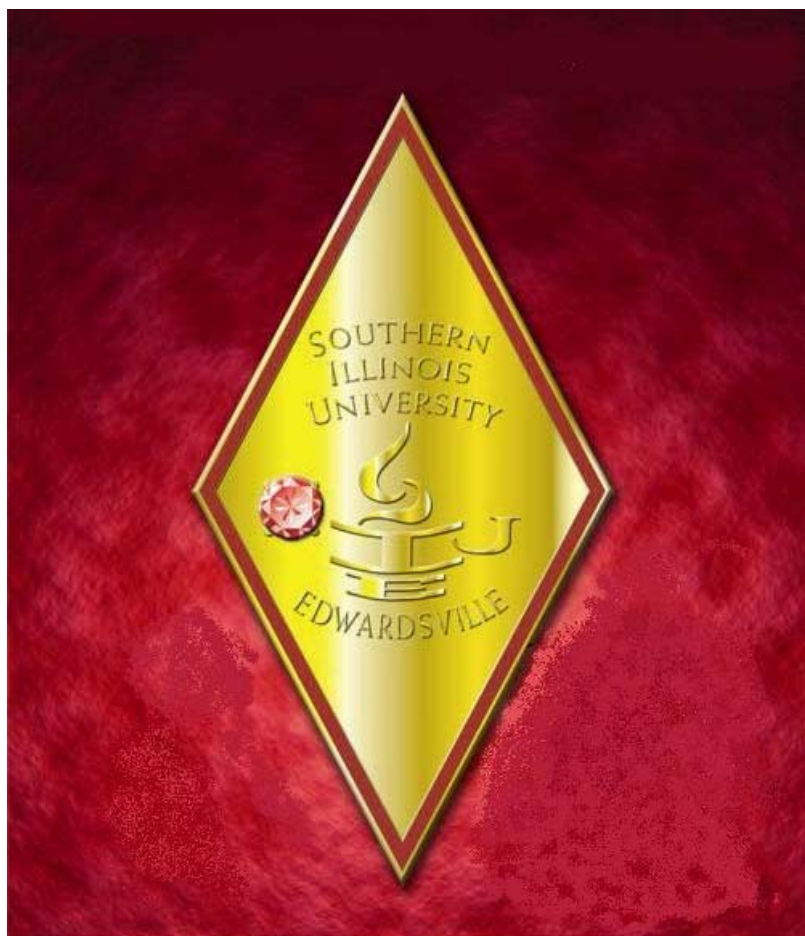


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School of Nursing



December 15, 2006

CONVOCATION CEREMONY

December 15, 2006

6:00 p.m.

Processional: Pomp and Circumstance Marches by Elgar Sarah Hanabarger
Introduction Steve Held
Director of Student Admission, Progression, and Retention
Convocation Address Marcia Maurer, RN, MS, PhD
Dean
Presentation of Honors & Awards Marcia Maurer, RN, MS, PhD
Dean
Presentation of Baccalaureate Class Composite Photograph Bridgette Pettit
Graduate 2006
Graduate Student Representative Margaret M. Schuch, MSN, RN
Graduate 2006
Presentation of Hoods Jacquelyn Clement, RN, PhD, APRN-BC, FNP
Assistant Dean, Graduate Program
Anointing of Hands Andrew Griffin, MS, CRNA, APN
CRNA Coordinator, Nurse Anesthesia
RN-BS Student Representative Debbie Kelly, RN
Graduate 2006
Presentation of RN-BS Students Steve Held
Director of Admission, Progression and Retention
Pinning of RN-BS Students Mary Mulcahy, RN, EdD
Assistant Dean, Undergraduate and Alternative Programs
Anointing of Hands Rhonda Comrie, RN, PhD
Undergraduate Student Representative Missie Freburg
Graduate 2006
Presentation of Baccalaureate Students Steve Held
Director of Admission, Progression and Retention
Pinning of Baccalaureate Students Frank Lyerla, RN, MS
Anointing of Hands Rhonda Comrie, RN, PhD
Reading of Nightingale Pledge (Abridged) Mary Mulcahy, RN, EdD
Assistant Dean, Undergraduate and Alternative Programs
Recessional: "Courage and Compassion"

