



**CAPELLA**  
UNIVERSITY

# Commencement

September 23, 2023

10:00 a.m.

SCHOOL OF **NURSING AND**  
**HEALTH SCIENCES**

COMMENCEMENT 2023  
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## Dear Capella University Graduates, Families, and Friends,

It is with heartfelt joy and enormous pride that I welcome you to Capella University's 2023 commencement ceremony. As the new President of Capella University, a working parent, military veteran, and an adult learner, I deeply understand and appreciate the unique challenges you have navigated to reach this monumental day.

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, esteemed faculty, and dedicated staff, we are profoundly honored to celebrate with you and to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of each of our graduates.

Your academic achievements reflect not just your intellectual pursuits, but your determination, resilience, and unwavering perseverance. The diplomas and certificates you receive today symbolize your accomplishments and your newfound responsibilities—to your community, profession, family, and, most importantly, yourself. Armed with knowledge, skills, and your new degree, you are poised to positively transform your part of the world and inspire others with your journey.

As you participate in today's commencement, you join an impressive legacy of over 125,000 Capella graduates. Your success is a radiant beacon for all of us, illuminated by the dedication and drive you consistently demonstrated throughout your studies.

To the cherished loved ones of our graduates, your role in this achievement is significant and deeply valued. Understanding the balance our learners must strike makes your support and encouragement more cherished. From the depths of our hearts, we extend our sincere gratitude and admiration to you.

Graduates, I encourage you to bask in the joy of this moment—it is one to be savored and remembered with immense pride. We are honored to celebrate with you today. As you embark on the next exciting chapter of your life and career, know that the support of Capella University will steadfastly remain with you.

I invite you to remain connected with your Capella family through our Alumni Association and continue sharing your remarkable achievements.

Congratulations on this phenomenal accomplishment. Here's to your brilliant and boundless future!

Best Wishes,



**Constance St. Germain, EdD, JD**

President, Capella University

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## **Connect. Celebrate. Share.**

Share your photos, thank-yous and inspiration with the hashtag **#CapellaGrad**



Share your ceremony with family, friends and others who are unable to attend.

**Live webcast:** [www.capellavirtualcommencement](http://www.capellavirtualcommencement)

**Commencement information:** [www.capella.edu/commencement](http://www.capella.edu/commencement)

**Photography:** The official commencement photographer for Capella University is GradImages. There will be a photographer taking photos as each graduate crosses the stage.

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## **Commencement Speaker | Chamique Holdsclaw**

Chamique Holdsclaw was born and raised in Queens, NY, she first made her mark as a high school basketball star at Christ The King High School. She later accepted a full athletic scholarship to play collegiately for the perennial Women's Basketball Powerhouse University of Tennessee Lady Volunteers and Hall of Fame Coach Pat Summit. She went on to have a stellar collegiate career that included leading the Lady Vols to three straight NCAA Championships, which was the first time that had ever been accomplished in Women's College Basketball history. After her illustrious college basketball career, which included several All-American honors and countless other awards, Chamique would go on to be the #1 Pick in the 1999 WNBA Draft by the Washington Mystics. Her rookie season was capped with a WNBA Rookie of the Year Award as well as her first of six WNBA All-Star appearances. In 2000 she had the honor of winning an Olympic Gold Medal with Team USA at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games.

Aside from her outstanding athletic career, Chamique has dedicated her life's work to mental health and wellness activism. As of late Chamique has devoted a lot of her focus and time making appearances and speaking at various conferences, panels, and events within the mental health community to share her own personal struggles with depression depicted in her documentary, Mind|Game: The Unquiet Journey of Chamique Holdsclaw, and how she has been able to seek help and manage her own mental health. She is an honorary member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Chamique is an ambassador with the JED Foundation as an advocate for mental health and wellness.

## **Grand Marshal | Kristie Lowry, DNP**

Dr. Kristie Lowry is the Academic Program Director for the School of Nursing and Health Sciences at Capella University. She obtained her bachelor's in nursing degree from Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, her master's degree in nursing leadership from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, and her doctorate in nursing degree from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, Arkansas in 2016. She is a licensed Registered Nurse and has spent over 32 years in nursing and nursing education.

## **Reader | Paul Tonden, MBA**

As Senior Talent Development Consultant at Strategic Education, Inc., Mr. Tonden is responsible for architecting solutions for and monitoring the impact of employee experience, continuous learning, and career development initiatives across the enterprise with a focus on leadership development, DEIB, and whole-person wellness. He holds a BA from Rowan University and an Executive MBA from the Jack Welch Management Institute at Strayer University.

**COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY** ..... **10:00 a.m.**

**Bagpipes** ..... Dan Sheppard, Don Casey, Rebecca Casey

**Processional** ..... *Pomp and Circumstance (Rec)*  
Edward Elgar, Orchestral Academy of Los Angeles

**Color Guard** ..... Air Force ROTC Honor Guard, University of North Texas

**The National Anthem** ..... Lisa Pallen

**Welcome** ..... Constance St. Germain  
President, Capella University

**Commencement Address** ..... Chamique Holdsclaw, B.A.

**Presentation of Candidates for Degrees** .. School of Nursing and Health Sciences

**Conferral of Degrees** ..... Constance St. Germain  
President, Capella University

**Recessional** ..... *Please remain in your seats as the graduates exit the auditorium.*

**Grand Marshal** ..... Kristie Lowry, DNP

**Reader** ..... Paul Tonden, MBA

**Guest safety and conduct**

We're glad you're here to support your Capella University graduate. Enjoy the celebration today, but please don't let your enthusiasm impede on others enjoyment. You can help us make today a safe and joyful occasion by reporting inappropriate behavior to an usher or security. Please comply with requests from venue staff and security regarding facility operations and emergency response procedures. Thank you for respectfully celebrating all of our newest Capella graduates.

