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UIC COLLEGE OF NURSING
May 3, 2012
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Terri E. Weaver, PhD, RN, FAAN
Dean

PROCESSIONAL
Music by MCA Music

“AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL” Led by Bridget Marry, Rebecca Charles, and Stephen Odon

GREETINGS FROM THE DEAN
Terri E. Weaver, PhD, RN, FAAN

WELCOME FROM THE UNIVERSITY
Paula Allen-Meares, PhD
Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Chicago and John Corbally Presidential Professor

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Terri E. Weaver, PhD, RN, FAAN
Ada Sue Hinshaw, PhD, RN, FAAN
Graduate School of Nursing Dean, Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences

PRESENTATION OF THE DISTINGUISHED NURSING ALUMNUS AWARD
Sabina Dambrauskas, MSN, CNM
President, College of Nursing Alumni Association
Janet M. Engstrom, PhD, MS, RN, CNM, WHNP-BC
Associate Dean for Research, Frontier Nursing University and Professor and Researcher, Department of Women, Children, and Family Nursing; Rush University Medical Center

PRESENTATION OF THE NURSING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION STUDENT RECOGNITION AWARD
Sabina Dambrauskas, MSN, CNM
Charles Yingling
Graduate Student

PRESENTATION OF THE DEAN’S AWARD
Terri E. Weaver, PhD, RN, FAAN
Michelle Fennessy
PhD Graduate Student

RECOGNITION AND HOODING OF CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (see list on page 43)
Paula Allen-Meares, PhD
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Associate Dean for Nursing Science Studies
Patricia Lewis, PhD, RN
Associate Dean for Nursing Clinical Practice Studies
Lynda Slimmer, PhD, RN
Interim Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING SCIENCE
Masters’ Recognition Awards
Biobehavioral Health Science
Mariann Piano, PhD, RN, FAAN
Department Head
Michael Bennett
Chicago Campus
Jeffery Little
Quad-Cities Campus

Health Systems Science
Tonda Hughes, PhD, RN, FAAN
Department Head
Mary Kozlov
Quad-Cities Campus

Women, Children, and Family Health Science
Rosemary White-Traut, PhD, RN, FAAN
Department Head
Katherine Huffer
Chicago Campus

Cardew-Mullane Award in Clinical Excellence and Leadership
Terri E. Weaver, PhD, RN, FAAN
Kathleen J. Deguzman
Undergraduate, Chicago Campus

RECOGNITION OF CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING SCIENCE (see list on page 43)
Paula Allen-Meares, PhD
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Kathleen Baldwin, PhD, RN
Regional Director, Peoria Campus
Karen J. Colley PhD
Dean, Graduate College
Sabina Dambrauskas, MSN, CNM
President, College of Nursing Alumni Association
Patricia Lewis, PhD, RN
Associate Dean for Nursing Clinical Practice Studies
Linnea Mead, MSN, RN
Clinical Instructor, Chicago Campus
Kathleen Sparbel, PhD, APN, CNP, FNP-BC
Regional Director, Quad-Cities Campus
RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC HONORS
Recognitions of Honors
College Students, University Honors, and College Honors
Bette Bottoms, PhD
Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs and Dean of the Honors College

Recognition of Members of Alpha Lambda Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International, and Presentation of Awards to Graduates
Anne Fink, PhD, RN
President, Alpha Lambda Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International
Chariz Calip
Undergraduate, Chicago Campus
Purvi Patel
Undergraduate, Chicago Campus
Natalie Seewald
Undergraduate, Urbana Campus
Naomi Twigg
Graduate, Chicago Campus

Recognition of High Academic Standing
Terri E. Weaver, PhD, RN, FAAN
Megan Stainthorpe 4.0
Undergraduate, Chicago Campus
Saori Kise 4.0
Undergraduate, Urbana Campus
Fior Cabrera 3.95
Undergraduate, UIC Online

PRESENTATION OF THE SILVER CIRCLE AWARD
Megan Kelly
Undergraduate, Chicago Campus
Maripat King, MSN, RN, ACNP, BC
Clinical Instructor, Chicago Campus

RECOGNITION OF CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (see list on page 43)
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Bette Bottoms, PhD
Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs and Dean of the Honors College
Sandra Burke, PhD, RN
Director, Urbana Campus
Sabina Dambrauskas, MSN, CNM
President, College of Nursing
Alumni Association
Gerry Gorman, PhD, RN
Clinical Assistant Professor, Chicago Campus
Maripat King, MS, RN
Clinical Instructor, Chicago Campus
Teresa Krassa, PhD, RN
Clinical Assistant Professor, Urbana Campus
Catherine Leipold, MS, RN
Clinical Instructor, Urbana Campus

SENIOR CLASS PLEDGE
Megan Kelly
Undergraduate, Chicago Campus
Michelle Smith
Undergraduate, Urbana Campus
Thuy-Dung Durkin
Undergraduate, UIC Online

STUDENT RESPONSE
Nakia Taylor
Graduate, Chicago Campus

UIC SONG
“MAY THE FLAMES BURN BRIGHTLY FOREVER”
Led by Haejin Cho and Cristobal Rosales

RECESSIONAL
Audience is requested to remain seated until the academic recession is completed.

