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2024 commencement

FRIDAY · MAY 24 · 2024

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GREETINGS

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STUDENT ADDRESS

Neha Bandeali

ELMSN, Family Nurse Practitioner, Class of 2024

PRESENTATION *of* AWARDS

PRESENTATION *of* CANDIDATES

CONFERRING *of* DEGREES

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CLOSING REMARKS

2024degrees

Doctor of Nursing Practice

The Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) program has four tracks: Post-Masters professional program; post-baccalaureate Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) program; Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program; and Anesthesia program. All culminate with a Doctor of Nursing Practice, which is designed to prepare graduates to practice at the highest level of advanced nursing practice.

The DNP program prepares graduates to be culturally diverse leaders and change agents within their clinical specialty with a commitment to improve health care outcomes through practice, policy change, and leadership.

The DNP FNP program prepares patient-centered primary care providers to care for culturally diverse and underserved populations, emphasizing health promotion and disease prevention.

Anesthesia Doctorate of Nursing Practice program prepares graduates for entry into a full-scope, evidence-based anesthesia practice with advanced nursing knowledge, leadership, health policy, and translational research skills to improve healthcare outcomes across the lifespan in diverse healthcare settings and systems.

Master of Science in Nursing

The Case Management program (entry-level or post-professional) prepares nurses with advanced theory and practice in a systematic approach to the delivery of health care to diverse populations. Graduates of the program will assume nursing case management roles in a variety of healthcare settings. They will ensure coordination, continuity, and quality of care, while

demonstrating a clinical nursing foundation in the application of case management principles.

The Family Nurse Practitioner program (entry-level or post-professional) prepares family-oriented primary care providers to care for culturally diverse and underserved populations, emphasizing health promotion and disease prevention. Graduates manage health problems and provide comprehensive care to individuals, families, and communities in a variety of settings. Students are eligible for national certification.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The College of Nursing offers programs that award the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. One option is an accelerated baccalaureate program (ABSN) for candidates with degrees in other fields. Students admitted to the program demonstrate an array of professional experiences and academic achievements to succeed in the program. The program provides a mechanism for graduates with non-nursing degrees to change careers and become nurses efficiently and effectively. ABSN students can complete the program in twelve months.

The second option is through transfer from other colleges. This program allows students to obtain the liberal learning and science courses required as the foundation for professional nursing education from the institution of their choice. The third program is designed for registered nurses prepared at the associate degree level to obtain a BSN degree. The RN to BSN program enhances their current practice knowledge and prepares them for expanded clinical roles.



and AWARDS HONORS

Outstanding Doctor of Nursing Practice Student Award

This award is presented to the Doctor of Nursing Practice student whose participation in the program is most consistent with the leadership, service, and academic expectations of the practice doctorate.

Outstanding Doctor of Nursing Practice Project Award

The award is presented to an exemplary student from either the Doctor of Nursing Practice, Family Nurse Practitioner, or the Post-Master's Program. It honors a project that not only demonstrates wide dissemination, but also encapsulates the mission and vision of SMU. This award recognizes a project that has instigated exceptional changes in practice and has focused on reducing inequities in healthcare.

Outstanding Master of Science in Nursing Awards

These awards are given each year to master's nursing students whose performances exemplify the highest level of achievement, have contributed to the advancement of the profession, and have performed service as outstanding representatives of Samuel Merritt University based on professional involvement, leadership, academic innovation, ingenuity, and performance.

Nursing Faculty of Tomorrow Fellow Program

The Nursing Faculty of Tomorrow (NFT) teaching fellows program was developed in Fall 2017 at Samuel Merritt University (SMU) to help current SMU students explore their interest in teaching. It is specifically designed to inspire students to consider teaching as part of their nursing career, or transition to a full-time teaching role in nursing. The program provides opportunities for students to develop their teaching skills in ways that will have a significant impact on them, their peers, and their understanding of the role of a nurse educator. Through guided experiences with skilled faculty, students in the NFT program gain the knowledge and skills needed to envision, design, conduct, and evaluate innovative, evidence-based classroom, laboratory, and clinical pedagogies. The fellows who have successfully completed the minimum requirements in the NFT program are acknowledged with an apricot and teal blue honors cord to represent nursing and education.