Fall 2006 GRADUATES

Post Master's – Nurse Anesthesia

= Schuch, Margaret M. Stein, Suzanne

Master of Science Degree – Nursing

Banks, Angela M.	=	Littlejohn, Todd A.
Busch, Sharon S.		Manikowska-Srokowska, Agata D.
Colonius, Vickie M.	=	McAnulty, Brian T.
= Cooper, Shauna J.		Moore, Shuntel
Dowell, Colleen E.	=	Perez, Erica J.
= Hargens, Tammy I.	=	Pickrell, Kelly B.
Janes, William K.		Purcell, Tammie L.
= Jeter, Sarah E.		Reese, Bradley D.
= Komorek, Louise E.		Rodgers, Vickie G.
= Larson, Teresa H.		Wade, James D.

Bachelor of Science Degree – Nursing – RN-BS

Hampton, Dustin K.	**	McMahon, Margo S.
Hopkins, Faith M.	**	Rathert, Abby M.
Jansen, Ashley N.		Sloan, Shelle D.
* Jones, Nichole L.		Smith, Thomas J., Jr.
Kelly, Debbie L.		Swingler, Erin M.
*** Lindemann, Kathleen A.		Wilkerson, Regina D.
** McCarty, Jennifer M.		

Bachelor of Science Degree – Nursing

* Adesuyi, Adeola O.	#**	Lash, April J.
Arnold, Lindsey K.		Long, Kelli A.
Avitia, Sandra	^*	McConnell, Brooke A.
Beam, Lindsay K.		Middleton, Brooke C.
Beck, Cassie J.		Moore, Daron P.
Bell, Ashley M.		Nance, Amira L.
Bethurem, Teresa L.		Naumann, Tiffani K.
Beyers, Elizabeth L.		Needham, Trevor T.
Boykin, Heather R.	*	Oke, Adesola O.
Bright, Vivian Y.		Osun, Jessica S.
Carroll, Kim A.		Page, Jennifer E.
Davis, Denora L.		Petersen, Katherine E.
Dexheimer, Dana J.	^**	Pettit, Bridgette L.
Freburg, Missie M.		Predmore, Kimberly M.
Freehill, Melissa B.		Profeta, Daniela M.
Frew, Bethany N.		Rogers, Linda
Guerrero, Alejandra	**	Rucker, Sherita L.
Halbrook, Angela R.		Salyer Laura L.
Higgins, Brian P.		Schaffer, Nanette R.
Hill, Jennifer M.		Schumacher, Rana B.
Hohnsbehn, Amanda M.		Semple, Leah R.
Jackson, Vera A.		Small, Shannon M.
Jefferson, Melinda M.		Speciale-Ursch, Teresa L.
Joiner, Jakari L.		Strotheide, Jonathan T
Jurinak, Janine C.		Teer, Keyanna M.
King, Jennifer R.		Wade, Lindsey D.
Koch, Amy M.		Waldo, Caitlin T.
Koss, Kelly		Watson, Antennillea B.
Kotecki, Susan M.		Welch, Ashley A.
Laack, Callie J.		White, Ashley N.
LaMartina, Deanna M.		Winters, Kate E.
Lance, Stephanie P.		Wright, Kimberly D.
*** Landt, Sarah J.		

