



Linfield University School of Nursing

# **PINNING CEREMONY**

Sunday, May 31, 2026



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OPENING REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT.....Mark Blegen

GREETINGS FROM THE PROVOST.....Beth Concepción

WELCOME AND REMARKS.....Paul Smith, dean and professor of nursing

TBSN STUDENT SPEAKER.....Kelsie Williams

INTRODUCTION OF TBSN GRADUATES.....Scott Campbell, assistant professor of practice

ABSN STUDENT SPEAKER.....Amy Mendez-Vargas

INTRODUCTION OF ABSN GRADUATES.....Anne Schwartz, assistant professor of practice

MEPN STUDENT SPEAKER.....Jess McGough

INTRODUCTION OF MEPN GRADUATES.....Kristen Krum, assistant professor of nursing

STUDENT AWARDS.....Julie Fitzwater, associate dean and associate professor of nursing

Senior Honors in Nursing Award

Professional Excellence in Nursing Award

Wilma Pope Alumni Award

DAISY AWARDS.....Julie Fitzwater

The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Students

CLOSING REMARKS.....Julie Fitzwater



## **HISTORY OF THE SCHOOL OF NURSING**

Emily Loveridge arrived in Portland from Bellevue Hospital's School of Nursing in 1890. As one of only three graduate nurses in Portland at the time, she recognized the need for qualified nurses. On June 1 that year, she opened the first school of nursing in the Northwest at Good Samaritan Hospital. The program emphasized teaching theoretical and practical knowledge, sound character development and an unrelenting focus on patient care. In the 40 years she served Good Samaritan Hospital, Loveridge established a tradition of excellence and professionalism in nursing that inspired generations to come.

Good Samaritan nurses and alumni have played critical roles for more than a century in responding to the health care needs of the region, the country and the world. They have been on the front lines during some of the region's most significant events, including helping victims of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, providing medical care overseas during World Wars I and II, serving the community during the 1918 influenza epidemic and, more recently, vaccinating people against COVID-19. Lloydena Grimes became director of nursing in 1952, a role she filled for 30 years. During her tenure, Good Samaritan's School of Nursing went through significant changes in its student life and modernized its curriculum. A scholarship in her honor exists to this day.

In 1982, in response to a national trend for nursing education to be a part of colleges and universities, the Good Samaritan Hospital School of Nursing became the Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing under the auspices of Linfield College.

The Loveridge and Good Samaritan legacy remain part of today's School of Nursing. With its history, the Linfield School of Nursing remains the longest running nursing school in the Northwest and continues to evolve to meet the needs of new generations of nurses. The faculty are leaders in nursing education, pioneering advances in patient care, sustainability and curriculum development. The school awarded its first graduate degree – a Master of Science in Nursing – in August 2021 and started the state's first Master's Entry into Professional Nursing program in 2023.

To accommodate continued interest and enrollment growth in nursing, the Linfield School of Nursing moved to the 20-acre Linfield University Portland Campus located in northeast Portland in 2021, where it currently resides – complete with Loveridge Hall – today.

## **THE TRADITION OF PINNING**

The origins of the pinning ceremony date back to the 12th century Crusades in Europe. During this time, many knights became nurses and joined the military to care for the sick and wounded. The knights wore black tunics over armor and white Maltese crosses to distinguish them from the soldiers and protect them from harm.

In the mid-1800s, Queen Victoria awarded the Red Cross of St. George to Florence Nightingale for her care of injured British soldiers during the Crimean War. Nightingale believed in acknowledging a job well done and presented a medal of excellence to her hardest working nursing students to encourage students to provide care even in challenging and sometimes dangerous situations.

By 1916, each school of nursing bestowed pins on all graduates at program completion in a special ceremony. At that time, there wasn't a nursing licensure exam, so the pin served to identify graduates as nurses and show proof of their education.

School pins are unique – linking students with a specific program. The Linfield nursing pin, representing the history of its school of nursing, marks the completion of a student's nursing education and symbolizes a commitment to serving patients, families and communities in their nursing practice.

# THE DAISY AWARD FOR EXTRAORDINARY NURSING STUDENTS

In 1999, at the age of 33, Patrick Barnes was diagnosed with the autoimmune disease ITP (Immune Thrombocytopenia). His family was fortunate to spend the eight weeks of Patrick's hospitalization with him. During those weeks, they experienced the best of nursing. While they expected great clinical care, they did not expect the incredible kindness and compassion shown to Patrick and them every day, even when Pat was completely sedated. It eased their minds, and the nurses' sensitivity to the situation made a great difference in the hospital experience. The nurses helped the family through the darkest hours of their lives with soft voices of comfort and strong, loving hugs.

After Pat died, the Barnes family knew they wanted to honor him, to somehow turn their grief into something that would help fill the giant hole in their hearts that Patrick's passing had left. The family kept coming back to conversations about his nurses, and that's when they decided to say "Thank You" for the gifts nurses give their patients and families every day, just as they had experienced.

Pat's wife, Tena, developed the acronym DAISY, which stands for Diseases Attacking the Immune System. The DAISY Award has been adopted by thousands of healthcare organizations and schools of nursing in the U.S. and around the world.

Students with a true calling to nursing never lose sight of the fact that they are treating a human being who needs all the sensitivity and compassion they can bring to them while they are at the height of emotion and most vulnerable. The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Students was created to recognize and celebrate nursing students for the above-and-beyond care and compassion shown to patients and their families.