# School of **Nursing and Health Sciences**

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Lakesha Abdallahi \*  
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Rheyvonn Trinidad Abueg \*  
Brytle Adams \*  
Khadra Adan \*  
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Gina Cabungcal Balmores \*  
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Chanel Barnett \*  
Raeshana Barr \*  
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Morgan Pearl Barton \*  
Kolleen Barva-Hamlin \*  
Sherese Bearden \*  
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Erniquia Becnel \*  
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Tanya Bell \*  
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Mireille Biki \*  
Remy Binns \*  
Shaquitha Blacknold \*  
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Britany Booker \*  
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Lershoniter Brown \*  
Lisa A. Brown \*  
Schwana Renee Brown \*  
Shelly-Ann Shasheika Brown \*  
Tamia Patrice Brown \*  
Tiana Denise Brown \*  
Timetra Keonte Brown \*  
Clare Brummund \*  
Audrey Bryce \*  
Matilda Oppong Buabeng \*  
Karen Buduan \*  
Beverlee Bulwer Johnson \*  
Shanais Burton \*  
Ashley Bussey \*  
Vannessa Butler-Carter \*  
Carmen Cadavid \*  
Bisi Odunifa Carmichael \*  
Dinah Carrington \*



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Doris W. Chege \*  
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Christina Chery \*  
Julie Chieni \*  
Tenzin Choekyab \*  
Tenzin Choeney \*  
Deborah Cidoine \*  
Nosetalie Penina Cineas \*  
Jordan Clanton \*  
Krystal LeAnn Clark \*  
Claudia Clerger \*  
Jennifer Coburn \*  
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Tiffany Cozart \*  
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Hannah Miquel Crisp \*  
Brandi Cunningham-Detwiler \*  
Kathleen Damestoir \*  
Amanda Dandridge \*  
Susan Darvishi \*  
Debora Dasilva \*  
Talia David \*  
Gabriela Davila \*  
Jennifer Asha Dewitt \*  
Rupinderdeep Dhalle \*  
Alicia Douch \*  
Karen Drain \*  
Kathleen Lavern Drew-Edwards \*  
Paul Duet  
LaQuita S. Dundlow \*  
Keisha Marie Dunkley \*  
Joyce Marie Cortes Dy-Mirandilla \*  
Markeisha Ealey \*  
Kate Ebot \*  
Elizabeth Megan Eidson \*  
Chukwunenye John Ekpecham \*  
Deniel Elder \*  
Ifeoma Blessing Eleje \*  
Sarah Elizabeth Elliott \*  
Samantha Ellis \*  
Cillia Emebu \*  
Jamesia England \*  
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Yewande A Esan \*  
Lourdine Escarment \*  
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Alexis Coryn Felice \*  
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Rachelle Mae Flores \*  
Stephanie Flores \*  
Dedra Flowers \*  
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Tasia Franklin \*  
Robert Fregoso \*  
Ebony L Friend \*  
Lakeshia Gaines \*  
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Ashley Gates \*  
Susan Denae Gates \*  
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Brittany Gholston \*  
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Daria Goodwin-Pegues \*  
Sena Fanta Goshu \*  
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Kasseitta C. Green \*  
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NeKia SheRae Griffin \*  
Maidely Guillaume \*  
Parbati Guragai Pokharel \*  
Dora Gutierrez \*  
Blessed Gwebu \*  
Lucy Janet Gyimah \*  
Abenet Hailu \*  
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Mary Hall \*  
Charmayne Halley \*  
Racheal Handson \*  
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Suzette Andrea Haughton \*  
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Ashlee Nicole Hawley \*  
Ashley Haynes \*  
Tiffany Heard \*  
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Latasha Nicole Henderson \*  
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Rhonda Renee Henry \*  
Kanisha Hereford \*  
Regina Hollis \*  
Amber Holloway \*  
Mitzi Hooker \*  
Sharita D Humphries \*  
Beverly Ann Hunter  
Hugo Ibarra \*  
Fatimah Adenike Ibrahim \*  
Elvis Erhauyi Idehen \*  
Leris Idehen \*

Precious Ikonagbon \*  
Jude Ndudi Isibor \*  
Irene Isa Itoe \*  
Jane Izu \*  
Fatisha Jackson \*  
Shanise Jackson \*  
Angela Jacobson \*  
Hawa Bengelh Jallah \*  
Jana James \*  
Kenyatta James \*  
Brandi Jameson \*  
Jessica Jean \*  
Murline Jean-Charles \*  
Leonne Feldy Jean-Paul Ossavou \*  
Linda Jeune \*  
Grace Jimoh \*  
Alicia Johnson \*  
Cathy Denise Johnson \*  
Debrika Johnson \*  
Georgian Johnson \*  
Lakeysha Shermease Johnson \*  
Tefanie Johnson \*  
Tonika Johnson \*  
Sheretta Elizabeth Jones \*  
Tonika Jones \*  
Komeka Jordan \*  
Mona Joy Journiette Glenn \*  
Debbie Jules Gaspard \*  
Alicia Justice \*  
Edward Kabia \*  
Christina Kam \*  
Damaris Kamanda \*  
Fatmata Sorie Kamara \*  
Mangeh Kamara \*  
Alzaouza Kamate \*  
Placida Kanhema \*  
Fasil Tegegn Kebede  
Anita Ken Switzer \*  
Sengsoulianh Khamnouane \*

