



# PINNING CEREMONY

BACHELOR OF  
SCIENCE IN NURSING

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**FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025**

Mabel Brown Room, L.P. Young Student Center

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## ORDER OF EXERCISES

### WELCOME

### OPENING REMARKS & INTRODUCTIONS

Sharon Breidt, MSN, RN

### ADMINISTRATION WELCOME

Dr. Melinda Treadwell, *President of Keene State College*

### PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Brooke Houghton & Rebecca Goldenberg

Barbara J. Kirstein Nurse of the Future: Karl Sturm

David C. Staples Excellence in Nursing: Marlena Dwyer & Andrew Gorgolione

### CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATE SPEAKER

Heather Buccini '25

### PRESENTATION OF NURSING PINS

Sharon Breidt & Kimberly McKane

### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Kirk Sanger

### RECITATION OF A MODERN NIGHTINGALE PLEDGE

Class of 2025

### CLOSING REMARKS

Sharon Breidt, MSN, RN

## HISTORY OF THE NURSING PIN

The pin is a long-standing symbol of service to others. Most recently, the pin identifies nurses as educated professionals who serve the health-related needs of society. The pin became standard in the US in the early 1900s. It symbolizes entry into the nursing profession, provides proof of education and represents both the art and science of nursing. Each program has a unique design. Keene State College's nursing pin is modeled after the College seal. The open book symbolizes the first pillar on Appian Way "Enter to Learn," the lamp symbolizes the flame of hope, and the sunrise symbolizes the second pillar "Go Forth to Serve."

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## NURSING GRADUATES

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Jessica Barrett

Heather Buccini

Gavin Chaisson

Marlena Dwyer § ΣΘΤ

Josie Eichler ΣΘΤ

Mia Ferry § ΣΘΤ

Abigail Franklin

Nicholas Gaskin §

Emily Gelardi

Andrew Gorgolione

Carlie Jamieson

Kelsey Lombard

Alice Loucraft

Hailey Pierce §

Ashley Prince

Hannah Sheppard

Karl Sturm

Erin Van Hise §

§ Honor Cord Recipients | ΣΘΤ Sigma Theta Tau Honor Society of Nursing

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## MODERN NIGHTINGALE PLEDGE

I pledge myself here, in the presence of this assembly, to practice my profession with integrity. I will endeavor to maintain and elevate the standard of nursing both as a science and as an art. I wholeheartedly recognize the importance of high standards of care and of personal accountability. I devote myself to the healing, protection, and welfare of those committed to my care. I accept a duty to work for the improvement of health in the communities in which I live and work. I will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping and will respect the privacy of medical information. I will act with compassion in ethical matters. I will not knowingly administer or consume any harmful substance. I commit to interdisciplinary collaboration and lifelong learning. I fully acknowledge the seriousness of the responsibility that I accept in my calling, and the significance of this pledge that I take today.

