diem Thanh Etokiebe
Emily Jane Feldman
Elizabeth Jane Finkel
Erin Alexandra Finucane
Xiang S. Flowers
Whitney Pritchard Nash Flynn
Audrey Victoria Fretzin
Caroline Renee Gainey
Cassidy Marie Gallagher
Carmela Garcia-Alonzo
Jenna Adrienne Garo
Christine Garrity
Allison Jennifer Gelfarb
Tanya Gershman
Sofie Ghitman
Puneet K. Gill
Hilary Christine Golden
Marisa Noelle Gong
Kendall Maris Grasela
Maria Mika Graviet
Alexa Rachel Grooms
Breanna Lee Guindon
Madeleine Leavitt Hardie
Riley Kaye Hasche
Sophie Celene Hedges
Nora Elizabeth Hennessy
Lisa He-Wu
Henry Tyler Hinds
Brandi D. Hodek
Hana Housammy
Josephine Chingyi Hu
Jialin Hu
Virginia Leigh Huntoon
Ornella Ingabire
Julia Marie Isbell
Sharyn Alyssa Jacobs
Sarah Elizabeth Jaffe
Annie Rogers Jardine
Melanie Rose Joseph
Stephanie Kaminstein
Tyler John Kelly
Julia Ann Kennedy
Allison N. Kiernan
Grace Kiernan Kilpatrick
Dinah Kim
James Matthew Kim
Eunice Kim
Sara Elizabeth Klausner
Arin Noelle Krase
Lindsay Ellen Krott †
Matthew Ku ‡
Mercy O. Kuye
Danica Mae Catedral Lagman
Christine Langston ‡
Shi Eun Lee ‡
Delia Rose Levine
Abril Michelle Lopez Melendez
Vincent James Lugrine
Vivian Wing-Yiu Luong
Serena Luong ‡
Olivia Lyons-Potter ‡
Katelyn Deane Mark
Nicole Elisha Matteucci ‡
Madison Paige McCarthy
Jaqueline Alyssa Go Medalle
Evan Ross Messina ‡
Mackenzie Miller ‡
Meredith Page Miller ‡
Emily Rose Minichino
Lilibeth Montero
Greta G. Morrissette
Victoria Leigh Mueller ‡
Larissa Christine Nam ‡
Eric Adlar Nesser ‡
Qian Ni ‡
Shaye Ke’alohihaumaka Chie Nozoe
Janet Iyabo Odufunade ‡
Christine Bautista Oliva
Chioma Diana Osikpa
Ashley E. Pandolf ‡
Isabella Jean Perez
Shannon R. Peters
Shannon Alyse Phipps ‡
Tatiana Nicole Pugacheva
Julia P. Ramirez ‡
Isabel Caroline Ramsey ‡
Melanie Katherine Regan ‡
Sarah Katharine Ritter ‡
Margaux Lee Rogers ‡
Sofia Saavedra
Katherine L. Sadovnikov ‡
Christina Marie Saudan ‡
Alyssa Leigh Savarino ‡
Hope Louise Saxon ‡
Anthony Scarpone-Lambert ‡ ∞
Liliana Jane Hamilton Schmitt ‡
Abigail Leigh Schubert

Thomas Geoffrey Seaman
Tilaye Dawit Seblework
Rita B. Semaan
Allison Sherman
Lara Brett Sissman ‡
Jennifer Margaret Smith
Lauren Elizabeth Snyder
Stefanie Soegaard Ballester ‡
Dana Stefany
Sydney Mikel Steward
Emma Elizabeth-Doolin Straub
Samantha Ikaeda Stroup ‡
Derek Strueby ‡
Elizabeth Jessica Sun ‡
Abigail Rose Swartz
Soyisha Sylvain ‡
Molly Szczecz
Farzana Yusuf Talukdar
Tingwa Tam ‡
Melanie Ann Taylor ‡
Philemon Gebreselassie Tedros ‡
Regenie Chantradavy Tee ‡
Julia Thomas †
Delia Moher Trimble ‡
Shoshana Isis Trotman
John Theodosios Tsamoutalis ‡
Rolando Humberto Vega ‡
Emilie Kate Veilleux
Michael Voitek ‡
Lucy Eileen Walker ‡
Emily Elizabeth Webster
Josephine Cady Wiklund
Colette K. Williams ‡
Tiffany B. Wisdom-Goulbourne ‡
Eliseo Wong Acanda
Jill Alisa Wurzburg ‡
Eileen Miranda Xie
Jingyu Zhang
Stephanie Shi Zhong

