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# NURSING RECOGNITION CEREMONY



**JANUARY 23, 2026**  
**SMITH THEATRE**  
**ORCHARD RIDGE CAMPUS**  
**27055 ORCHARD LAKE RD**  
**FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48334**

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***I attribute my success to this -  
I never gave or took any excuse."***

- Florence Nightingale

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## **NURSING RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

### ***Letter from the Chancellor***

*Dear Graduates, Families and Friends,*

*Today we celebrate the excellent achievements of our nursing graduates. It's been a demanding, but rewarding journey for each of you and your families. You are shining examples of the power of OCC!*

*On behalf of the Oakland Community College, let me express the pride we have in our nursing graduates. You are the spark that energizes every exam room, hospital room, surgical suite and more. You represent one of the largest and best nursing programs in Michigan. I say "best" because our students outscore associate and bachelor degree graduates at the state and national levels - an outstanding record of which we can all be proud.*

*Congratulations to you, your families and friends, and to the nursing department's dedicated faculty and staff - all of you made possible the success we celebrate today. With your OCC studies completed, you will empower our community with your professional expertise and caring nature.*

*You have the passion and now you have the path to reach your goals. Please keep in touch with OCC - let us know about your achievements as you progress in your careers - we always enjoy hearing about our students' success.*

*Sincerely,*



*Peter Provenzano, Jr.  
Chancellor*

# PROGRAM

<b>Processional</b>	Musical Selection
<b>Welcome/Host</b>	Tanya McFadden, Ed.D EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND DEAN OF NURSING
<b>National Anthem</b>	
<b>Remarks</b>	Dr. Jolene Chapman INTERIM PROVOST, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
<b>Introduction of Speaker</b>	Zenet Patten, MSN, RN ASSOCIATE DEAN OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS
<b>Congratulatory Address</b>	Carolyn Kolleth, RN, BSN FORMER GRADUATE
<b>Presentation of Graduates</b>	Angelika Maly, PhD, RN NURSING FACULTY
<b>Pin Presentation</b>	Nursing Faculty
<b>OCC Nursing Pledge</b> <b>Tradition and Symbolism</b> <b>of the Nursing Pin</b>	Mariah Lanier, DNP, RN, FNP-BC NURSING FACULTY
<b>OCCSNA Leadership</b> <b>Recognition</b>	Tanya McFadden, Ed.D
<b>Memories</b>	Video-Student Nurses' Association GRADUATES
<b>Recessional</b>	Musical Selection

## **ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSE GRADUATES**

### **Fall 2025**

Eileen Lucy Ablahad

Deji Agnew

Victoria Anderson

Talia Simone Ayoub

JoNesha Barnes

Mady Bavol

Paul Bingham

Nautica Blacksheare

Stephanie Marie Boone

Susan Briggs

Lizbeth Cabanas

Heather Renee Cast

Angelica Ceniceros Garcia

Maria Yosaleth Ceniceros

Alexis Chang

Robert Couchie

Deianeria Leigh Crossno

Gabrielle Cunningham

Alexandra Claire Cvetko

Emily Davio

Xuelian Dong

Keristen Dunbar

Alison Dunn

Heather Eberline

Taylor Echols

Kimberly Eckert

Akudo Maureen Ezekwem

McKenna Fetters

Lena Garmo

Alisha George

Cori Godinez

Brooke Gorham

Alyssa Rochelle Grant

Jessica Carol Griffin

Carolyn Ann Gustavson

Abbey Gutek

Brittany Hall

Brendan Hart

Morgan Hawkins

Eugene James Height

Callie Hogg

Barbara Huautla-Barron

Kara Estelle Hurley

Carmen Irene Husereau

Elena Isabell

Rena Jaffe

Chelsea Jallow

Christianna Marie Jasper	Whitney Speer
Sasha Jefferson	Jessica Swarthout
Isabella Jemmoa	Madison Sweet
Adison Kaiser	Erica Lynne Thomas
Sarah King	Star Kelly Valenzuela
Heather Kook	Jamal Vann
Brittany Losoya	Julianna Vulaj
Megan E. Lovas	Megan Wangelin
Giselle Martinez	Joshua J. Wargo
Joshua McClerkin	Misty Warren
Tina K. McDonald	Shelby Woerner
Hannah N. Medina	Qian Yu
Sandra A. Nkwuzor	Fadhila Zahem
Valentina Parkhomenko	Dylan Zaitouna
Sara Paunovic	
Amber Payne	
Abigail Petterson	
Madison Jean Rieger	
Kayla Robinson	
Cierra Joi Sanford	
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## **OCC SNA Leadership Recognition**

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## OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE NURSING PLEDGE

The Oakland Community College Nursing Pledge is based on **The Florence Nightingale Pledge**, and was written by a group of nursing faculty in 2010.

*I solemnly pledge in the presence of this assembly, to live my life with integrity and to practice the profession of nursing with competence and compassion. With dedication, I will strive to uphold the ethical, scientific, and legal standards of the profession, and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care.*

*I will strive to work with members of all healthcare disciplines in an atmosphere of mutual respect and consideration to promote the health and welfare of patients and the community.*

*I will strive to increase my knowledge and skills in nursing and commit myself to lifelong learning.*

*I will actively promote and value health and wellness in my patients, my community, and myself.*



# THE TRADITION OF THE NURSING PIN



A badge or pin represents recognition of a certain degree of accomplishment.

The earliest badges given to those who tended the sick were presented to members of the Knights of the Order of St. John the Baptist in the 12th century.

The tradition of the nursing pin and the ceremonial pinning originated in the 1860s at the Nightingale School of Nursing at St. Thomas Hospital in London. Florence Nightingale, having been recently awarded The Red Cross of St. George for her selfless service to the injured and dying in the Crimean War, chose to extend the honor to her most outstanding graduate nurses by presenting each of them with a medal for excellence.

Today, the nursing pin remains a symbolic medal of honor as well as a badge of courage - qualities that are at the very foundation of nursing. The graduates here today will bear the pin of Oakland Community College. A pin that marks the completion of a program that began in 1965 and continues today with recognition and pride.

*This information was gathered from: Nursing Pins: A symbol of excellence and service by Karen Sutherland in **Michigan Nurse**, April, 1997; Symbols of Pride in **RN**, December, 1995; **Contemporary Nursing** by Barbara Cherry and Susan R. Jacob; **The Founding of Early Nursing Schools of America**; the OCC '95-'96 Catalog; and the OCC Website.*

# THE SYMBOLISM OF THE OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE ADN NURSING PIN

The pin that the Associate Degree Nurse graduates receive today symbolizes many things. First of all, the gold represents rarity. Not everyone can be a nurse.

The circle represents the profession of nursing. No two points around the circumference share the same space, which depicts the diversity and variety found in nursing. Still, being a circle, each point is the same distance from the center, which is the Standards of Care and Standards of Professional Practice honored by all nurses regardless of specialty.

The triangle within the circle represents the three community values of Oakland Community College. They are: 1) shared responsibility, open communication, collaboration; 2) personal empowerment, integrity, ethical commitment; and 3) diversity, global awareness, responsiveness to community needs.

The initials "OCC" and the words "Oakland Community College" represent the fact that graduates have come from an institution which "provides quality learning opportunities for individuals on an accessible, affordable basis."

The banner reading "Associate Degree Nurse" identifies the educational program from which the nurses have graduated.

In addition to the meaning of each of the pin's components, the pin taken as a whole symbolizes to each graduate pride in the high standards of the Oakland Community College Nursing Program and success in achieving the goal of completion.

Ms. Theresa Clayton, RN, Class of 2000

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