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Grace Kinyanjui-Gaffey \*  
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Satoko Kuwakami \*  
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Gino Laidlaw \*  
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Shirley Lewis \*  
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Christopher Mayowa Ogunsanya *	Mae Puyot *
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Sharee Sewell \*  
Mahlet Shanko \*  
Latisha S Shannon  
Trice Shaw \*  
Tesfa Shiferaw \*  
Mma Shukur \*  
Esther Simiyu \*  
Marsha Simmonds \*  
Troy Simmons \*  
Devin Morae Sims \*  
Jabou Singhateh \*  
Sheila Marie Dela Cruz Sioson \*  
Jennifer Dee Skalko \*  
Quintoria Sligh \*  
Ashley Smith \*  
Ashley Smith \*  
Chelsea Smith \*  
Ebony Smith \*  
Joia Smith \*  
Kimberly Smith \*  
Kontiki Smith \*  
Natalie Smith \*  
Pier J. Smith \*  
Shakina E Smith \*  
Todd Smith \*  
Carla Genita Sowell \*  
Melodi Spearman \*  
Cristina Spegon \*  
Tiffany Denise Speights \*  
Saradean Spence \*  
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Kiante Stamps-Broomfield \*  
Montrell Stevens \*  
Sandy Stewart \*  
Moriah Alyssa Stiles \*  
Sarah Subrick \*  
Rafath Sultana \*  
Bernina Theatta Sutphin \*  
Deanna Marie Sutton \*  
Zhadelle M Swann \*  
Sonnie Swaray \*  
Rachel Tadesse \*  
Jennifer Tarantino \*  
Bate Tarkang \*  
Monika Thapa \*  
Brittany Tiara Thomas \*  
Jalonda Thomas \*  
Renata Thomas \*  
Phyliss Thompson \*  
Darline Njionhou Tillinghast \*  
Liliane Nyonglemuga Timma \*  
Berra Bekele Toka \*  
Crystal Tolliver \*  
Nishma Tonge \*  
Reneika Travis \*  
Lakou Tyra Tray \*  
Stella Twumasi \*  
Carlisha Tyree \*  
Frances Amber Tyson \*  
Isioma Eunice Utomi \*  
Osaro Joy Uwagboe \*  
Michelle Diana Vernon  
Paola Vigil \*

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Samuel Watson \*  
Kimberley Wedderburn \*  
Cristy Weems \*  
OcShabba Wells \*  
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Damacia Nishay Williams \*  
Jaymie Williams \*  
Keeya Williams \*  
LaTrisha D. Williams  
Shaunel Rose Williams \*  
Stephanie Evette Williams \*  
Vivian Danielle Williams \*  
Rochelle Wolff \*  
Jabot A Woodard \*  
Sherri Woodley-Scott \*  
Michelle Wyman \*  
Jennifer Yates \*  
Marissa Teana Young \*  
Anastasia Nicole ZayZay Diaz \*  
Ashley Raquel Zilkha \*  
Kailee Zimmerman \*  
Esonigbe Faith Zubair \*

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

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Olushola Ajape \*  
Aderonke Aladekoba-Eruaga \*  
Senthiana Thermidor Alexis \*  
Elizabeth Anderson  
Ashanti C Anglin \*  
Godfred Ankomah \*  
Angela Latimer Anyanwu \*  
Jessica Kerwin Ardoin \*  
Caroline Kemunto Areba \*  
Aniesha Arnold \*  
Keita Shaunte Banks \*  
Tawana Barham \*  
Dominique Bazanos \*  
Erniquia Becnel \*  
Tachannah Bennett \*  
Cassandra Bertrand \*  
Remy Binns \*  
Olivia Denise Blackburn \*  
Tara Roychell Blair \*  
Miriam Kwabea Boadi \*  
Louise Brown \*  
Timetra Keonte Brown \*  
Tsohi A. Brown \*  
Clare Brummund \*  
Monique Bryant \*  
Amy Susan Burgner \*  
Ashley Bussey \*  
Marites Campos \*  
Trista Campos \*  
Tonya Casanova \*  
Danielle Marie Casteel \*  
Claresa Ceola Chapman \*  
Lena Charles \*  
Beatrice Chery \*  
Jacqueline Childs \*  
Felicia Choyce \*  
Amanda Ciardiello \*  
Tequila Cole Barber \*  
Kizzie T Conner \*  
Cherelle Cook \*  
Laura Correa \*  
Rose Ann Corso \*  
Twanda Crawford \*