= Graduate Honors (3.9 GPA and above)
 *Cum Laude
 **Magna Cum Laude
 ***Summa Cum Laude

^ Chancellor's Scholars
 # Presidential Scholars
 * Cum Laude
 ** Magna Cum Laude
 *** Summa Cum Laude

Honors Recognition

Nursing Honors Program

Adesola Oke
Bridgette Pettit

Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society

Adeola Adesuyi	Sarah Jeter	Brooke Middleton
Angela Banks	Louise Komorek	Tiffani Naumann
Teresa Bethurem	Kelly Koss	Adesola Oke
Elizabeth Beyers	Susan Kotecki	Erica Perez
Heather Boykin	Deanna LaMartina	Bridgette Pettit
Vickie Colonius	Teresa Larson	Vickie Rodgers
Denora Davis	April Lash	Sherita Rucker
Dana Dexheimer	Agata Manikowska-	Laura Salyer
Missie Freburg	Srokowska	Nanette Schaffer
	Brooke McConnell	

Phi Kappa Phi

Lindsey Arnold	Sarah Landt
Louise Komorek	Todd Littlejohn
Erica Perez	

Competitive Graduate Award

Agata Manikowska-Srokowska
Tammie Purcell

Outstanding Nurse Anesthesia Award

Erica Perez

Johnetta Haley Scholar's Academy

Adeola Adesuyi	Vera Jackson
Sandra Avitia	Daron Moore
Denora Davis	Amira Nance
Linda Rogers	

Notes of Appreciation

Post Master's – Nurse Anesthesia

Schuch, Margaret: To my husband, Kent, my family, friends and colleagues. I thank you for your patience, support, encouragement, and for believing in me.

Master's of Science Degree Students

Banks, Angela: I would like to thank God for providing me with health, motivation and endurance and my family and friends for their love, support and encouragement during my education in nurse anesthesia.

Busch, Sharon: I would like to thank my family, friends, and the nursing faculty for sticking with me and encouraging me on finally completing my thesis.

Cooper, Shauna: Thank you to my husband and my family for all of your support, I love you.

Dowell, Colleen: I would like to thank my family for all of their love and support, my friends for all their indisputable attempts of good times in stressful situations. I would like to thank my adoptive families for amazing, unforgettable hospitality. To all my family and friends, thank you so much for believing in me during tough times and celebrating this awesome experience! I would like to also thank the instructors for their plethora of knowledge.

Hargens, Tammy: I would like to thank my family & friends for all the prayers and support during the past few years. I especially want to thank my husband (Terry) for everything you have done for me. I could not have made it without your love and support. Terry you are the best husband a girl could ever have.

Janes, Kent: Thanks to my family, especially my wife Ann for believing in me and supporting the family in my absence. Thanks to Zach, Matt and Kate for being the great kids that you are. Thanks to Dr. Virginia Cruz, Don Smith and friend Connee Sloman for your guidance and support. Finally, thanks to my classmates; may you all continue to have success and happiness in the future.

Jeter, Sarah: Thank you Michael, for all of your love and support through these very crazy past two years. Thank you Mom and Terry for being there for me, for supporting me, and for your generosity. WE MADE IT! Thank you to Dad and Lisa and to all of the rest of my family and friends who stood by me and supported me through some of the most trying times of my life. I love you all!

Notes of Appreciation Cont.

Komorek, Louise: Thank you, God, for giving me this opportunity and seeing me through it. Thanks to my husband, Ed, and to my children, Dakota, Edward, Carter, and Gage, for being the biggest blessings in my life. Thanks to my classmates and instructors. I'll remember you always!

Larson, Teresa: I would like to thank first and foremost my husband and daughters for their enthusiastic and unending love and support for me while in pursuit of this Masters degree. Likewise I especially thank Drs. Riley, Gaele and Clement for the encouragement and assistance they provided me in attaining this goal.

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Manikowska-Srokowska, Agata: To Tomash Srokowski, my best-est friend, thank you for all your support, and for believing in me more than anyone. To my dear friend, Ms. Mary Nikilis, thank you for always finding time for me. To all my teachers, preceptors, and mentors, thank you for the teaching, guidance, and encouragement, I would not be here with out you. To all my classmates thank you for all the fun. A warm thank you to all nursing secretaries and to Angie White, my advisor, for taking care of the administrative side of my education.

McAnulty, Brian: I want to thank Lynette, my wife, my two kids, Samuel and Camryn, and to all my family for the love, support, and encouragement you have given me. I couldn't have done this without you.

