



DOWNSTATE
HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF NURSING
**2024 Convocation &
Pinning Ceremony**

December 17, 2024

Time: 1:00pm

Alumni Auditorium

395 Lenox Road

Brooklyn, NY 11203

SUNY DOWNSTATE HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

About.....

SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University, is one of four academic health centers within the 64- unit State University of New York System. Located on an urban campus in the East Flatbush section of Brooklyn, SUNY Downstate includes the College of Medicine, School of Graduate Studies, College of Nursing, College of Health Related Professions, School of Public Health, a major research center, two biotechnology sites, and University Hospital of Brooklyn.

For more than fifty years, the College of Nursing has offered cutting-edge nursing educational programs. Today, nursing programs are offered at the baccalaureate, master's, post-master's and doctoral levels. The College is well respected for its academic rigor, scholarly productivity, and service to the people of New York, especially the underserved.

ORDER OF CEREMONY

Mistress of Ceremony

Marie-Claire Roberts, PhD, MS, MPA, RN

Executive Vice Dean

Associate Professor

National Anthem

Michael Cooperstein

ABSN Student

Welcome

Lori Escallier, PhD, CPNP-PC, FAAN

Dean of the College of Nursing

Professor

Remarks

Mrs. Iosou

Guest Speaker

Student Speakers

Jake Britton

ABSN Student

Jenny Cherian

DNP Student

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Presentation of Awards

Nataliya Shaforost, DNP, ACLS, CDCES, FNP-BC

Director of DNP Program

Assistant Professor

Jean McHugh, PhD, APRN, ACNS-BS, FNYAM

Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs

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Lori Escallier, PhD, CPNP-PC, FAAN

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Professor

Barbara Kitchener, PhD

Director of RN-BS Program

Clinical Assistant Professor

Sarah Marshall

Presenter of NACLI Award

Pinning & Lighting of the Lamps

Jean McHugh, PhD, APRN, ACNS-BC, FNYAM

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Nursing Oath

Marie-Claire Roberts, PhD, MS, MPA, RN

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Student Presentation

Closing Remarks

Marie-Claire Roberts, PhD, MS, MPA, RN

Executive Vice Dean

Associate Professor

NURSING OATH

As a Nurse dedicated to providing the highest quality care and services, I solemnly pledge that I will:

Consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concern;

Act in compassionate and trustworthy manner in all aspects of my care;

Apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for all my patients;

Exercise sound professional judgement while abiding by legal and ethical requirements;

Accept the life-long obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence;

Promote, advocate for, and strive to protect the health, safety, and rights of all patients.

I take this oath voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.

ACCELERATED BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

Tasnia Ahmed
Adriana Almanzar
Oheneba D. Amponsah
Isabella R. Aviles
Shefa R. Bagum
Robert J. Barbara
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Nahida Begum
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