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING** *continued*

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Kathleen Damestoir \*  
Amanda Dandridge \*  
Irma Fabiola Davila \*  
Mignaliz De Jesus \*  
Tracey DeAngelis \*  
Jasmine DesBoine  
Jennifer Asha Dewitt \*  
Jade Ann Diaz \*  
Karen Drain \*  
Karmesha Duke \*  
LaQuita S. Dundlow \*  
Markeisha Ealey \*  
Ifeoma Blessing Eleje \*  
Cillia Emebu \*  
Traci Michelle Endres \*  
Aiesha Faulkner  
Tasia Franklin \*  
Annette Babineaux Freeman \*  
Robert Fregoso \*  
Ebony L Friend \*  
Yenisleidy Fuentes \*  
Tameika Gadio \*  
Martha Guadalupe Garcia \*  
Holly Garduno \*  
Maggie Marie Garrison  
Ashley Gates \*  
Caroline Briana Gates \*  
Adiatu Gatón \*  
Alycia Gibson \*  
Latasha Michelle Gibson \*  
Daria Goodwin-Pegues \*  
Angela D. Gordon \*  
Angelica Luz Cancio Gorrez \*  
Nicole Tiffany Binayan Grandeza \*  
Shantei Monique Gregg \*  
Priscilla Guerrero \*  
Mark K Gyau \*  
Charmayne Halley  
Kanesha Hamilton \*  
Renata L. Harris \*  
Chique Henderson \*  
Cecilia Simone Henry \*  
Luann Tracey Henry \*  
Rhonda Renee Henry \*  
Kanisha Hereford \*  
Allison Jennie Herrera \*  
Jonnalyn Herrera \*  
Melinda Hild \*  
Walletta Hogans \*  
Choiya Howard-Buckner \*  
Elvis Erhauyi Idehen \*  
Leris Idehen \*  
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## DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE

### **Arcelyn Abas**

*Implementing a Care Pathway for Screening and Referral for Diabetes in TB Patients*

Mentor: Catherine Fant

### **Olufemi Michael Adetunji \***

*Improving Bipolar Disorder Screening in Outpatient Mental Health Clinic: A Quality Improvement Project*

### **Olushola Ajape \***

*Addressing Preeclampsia (Gestational Hypertension) Through Online Self-Care Education*

### **Helen Baker**

*Implementing an Evidence-Based Decision Tool to Reduce Days on Telemetry*

Mentor: Mattie Burton

### **Queenta Banack \***

*Medication Adherence for Adult Patients With Diabetes Mellitus: An Educational Intervention*

### **Samantha Beatrice Bell**

*The Impact of Postpartum Nurses, Including Post-Birth Warning Signs, to Educate Postpartum Patients Before Discharge*

Mentor: Robin Anselm

### **Kimberly Denise Carlyle**

*Implementation of the Dynamic Appraisal of Situational Aggression Youth Version and Standardized Handoff to Reduce Staff Harm*

Mentor: Peggy Soper

### **Loretta Carruthers \***

*Use of a Daily Shift Huddle to Improve Patient Satisfaction*

### **Kerri Ann Checa \***

*Stopping Elderly Falls Intervention Project*

### **Tamara Adele Clapper**

*Decreasing Central Venous Line Bloodstream Infections in the Critical Care Unit Through the Implementation of Alcohol-Impregnated Caps to All Accessible Central Venous Line Ports*

Mentor: Amanda Graham

### **Katrina Cook**

*Using the Teach-Back Method to Reduce Hospital Readmissions of Patients With Heart Failure*

Mentor: Rosemary Biddle-Childress

### **Michelle Issah Suyu Danao**

*Implementation of Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection Protocol*

Mentor: Angela D. Saathoff

### **Nancy M Day**

*An Orthopedic Patient and Caregiver Safe Transfer and Mobility Education Program to Decrease Unplanned Hospital Readmissions*

Mentor: Mary Ann Anderson

### **Michele Distler \***

*Reducing the Patient Falls on a Transplant Floor*

### **Blessing Cordilia Egede \***

*Diabetes Mobile Application*

## DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE continued

### **Donna Marie Esposito**

*Reducing 30-Day Readmissions in Heart Failure Patients*

Mentor: Rosemary Biddle-Childress

### **Terri Evans \***

*Implementing a Fall Prevention Toolkit in a Home Health Care Setting: A Quality Improvement Project*

### **Alexis Coryn Felice \***

*Increasing Melanoma Screenings of African Americans in Dermatological Practice*

### **Dulce Gutierrez**

*Diabetes Telehealth and Office Visit Program to Decrease Average Home Blood Glucose Levels*

Mentor: Terry Throckmorton

### **Michael Hamburg**

*Reducing Emergency Room Decision to Admit Times*

Mentor: Terry Throckmorton

### **Gasha Hewitt**

*Implementing a Transition of Care Team to Decrease Heart Failure Hospital Readmissions for Home-Based Members of a Managed Long-Term Care Plan*

Mentor: Mary Ann Anderson

### **Carolyn Hughes \***

*Nurse-Applied Weighted Blankets for Reduced Antipsychotic Prevalence Rate Within a Long-Term Care Setting*

### **Genevieve Tayag Hutson**

*Pain Assessment and Documentation Compliance in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit*

Mentor: Angela Saathoff

### **Sherelle Handy James**

*Effectiveness of a Heart Failure Checklist and Patient Education on Decreasing 30-Day Hospital Readmissions in Heart Failure Patients*

