

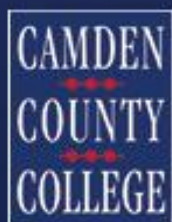


Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes

School of Nursing

Class of August 2026
Ninety-Sixth Commencement

MONDAY, AUGUST 17TH, 2026





Dear Graduates,

Congratulations, Graduating Class!

As you reach this extraordinary milestone, I hope you take a moment to reflect on just how far you have come. Your journey through nursing school has challenged you in ways you could not have anticipated, asking you to grow not only as students and future nurses, but also as individuals.

There were long days, demanding clinical experiences, difficult exams, moments of uncertainty, and times when you may have questioned whether you could keep going. Yet, you did. Through every challenge, you demonstrated resilience, determination, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to becoming the nurses your patients and communities need.

I have had the privilege of witnessing your growth—from learning the foundations of nursing to developing the knowledge, confidence, clinical judgment, and empathy that define a professional nurse. Each of you has a story of perseverance, and together, you have created a class that will be remembered for the strength and spirit you brought to this journey.

As you move forward, remember that graduation is not simply the end of your nursing education; it is the beginning of a lifelong commitment to learning, serving, advocating, and caring for others. Your patients will trust you during some of the most vulnerable moments of their lives. May you always bring to them the same compassion, courage, and resilience that brought you to this day.

Be proud of what you have accomplished. Celebrate how much you have grown. And never forget the people who supported you along the way.

On behalf of the faculty and staff, it is my honor to congratulate each of you on this remarkable achievement. We are incredibly proud of you and excited to see the difference you will make in the lives of those you serve.

Congratulations. May you continue to grow, lead, and make a lasting difference in the world of nursing.

With heartfelt congratulations,

Shirley Richardson EdD, MSN Ed., BSN, RN
AVP/Dean

Processional (Please stand)

Welcome

Shirley Richardson, EdD, RN
AVP, Dean

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading

Welcoming Remarks

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COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

August 2026

Graduation Address

Valedictorian

Student Nurses Association Recognition

Graduation Poem

Leadership Speakers

Presentation of Awards

Our Lady of Lourdes School of Nursing Faculty

Presentation of Students for Diplomas

Carol Campbell, DNP, RN, CNE

Presentation of Diplomas

Asri Byll, DNP, RN, CMRN

Keynote Speaker

Closing Prayer (Graduates)

Nurse's prayer

Recessional (Please stand)

Joseph E. Agro ~ ♦ ^
 Nyree Shanda Ali *
 Rotimi Olamikun Animashaun
 Andrei Torres Bathan *
 Trishauna Bennett *
 Tawanna N Bush
 Gianna Marie Conti ♦
 Patricia Cowan *
 Vanessa E. Dautruche ^
 Jake Costello DiGiacomo
 Nina DiMaio ♦ ^
 Emily Goodwin
 Alexia T. Hackley ♦
 Dominique N. Henderson *
 Chloe Amanda Keller * ^
 Allison Linda
 Jefferson Lomibao *
 Rabel H Massalee- Hanson

Jazmine N McClary
 Valentina Dolores Minerva ^
 Katherine Moles
 Raina Danielle Morton-Green
 Kara Patricia Mulligan * ^
 Vida A. Owusu
 Brooke Alexis Parker *
 Ashley L Payne
 Carmen Julia Picon ^
 Diona Salazar Enriquez
 Jamie Shinn
 Rodney Lawrence Smith Jr
 Benjamin Swander
 Matthew Walsh *
 Grace Wikberg ^
 Katherine Lynn Wilson * ^
 Nicole Zelen « ♦ ^

Kara Mulligan, President ~ Nicole Zelen, Vice President
 ~ Valedictorian « Salutatorian ♦ High Honors * Honors
 ^ Member of the Student Nurses Association

Highest Scholastic Achievement Award

This award is sponsored by Dr. Rica Pineda, Course Coordinator at Our Lady of Lourdes School of Nursing. Throughout her professional career, she has invested her time educating nursing students and future nurses. Dr. Pineda remains committed to the pursuit of education and to the achievement of academic excellence. This award is given to the student who has achieved the highest academic average in nursing and has demonstrated above average clinical ability.

Vincent T. McDermott, MD Award for Excellence in Medical Nursing

Our Lady of Lourdes Department of Medicine sponsors this award to honor Dr. Vincent T. McDermott, a founding father of Lourdes Hospital. Dr. McDermott was the first Chief of Medicine when the hospital opened in 1950 and held that position until his retirement in 1965. The award is given to the student who has shown excellence in nursing while a nursing student

Sister M. John Francis Coyle, OSF Award for Caring

Sister John Francis was the Dean of Our Lady of Lourdes School of Nursing from 1964 to 2000. When she retired the faculty wanted to honor her years of service by establishing this award. The award is given to the student whom the faculty feels best represents the values of caring, compassion, commitment, and generosity that Sister John Francis personifies. This student is one who has earned the respect and admiration of patients, families, healthcare team members, faculty, and peers.