Perez, Erica: My husband, Herman, has emotionally and financially supported my progress through the nurse anesthesia program. I want to thank you for your patience and love. I also wish to thank my parents, Rich and Nancy, sister, Erin, brother, Adam and all my friends for the encouragement over the past few years. It was tough but we survived. Congratulations to my fellow classmates.

Purcell, Tammie: I am so proud to be among the 2006 graduating class of anesthesia providers at SIUE. This group has shared memories that will last for a life time. I can honestly say that one day if I look up and see one of you there for my anesthesia, I will know I am in good hands. I just want to say thanks to my family for all their support and prayers, and especially to my husband who has given so sacrificially to allow me to move to Illinois and follow after this career. Without his love and encouragement this dream would have never came true. Amazingly enough this December I'll be home for Christmas, and not only in my dreams.

Notes of Appreciation Cont.

Reese, Brad: I would like to thank God for granting me strength and determination to complete the program. Thanks to my wife Tracy for your support and my instructors for your guidance and leadership.

Rodgers, Vickie: I'd like to thank my entire family for their encouragement and support during all the times I've been in college. Many times you have all given me the stamina to keep going. A big thank you to my instructors for being such wonderful role models. . . I want to be just like all of you when I grow up. I would especially like to thank my husband and study buddy, Bill. Together, we tackled our BSN and MSN degrees and it has been incredible to share the triumphs with you. This has been an enormous challenge and we have sacrificed a lot to get to this moment. I want you to know that when you complete your degree in May, I will be your biggest fan there. I have a special thank you for my granddaughter, Avery. Thank you for providing me with a much needed diversion from all the assignments. You are such a blessing. Thank you and I love you all.

Wade, James: I would like to thank my wife, daughter and the rest of my family for their love and support, and the friends that I have made, through the long 27 months of education that I have received.

Bachelor of Science Degree Students – RN-BS

Hopkins, Faith: I would like to thank all of my family but especially my husband, Todd, for their love and support over the last year and a half. You have all been such an encouragement to me.

Jansen, Ashley: I would like to thank my family and friends for all of their love and support throughout this program. It would have been an impossible journey without you.

McMahon, Margo: I would like to thank my family, especially my husband and children for their love, patience, support and prayers. Thanks to my instructors, especially Marjorie Baier and Shirley Barthelme who were instrumental. To my classmates that survived, thanks for the friendship and encouragement!!

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Smith, Thomas: I want to thank my family and friends for your support and prayers during this long journey.

Notes of Appreciation Cont.

Bachelor of Science Degree Students

Adesuyi, Adeola: I would like to thank everyone for coming out to see my commencement. You could have been anywhere in the world but you're here with me, and I appreciate that.

Arnold, Lindsey: I want to thank my parents and husband for their unconditional love and support. I am so thankful and blessed for everything they do.

Beam, Lindsay: I would like to thank my parents and family for always challenging me, believing in me, and being there for me, and my friends for making every moment memorable.

Bethurem, Teresa: Thank you Mom, Dad and Travis for all your love, support, and patience. It's been a long road but I've finally reached the end. I love you all.

Bevers, Elizabeth: I would like to thank my family for all the love and support you have given me over the years. To my friends, thanks for the good times and the memories we have shared. And to Pat, thank you for always being there for me.

Boykin, Heather: I would like to thank my mom and dad for their love and encouragement and Zack for supporting me and always being there to help me through the tough times.

Bright, Vivian: I thank GOD for His presence, mercy, and grace that has brought me through! I thank my parents and grandmother for their continuous prayers and love. I thank my classmates for their support and for having faith in me. I also thank the School of Nursing instructors who encouraged and helped me along the way. I am truly and forever grateful to all of you, thank you!

Carroll, Kim: Thank you Bob for always being patient and supportive in this long journey. Thanks to Alex and Jessica for giving mommy a boost when I needed it. Thanks to my mom, dad and sister for your encouragement and love.

Dexheimer, Dana: I would like to thank all of my family for putting up with all of my craziness throughout the years, all of my wonderful nursing girls, and also my grandmother for being an amazing role model. I love and will miss you all!

