



# PINNING CEREMONY

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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**FRIDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF MAY 2026  
AT ONE O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON**

Mabel Brown Room  
L.P. Young Student Center

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## ORDER OF EXERCISES

### OPENING REMARKS & INTRODUCTIONS

Sharon Breidt

### WELCOME

Dr. Kirsti Sandy, Provost

### PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Kirk Sanger & Rebecca Goldenberg

Barbara J. Kirstein Nurse of the Future: Adelaide Saltsman

David C. Staples Excellence in Nursing: Amanda Reedy, Hayleigh Morin & Samantha Hatcher

### CLASS SPEECHES

Amanda Reedy, Class of 2026 President

Sarah O'Connell, Class of 2026 Vice President

Samantha Hatcher, Class of 2026 Representative

### PRESENTATION OF NURSING PINS

Brooke Houghton & Kim McKane

### LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Sharon Breidt

### RECITATION OF A *MODERN NIGHTINGALE* PLEDGE

Class of 2026

### CLOSING REMARKS

Sharon Breidt

## 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 Apian 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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Samantha Hatcher ΣΘΤ

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Abigail Joslin ΣΘΤ

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Leah Lundberg ΣΘΤ

Antonia Moran ΣΘΤ

Hayleigh Morin ΣΘΤ

Sarah O'Connell ΣΘΤ

Morgan Prates

Olivia Prusak

Kaeleigh Reardon ΣΘΤ

Amanda Reedy ΣΘΤ

Morgan Rodrigues

Adelaide Saltsman ΣΘΤ

Madeline Silvester

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Emma Urban ΣΘΤ

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.

