

CLASS OF 2025

Pinning Ceremony



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2:00PM

BLACKMAN AUDITORIUM
346 HUNTINGTON AVENUE
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02115

PROGRAM

Welcome

Stacey Waite, DNP, RN, CNE

Assistant Dean, Nursing Pre-licensure Programs

Dean's Remarks

Amanda Choflet, DNP, RN, NEA-BC

Dean, School of Nursing

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Amanda Choflet, DNP, RN, NEA-BC

Dean, School of Nursing

Keynote Address

Valeria Ramdin PhD, MS, APRN-BC, CNE, FPCC

Director, Global Health Affairs, School of Nursing

Introduction of Student Speaker

Gretchen Hamn, DMSc, MSN, APRN, NNP-bc

Director, Accelerated BSN Program - Burlington Campus

Student Address

Sydney Miller

Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program

Presentation of Candidates

Stacey Waite, DNP, RN, CNE

Assistant Dean, Nursing Pre-licensure Programs

Pinning of Candidates

Officiated by:

Gretchen Hamn, DMSc, MSN, APRN, NNP-bc

Director, Accelerated BSN Program - Burlington Campus

Student Awards Presentation

Officiated by:

Tiffany Kim, RN, PhD

Associate Clinical Professor

Closing Remarks

Amanda Choflet, DNP, RN, NEA-BC

Dean, School of Nursing

We ask those in attendance to kindly silence their electronic devices and to remain in their seats until the platform party has left the stage and the graduate recessional has finished.

PINNING TRADITION

The School of Nursing pin is a distinctive mark, rich in history and meaning. It can be traced to heraldry, which is the system of devising and granting insignias for Coats of Arms. The Pinning Ceremony is a time-honored nursing school tradition, dating back to 1855 when Florence Nightingale was awarded a broach by England's Queen Victoria for her efforts in the Crimean War. It signifies the integrity and tradition of badges worn by the early healers and crusaders of care. Over the course of time, the Pinning Ceremony has evolved and for most, marks the passage from that of student nurse role to the practice role, and for some, the attainment of advanced education.

Each school adopts its own symbol to indicate the excellent nursing education the student received. In the Pinning Ceremony performed today, each baccalaureate student may receive a pin that proudly displays Northeastern University's motto *Lux Veritas Virtus*. Regardless of where their new careers in nursing take them, their pins will let their colleagues and patients know where they earned their nursing credentials. The pin also signifies the acceptance of the many responsibilities incumbent upon those entering into the profession and practice of nursing. Wearing of the nursing pin is a source of pride.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Valeria Ramdin PhD, MS, APRN-BC, CNE, FPCC



Dr. Valeria Ramdin is an esteemed professional, with exemplary expertise, steadfast leadership, and unwavering commitment to excellence. She is a nursing educator, scientist, entrepreneur, author, co-editor, consultant and Board Director for both education and practice corporations. She currently serves as the Director of Global Health Affairs and Clinical Professor in the Bouvé College

of Health Sciences School of Nursing. Dr. Ramdin also previously served as the Assistant Dean for the School of Nursing's Undergraduate programs.

She is a board-certified nurse practitioner, whose extensive years of service include frontline work during the Covid-19 pandemic with the Massachusetts Reserve Corp and annual clinical mission trips to the Caribbean. She is also the founder of an innovative Family Health Pod Care Model. Her research focuses on healthy aging, and cancer outcomes.

Dr. Ramdin is frequently invited to speak locally, regionally, and internationally. Among her most distinguished were on Strategies to Successfully Navigate Mentee and Mentoring Relationships at the African Caribbean Cancer Consortium [AC3] conference held in Kenya; and her keynote address as the inaugural Global Scholar on "Nurses as Global Citizens" at The University of Alabama.

