

*Mid-Year  
Pre-Commencement  
Ceremony*



**SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY**  
—  
**SCHOOL OF NURSING**

**December 14, 2023**

# THE CEREMONY

## STAGE PARTY

**Danny G. Willis, DNS, RN, PMHCNS-BC, CNE, FAAN**  
Joan Hrubetz Dean and Professor

**Joanne L. Thanavaro, DNP, APRN,**  
AGPCNP-BC, AGACNP-BC, DCC, FAANP  
Associate Dean, Graduate Education  
Director of Advanced Practice Program

**Renee Davis, DNP, APRN, CPNP-PC**  
Interim Associate Dean, Undergraduate and  
Pre-Licensure Programs, Traditional BSN Program  
Coordinator Level Two

**Karen Cuvar, RN, PhD, CNE, CNL**  
Interim Associate Dean, Undergraduate and  
Pre-Licensure Programs, Traditional BSN Program  
Coordinator Level One

**Helen Lach, PhD, RN, CNL, FGSA, FAAN**  
Associate Dean, Research  
Director, PhD Program

**Lindsay Underwood, DNP, ACNP-BC, MSN**  
Nurse Practitioner Supervisor  
Neurological/Neurosurgical Intensive Care Unit  
Barnes-Jewish Hospital

**Erin Fitzpatrick, MTS**  
Assistant Director of Campus Ministry—South Campus

**Trudy Busch Valentine, RN BSN, MAPS**  
Alumna

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## ACADEMIC PROCESSION

**Grand Marshal:**  
Bobbie Shatto, PhD, RN, CNL

**Marshals of Faculty:**  
Deborah Loman, PhD, APRN, CPNP-PC  
Alison Kuhn, DNP, RN, APN, FNP-BC, CEN

### School of Nursing Faculty

**Marshals of Candidates:**  
Karen Scaglione, DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC, ACNP, BC, CNC  
Joanne Kraenzle Schneider, PhD, RN, FAAN

### Candidates for the Degrees:

Bachelor of Science in Nursing  
Master's of Science in Nursing  
Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing  
Doctor of Nursing Practice  
Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing

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## ORDER OF CEREMONY

### MISTRESS OF CEREMONY

**Christina Rariden, DNP, FNP-BC, FPMHNP-BC**

### INVOCATION

**Erin Fitzpatrick, MTS**

### WELCOME AND REMARKS

**Danny G. Willis, DNS, RN, PMHCNS-BC, CNE, FAAN**  
Joan Hrubetz Dean and Professor

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Lindsay Underwood, DNP, ACNP-BC, MSN**

### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

**Karen Cuvar, RN, PhD, CNE, CNL**

### PRESENTATION OF NURSING

#### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PINS

**Trudy Busch Valentine, RN, BSN, MAPS Alumna**

### PRESENTATION OF STUDENT AWARDS

**Shellie Hill, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC**

### Awards

**Nursing Excellence, MSN-NP**

**Nursing Leadership, MSN-NP**

**Nursing Leadership, DNP**

### BENEDICTION

**Erin Fitzpatrick, MTS**

**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
IN NURSING**

**Traditional Option**

Emily Harwood+

**RN to BSN Option**

Angela Reed  
Jamie Whaley

**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE  
MASTER'S OF SCIENCE  
IN NURSING**

**Adult/Gerontological Acute Care  
Nurse Practitioner**

HOODED BY:  
Geralyn A. Ochs, MSN, APRN, AGACNP-BC,  
ANP-BC, FAANP

Elizabeth Blomker\*  
Margaret Goetten  
Jonathan Mayberry  
Tracy Neises  
Judy Pfeiffer\*  
Elizabeth Radcliff  
Andrew Winters

**Adult/Gerontological Acute Care  
Nurse Practitioner/Educator**

HOODED BY:  
Geralyn A. Ochs, MSN, APRN,  
AGACNP-BC, ANP-BC, FAANP

Amanda Johnson

**Family Nurse Practitioner**

HOODED BY:  
Shellie Hill, DNP, FNP-BC

Steffany Ahlheim\*  
Elizabeth Bumb\*  
Sydney Fuchs  
Victoria Klaetsch\*  
Abbriel Pepler  
Andrea Stearns  
April Thomas