Mentor: Megan O'Connor

### **Sukhvinder Kaur \***

*Enhanced Recovery Medical (ERM) Within an Inpatient Hospital Setting*

### **Karen Long**

*Improving the Patient Experience While Admitted to an Inpatient General Medicine Unit*

Mentor: Susan Hale

### **Debra Mann \***

*PABA Fall Prevention Program Project Doctoral Project Report*

### **Mindy McCann \***

*Fungal Skin Infection Prevention and Identification*

### **Kamesha Roshun Mitchell \***

*5A's of Smoking Cessation*

### **Enos Kenneth Moss, Jr.**

*Patient Portal Engagement Protocol*

Mentor: Terry Throckmorton

### **Anthony Onyeka Nkwuaku**

*Health Literacy Assessment in Underserved Communities: Impact on Medication Adherence*

Mentor: Mary Elizabeth Teixeira

### **Golda Ntali**

*Implementing a Sleep Bundle to Improve Patient Sleep Quality in a Progressive Care Unit*

Mentor: Rosemary Biddle-Childress

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## DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE continued

### **Breanna Olden \***

*Fall Prevention in the Older Adult Population*

### **Innocent Omale \***

*Using the Medication Adherence Project (MAP) Toolkit to Manage Medication Adherence in Diabetic Patients*

### **Ronald Eugene Osea**

*Implementation and Evaluation of a Nurse Driven Early Mobilization Plan for Postsurgical Total Joints Orthopedic Patients in an Academic Medical Center*  
Mentor: Rosemary Biddle-Childress

### **Carla Jackson Patton**

*Implementation of a Nurse-Led Communication Bundle to Improve Patient Satisfaction in the Primary Care Clinics*  
Mentor: Catherine Suttle

### **Simi Jacqueline Pottoore**

*Improvement of Patient Satisfaction through Telemedicine in Pediatric Outpatient Clinic: A Quality Improvement Project*  
Mentor: Jill Schramm

### **Bianca Y. Pruitt \***

*Improving Medical Case Managers' Proficiency in Virtual Care Coordination*

### **Caleb Mauti Reid**

*Nurse-Driven Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI) Prevention Bundle*  
Mentor: Kimberly Nerud

### **Jennifer Remigio-Mandac**

*The Implementation of the CDC'S STEADI Program in a Long-Term Care Facility to Reduce Fall Rates in Older Adults*  
Mentor: Susan Hale

### **Anne Reynolds**

*Improving the Recognition of Patient Deterioration and Escalation of Care Utilizing the Pediatric Early Warning System Score in the Pediatric Population*  
Mentor: Mary Ann Anderson

### **Stacey Joy Reynolds \***

*Decreasing Falls on a Geriatric Psychiatric Unit*

### **Angela Ritz \***

*Effects of a Post-Discharge Telephone Follow-Up Call on Readmission Rates and Patient Satisfaction Scores*

### **Kafilat Salawu \***

*Quality Improvement: Identifying Cancer Patients at Risk for Developing Steroid-Induced Hyperglycemia During Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy at a Cancer Center*

### **Celesta Seaton \***

*Using STEADI to Keep Rehabilitation Patients Steady*

### **Shobha Sharma**

*Implementation of the Teach-Back Method With Follow-Up Telephone Calls to Increase Patient Adherence to Treatment for Control of Blood Pressure*  
Mentor: Terry Throckmorton

## **DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE** *continued*

### **Demetri Meyeaal Smith**

*Effects of Central Line-Associated  
Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI)  
Management Bundle on the  
Treatment of CLABSI*

Mentor: Megan O'Connor

### **Caroline Mumbi Waweru-Wanyoike \***

*The Efficacy of Hourly Rounding  
in Minimizing Falls Among Term  
Care Patients*

### **Marve Wright**

*Improving Falls Through a  
Bundled Approach*

Mentor: Peggy Soper

### **Laura Estella Ybarra**

*Implementing a Spiritual Care Toolkit to  
Affect Nurses' and Patients' Perceptions  
of Spiritual Care*

Mentor: Mary Ann Anderson

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## DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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*Evidence-Based Intervention to Improve Breastfeeding Self-Efficacy and Knowledge Among Pregnant or Planning to Become Pregnant African American Women*

Mentor: Lawanda Warthen

### **Jennifer Arp**

*Understanding the Knowledge and Attitudes of Health Care Professionals While Applying an Evidence-Based Practice Intervention, With Those Working in Crisis and Intervention Services and Other Inpatient Behavioral Health Units*

Mentor: Oreta Samples

### **Tamesha Barnes**

*Identifying Factors That Contribute to The Increase of Emergency Room Utilization in Rural Communities of East Texas*

Mentor: Melissa Singer Pressman

### **Semone Maria Ben-Bani**

*Creating a Culture of a Workplace Wellness Program*

Mentor: Lalita Bandyopadhyay

### **Joanna Casimir**

*A Systematic Review of Diabetes Intervention Programs and Their Impact on Diabetes Incidence, Patient Weight and Blood Sugar*

Mentor: Delores Cauthen

### **Andrea Renea Connor**

*Infection Control and Prevention for Hospital Staff*

Mentor: James Worthy

### **Tecoye E. Dinkins**

*Musculoskeletal Injury Prevention: Evidence-Based Health Education Training to Improve Knowledge and Confidence of Physical and Occupational Therapy Providers to Provide Tailored Prevention Outreach*