She is a Subject Matter Expert Reviewer and Content Developer in the field of nursing and healthcare for publishers. Throughout her distinguished career, she has been honored with numerous awards including, The Excellence in Leadership Award from The New England Regional Black Nurses Association; a Fellowship for Person Centered Care (FPCC) Planetree International Inc.; a BioMedical Research Award from Novartis and the Harvard Medical School; the 2014 Distinguish Services Award during her tenure as Assistant Dean; the Bernay's Doris Fleischman Award for Excellence in Nursing from Mount Auburn Hospital, Cambridge and the Excellence in Teaching Award from the Massachusetts Association of Colleges of Nursing.

Dr. Ramdin earned a nursing diploma from the Tercentary School of Nursing in Barbados; a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree with high honors, a Master of Science degree with specialization as a primary care nurse practitioner, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing from Northeastern University; a certificate in diversity and equity from Cornell University; and a Certificate in Women's Leadership Development from Oxford University. She also completed significant education in the field of law, policy, and society.

Dr. Ramdin's extensive years of nursing experience which spans a regional, national, and global presence has positioned her to be inducted as a Fellow into the American Academy of Nursing in October 2025.

2025 BSN DEGREE CANDIDATES

ACCELERATED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM

Eliane Alves	Chiara LeSiege
Bailey Amazeen §	Blen Lewute
Cicero Appiah	Erica Lushan
Mackenzie Baldwin	Mariana Martinez
Juliette Carr	Sindy Meneus §
Sydney Chang	Sydney Miller
Kevin Chen	Terrencia Miller
Kendall Clifford	Lindsey Mingace
Emma Corenevsky	Rosanna Nagamori
Brian Coven	Kim Nguyen
Elizabeth Crest	Sofia Noorouzi
Adele Damiani	Marina O'Neill
Alise Dix	Amy Orenstein
Sheila Dougherty	Leaphea Pin
Rory Dunne §	Danielle Pollay §
Dominique Ellison	Luna Rivera
Cara Fazio	Emily Santiago §
Shannon Florio	Joshua Santomas §
Nicholas Furigay	Kayla Schneider
Jessica Gehrke	Joshua Skoros
Savannah Gigandet §	Joshua Souza
Evamarie Gray	Emma Teague §
Blair Hadley	Katerina Tsoutsouras
Madeline Hoadley	Justin Vaughn §
Isabelle Iannotti §	Samantha Whittum §
Stephanie Jean	Kristina Zeswitz
Olivia Kurja	

SCHOOL OF NURSING FACULTY

BOSTON and BURLINGTON CAMPUSES

Amanda Choflet, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, Dean, School of Nursing
Associate Dean, Bouve College of Health Sciences

Lynn Reede, DNP, MBA, CRNA, FNAP,
Assistant Dean, School of Nursing Graduate Programs & Director
Doctor of Nursing Practice Program

Jane Saczynski, PhD, Assistant Dean of Research, School of Nursing

Yiyuan Sun, DNSc, RN, CNE, Associate Chair, School of Nursing

Stacey Waite, DNP, RN, CNE, Assistant Dean, Nursing Pre-licensure Programs

Jane Adams, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

Kaye Bemis, DNP, APRN-BC

Caitlin Bradley, PhD, NNP-BC

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Jennifer Cocio-Thompson, DMSc
MSN, MA, RN, NPD, CPNP

Jillian Costa, cPNP, MSN

Janet Dewan, PhD, MS, CRNA

Jacqueline Diani, MED

Mary Lynn Fahey, DNP, MSN, APRN

Gretchen Forsley, DNP, CNL, RN, CVN-BC

Kelly Gallant, PhD, CRNA

Susan Hall, DNP, CRNA

Gretchen Hamn, DMSc, MSN
APRN, NNP-BC

Liz Howland MSNEd, RN, BSN

Tiffany Kim, PhD, RN, WHCNP-BC

Dami Ko, PhD, RN

Danielle Leone-Sheehan, PhD, MSN

Connie Lorette, PhD, CRNA, APRN

Carol Anne Marchetti, PhD, RN, PMHNP-BC

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Amy McGreevy, DNP, RN

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Ning Zhang, PhD