2024 graduating class

Doctor of Nursing Practice | Post-Masters

Jerico Erik Garino

DaJanae Simone
Gresham-Ryder ** **DNP**

Doctor of Nursing Practice | Family Nurse Practitioner

Paridhi Badjatiya

Vivianmary Udoka Osunwoke

Eva K. Tan ** **DNP**

Master of Science in Nursing | Case Management

Amanda Mendoza Aguilar

Mahum Habeeb

Gurdeep Sahota

Amanda Marie Allum *

Rachael Halladay
Guerrero ** **NFT**

Berenice Valenzuela Sanchez

Sherri Janet Anthony

Rolida Lee

Shainal Singh Sekhon

Preet Kaur Bains

Rachel McColley

Jamie Leal Violenta

Kiana Mary Capelli

Lawrence P. Mora *

Tien Vo *

Courtney Patricia Cogbill

Micah Noelle Pariñas Salgado

Michelle Elaine Williams

Samantha Sheran Cowley

Breanne Quintero

Christopher Dimas *

Master of Science in Nursing | Family Nurse Practitioner

Catherine Adzokor Ackman

Gaganjot Gill

Alesia Surrency-Ballard

Adrienne Elizabeth Carfi-Zavala

Raminderjit Kaur

Lisa Tan

Breanna Marie Carlson **

Ashley J. McDonald

Michelle Yinyin Tham

Nia Marissa Macasieb Chaplin

Theresa Nicole Rolniak

Ana Corina Zanoletti

Wai Ki Chu

Manpreet K. Sandhu

Rasnit Singh Dosanjh

Belen Szabo

Entry-Level Master of Science in Nursing | Family Nurse Practitioner

Neha Bandeali ** **NFT**

Melanie Choi

Alisha Renee McGriff

Harace Samuel Bangah

Sasha Tiffany Datta

Alexandra Irene Ortiz

Marshall Lewis Blount, Jr.

Alexis Iriam Delgadillo

Ian W. Radloff **NFT**

Melina Monique Bobadilla

Samuel Domingo

Floraine Kyla Sioson

Kayla Je'nae Bridgett

Anna Edgington

Ivan Soria

Eduardo Cervantes

Roberto Godinez

Ching Man Chee

Ahmad Faisal Habib

* NOMINATED FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD ** RECIPIENT OF OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARD

NFT RECIPIENT OF FELLOW OF NURSING FACULTY OF TOMORROW (NFT) AWARD

DNP RECIPIENT OF OUTSTANDING DNP PROJECT AWARD. (PRESENTED AT THE DOCTORAL HOODING.)

2024 graduating class

Bachelor of Science in Nursing | Accelerated Program

Margaret S. Adrianzen Flores	Danielle Nicole Evangelista ^C	Kayla Dimabuyu Lopez
Samantha Arenkill ^C	Jefferson Fellows ^S	Sonya Sivana Marie Lustig ^C
Stephanie S. Attaran ^M	Bridgette Figueroa ^M	Bianca Mak
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Monica Bell Sloan ^S	Matin A. Gardizi ^S	Chisom Gozie Mbakogu ^M
Ashley Bianchi ^C	Briseida Gavino ^C	Alyssa Montany
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Blanca Natalie Buendia	Laurel N. Harms ^C	Luc Nguyen ^C
Nancy V. Bui ^M	Dashiell Hart ^M	Hilay Noori ^M
Sherry Bui	Katelyn Heath ^S	Tenzin Nyima ^M
Yue Kar Chan ^S	Heidi Hernandez Sarabia ^C	Juliet Ifeyinwa Nzewi ^M
Leona Raegyo Chen ^M	Jan Herrera ^M	Katherine Rose Olson ^C
Stephanie Cheney ^M	Kiana Hosseinian ^C	Cierra Michelle Peace ^M
Brandon J. Chew	Daniel James Hulburt ^S	Elaine Ruiz Pettler ^S
Min-Chieh Chiu ^S	Tiffany Huynh ^S	Imani Pierce
Matthew Bihtnah Cho ^S	Kyla James	North RFX Pitney
Claire Wedekin Clarke ^S	Bryn Patrick Jesse ^M	Karen Reyes Praxedes ^C
Mary Jhoanna Paula Clemente ^M	Yosef Mekonnen Kabtyimer	Melissa Susan Quant ^S
Janai L. Collins	Jeanine Marie Kirkpatrick	Gabriela Quinteros ^M
Aliza Marie Layosa Corporal	Jennifer Kutzler	Renna Marie Ramirez
Amy Irene Cruz ^C	Vanessa Lange ^S	Ryan Razavi ^M
Sharnelle Adrianna Cruz	Saara Latifi ^M	Erika Morcilla Rodriguez ^M
Cynthia Cuevas	Surena Leal ^M	Louise Sing Lu Lee Ryoo ^S
Ishminder Dhaliwal	Karen Lee	Vanessa Alejandra Sanchez ^M
Banvir K. Dhindsa	Celeste Nicole Lemus ^C	Cassidy Yoneko Lyn Satow ^S
Kyle-Tien Do	Elaine Y. Li ^C	Aditi Seth ^C
Leslie Joanna Esquivel ^M	Shan Yu Li ^S	Daniel Scott Smith ^S
Daniella Esquivel-Santana ^C	Erinn Maegan Tan Liong ^S	Mikaila Snyder ^S