BANNER CARRIERS
Lin Zhao
Graduate, Chicago Campus
Dorothy Kozakowski
Graduate, Chicago Campus

AWARD RECIPIENTS*
Graduate Award for Faculty and Staff Excellence
Karen Vuckovic, MS, RN
Chicago Campus
Staff Award
Phil Zack
Chicago Campus
Undergraduate Award for Faculty and Staff Excellence
Catherine Leipold, MS, RN
Urbana Campus
Julie Schwind, MS, RN
Chicago Campus
Kate Tredway, MS, RN, MBA
UIC Online
Staff Award
Elizabeth Fern
Chicago Campus
Tony Hooker
Urbana Campus
Deb Trueblood
UIC Online

Student Nurses Association Professionalism Award
Richard Magallano
Chicago Chapter
Natalie Seewald
Urbana Chapter

* Awards were presented at ceremonies prior to Commencement.
Class of 2012
Envision Yourself Doing Something Incredible

THE OUCHER BY CLASS OF 2012
THE UIC COLLEGE OF NURSING PIN
The College of Nursing pin is an adaptation of the Maltese Cross. The white gold signifies excellence in nursing. The blue represents loyalty, commitment, and fidelity. The pin was redesigned by the 2006–2007 graduating class of the college. It is a proud and distinct symbol of our graduates’ educational achievement.

SENIOR CLASS PLEDGE, 2012
Adapted from the Florence Nightingale Pledge and the American Nurses Association Code for Nurses.

I solemnly pledge myself, before my peers and in the presence of this assembly, to practice my achieved profession to the best of my abilities.
I promise to provide services with respect for human dignity and individuality of all those whom I serve.
I will safeguard my client’s rights to privacy, safety, and healthcare.
I promise to participate in nursing activities that will contribute to the ongoing process of professional knowledge.
I will endeavor to aid all of the other members of the healthcare team to promote holistic care to all of the clients I serve.

DESCRIPTIONS OF AWARDS

ALPHA LAMBDA CHAPTER, SIGMA THETA TAU INTERNATIONAL
Sigma Theta Tau is the international honor society of nursing. To be eligible for the UIC Alpha Lambda chapter, candidates shall have demonstrated superior scholastic achievement, evidence of professional leadership potential, and/or marked achievement in the field of nursing. Student merit awards are presented to chapter students who are honored for their achievements.

AWARD FOR FACULTY AND STAFF EXCELLENCE
Each year, the undergraduate and graduate graduating classes recognize outstanding faculty and staff members. Faculty members are chosen who demonstrate excellence in teaching and provide support and direction to students that is influential to their success. Staff members are chosen who have worked behind the scenes in assisting students to accomplish their academic endeavors.

CARDEW-MULLANE AWARD IN CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AND LEADERSHIP
This award was established by Mary Kelly Mullane, former dean of the College of Nursing, in recognition of outstanding clinical skill and leadership. The award also serves as a memorial to Emily Cardew, the first dean of the College of Nursing.

COLLEGE OF NURSING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD
This award is presented to graduating nursing students who have demonstrated academic excellence and initiative in actively supporting the College of Nursing.

COLLEGE HONORS
The top 15 percent of undergraduate students are awarded honors for academic distinction, based on their nursing grade point average. Students receive an apricot honor cord.

DEAN’S AWARD
The recipient of this award is recommended to the dean by the faculty and reviewed by the Faculty Executive Committee. Selection is based on evidence of superior performance, research and grant activity, fellowships, and scholarly publications and presentations. It is awarded each year to a graduating doctoral student.

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING SCIENCE
MASTER’S RECOGNITION AWARDS
Master’s students are selected from each of the three departments of Biobehavioral Health Science; Health Systems Science; and Women, Children, and Family Health Science to be recognized for superior academic performance and achievement. The funding for these awards was made possible through the generosity of donors to the College of Nursing Annual Fund.

DISTINGUISHED NURSING ALUMNA AWARD
Presented to nursing alumni who have brought honor to the University of Illinois at Chicago and the College of Nursing through outstanding contributions to the profession of nursing.

HONORS COLLEGE
The Honors College offers an enhanced academic experience to well-prepared undergraduates through a wide range of honors programs and activities. Student members of the Honors College are selected from all UIC colleges and departments on the basis of their academic achievement.

SILVER CIRCLE AWARD
The award is presented annually as a UIC campuswide recognition of teaching excellence.