Recipients of this award receive a portfolio with a certificate, a DAISY Student Honoree Pin, and a hand-carved Shona Sculpture from Zimbabwe. The Healer's Touch is an artwork created by the Shona people, who hold their traditional healers in very high esteem, viewing them as treasures in their community.





# MAY 2026 GRADUATES

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing

### Traditional Program

Sasha Soraya Aazami	Ashley Taber Hayes	Price Astin Pothier
Cassandra Gabriela Anderson	Makenzie Dawn Hoag	Shannon Hailey Ragulsky
Katie Helmer Baxter	Senai Interian Lavadores	Maribel Reynaga
Antonio Sixto Belardes	Jennifer Jauregui-Flores	Alice Ji Rong Rickett
Liliana Mae Bennett	Kimberly Nicole Johnson	Yesenia V Rosales
Caleb Yong Jian Bingham	Minseo Jung	Alyssa Renee Rubi
Liliana Bolio Dominguez	Sophia Catherine Kleckner	Michael Clayton Schmidt
Jenna Nicole Brassfield	Elsa Lucille Lawrence	Shilo Gail Scott
Natalie Lauren Brinda	Jasmine Le	Téa Lauren Shatzer
Cleo Elise Brocius-Steininger	Evangelina Marie Lemus	Brenda Jeanne Steurer
Rylee Rose Cannella	Betzy Loza	Isaac Christian Stowell
Jacquelin Cardona	Stephanie Lucero Algandar	Mary Elizabeth Sturley
Isaiah James Case	Teresa Marin Vazquez	Daisy Jazmin Trujillo
Baylie J Chetwood	Cynthia Morales Ornelas	Rae Turner
Sadie Reece Cotton	Andrew Bruce Morency	Taylor Jean Vandeborn
Gretchen Emily Drews	Allyson Michelle Morley	Isabella Maria Vaquerano
Kaiana Norine Duxbury	Emily Jenee Myers	Hailey Lynne Wadsworth
Mia Faye Fajardo	Chuong Tan Nguyen	Carrie Ann Van Dyk Walker
Tess Marie Goff	Jessica Oseguera	Heaven Marcella Wallack
Hannah Marie Greer	Jack Daniel Parrott	Kelsie Morgan Williams
Isabella Gutierrez-Rodriguez	Heather Irene Pool-Fernandez	Sophie Kristina Woodburn
Jarrett Toshio Hayama	Elisha Gaile Rebanos Posadas	Juliana Angelica Yurchenko



# JUNE 2026 GRADUATES

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing

### Accelerated Program

John Burton Ard	Ryan S Huang	Jennifer Meza-Casillas
Jaclyn Rose Becker	Kasidy Lynn Javernick	Catalina M Monteiro
Allison Hughes Berhow	Nia Avianna Jimerson	Emma Jean Nazari
Torina Nicole Caldera	Sooyang Joo	Ngu K Nguyen
Gena Choo	Cynthia Wangari Kamau	Christian P O'Connell
Audrey Lynn Christopher	Lori Ann Kenton	Eduardo Ojeda-Sierra
Carey Philip Giomi Dakin	Nicholas Akira Kessler	Summer D Olsson
Victoria Hoang Dang	Hanbee Kim	Amy Anne Osborn
Sydney Blake Denham	Claudia E Kirchner	Rosario C Patino
Margot Mackenzie Denman	Emma Rose Koehmstedt	Jennifer Rochelle Reed
Emma Anne DeWitt	Mackenzie Krakel	Hannah Joy Reeves
Audrey Claire Diaz	Vanessa Melissa Lamas	Kayley Marynn Scottlind
Manon Melody Diaz	Andrew Tu Le	Shaun Ashley Seitz
Steven Duran	Jordan Erin Lee	Zane Shull Singleton
Carlyn Elizabeth Ereso	Wai Ching Leung	John Sitlakone
Hallie Ryann Esau	Ashley Rene Liewer	Jennifer Jane Smith
Sarah A Fass	Jennie A Link	Mikah Kaiulani Springer
Erika Isabel Figueroa Rico	Mason John-Paul Love	Amelia Carynne Stabler
Hugh Bryan Fitzgerald	Jessamyn Johanna Luiz	Hailey Marie Staiger
Grant Harrison Freeman	Kelsie Kaelyn Martinez	Sharen Mindy Van Boeckel
Taryn Hiromi Hashiro	Brenna Michael McNulty	Ashley Elaine White
Lauren Elizabeth Henning	Abigail Grace Mendenhall	Harmony Rose Wortham
Sonia Sladek Hiller	Amy Estela Mendez-Vargas	YanHong Zhen



# MARCH 2026 GRADUATES

## Master of Science in Nursing

Christian Campbell Abdelshahed

Justin John Banico Acala

Lauren Elizabeth Aubrey

Bailee Marie Beanato

Ikepreet Kaur Bhela

Kiley Marie Bonin

Annette Marie Crawford

Brooke Marie Glendenning

Natalie Lyman Hewitt

Mia Judy Korver

Maya Rae Krueger

Christopher Loverro

Bre Renae Lyon

Alex James Martin

Jessica Contreras McGough

Jason Mendel

Julio Cesar Orozco Jr.

Leanne Rider

Monica Moheb Saleib

Rourke James Shipman

Rattana Soubandith

Carolina Suarez-Amador

Amanda Nhat Tran Nguyen

Charlotte Louise Underhill

Andrea Yvonne Wallenburg

Emma Kristine Webb

Claire Elyse Woods

Cassandra Zhou



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