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2024 graduating class

Bachelor of Science in Nursing | AP, *continued*

Catherine Solorio

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Elizabeth Ann Stenger ^S

Samantha Joan Steward ^S

Alexandra Christine
Santamaria Strandberg ^S

Ryan Szeto ^C

Grazyna Szymanska-
Matusiewicz ^S

Laura Mutsu Takao ^C

Stephanie Wing Kei Tam ^M

Wingyan Vivian Tam

John E. Tan

Shannon Te

Melinda Tran

Nicholas Daniel Tran

Lydia Tsai ^M

Sara Tuz ^S

Jill Sinclair Unverferth

Katherine Vaccarezza

Cyrus Abeleda Vileta ^C

Princess Joanne D. Viray ^M

Emily Hui-Lin Wang ^C

Tammy Aihui Wu ^S

Mohammad Mozamel Yusufzai

Jiayue Savannah Zhong ^S

RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Hoan Chi Aquino ^S

Jerico Aquino Aquino ^M

Amandeep Kaur Badesha ^S

Shannon Lynn Bean ^S

Elizabeth Carmen Becerra ^M

Claudine Tobias Borillo ^M

Leah Junia Bote ^C

Jessica Lyn Dakan ^S

Kimberly Anne Franklin ^M

Elaina Garcia

Starr J. Gaskins

Barbara Marisela Guillen ^S

Seirra Hamilton ^C

Janet Hernandez ^C

Amber E. LaMooureux

Lynnann Lazzareschi ^M

Melody Lewis ^S

Alice Li Si Lin ^M

Marina Lisovenko ^M

Lia Kay Marquez ^S

Megan Kathleen O'Brien ^M

Alisha D. Perez ^C

Danielle Powers ^M

Melanie Moreno Ramirez ^S

Sondra Sanders ^M

Kim N. Vuong ^M

Robin Erin Watkins ^M

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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Nicole Anne Adams ^S