Freburg, Missie: To my wonderful husband, Tim: words can never express how much your love and support has enabled me to begin fulfilling my dream. Thank you.

Notes of Appreciation Cont.

Frew, Bethany: Thank you Mom, Dad, family and friends for always being there for me and helping me through tough times. I know I would not be the person I am today without you! Love you!

Hill, Jennifer: I would like to thank my family and friends for all of their support throughout my college career. I would like to especially thank my brother Kevin, my boyfriend Nate, and my best friend Stacy for all of their encouragement.

Hohnsbehn, Amanda: I would like to thank my parents and family for all of their love and support. I wish all my nursing girls the best of luck with their careers. Thank you for all of the memories (WTF), and I know I will be seeing you all again very soon!! Thank you to my instructors for having faith in me.

Jackson, Vera: First and foremost I'd like to thank my Lord Savior Jesus Christ who is instrumental in my life in keeping me focused and strengthening me when I'm weak. Also, my family, my husband, kids, and my siblings who gave unwavering support. Thank you.

Jefferson, Melinda: I want to thank my family and friends for all of their support and help when I needed it. I would also like to thank my mom and my boyfriend for being by my side every step of the way.

Joiner, Jakari: I would foremost like to thank God because without Him this would be impossible. To my husband, thank you for putting up with my frustrations, and to my family and friends, thanks for the support.

Jurinak, Janine: Thank you family for your endless love and encouragement, Kevin for being my rock through all my "nursing drama" and all my nursing girls who've been through it all with me, good times & bad, I'll miss you all!

King, Jennifer: I would like to thank my family, especially my mom, for all of their support throughout my time at SIUE; all of my friends: I could not have done it without you; and Tim for being there through all of the stressful days.

Koch, Amy: Special thanks to my family for all their support. Thank you to all the instructors for helping me succeed academically and to all my friends who have made my college experience one I will never forget!

Koss, Kelly: I would like to thank my family for all the wonderful support they have given me. Thank you so much mom and dad for helping me through this. You have been truly amazing.

Notes of Appreciation Cont.

Kotecki, Susan: I would like to thank my Dad and Jim for both supporting and encouraging me through school in their own special ways, and my mom for showing me that nursing is a very hard profession, but by being a nurse I can really make a difference in the world, like she has.

Laack, Callie: I want to first thank God for giving me the strength and guidance I needed to make it to this day. I want to also thank my awesome parents and family for loving me and supporting me through everything. Without you all I would not have made it! Thanks and I love you all!

Lance, Stephanie: I would like to thank my parents for supporting me financially throughout my education and thank you to both my husband and my parents for giving me the confidence I needed to succeed.

Landt, Sarah: Thank you to my family, friends, and teachers for helping me through everything. Also, a special thanks to my parents for always providing me love and support.

Lash, April: To all those people who supported me and helped me out, and you know who you are. . . I never would have gotten this far without you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Long, Kelli: I want to thank my mom and dad for their support throughout my college years. I couldn't have done it without you! Love Kelli

McConnell, Brooke: I would like to thank my family, friends, and fellow classmates for their love and support over the last four years. I appreciate each and every one of you! Thank you for making this day possible!

Middleton, Brooke: Thank you dad for your financial support and always reminding me to be the best cookie I can be. To my best friend, Mom, thank you for your continued support (financially and emotionally) throughout all of my journeys and giving me the idea to become a nurse. Consider this OUR graduation day from nursing school. And to my brothers, who I look up to greatly, thank you for the weekly phone calls and showing me what else is out there that I can wrap my mind around. Bridgey, Moe and Kelli – I love you girls!

Moore, Daron: I would like to thank my family for their prayers and support, my roommates for putting up with me, and my friends new and old for always being there.

Nance, Amira: I want to thank my faithful parents and friends for always keeping me encouraged and giving me hope through the toughest times. To my instructors, I am blessed to have the knowledge you've passed on to me. God bless you and I love you all!