STUDENT NURSES’ ASSOCIATION PROFESSIONALISM AWARD
This award is presented by the Student Nurses’ Association chapters in Chicago and Urbana. It is presented to a UIC graduating senior displaying professionalism in both academics and extracurricular activities while a member of the Student Nurses’ Association at the College of Nursing.

UIC SONG
“MAY THE FLAMES BURN BRIGHTLY FOREVER”
By John F. Wilson
May the flames burn brightly forever,
May the torch be raised on high.
From the pier to the prairie,
To the strength of Illinois.

May our colors long stand proudly
Across Chicago’s sky
May the memories we cherish,
Come from the heart of Illinois.

(chorus)

UIC
UIC
The start of all our dreams for tomorrow
UIC
UIC
The heart of Illinois in Chicago

THANK YOU

We would like to give a special thanks to all who contributed to the planning and preparation of today’s event. The College of Nursing Alumni Association provided the diploma covers.
DEAN—TERRI E. WEAVER, PHD, RN, FAAN

Dr. Terri Weaver began her deanship at the UIC College of Nursing in August 2010, after 25 years on faculty and having served as department chair at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. Dean Weaver is an expert in sleep research and focuses on the effect of daytime sleepiness on daily behaviors and on the evaluation of treatment outcomes. She received the Ada Sue Hinshaw Award in recognition of her research that highlights the significance of nursing research and improves health care from the Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research.

Dean Weaver is a member of the board of directors of the American Academy of Nursing and the Sleep Research Society and former chair of the national board of directors of the American Lung Association.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER—ADA SUE HINSHAW, PHD, RN, FAAN

Dr. Ada Sue Hinshaw is the dean of the Graduate School of Nursing at Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland, and is a visiting professor at various schools of nursing. Dr. Hinshaw was the first director of the National Center for Nursing Research as well as its legacy, the National Institute of Nursing Research. She has been involved in a number of professional organizations, including as past president of the American Academy of Nursing.

Dr. Hinshaw’s area of research focuses on quality care, patient outcomes and measurement, and building positive work environments for nurses. She has served on numerous scientific advisory committees and task forces and has given hundreds of presentations. Her findings have been widely published in numerous articles and books.

Dr. Hinshaw has received many awards, including the American Academy of Nursing Living Legend Award, Midwest Nursing Research Society Lifetime Achievement Award, the Health Leader of the Year Award from the United States Public Health Service, and many other distinguished awards.

DISTINGUISHED NURSE ALUMNA—JANET M. ENGSTROM, PHD, MS, RN, CNM, WHNP-BC

Dr. Janet Engstrom is the associate dean for research at Frontier Nursing University, the birthplace of nurse-midwifery in the United States. Dr. Engstrom was an early proponent of evidence-based practice and is a well-known scholar whose research focuses on the health benefits of human milk feeding for premature infants in the neonatal intensive care unit and the reliability and validity of physical measurements such as infant weight and length. She is both an alumna (MS '81; PhD '85) and former faculty member of the UIC College of Nursing where she also served as program director of the Nurse-Midwifery and Women’s Health Care Nurse Practitioner Programs. In addition to having received numerous awards for excellence in teaching, Dr. Engstrom is a fellow of the American College of Nurse-Midwives and a recipient of the Jonas Salk Health Leadership Award in Nursing from the Chicago Area March of Dimes Foundation.
GRADUATE STUDENT NURSING ORGANIZATION

Susan Corbridge, PhD, RN, ACNP ........ Faculty Advisor
Clare Delaney ................. Staff Liaison
Sarah Koplow Greco ......... President

NURSING STUDENT COUNCIL

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Julie Kim ...................... Staff Liaison
Megan Kelly .................... President
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Chariz Calip .................... Secretary

STUDENT NURSES’ ASSOCIATION

Chicago Chapter
Sue Boyer, MN, RN ............... Faculty Liaison
Rob Moranetz ..................... Staff Liaison
Richard Magallano .............. President
Chariz Calip ....................... Vice President

Urbana Chapter
Krista Jones, MS, RN .......... Faculty Liaison
Natalie Seewald ............... President
Sarah Wayne .................... Vice President
Samuel Logan .................... Secretary

FACULTY PINNERS

Sue Boyer, MN, RN ............... Clinical Instructor
Amanda Hopkins, PhD, RN, CNE ... Teaching Associate
Tracy McSwain, MSN, RN ........ Clinical Instructor
Lynda Slimmer, PhD, RN ........... Interim Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

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Apricot Cord ................. College Honors
Gold Stole ..................... Honors College
Purple Cord ................. Sigma Theta Tau Member
Red Cord ................. UIAA Leadership Award Recipient

Red and Blue ............... Student Organization Officer
White and Blue ............. SNA Officer
Red and Orange Cord ........ Urban Health Program Member