Denisha Cloe C. Alcantara ^M

Vanessa Aparicio

Isis Rod Lizardo Arce ^C

Mario Enrique Aviles

Reeha Nisha Baig

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Coronel Camitoc ^C

Alyssa Nicole Cantz ^M

Sofia Elena Ceja

Andrea Coleman ^C

Valeria Cruz Magallon

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Moussa Dioum

Melissa Dueñas ^S

Jenna Edmondo ^C

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Leora Jewel Engel Sieux

Mckenzie Blair Fields

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Matthew Henry Gee ^S

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Jennifer Louise Gushwa ^C	Jazmin Menjivar	Delaney Ruiz ^C
Jessica Gutierrez	Bilal Messaoudi ^C	Paige Elizabeth Salvato ^S
Sierra Kayler Guzman ^S	Miguel Grajeda Morelos, Jr.	Novejit Singh
Taylor Anne Hayes	Yesenia Muñoz ^C	Tori Tays
Alexandra E. Heintz ^S	Alexander Myau	Almahady Touré
Rhae Henson ^M	Lea Narte	Alexis Treglown ^S
Imrit Kaur ^C	Adryana Nazario	Angelica Saldajeno Uribe
Hiysha Madena Khojazada	Peter Nguyen	Francella Grace Anne B. Valera
Audrey Keel Kibanoff	Theresa Chinenye Okoronkwo	Brian Daniel Veivia ^S
Petros V. Kutulas ^C	Faustina Nkechi Onije ^C	Jozette Ramona Velasquez ^S
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Vence Ma ^C	Diana Pinzon	Samantha Winch ^M
Saul Mayorquin ^C	Enrique David Quinonez ^C	Rosy Zaragoza

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2024 doctor of nursing practice projects

Parihdi Badjatiya

*Patient Safety:
Reducing Medication Errors and Adverse
Drug Events by Reducing Interruptions*

Vivianmary Udoka Osunwoke

*Screening Adult Patients for Depression
During a Primary Care Visit:
A Quality Improvement Process.*

Erik Garino

*Implementing Ultrasound-Guided
Peripheral IV in the Emergency
Department*

Eva K. Tan

*Implementing the 3 Wishes Project
To Improve End-of-Life Care*

DaJanae Simone Gresham-Ryder

*Cultivating Civility and a Sense of
Belonging Among Nurse Leaders*



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DR. SAMUEL MERRITT

A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

SAMUEL MERRITT, MD was born in 1822 in Harpswell, Maine, and graduated from the Medical School of Maine at Bowdoin College. After practicing medicine in Plymouth, Massachusetts for three years, Dr. Merritt joined the great migration of 1849 to California. Here he made his fortune as a businessman and his reputation as one of the leading founders of the Bay Area.

When Dr. Merritt died forty years later in 1890, the *Oakland Tribune* called him the man most prominent in the establishment and building of the City of Oakland. He had touched every aspect of public life here, serving as the thirteenth Mayor of Oakland, and one of the original Regents of the University of California. Dr. Merritt played a significant role in the creation of Lake Merritt and the construction of the Oakland Public Library and City Hall. As the first president of the Mountain View Cemetery, he continued to influence the architectural landscape of the city. In his will, Dr. Merritt provided for the establishment of Samuel Merritt Hospital and the training school for nurses that has now evolved into Samuel Merritt University.

Dr. Merritt died before Samuel Merritt Hospital and its school were built. However, his fortune and forward thinking made the founding of the institution possible. Today the women and men who carry on his mission — as students, faculty, and staff — are looking ahead to the next one hundred years. The transformation of Samuel Merritt University in the twenty-first century continues the tradition started long ago by this extraordinary individual who had a mighty vision for the quality and well-being of the East Bay community.

ACADEMIC COSTUME

The history of the academic dress worn by those participating in the graduation processional reaches far back into the early days of the oldest universities. The academic costume consists of the gown, hood, cap, and tassel. The hoods worn by the participants are lined with the official color or colors of the college or university from which they received the degree. The edging of the hood is in widths of two inches, three inches, and five inches for the bachelor's, master's, and doctor's degrees, respectively. The color of the hood edging is indicative of the subject to which the individual's degree pertains. For all academic ceremonies the colors associated with the different subject areas are as follows:

DEGREE	COLOR	DEGREE	COLOR
Agriculture	Maize	Music	Pink
Arts/Letters	White	Nursing	Apricot
Commerce/Business	Drab	Occupational Therapy	Green
Oratory	Silver Gray	Dentistry	Lilac
Pharmacy	Olive Green	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Economics	Copper	Physical Therapy	Teal
Education	Light Blue	Physician Assistant	Green
Engineering	Orange	Podiatric Medicine	Nile Green
Fine Arts	Brown	Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Forestry	Russet	Public Health	Salmon Pink
Journalism	Crimson	Science	Golden Yellow
Law	Purple	Social Work	Citron
Library Science	Lemon	Theology	Scarlet
Medicine	Green	Veterinary Medicine	Gray

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Laurie Rosa · MSN, RN *Assistant Professor and Co-Director MSN CLE Program*

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