

# *White Coat Ceremony*

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing

September 19, 2023

3 p.m.

McBride Auditorium  
Allen College  
1950 Heath Street | Waterloo, Iowa



**Allen College**

**UnityPoint Health**

# Program

## **Welcome/Opening Remarks**

Dr. Jared Seliger, PhD, CNMT  
*President*

## **Remarks**

Kendra Williams-Perez, EdD, MSN, RN, CNE  
*Dean and Professor, School of Nursing*

## **Speaker**

Randy Cornelius, DNP, CRNA, ARNP  
*Allen College Alumnus*

## **Coating Ceremony**

Jennifer Coleman, ARNP, MSN, CNE  
*Assistant Professor*

Suzanne Gettman, MSN, AANP, CNE  
*Associate Professor*

Lisa Jurgensen, MSN, RN, CNE  
*Assistant Professor*

Sarah Steele, DNP, RN, CNE  
*Professor*

## **Student Speaker**

Taylor Vanatter  
*Graduating Class of May 2023*

## **Nursing Pledge**

## **Closing Remarks**

Anna Weepie, DNP, MSN, RN, CNE  
*Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Nursing Program and Professor*

# Class of Spring 2025

Emma Aalbers  
Victoria Austin  
Makenzie Bloker  
Elizabeth Carolus  
Jessica Early  
Amanda Ferhatovic  
Makayla Hanson  
Victoria Heath  
McKenzie Heinz  
Lauren Hoefler  
Grace Kramer  
Chloe Marquis  
Morgan Moser  
Emma Newton  
Madison Ollendieck  
Vaidehi Patel  
Hannah Post  
Matthew Slaughter  
Joy Slaughter  
Olivia Smith  
Ellissa Sweeney  
Hannah Teslow  
Kora Thomsen  
Alexander Upton  
Zoey Von Bank  
Jadyn Wellik

## **Nursing Pledge**

As a Nurse dedicated to providing the highest quality care and services, I solemnly pledge that I will:

- Consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns;
- Act in a compassionate and trustworthy manner in all aspects of my care;
- Apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for my patients;
- Exercise sound professional judgement while abiding by legal and ethical requirements;
- Accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence;
- Promote, advocate for, and strive to protect the health, safety, and rights of the patient.

With this pledge, I accept the duties and responsibilities that embody the nursing profession.

I take this pledge voluntarily, with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.

## **History of the Ceremony**

The White Coat Ceremony is designed as a rite of passage to emphasize the importance of compassionate patient care at the very start of training. In addition to reciting the oath, students come forward during the ceremony to be “cloaked” before family and friends in the iconic white coat that signifies their status as healthcare professionals.

The White Coat Ceremony was initiated in 1993 at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians & Surgeons by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation. Arnold P. Gold, MD, a Columbia professor, believed that the oath to compassionate patient care taken by new physicians at the end of medical school came too late. Today, nearly every medical school in the United States, hundreds of nursing schools, and many other health profession schools participate in this tradition of humanistic care.