

ALEXANDRIA TECHNICAL & COMMUNITY COLLEGE



THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 19, 2024  
6:00 PM

FALL 2024  
**PRACTICAL NURSING**  
GRADUATION & PINNING CEREMONY

# A MODERN NIGHTINGALE

## PLEDGE

With full knowledge of the responsibilities I am undertaking, I pledge to care for my patients with all of the knowledge, skills, and understanding that I possess, without regard to race, color, creed, politics, or social status.

I will spare no effort to conserve meaningful life, to alleviate suffering, and to promote health.

I will refrain from any action which might be harmful to the quality of life or health of those I care for.

I will respect, at all times, the dignity and religious beliefs of the patients under my care, and hold in professional confidence all personal information entrusted to me.

I will endeavor to keep my professional knowledge and skills at the highest level and give my support and cooperation to all members of the health team.

With full awareness of my qualifications and limitations, I will do my utmost to maximize the potential of the nursing profession and to uphold and advance its standards.

Plonien, Cynthia. Texas Organization for Nursing Leadership, January 2016, [www.texasnurse.org](http://www.texasnurse.org)

## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Alexandria Clinic, Alexandria  
Alomere Hospital, Alexandria  
Bethany on the Lake, Alexandria  
Community Addiction Recovery Enterprise  
(CARE), Fergus Falls  
Community Behavioral Health Hospital  
(CBHH), Alexandria & Fergus Falls  
Community Preschool, Alexandria  
Cura Care Center, Melrose & Sauk Centre  
Evansville Care Campus, Evansville

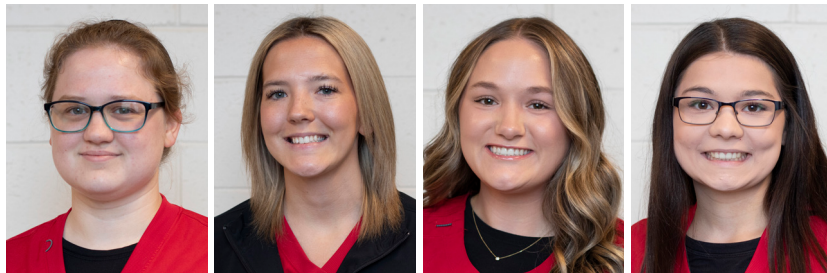
Galeon, Sauk Centre  
Glacial Ridge Health System, Glenwood  
Glenwood Medical Center, Glenwood  
Glenwood Retirement Village, Glenwood  
Long Prairie Health Care Center, Long Prairie  
Sanford health Clinic, Alexandria  
St. Williams Living Center, Parkers Prairie  
Vivie, Alexandria

# PRACTICAL NURSING GRADUATES .....

Albee, Emily ..... Avon  
 Beck, Abbie ..... Portland, ND  
 Berscheit, Jenna \* ..... Long Prairie  
 Born, Ava \* ..... Garfield



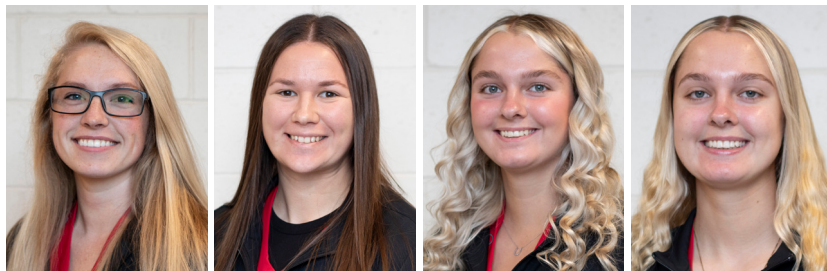
Cressman, Anne ..... Cyrus  
 Dyrstad, Kierstyn ..... Alexandria  
 Gilsdorf, Holly ..... Kensington  
 Gustafson, Brooke ..... Chokio



Haarstad, Maeve ..... Dalton  
 Koeltzow, Shelbi ..... Morris  
 Lingen, Jenna \* ..... Ruthton  
 Logan, Lexis ..... Morris



Loverink, Marissa \* ..... Villard  
 Marty, Bailey \* ..... Chokio  
 Moberg, Emily \* ..... Osakis  
 Moberg, Kerstin \* ..... Osakis



Moen, Janel \* ..... Alexandria  
 Pazdernik, Lily ..... Alexandria  
 Schmidgall, Tim \* ..... Alexandria  
 Schmiesing, Dana \* ..... Melrose



Schmitz, Madison ..... Kimball  
 Smith, Jodi ..... Sauk Centre  
 Wheelecior, Quinn ..... Alexandria  
 Zimbric, Isabel ..... Glenwood



\* Honors Graduate

# CEREMONY

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### WELCOME

Jenna Lingen

Michael Seymour  
President, Alexandria College

### STUDENT SPEAKER

Madison Schmitz

### GUEST SPEAKER

Jessie Blanchard, RN, BSN, SANE

### CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Merilee Retzloff  
Dean of Educational Services

## CEREMONIAL TRADITIONS

Carrie Schnitzler

## PRESENTATION OF NURSING GRADUATES

Christina Nessman  
Sara Homelvig

## NURSING PLEDGE LIGHTING OF NIGHTINGALE LAMP

Andrea Swenson

## CLOSING REMARKS

Andrea Swenson

# NURSING TEAM

## PRACTICAL NURSING FACULTY TEAM

Joanna Girard, BSN, RN  
Sara Homelvig, MSN, RN  
Vicky Jenson, BSN, RN  
Christina Nessman, MSN, RN  
Mary Roers, MSN, RN  
Carrie Schnitzler, BSN, RN  
Andrea Swenson, DNP, APRN, AGCNS-BC

## NURSE TUTORS

Doreen Hanson, BSN, RN  
Amy Sands, MSN, RN  
Sharon Slack, RN  
Holly Wambeke, RN  
Kathy Werk, RN

## ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Yvette Halvorson, BA  
Merilee Retzloff, MSN, RN

*A special* **THANK YOU...**

*...to families and friends for the support,  
patience, and understanding we received from  
you throughout our journey.*

**WE ARE GRATEFUL.**