* Post-master’s graduate
‡ December 2020 graduate
† Student expected to complete program in August 2021
∞ Student presented with an award
∞ Hillman Scholar in Nursing Innovation
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
Program Director—Deborah Becker, PhD, ACNP, BC, CHSE, FAAN

Colleen P. Debosier * †
Suzanne Elizabeth Decker * ‡
Rowena Hipolito dela Cruz * †
Rachel Elizabeth Delaney * ‡
Caitlyn Eve Deming * ‡
Lexi Deompoc *
Marjory Desulme *
Roberto Dimapilis *
Lindsey Ding *
Natalya Dizengoff *
April C. Donovan * ‡
Brian Patrick Dougherty * †
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THE RED AND THE BLUE

Come, all ye loyal classmen now,
In hall and campus through,
Lift up your hearts and voices for
The royal Red and Blue.
Fair Harvard has her crimson,
Old Yale her colors too,
But for dear Pennsylvania,
We wear the Red and Blue.

Chorus
Hurrah, Hurrah, Pennsylvania,
Hurrah for the Red and the Blue;
Hurrah, Hurrah, Hurrah, Hurrah,
Hurrah for the Red and Blue.

One color’s in the blushing rose,
The other tints the clouds,
And when together both disclose,
We’re happy as the gods.
We ask no other emblem,
No other sign to view,
We only ask to see and cheer
Our colors Red and Blue.

Chorus

And now thro’ all the years to come,
In midst of toil and care,
We’ll get new inspiration from
The colors waving there.
And when to all our college life
We’ve said our last adieu,
We’ll never say adieu to thee,
Our colors Red and Blue.

Chorus
Dear graduates,

Congratulations! It is our honor to celebrate with all of you.

As alumni, we are truly inspired by your resilience and flexibility, which complement your accomplishments and endeavors to promote health across the spectrum of populations and environments. Each of you makes the Penn Nursing community richer with your unique talents, passion for health and equity, and dedication to patients.

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As our newest graduates, please know how important your endeavors are to Penn Nursing. Today and always, Penn Nursing is your professional home. As you take on new roles, contemplate additional degrees, collaborate with experts from varied disciplines to solve the hardest issues facing the health of individuals—as we know you will—remember your support system at Penn Nursing.

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Deborah Becker, PhD, ACNP, BC, CHSE, FAAN
Dean’s Award for Exemplary Professional Practice

Dawn Bent, DNP, MSN, CRNA
Graduate Student Organization: Outstanding Nurse Educator Award

Bridgette Brawner, PhD, APRN
Dean’s Award for Distinguished Teaching

Ann Hoyt Brennan, MSN, RN
Dean’s Award for Exemplary Citizenship

Peggy Compton, PhD, RN, FAAN
Doctoral Student Organization: Barbara J. Lowery Faculty Award

Monique Dowd, MA, RD, LDN, CDE, CSG
Student Nurses at Penn: Undergraduate Award for Teaching

Mamie Guidera, MSN, CNM, FACNM
Dean’s Award for MS/MSN/DNP Scholarly Mentorship

Holly Harner, PhD, MBA, MPH, RN, WHCNP-BC, FAAN
Dean’s Award for Undergraduate Advising

Aleaha Peoples, MSN, RN
Dean’s Award for Teaching Excellence

Diane L. Spatz, PhD, RN-BC, FAAN
Dean’s Award for Undergraduate Scholarly Mentorship

Maria White, MSN, BA, RN, CCRN
Dean’s Award for Teaching Excellence