

CLASS OF 2025

*Pinning Ceremony*



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# PROGRAM

## Welcome

Grace Buttriss, DNP, FNP-BC, CNL

*Director, Accelerated BSN Program, Charlotte campus*

## Deans' Remarks

Amanda Choflet, DNP, RN, NEA-BC

*Dean, School of Nursing*

Angela Hosking, MSN, RN, MBA

*CEO and Regional Dean, Charlotte campus*

## Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Amanda Choflet, DNP, RN, NEA-BC

*Dean, School of Nursing*

## Keynote Address

Cheryl Mastroianni, CRNA

*Atrium Health Pineville*

## Introduction of Student Speaker

Grace Buttriss, DNP, FNP-BC, CNL

*Director, Accelerated BSN Program, Charlotte campus*

## Student Address

Brynn Ferguson

*Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program*

## Presentation & Pinning of Candidates

Officiated by:

Grace Buttriss, DNP, FNP-BC, CNL

*Director, Accelerated BSN Program, Charlotte campus*

## Student Awards Presentation

Officiated by:

Grace Buttriss, DNP, FNP-BC, CNL

*Director, Accelerated BSN Program, Charlotte campus*

## Closing Remarks

Amanda Choflet, DNP, RN, NEA-BC

*Dean, School of Nursing*

**We ask those in attendance to kindly silence their electronic devices and to remain in their seats until the platform party has left the stage and the graduate recessional has finished.**

## PINNING TRADITION

The School of Nursing pin is a distinctive mark, rich in history and meaning. It can be traced to heraldry, which is the system of devising and granting insignias for Coats of Arms. The Pinning Ceremony is a time-honored nursing school tradition, dating back to 1855 when Florence Nightingale was awarded a brooch by England's Queen Victoria for her efforts in the Crimean War. It signifies the integrity and tradition of badges worn by the early healers and crusaders of care. Over the course of time, the Pinning Ceremony has evolved and for most, marks the passage from that of student nurse role to the practice role, and for some, the attainment of advanced education.

Each school adopts its own symbol to indicate the excellent nursing education the student received. In the Pinning Ceremony performed today, each baccalaureate student may receive a pin that proudly displays Northeastern University's motto *Lux Veritas Virtus*. Regardless of where their new careers in nursing take them, their pins will let their colleagues and patients know where they earned their nursing credentials. The pin also signifies the acceptance of the many responsibilities incumbent upon those entering into the profession and practice of nursing. Wearing of the nursing pin is a source of pride.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### Cheryl Mastroianni

With more than 30 years of nursing experience, Cheryl Mastroianni has built her life around compassion, resilience, and a deep commitment to patient care. Her journey in nursing began in high school, when her Health Occupations teacher—herself a nurse—certified the class as nursing assistants. At just 17, Mastroianni began working in a nursing home caring for geriatric and Alzheimer’s patients, an experience that sparked a lifelong passion for helping others.

For 17 years, Mastroianni served as a CRNA at Atrium Pineville, providing expert and compassionate anesthesia care. In 2024, her life changed dramatically after a sudden cardiac arrest led to a life-saving heart transplant. Though unable to return to clinical practice due to complications, Mastroianni continues to inspire others through her story of survival, faith, and perseverance.

Mastroianni earned her Bachelor of Science in nursing from the University of North Carolina (UNC) Chapel Hill in 2000 and began her career at Northeast Medical Center (now Atrium Cabarrus). She later transitioned to the Post Anesthesia Care Unit at Atrium University, where she discovered her love for the operating room. In 2006, she completed her Master of Science in nursing and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) program through UNC Charlotte and Carolinas College of Health Sciences.

Mastroianni currently volunteers with LifeShare of the Carolinas and is training her golden retriever puppy to become a hospital therapy dog—continuing her lifelong mission of healing in a new and meaningful way.

# 2025 BSN DEGREE CANDIDATES

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Shianne Armstrong §

Minnie Reeves

Angelina Bradford

Hannah Wilcox

## ACCELERATED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Jamie Barfield

Emila Hess

Jolene Barrett

Imani Hilliard

Sydney Bell

Kryisia Johnstone

Abigail Bercich §

Keirra Jordan

Kenna Boyette

Huntleigh Lavery

Katherine Braman §

Conner Lemke

Jessica Brian

Kari Lewis

Alexandra Briggs

Heather Lobas

Kathryn Broersma

Dana Lortie

Rylee Burgess §

Ca-Shauna Love-Robinson

Morgan Cassell

Sara MacIntosh

Emma Crowley

Macy McBride

Niasia Dukes

Kenya McClain §

Alexis Duncan

Reon McGee §

Sarah Farrer

Genesis McMahan

Brynn Ferguson

Sandra Merida

Gabrielle Flanagan §

Lexie Michael

Kathleen Fox

Savannah Morgan

Elisabeth Golaszewski

Gianna Musicaro

Gabrielle Gosselin

Chinyere Victoria Nwankudu §

Margaret Harrell §

Ariana Ortiz §

Peyton Hedger

Reese Ostwalt

Nicole Paich  
Ellie Pemble  
Cyan Peoples  
Chloe Prevost  
Caroline Pulliam  
Saranea Cuddalore Rajaram  
Jessica Renfrew  
Jordan Richardson  
Yelayza Rivera  
Caitlyn Rogers  
Donna Russell  
Morgan Ryan  
Elena Schorr  
Madison Sherrill  
Sydney Swann  
Jenny Thelemaque  
Sarah Tisdale  
Davis Waldrop  
Erika Walton  
Peyton Watts  
Madeleine White  
Michael Wunsch  
Elisabeth Zemaitis

# SCHOOL OF NURSING LEADERSHIP & FACULTY

Amanda Chofflet, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, FAAN, Dean, School of Nursing, Associate Dean, Bouvé College of Health Sciences

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Lynn Reede, DNP, MBA, CRNA, FNAP, Assistant Dean, Nursing Graduate Programs and Director, Doctor of Nursing Practice Program

Jane Saczynski, PhD, Assistant Dean of Research, School of Nursing

Yiyuan Sun, DNSc, RN, CNE, Associate Chair, School of Nursing

Barbara Ballard, MSN, RN, FNP-BC

Kathy Barnard, MSN, RN, CEN

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Susan Bartos, PhD, RN, CCRN

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Jennifer Deese, MSN, PNP, IBCLC

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Lori Elks, DNP, RN

Diane Elvin, MSN, RN

Deborah Evans, DNP, RN

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Lindsay Garner, BSN, RN, RNS-OB, C-EFM

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Scott Page, MHA, BSN, RN

Susan Patterson, DNP, RN, CNE

Sherise Pittman, MSN, RN

Leah Prasse, MSN, RN

Veronica Rankin, DNP, RN-BC, NP-C,  
CNL NE-BC

Tina Raylea, DNP, RN, NP, RN, CARN, CNL

Kristy Rogers, DNP, CPNP-PC

Nicolas Rojas, MSN, RN, APN-NP

Robert Rose, DNP, RN, NEA-BC

Brandy Santana, MSN, RN, CNL

Racquel Santiago, MSN, RN

Nikita Holmes Smith, MSN, RN

Taylor Smith, MSN, RN

Nathanial Suarez, BSN, RN

Sally Underwood, MSN, RN, CARN

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Janice Walker, DHS, MBA-HCA, RN NEA-BC

Darby Walton, MSN, RN, CPN

Kelly Weaver, DNP, APRN, ACNS-BC,  
NP-C OCN, AOCNP

Keith Wrigglesworth, MSN, CNL

Joselyn White, MSN, MHA, RN, CNL

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