



BON SECOURS SOUTHSIDE COLLEGE
OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Commencement Ceremony

MAY 4, 2023



THE BON SECOURS SOUTHSIDE COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

Southside College of Health Sciences Diagnostic Medical Sonography program admitted its first class in January 2008. The program was started based upon a local need for clinically competent sonographers in the service area. The Diagnostic Medical Sonography program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) via the Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRC-DMS).

NURSING

Southside College of Health Sciences Nursing program was established in 1895 as The Petersburg Training School for Nurses by Miss Lelia Nevins Ions. The first nursing class enrolled three students who attended for two years. The Training School was organized to fill a desperate need for nursing services that existed at the Petersburg Home for the Sick, which was the hospital that served the city in the late 1800s. It was renamed the Petersburg Hospital in 1886 and Petersburg General Hospital in 1953. The name changed to Southside Regional Medical Center in 1986. The program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY

Southside College of Health Sciences Radiologic Technology program was established in 1958 as The Petersburg General Hospital School of X-ray Technology. Three students enrolled in the first class for a period of eighteen months. Enrollment grew each year to meet the increasing need for qualified X-ray technologists. The program has been accredited by The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) since 1970.

Academic Procession

Academic Regalia

In colleges and universities, academic degrees are conferred at commencement exercises. Originally, the term meant the inception of the student graduate as a teacher and his recognition as such by his master and other members of the profession. Thus, the term once marked an actual beginning.

The processional and recessional of students and faculty dressed in academic regalia is a traditional part of commencement exercises. The history of academic dress goes back to the medieval universities. In the 12th and 13th centuries, when universities were taking form, they were under the jurisdiction of the church. Those studying wore a habit or cloak to which was attached a cowl or hood which could be pulled up over the head or thrown back, according to weather conditions. Later, the gown served the dual purpose of providing warmth in the unheated halls as well as uniformity of dress.

The hood seems to have had three uses: a covering, a shoulder cape, and a bag for collecting alms. It is believed that when large wigs were worn, the cape of the hood was cut open in front, and the entire garment, cape and hood proper, was allowed to fall back, producing approximately the effect seen today. After wigs went out of fashion, the original shape was not restored. The master's hood is longer than the bachelor's and the doctor's is longer than the master's.

Gowns commonly worn in the colleges and universities of this country have pointed sleeves for the bachelor's degree; long, closed sleeves (with a slit for the arm) for the master's degree; and bell-shaped, open sleeves for the doctor's degree. The master's and bachelor's gowns have no trimming. The gown for the doctor's degree is faced down the front with black velvet with three bars of the same across the sleeves; or these facings and cross bars may be of the velvet color distinctive of the faculty or subject to which the degree pertains.

The cap is an essential part of the academic dress, and it is to be retained on the head throughout all academic exercises except during prayer. In particular, the cap is not to be removed at any point in the conferment of a degree.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gowns, edging of hoods and tassels of caps, the colors associated with the different subjects are as follows:

Nursing	Apricot
Health Professions	Sage Green
Medical Sciences	Kelly Green
Pharmacy	Olive Green
Philosophy	Dark Blue
Education	Light Blue
Theology.....	Crimson

Graduation Program

Cynthia M. Swineford, Campus Director and Dean of Academic Affairs, Presiding

Processional

Pomp and Circumstance

Edward William Elgar, Composer

Invocation

Amanda Altobelli, MTS

Director of Mission, Southside Medical Center

Welcome

Cynthia M. Swineford, MSN, RN

Campus Director and Dean of Academic Affairs

Keynote Address

Brenda Woodcock, DNP, RN

Chief Nursing Officer, Bon Secours Richmond

Presentation of Awards

Cynthia M. Swineford, MSN, RN

Campus Director and Dean of Academic Affairs

Academic Achievement Award

Diagnostic Medical Sonography: **Katherine Hughes**

Nursing: **Jasmin Plumeau**

Radiologic Technology: **Jennifer Ferguson**

Clinical Excellence Award

Diagnostic Medical Sonography: **Katherine Hughes**

Nursing: **Stephanie Daily** and **Tjayda Little-Minich**

Radiologic Technology: **Alexis Forrester**

Director's Service Award

Diagnostic Medical Sonography: **Katherine Hughes**

Nursing: **Jessica Pegram**

The Roberta Cox Grossman Award

Gabriella Williams

HESI Exit Exam Award

Stephanie Daily

Ions Award

Jessica Pegram

The Carolyn Lyons Lipchak Award

Skyler Stewart

The Ruth G. Woodfin Award

Jasmin Plumeau

Graduation Program

Honors Recognition

Cynthia M. Swineford, MSN, RN

Campus Director and Dean of Academic Affairs

Conferral of Degrees

Cynthia M. Swineford, MSN, RN

Campus Director and Dean of Academic Affairs

Awarding of Degrees

Cynthia M. Swineford, MSN, RN

Campus Director and Dean of Academic Affairs

Presentation of the Program Pins

John Emery, MHA

President, Southside Medical Center

DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY

Kim Yeager, BBA, RT, RDMS

Program Director

NURSING

Denise DiCicco, DNP, RN

Program Director

RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY

Stacey Shell, MSED, RT(R)(BD)

