



Graduation and Pinning Ceremony
Saturday, December 12, 2015, 10 a.m.
Cullen Performance Hall



Letter from the Dean

Dear Nursing Graduates,

You are the first nursing graduates from the University of Houston! You have earned the BSN or MSN degree, and you are the first UH Nurses to be pinned with the new UH Nursing pin. You mark an historic moment for the University of Houston by your presence here today – both for graduation and pinning! Thank you for being “the first,” and thank you for choosing to be a nurse!

Your education at the School of Nursing has equipped you to embark upon your career as a nurse leader and nurse clinician. During your time at the University of Houston as a nursing student, you have collectively spent thousands of hours in clinical, classroom, simulation labs, and volunteering, thus adding to the strength and vibrancy of our community and our profession.

I look forward to seeing the impact your careers and professional contributions will have on the future of healthcare and nursing. You will have many more “firsts” in your career, and I look forward to hearing about them all as you practice nursing in the City of Houston, our State, the nation, and around the world.

As lifelong learners, I invite you to stay connected with your School of Nursing. We welcome you and invite you to become “life members” of the UH alumni association. You will always have the special honor of being the first. You will be reminded of this distinct place in history each time you wear your nursing pin, engage with the School of Nursing and the University of Houston.

Congratulations Nursing Cougars!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn Tart".

Kathryn M. Tart, EdD, MSN, RN
Founding Dean and Professor

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Speaker

Katherine Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Katherine Thomas has served as the Executive Director for the Texas Board of Nursing (BON) since November 1995. Prior to her appointment to the ED position,

Ms. Thomas served in several other education and advanced practice positions for the BON. She has a BSN from the University of Virginia; a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) Certificate, US Army, Fitzsimons Army Medical Center, and a Masters Degree in Nursing from the University of Kansas. Prior to joining the BON, Ms. Thomas taught nursing as an Instructor and Assistant Professor at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio in baccalaureate and graduate degree programs and practiced as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. She serves as a Nurse Licensure Compact Administrator and formerly served as a member of the Executive Committee. She served as the Chair of the Texas Health Professions Council, a council of agencies who regulate health care professionals in Texas from 2000-2012. Ms. Thomas served on several Advanced Practice committees of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), chairing the APRN Advisory Committee from 1995-2007. She was a member of the Joint Dialogue Group that developed the APRN Consensus Model. She currently serves as President Elect and has previously served as Director at Large on the NCSBN Board of Directors. Ms. Thomas has received the top two awards from NCSBN: the R. Louise McManus Award for significant contributions through the highest commitment and dedication (August 2002) and the Meritorious Service Award for significant contributions to the purposes of NCSBN, (August 1999). She was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi honor society in 1983 and into Sigma Theta Tau, Delta Alpha Chapter, International Honor Society of Nursing in 1985 and was inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing in 2011.

Florence Nightingale Pledge

“I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly to faithfully practice my profession of nursing. I will do all in my power to make and maintain the highest standards and practices of my profession.

I will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping in the practice of my calling. I will assist other healthcare providers and will devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care.

I will endeavor to fulfill my rights and privileges as a good citizen and take my share of responsibility in promoting the health and welfare of the community.

I will constantly endeavor to increase my knowledge and skills in nursing and to use them wisely. I will zealously seek to nurse those who are ill wherever they may be and whenever they are in need.

I will be active in assisting others in safeguarding and promoting the health and happiness of humankind.”

— *Author Unknown*

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PROCESSIONAL	The Four Seasons <i>Vivaldi</i>
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS	Dr. Kathryn Tart <i>Founding Dean and Professor</i>
SPEAKER	Katherine Thomas, MSN, RN, FAAN
DESCRIPTION OF PIN	Dean Tart
PRESENTATION AND PINNING OF BACHELOR'S CANDIDATES	Dean Tart and School of Nursing Faculty
PRESENTATION, HOODING AND PINNING OF MASTERS CANDIDATE	Dean Tart and School of Nursing Faculty
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE PLEDGE AND LIGHTING CEREMONY	Patricia Schrader <i>Assistant Clinical Professor, Second Degree BSN Manager</i>
FAREWELL FROM THE FACULTY	Dr. Kathleen Reeve <i>Associate Dean and Clinical Professor, Master's Program Manager</i>
CLOSING REMARKS	Dean Tart
CLOSING	Alma Mater music

School of Nursing Faculty participation

Sandra McNeely
Assistant Clinical Professor / RN-BSN Manager

Danielle Quintana
Assistant Clinical Professor

Terry Kirk
Associate Clinical Professor

Lee Anne Lightfoot
Assistant Clinical Professor

Vivian Nowazek
Assistant Clinical Professor (PowerPoint Presentation)

Fall 2015

SECOND DEGREE BSN GRADUATES

Faiza Akhter
Afaq Akbar Ali
Brenda Angulo ^{3,4}
Brittney Barton ^{3,4}
Matthew Nuri Berke ⁴
Shakeel Kumar Bhatti
Kimberly Ann Breaux
Kristen Currie
Devon Lynn Debord ^{3,4}
Taylor Ann Demeny
Amanda Nicole Dennler ⁴
Carolina Cardoso Dorsett ^{3,4}
Lindsey Elizabeth Duncan
Mercy M. Fosso
Madeleine T. Fuller ^{3,4}
Nicole Elizabeth Gettings
Emily Goris ⁴
Heather Erin Gray ⁴
Heather Marie Haug ^{1,4}
Danielle Michelle Hebert
Crystal Lynn Herron
Kelsey Elizabeth Holmes ⁴
Kathryn Tara Jones
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Christine Nguyen
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Meagan Elizabeth Sonnefeld
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Liliana Jeannette Vasquez ⁴
Silvia Milena Wise
Xiaodong Zhai

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Brittani Megan Spann
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Stephanie Alyse Walleck
Noah Williamson
Carlinda Joyce Wimberly

MASTERS GRADUATE

Ruth Ndunge Makenzi

¹ Summa Cum Laude Honors - ² Magna Cum Laude Honors - ³ Cum Laude Honors - ⁴ Sigma Theta Tau International member

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The pin was created by the Pinning Committee in 2015. The pin was designed with thought, precision, and unity. The goals of the design were to represent the school, profession, and contribution to society. The interlocking UH in the center of the circle represents the student's journey and partnership with the University

of Houston and relationships formed along the way. The color red represents passion, advocacy, love, caring, and leadership which are values of UH nursing. The placement of the BSN or MSN on the banner represents the nursing profession and the culmination of the nursing student's focus. The pin is a symbol of the student's ultimate goal of earning their nursing degree.

Academic Regalia

School of Nursing

BACHELOR'S DEGREE *Tassel: Apricot*

MASTER'S DEGREE *Hood: Apricot*
Tassel: Black

Gold cords

Undergraduate students who complete the degree requirements with academic honors with the following grade point averages earned in the last fifty-four (54) hours completed at the University of Houston:

3.90 TO 4.0 Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honors)

3.70 TO 3.89 Magna Cum Laude (with High Honors)

3.50 TO 3.69 Cum Laude (with Honors)

Purple Cords

Sigma Theta Tau International, Phi Chi Chapter, the only international honor society in Nursing.

Red and White Cords

Spirit Cords indicating philanthropy to the School of Nursing.

The Alma Mater

All hail to thee,
Our Houston University.
Our hearts fill with gladness
When we think of thee.
We'll always adore thee
Dear old varsity.
And to thy memory cherished,
True we'll ever be.

Words and music by Harmony Class of 1942



