



ANNA MARIA COLLEGE

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Professional Recognition

May 8th, 2026 • 2:00 P.M.
Zecco Performing Arts Center

Schedule of Events

Processional

Invocation and Blessing of the Pins.... *Fr. Stephen Lundrigan Th.M.,
Psy.D., College Chaplain
and Dean of Mission Campus
Ministry*

Anna Maria College Welcome..... *Dr, Sean J. Ryan, President*

Academic Affairs Welcome..... *Dr. Chioma Ugochukwu , Senior
Vice President of Academic
Affairs*

Blessing of the Pins *Jack Franchi, Deacon,
Campus Ministry*

Ceremonial Pinning..... *Prof. Cindy Callaban, MSN, RN,
Assistant Professor of Practice,
Dr. Karin Ciance, DNP, RN,
Interim Dean of Nursing*

The “Nightingale Pledge” *Dr. Karin Ciance, DNP, RN,
Interim Dean of Nursing*

Message to the Class *Danielle Schiloski, President,
Anna Maria College Chapter of
the National Student Nursing
Association (NSNA)*

Awards..... *Dr. Karin Ciance, DNP, RN,
Interim Dean of Nursing*

Benediction *Fr. Stephen Lundrigan Th.M.,
Psy.D., College Chaplain
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History of the Nursing Pin

Historians trace the tradition of the nursing pin back to the Crusades of the 12th Century, when a group of knights tended to and cared for the injured and suffering crusaders. When new monks were brought into the Knights' Order, they decided to continue helping sick soldiers and held a ceremony where each monk was given a Maltese cross that they wore in their arms.

In the 1860's, Florence Nightingale was honored with the Red Cross of St. George for her selfless efforts to injured men during the Crimean War. Because she believed in acknowledging a job well done, she presented a medal of excellence to her hardest working nursing graduates. By 1916, all nursing graduates were awarded a pin that symbolized the completion of educational requirements that enabled nurses to sit for the state licensure examination and then practice nursing.

The design of the pin is unique to the nursing school, nursing organization, college or university affiliation. The Anna Maria College nursing pin represents the colors and seal of the College, encircled with leaves from the tree of knowledge.



The Nightingale Pledge

The Nightingale Pledge was composed by Lystra Gretter, an instructor of nursing at the old Harper Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, and was first used by its graduating class in the spring of 1893.

We invite all registered nurses in the room to please stand and join the nursing graduates in reciting the Nightingale Pledge:



I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly, to pass my life in purity and to practice my profession faithfully.

I will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous, and will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drug.

I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standard of my profession, and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping and all family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my calling.

With loyalty will I endeavor to aid the physician, in his work, and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care.

Class of 2026

Traditional BSN Students

Rhoda Oppong Aborah	Fritzinie Lavoile
Francisca K. Adjei	Chistopher MacLagan+
Brigitte Tawiah Apenteng+	Mya Elizabeth Markarian*
Andrew Decoteau	Esi Ahemba Mensah
Isabella Marie DeLordo	Marcelly Miranda*+
Anetta Ann DelPrado+	Madison Marie Mulligan*+
Alicia Garafoli+	Mary Nuyekpe
Chelsea Hagan	Christina Palau-Martinez
Elizabeth Joy Hannon	Kaitlin Joy Pronchnow
Sarah Happy+	Sehila Ryerson+
Shearita Kennedy+	Danielle Marie Schiloski*+
Huldah Ewurama Koiwu	Andraya Steven

RN - BSN Students

Angela Boyton
Kelly Crosby+
Anthony DiPrato+
Ana Franco
Arlene Hernandez-Cante
Sarah Josti
Ketty Leon
Everyne Mwangi
Kristen O'Toole
Loren Rezende
Angeley Santa
Brianna Sherblom
Jordan Smith

+ Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing

* Student Nurses' Association Officers

Intrim Dean of Nursing:

Dr. Karin L. Ciance

Traditional BSN Nursing Faculty/Staff:

Cindy Callahan MSN RN

Barbara Farrington MSN RN CCR

Marie Remillard MSN RN

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Gianna Carlson RN

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Ashlyn Girard MSN RN

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Kathleen Renaud RN

Lindsey Renshaw RN

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