Mentor: Amanda Graham

### **Godfrey Echendu**

*Evaluating Knowledge, Attitude, and Practice of Peer-Navigators After Evidence Based Practice Training*

Mentor: Faith Foreman-Hays

### **Tabitha Lynn Hall**

*Relationship of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Training and Caregivers to Provide a Healthy Environment for Their Children*

Mentor: Lawanda Warthen

### **Melissa Nicole Hardman**

*Assessing the Value of an Evidence Based Cultural Engagement Training for Improvement of Knowledge, Attitude and Practice Toward Site Cultural Competency for Clinicians Involved in the Recruitment of Diverse Patients Into Clinical Trials*

Mentor: James Gambone

### **Cassandra Ingles**

*Value of Respiratory Panel Assay When Testing General Public With Respiratory Illness Symptoms*

Mentor: Delores Cauthen

### **Tarakee Monique Jackson**

*Cultural Competency Training for the Improvement of Community-Based Participant Training*

Mentor: Oreta Samples

## DOCTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH *continued*

### **LaJessica Johnson**

*Improving Infection Prevention and Control of COVID-19 Among Healthcare Workers*

Mentor: Salimah El-Amin

### **Jo-Ann Jones**

*Meta-Analysis of Published Evidence Based Practice Interventions Targeting Health Care Workers Suffering From the Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic*

Mentor: Amy Mattison-Faye

### **Odoo McCallum**

*Prevention, Screening, and Management of Prescription Opioid Misuse and Opioid Use Disorder in Adolescents*

Mentor: John Nemecek

### **Angela Shadaryn Mixon**

*Georgia Employers Working With Adults With Autism*

Mentor: Lawanda Warthen

### **Zahra Mohammed**

*Polio Vaccine Hesitancy in Karachi, Pakistan, and Strategies for Promoting Vaccine Acceptance*

Mentor: Sheree Keitt

### **Miracle Okoye**

*The Implementation of Project Bone Marrow Transplant Electronic Team Tracking in Redcap*

Mentor: James Gambone

### **Jacquelyn Quarles-Joseph**

*The Effect of a Community-Based Diabetes Self-Management Education Program to Improve Health Outcomes of Native American in Massachusetts*

Mentor: Amanda Graham

### **Glennnda Genean Roberts**

*Cultural Competency Training Intervention Focused on African American Patients With Hypertension*

Mentor: Amy Mattison-Faye

### **Yudith A Staskey**

*The Needle Exchange Program and the Evidence-Based Practice to Improve Knowledge and Best Practices*

Mentor: Amy Mattison-Faye

### **Shentaria Steward**

*Using an Evidence Based Practice as a Means of Increasing the Knowledge and Awareness of Nursing Instructors Regarding Learning Styles*

Mentor: Oreta Samples

### **Yesenia Lucia Tapia Rodriguez**

*Safe Sleep Training for Healthcare Providers: Improving Knowledge, Awareness, and Skills About Safe Sleep Practices*

Mentor: Amy Mattison-Faye

### **Gloria Uzo Ubani Nwukoro**

*Exploring the Role of Caseworkers in Establishing Rapid Rehousing for Homeless Individuals*

Mentor: Melissa Singer Pressman

### **Ifeanyichukwu Paulinus Uzor**

*Reducing Maternal Mortalities in the Rural Communities of Nigeria: A Systematic Action Research Study*

Mentor: Amy Mattison-Faye

### **Commencement programs**

This program is not an official graduation list. While every effort is made to ensure accuracy in this commencement program, printing deadlines sometimes prevent inclusion of candidates' names or may contain the names of persons who have not yet completed their graduation requirements. Graduates are listed once for each degree and/or certificate they have earned. Therefore, multiple listings of an individual indicate they have earned more than one academic credential. Degrees and honors will be awarded only upon successful completion of all requirements. This printed program, therefore, should not be used to determine a student's academic or degree status. The university's official registry for conferral of degrees is the student's academic record, maintained by the Registrar's Office, 225 South 6th Street, 9th Floor, Minneapolis, MN 55402.

### **Alumni Association and Career Services**

Congratulations on completing your program! We now welcome you to the Capella Alumni Association. Your membership is free, and we invite you to explore your new benefits and opportunities.

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### **The Capella University Mace Origin and Use**

At commencement, a mace symbolizes the authority of the Capella University president to award degrees. The mace precedes the president and chancel party in the ceremonial procession. Capella University's mace has been in use since 2000. The head of the mace is a copper representation of the globe, topped by the Capella University emblem and motto. The globe is supported by a carved wooden shaft, is nearly three feet in length and weighs four pounds.



In medieval times, the mace was a fighting weapon effective at penetrating armor in battle. Composed of a shaft adorned with a heavy head studded with blades, the mace came to be associated with the protection of the sovereign rulers of



England and France and was carried by the king's sergent-at-arms and other royal bodyguards. As long-range weapons were developed, such as the long bow and the musket, the mace became a ceremonial object.

In the thirteenth century, the mace was featured in processions of city mayors and other dignitaries, and academic institutions began to use the mace in the pageantry of ceremonial occasions. Today, the British House of Commons and the U.S. House of Representatives have official maces as do most universities and colleges in the United States and abroad.