**Family Psychiatric/Mental Health  
Nurse Practitioner**

HOODED BY:  
Christina Rariden, DNP, FNP-BC,  
FPMHNP-BC

Tammy Easley  
Christina Gray  
Erica Henston  
Lauren Lickert

Shelley Schekall-Caldarera\*  
Ali Stone  
Ashley Todd  
George Wangai

**Pediatric Primary Care  
Nurse Practitioner**

HOODED BY:  
Michelle Papachrisanthou, DNP, PNP-PC

Andrea Cassimatis  
Julia Herbig  
Kelli Rainey

**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE  
POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE**

**Adult/Gerontological Acute Care  
Nurse Practitioner, Post-Master's  
Certificate**

HOODED BY:  
Geralyn A. Ochs, MSN, APRN, AGACNP-BC,  
ANP-BC, FAANP

Emily Neumann

**Family Nurse Practitioner, Post-  
Master's  
Certificate**

HOODED BY:  
Shellie Hill, DNP, FNP-BC

Nicole Breitbach  
Abbey Brown  
Deanna Diep  
Kimberly Gardner  
Gabriella Madsen\*  
Maureen Stauder

**Family Psychiatric/Mental Health  
Nurse Practitioner, Post-Master's  
Certificate**

HOODED BY:  
Christina Rariden, DNP, FNP-BC,  
FPMHNP-BC

Michelle Ferricher  
Gilbert Gutierrez  
Christina Mitchell\*  
Christine Nicola

**Pediatric Primary Care  
Nurse Practitioner, Post-Master's  
Certificate**

HOODED BY:  
Michelle Papachrisanthou, DNP, PNP-PC

Alyssa McLellan  
Tanna McCullough  
Daphnie Romulus

\* Indicates membership in **Sigma  
Honor Society of Nursing**

+ Indicates Honors

**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE  
DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE**



**Elizabeth Gordon**

*Project: Reducing Hospital Encounters in Patients with Multiple Chronic Conditions: A Nurse Practitioner-led program*

**HOODED BY:**

Joanne Thanavaro, DNP, APRN,  
AGPCNP-BC, AGACNP-BC, DCC,  
FAANP



**April Dunlevy**

*Project: Impact of a Nurse Practitioner Run Hypertension Program on Rates of Uncontrolled Hypertension in Interior Alaska*

**HOODED BY:**

Joanne Thanavaro, DNP, APRN,  
AGPCNP-BC, AGACNP-BC, DCC, FAANP



**Lauren Fagan**

*Project: Reducing Non-Actionable Fall Alarms: A Fall Reduction and Patient Safety Strategy*

**HOODED BY:** Karen Moore, DNP,  
APRN, ANP-BC, FNP-C, FAANP, FAAN



**Amy Farr**

*Project: The Distinction of the Nurse Manager on Rounds and Patient Experience Scores: A Quality Improvement Project*

**HOODED BY:** Joanne Langan, PhD,  
RN, CNE



**Tonya Shearer**

*Project: Evaluation of the Impact of an Evidence-Based Sedation Guideline in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit: A Quality Improvement Project*

**HOODED BY:** Margaret Bultas, PhD,  
RN, CNE, CNL



**Morgan Probst**

*Project: Increasing Exercise Utilization and Adherence in Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nursing*

**HOODED BY:** Pat Freed, EdD, RN, CNE



**CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE  
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY**

**Samah Hawsawi**

*Dissertation: Interventions Boosting Optimal Mental Health Among Adults*

**HOODED BY:**

Joanne Kraenzle Schneider, PhD, RN,  
FAAN

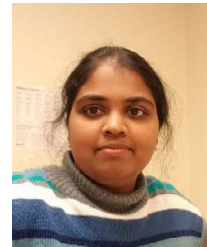


**Mary Frazier**

*Dissertation: Examining the Lived Experience of Secondary Traumatic Stress in Emergency Room Nurses: A Mixed Methods Study*

**HOODED BY:**

Joanne Langan PhD, RN, CNE



**Karpagam Settu**

*Dissertation: The Effects of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy on Depression in People with Parkinson's Disease*

**HOODED BY:**

Joanne Kraenzle Schneider, PhD, RN,  
FAAN



**Amber Kolesar**

*Dissertation: Uncovering the Lifeworlds of College Students who are Food Insecure: An Interpretive Phenomenological Inquiry*

**HOODED BY:**

Denise Côté-Arsenault, PhD, RN,  
CPCLC, FNAP, FAAN



**Kim Garst**

*Dissertation: Mothering Across Race: An Interpretive Phenomenological Study of Transracial Mothers.*

**HOODED BY:**

Lee Smith, PhD, RN