Notes of Appreciation Cont.

Naumann, Tiffani: I would like to thank my family and friends for all the support they have given me throughout the past four years. I would especially like to thank my fiancé for the love and support he has given me through nursing school.

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Page, Jennifer: Thank you to my family for all your love and support, I couldn't have made it without you! Thank you to my friends for getting me through the hard times at school, and for all the memories made, I will never forget! Thank you to Michael for always being there for me, you are my everything. I love you all!

Petersen, Katie: Thank you so much to my family and friends for supporting me in every way and helping me achieve this goal of mine. I love you all very much. God bless you, Steve – can't wait to see you soon!!

Pettit, Bridgette: To my Mom and Dad – for being the wind beneath my wings. I couldn't be where I am now without your unconditional love and support. I love you! To my friends – you are so special to me. I am so fortunate to have such amazing people in my life.

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Notes of Appreciation Cont.

Salyer, Laura: Thank you to my husband for the encouragement and support to finish school. Thank you to my parents for being a constant support for me. I love you all.

Schaffer, Nanette: My successes, I share with my husband, Marcus, and my mom, Colleen. They made my dream a reality. To the family nurses: Vera, Colleen, and Sandy, thank you for shedding light on my path.

Semple, Leah: I would like to thank my family, and my boyfriend for all the love and support, to all my friends we have made some many wonderful memories together. I would also like to thank all the instructors for sharing their knowledge with us.

Small, Shannon: I would like to thank my family and friends for their love and support. I am incredibly thankful to my husband Patrick and my daughter Hannah. Your endless patience and ability to love unconditionally has been a true gift to me. I love you both.

Strotheide, Jonathan: I would like to thank my sister, brother-in-law, mother, & father for their support, my instructors for their knowledge and guidance, and my fellow classmates for their help in achieving our goal.

Teer, Keyanna: I would like to thank my Dad for providing me with the extra tools I needed to get through this, my Mom, Grandmother, and Aunt for all the support, my sorors for good times, my friends, Linda, and Jakari and other close friends for the study groups, my boyfriend for listening to me whine about exams, and last but not least myself for doing what I needed to do to fulfill my dream.

Wade, Lindsey: Thank you to my mother and father who supported me every step of the way. I could not have made it through school without them. Thanks to my friends, especially my roommate, who kept me sane and on top of things. I wish everyone luck with their career in nursing!!!!

Waldo, Caitlin: I would like to thank Mom, Grandma and Grandpa, Robert, Ev, Dad and my friends for their love and support, for always believing in me, and for standing by me every step of the way. I wouldn't be here today without you – I love you all!

Welch, Ashley: SIUE has been a place of great changes and new adventures for me, and I have loved every minute spent here. Thank you to my Dad and Herm who dropped me off here four years ago, and believed in me and supported me through it all. Thank you to my future husband, Barry, who has spent more time testing me with flashcards than he ever wanted to because he loves me. Thank you to Steve for being a good friend with great advice. To the rest of my family and friends, I could not have done it without you and I love you all! The tassel's worth the hassle!

Notes of Appreciation Cont.

Salyer, Laura: Thank you to my husband for the encouragement and support to finish school. Thank you to my parents for being a constant support for me. I love you all.

White, Ashley: I would like to thank my family for their love and support. I would like to thank my friends for always being there for me and picking me up when I am down. I would like to thank the faculty for giving me the knowledge to be the best nurse that I can be.

Wright, Kimberly: I would like to thank my family and friends for all of their support the last four years, without them I would never have been able to make it. I love you guys!



The Nightingale Pledge (Abridged)

I Solemnly Pledge Myself Before God and
In the Presence of This Assembly:

To pass my life in purity and to practice
my profession faithfully.

I will abstain from whatever is deleterious and
mischievous, and 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, and will hold in
confidence all personal matters committed to my
keeping, and all family affairs coming to my
knowledge in the practice of my profession.

With loyalty will I work with other health care
providers and devote myself to the welfare
of those committed to my care.