### **Academic Regalia Origin and Use**

The academic regalia worn today originated in the Middle Ages. The distinctive gown served to set the faculty and students apart from other citizens. Until after the Civil War, students at most American universities wore caps and gowns daily. They varied in design until they were standardized by the American Intercollegiate Commission in 1894. Bachelor's gowns were to be made of worsted material with pointed sleeves; master's gowns of silk with long, closed sleeves; and doctor's gowns of silk with longer sleeves, faced with black velvet from neck to back, and with three velvet bands around each sleeve above the elbow. Hoods are made of the same materials as the gowns, the length varying with the degree. The lining of the hood identifies the highest degree-granting university by its colors. Capella University's regalia colors are red and black.

The border of the hood indicates the academic disciplines in which the degree is earned:

#### **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD – all disciplines)**

**Royal blue**          Philosophy

#### **PROFESSIONAL DOCTORATE, MASTER'S, BACHELOR'S DEGREES, AND CERTIFICATES**

**Drab**                  Business

**Lemon yellow**      Technology

**Light blue**          Education and Counseling

**Peacock blue**      Public Service Leadership and Human Services

**Apricot**              Nursing

**Salmon pink**        Health

**Gold**                  Psychology

**Citron**                Social Work

## Academic Honors

Many of our graduates are wearing colored cords to signify that they are honors recipients. They have earned this distinction by maintaining a high grade point average and by completing other requirements for university honors.

Baccalaureate degrees with honors are conferred upon students who have earned the following grade point averages:

- *summa cum laude*, 3.850–4.000 GPA (gold cord)
- *magna cum laude*, 3.750–3.849 GPA (silver cord)
- *cum laude*, 3.500–3.749 GPA (cardinal cord)

Master's degrees with honors are conferred upon students who have earned a grade point average of 3.850 or higher. These graduates are wearing a bronze and gold double cord.

## FlexPath

Although they do not wear honors cords, our FlexPath graduates should be commended on their outstanding achievement. Capella's Academic Recognition Policy is founded solely upon achievements in grade point average, which is factored with an A–F grading system and a course's credit value. Because FlexPath is competency-based, direct-assessment and self-paced, it has neither A–F grading nor fixed terms (which standardizes academic credit). So even though FlexPath requires strong academic performance, learners in this delivery model are not eligible for formal academic recognition.

## Military Honors

In recognition of their service to our country, active-duty and veteran military-affiliated graduates may wear a red, white and blue military cord with their regalia. This cord was created by Jostens and was introduced for the first time at Capella's winter 2016 commencement ceremonies.

Please join us in thanking these graduates and their families for their service and sacrifice.

## Alpha Phi Sigma

Congratulations to the honor society members of Alpha Phi Sigma. Your dedicated pursuit and successful attainment of your respective degrees will allow you to make a difference in your communities as future practitioners, educators, researchers and leaders. Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society distinguishes undergraduate and graduate students for academic excellence in the criminal

justice field. The goals of Alpha Phi Sigma are to honor and promote academic excellence, community service, educational leadership and unity. On behalf of the Alpha Phi Sigma, we applaud you for reaching this important milestone.

### **Chi Sigma Iota**

Congratulations to the inducted members of the Capella Chi Upsilon Chi (CUC) chapter of Chi Sigma Iota (CSI), the national counseling honor society. CSI promotes scholarship, research, professionalism, leadership, advocacy and excellence in counseling, by recognizing high attainment in the pursuit of academic and clinical excellence. Capella members of CSI-CUC maintained a rigorous GPA and demonstrated a commitment to the counseling profession throughout their graduate program. The executive committee looks forward to serving its alumni as they transform into their new roles as professional counselors.

### **Delta Alpha Pi**

Congratulations to the graduates of the Zeta Chi Chapter of Delta Alpha Pi International Honor Society. Delta Alpha Pi highlights the academic achievements of learners with disabilities across all programs and schools. Take a moment to recall the path you have traveled to get where you are today. You have demonstrated leadership skills, advocacy for yourselves and others, and have served as role models for other learners with disabilities. Most importantly, your hard work and dedication have overcome the obstacles and challenges that stood in your way. Congratulations on your success as a graduate of Capella University.

### **Delta Kappa**

Congratulations to the honor society members of the PI Chapter of Delta Kappa, the International Marriage and Family Therapy Honor Society. These graduates are wearing red and gold honor cords. Delta Kappa recognizes the achievements of current students as well as practitioners already in the field who have achieved distinction and continue to make significant contributions to the field. Capella members of Delta Kappa maintained a rigorous GPA of 3.75 or higher. As the official honor society for the field of marriage and family therapy, Delta Kappa serves to further and complement the fine work being done by the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, the American Family Therapy Academy, and the International Family Therapy Association.

### **Delta Mu Delta**

Congratulations to the graduates of the Xi Delta chapter of the Delta Mu Delta Honor Society! These graduates are wearing antique gold and royal purple honor cords. Delta Mu Delta's mission is to encourage higher scholarship and to recognize and reward scholastic achievement in business programs. Delta Mu

Delta membership is a mark of excellence in business studies. It communicates to employers, family, friends and colleagues that the student has demonstrated exceptional work in his or her academic studies. It signals to the world that the student has a commitment to excellence in the classroom, a desire for leadership and service to the community, and willingness to set personal high standards.