Anthony Repici, MD Award for Excellence in Clinical Pediatric Nursing

This award is sponsored by the Department of Pediatrics for clinical excellence in pediatric nursing in honor of Dr. Repici, one of the original pediatricians for Our Lady of Lourdes who was very dedicated to the care of children.

Linda B. Napieralski Award for Extraordinary Dedication to the Profession of Nursing

“Mrs. Nap” was a dedicated and beloved faculty member in the School of Nursing who passed away in 2013. Her dedication to the school was unending and no assignment or task was too small or overwhelming for her to undertake. This award is given to the student demonstrating extraordinary dedication to the profession of nursing.

M. Agnes Berger, RN, Award for Excellence in Perioperative and Surgical Nursing

This award is given to the student who demonstrates excellence in perioperative nursing, which is nursing care delivered, before, during, and after an operation. M. Agnes Berger was hired as a registered nurse in the operating room in 1950 and worked her entire career, over 60 years, there. She held leadership positions in the operating room and was known for her years of teaching and mentoring student and graduate nurses. She retired in 2010 and after her passing in 2013 her Lourdes family wished to honor her work by establishing this award for a graduating student.

Sister M. Elizabeth Corry, OSF Award

A Franciscan woman of faith, vision, courage and grace, Sister M. Elizabeth Corry, OSF, has dedicated her life to serving all of God’s people, with a special emphasis on the poor and underserved. Arriving at Our Lady of Lourdes in 1967 Sister Elizabeth helped guide a small community hospital into a major tertiary care teaching facility. Many of the programs initiated under Sister Elizabeth’s tenure have become the cornerstones of the medical center. Sister Elizabeth embodies the Franciscan ideal of service and hope to the less fortunate. This award is given to the student demonstrating the value of caring by consistent participation in school activities which has contributed to the attainment of school goals

Anthony V. Ziccardi, MD Award for Excellence in Clinical Obstetrical Nursing

This award is sponsored by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology for clinical excellence in obstetric nursing in honor of Dr. Ziccardi. As described by a midwife, it is an honor to help a mother realize that “birth is not only about making babies. It is about making mothers – strong, competent, capable mothers who trust themselves and believe in their inner strength.”

Jordan Middletown Award for Patient Advocacy

The Jordan Middleton Award was developed by the faculty of Our Lady of Lourdes School of Nursing and is sponsored by Ms. Brenda Hanna, an alumna of the Class of 2000, in memory of her daughter, Jordan. Protecting and enhancing the autonomy of patients by supporting and upholding the patient’s values is profoundly important in health care professions and demonstrates the heart of caring with the nurse profession. The award is given in recognition of the student who has excelled in the area of patient advocacy.

Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes School of Nursing Alumni Award

The philosophy behind this award is to maintain and nurture relationships between classmates and to support the school in its education of student nurses. This award honors the student who exemplifies the role of an educator not only to the patient but their family and fellow students as well.

Kathy Pechulis Memorial Award for Commitment to the Nursing Profession

Mrs. Pechulis graduated with a nursing diploma from Allentown General School of Nursing and returned to school later in life earning her bachelor’s and master’s degree in nursing. “Mrs. P”, as she was fondly called by her students, found passion in teaching and remained dedicated to the nursing and the education of nursing students until her passing in January 2018. This award is given to the student who has shown a commitment to nursing through nurturing and kindness to all.

Alfred D. Sacchetti, MD Award for Nursing Excellence in the Emergency Department

This award honors Dr. Sacchetti, an active and avid supporter of nursing students. The award is given to the student who showing clinical excellence in the emergency department.

Kathy M. Shiveler Award for Excellence in Clinical Nursing

This award was established by Russell Shiveler in memory of his wife, Kathy, who was an ICU nurse at Virtua Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital for almost 40 years. She was known as a deeply caring advocate for her patients and this scholarship seeks to recognize those qualities of caring and compassion.

The Nursing Leadership Award

This award recognizes a senior nursing student who has demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities, commitment to the nursing profession, and a passion for advancing patient care. This award honors an individual who has shown outstanding initiative in both academic and clinical settings, inspires peers through collaborative efforts, and embodies the values of compassion, integrity, and professionalism. The recipient of this award exemplifies the qualities of a future nursing leader, actively contributing to the improvement of healthcare practices, fostering a positive and supportive environment, and serving as a role model to others in the nursing community.

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O my God, teach me to receive the sick in Thy Name.
Give to my efforts
success for the glory of Thy holy Name.

It is Thy work:
without Thee,
I cannot succeed.

Grant that the sick Thou hast placed in my care
may be abundantly blessed,
and not one of them be lost because of any
neglect on my part.

Help me to overcome every temporal weakness,
and strengthen in me whatever may enable me to bring joy to the
lives of those I serve.

Give me grace,
for the sake of Thy sick ones
and of those lives that will be influenced by them.
Amen.