### **Epsilon Pi Phi**

Congratulations to the honor society members of Epsilon Pi Phi! Today, we recognize the accomplishments of the undergraduate, graduate and doctorate honor society members of Epsilon Pi Phi of Capella University, School of Public Service Leadership and Education. Epsilon Pi Phi Honor Society distinguishes undergraduate and graduate students for academic excellence in the field of emergency management, homeland security, disaster research and science, criminal justice, and continuity management disciplines. On behalf of the Epsilon Pi Phi, we applaud you for reaching this important milestone.

### **Kappa Delta Pi**

Congratulations to the graduates of the Alpha Kappa Theta chapter of the Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education. Membership in this prestigious organization indicates a high standard of achievement by being in the top 18% of the School of Education. Graduates are wearing green and purple honor cords which symbolize adherence to the organization's Ideals of Fidelity to Humanity, Science, Service, and Toil on which Kappa Delta Pi was founded. Members also endorse KDP's motto of Knowledge, Duty, and Power. Each member exhibits commendable professional qualities and sound scholarship. Alpha Kappa Theta pledges our support as you now carry on KDP's legacy of fostering excellence in education.

### **National Society of Leadership and Success**

The National Society of Leadership and Success is so proud and pleased to congratulate our current members on their graduation from Capella University! Our mission is to build leaders who make a better world. Our members are more in touch with who they are as leaders and are ready to pay it forward, to serve within their community and beyond. They have made a commitment to pursue Success – take Action – seek and clarify their Purpose. They have embraced the idea that more can be achieved when we work together. They have made a commitment to always create a shared vision, challenge the status quo, inspire positive action, empower others and seek constant improvement. They have begun to live the mission and values upon which the NSLS was founded and have taken an active role in becoming successful leaders at Capella University. NSLS members, congratulations again on your graduation, and never forget you are a leader who will build a better world.

### **Omega Gamma, Sigma Theta Tau International**

Congratulations to the graduates of the Omega Gamma chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, International. The Omega Gamma chapter is a part of Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI). Membership invitations are extended to baccalaureate and graduate nursing learners who demonstrate the values of Sigma Theta Tau and excellence in nursing scholarship. In recognition of their membership to Omega Gamma, the affiliated graduates may wear the purple and white STTI honor cords with their regalia symbolizing they have been inducted into Omega Gamma and STTI. On behalf of the Omega Gamma Chapter, we applaud you for achieving this prestigious honor.

### **Phi Alpha**

Congratulations to the graduates of the Phi Tau Chapter of the Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society. These graduates are wearing blue and gold honor cords. Phi Alpha recognizes the achievements of current students who have achieved academic distinction and will continue to make significant contributions to the field. Capella members of Phi Alpha rank in the top 35% of the MSW Class. Phi Alpha fosters high standards of education for social workers and invites into membership those who have attained excellence in scholarship and achievement in social work.

### **Pi Alpha Alpha**

Congratulations to the honor society members of Pi Alpha Alpha! Today, we recognize the accomplishments of the members of Pi Alpha Alpha of Capella University, School of Public Service Leadership & Education. Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society recognizes outstanding scholarship and accomplishments in public affairs and administrations by those within the public service disciplines. On behalf of the Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society, we applaud you for your hardwork and for achieving this goal.

### **Psi Chi**

Congratulations to the graduates of the Capella chapter of Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology. The mission of Psi Chi is to recognize and promote excellence in the science and application of psychology. Psi Chi members must achieve and maintain a rigorous GPA. Advisors and members of the Capella chapter of Psi Chi applaud you for reaching this milestone and as you move forward in the field of psychology.

### **About Capella University**

Founded in 1993, Capella University is dedicated to providing flexible, professionally aligned online degree programs designed to help working adults advance in their careers. As of December 31, 2022, more than 41,000 students

were enrolled in Capella's bachelor's, master's, doctoral, and certificate programs. Known for its commitment to learner success, academic quality, and innovations in online education, Capella pioneered competency-based direct assessment programs, allowing students to learn at their own pace.

Capella University is named for the twin star Capella, which is a pair of stars orbiting a common center. The name represents our philosophy of learning as a dynamic and collegial partnership between Capella and our learners.

### **Our Mission**

The mission of Capella University is to extend access to high-quality bachelor's, master's, specialist, doctoral and certificate programs for adults who seek to achieve their personal and professional potential. This mission is fulfilled through innovative programs that are responsive to the needs of adults and involve active, engaging, challenging, relevant learning experiences.

### **Educational Philosophy**

At Capella University, we believe education transforms people's lives and society immediately and permanently. The innovative, intentionally designed competency-based education we offer enables adult learners to meet challenges in their careers, lead and make new contributions in their disciplines and reach their professional and personal goals. Our educational pathways respect existing expertise and allow learners to focus on what is essential, as they gain new competencies and expand on those they already have. The credentials they earn are signs of the professional relevancy, quality and immediate applicability of their educational experience at Capella University and help to create new opportunities in the future. As partners in their education, we proudly serve the lifelong learning ambitions that allow our learners, alumni, their many communities and our broader society to thrive.

### **Accreditation**

Capella University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission ([hlcommission.org](http://hlcommission.org)), an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

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