Program Director

Blessing of the Hands

Amanda Altobell, MTS

Director of Mission, Southside Medical Center

Acknowledgments

Cynthia M. Swineford, MSN, RN

Campus Director and Dean of Academic Affairs

Benediction

Amanda Altobell, MTS

Director of Mission, Southside Medical Center

Recessional

Pomp and Circumstance

Edward William Elgar, Composer

Candidates for Associate in Applied Science

Diagnostic Medical Sonography

Arketha J. Best
Jalah Breana Gillard
Katherine Marie Hughes

Andrew Scott Lange
LaBria Pinkney
Kalyn Rankins

Heather L. Rice
Joselyn Rodriguez

Nursing

Keeley Madison Allen
Mackenzie Renee Ardinger
Kelley Madison Barley
Alyssa Botset
Kimberly Kollman Carneal
Taylor Marie Crawford
Stephanie Daily

Shatia Nicole Friend
Amanda Lee Lipford
Tjayda Marquise Little-Minich
Anna Catherine Maxwell
Keri Denise Palimore
Jessica Nicole Pegram
Jasmin Monet Plumeau

Daniel Sexton
Skyler Nicole Stewart
Samantha Ryan Warmbier
Gabriella Florenza Williams
Kacie Alexandra Woodcock

Radiologic Technology

Madison Dawn Beasley
Hannah Michelle Beckner
Courtney E. Chandler
Rachel Day
Jennifer Lindsey Ferguson

Alexis Alexandria Forrester
Chase Turner Fortner
Elaina Marie Kuper
Travis Alan Marston
Camden Kai Tanner

Deanna Rose Vaughn
Brittney V Verduzco
Elizabeth Grace Wall

Honors

Diagnostic Medical Sonography *(Cumulative GPA 3.5 or Higher)*

Arketha J. Best
Jalah Breana Gillard
Katherine Marie Hughes
Andrew Scott Lange
Kalyn Rankins
Joselyn Rodriguez

Radiologic Technology *(Cumulative GPA 3.5 or Higher)*

Madison Dawn Beasley
Hannah Michelle Beckner
Jennifer Lindsey Ferguson
Alexis Alexandria Forrester
Deanna Rose Vaughn
Brittney V Verduzco

Nursing *(Cumulative GPA 3.0 or Higher)*

Mackenzie Renee Ardinger
Alyssa Botset
Kimberly Kollman Carneal
Anna Catherine Maxwell
Jasmin Monet Plumeau
Skyler Nicole Stewart
Kacie Alexandra Woodcock

Every effort is made to ensure accuracy in this commencement program; however, it should not be used to determine a student's academic or degree status. The College's official registry for conferral of degrees is the student's permanent academic record, maintained by the Office of the Records and Registration.

Recognition and Pins

Recognition

VIRGINIA OMEGA CHAPTER OF THE LAMBDA NU NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR RADIOLOGIC AND IMAGING SCIENCES

Graduates wearing green and maroon honor cords are active members of Lambda Nu, which requires a cumulative GPA of 3.50. Lambda Nu's colors are maroon for the radiologic sciences, forest green for the health professions, and gold, the ancient color of honor.

THE NATIONAL STUDENTS NURSES' ASSOCIATION

Graduates wearing blue, white and purple member cords are active members of the National Student Nurses' Association. The National Student Nurses' Association mentors the professional development of future nurses and facilitates their entrance into the profession by providing educational resources, leadership opportunities, and career guidance.

ALPHA EPSILON CHAPTER OF ALPHA DELTA NU NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Graduates wearing apricot honor cords are members of Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society. Membership in Alpha Delta Nu requires earning a grade of B or better in all nursing coursework with no previous course failures. The Alpha Epsilon Chapter was chartered at SCHS in 2012.

COLLEGE AMBASSADOR SERVICE

Graduates wearing royal blue service cords are College Ambassadors. The College Ambassador program provides students who have a demonstrated commitment to leadership and the values of Bon Secours Southside College of Health Sciences with professional and leadership development. As an Ambassador, students provide service to the campus community through a variety of opportunities.

The Bon Secours Pins

FOR DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL SONOGRAPHY, NURSING AND RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY

The fleur-de-lis is a stylized lily and represents the purity of the Blessed Mother, Mary Immaculate.

The pin's round shape signifies continuous service, care and compassion — foundations of a Bon Secours education. The colors of the pin are the blue and gold frequently seen in depictions of Our Lady; harkening to the statue of Our Lady of Bon Secours in the Chapel in Paris.

The design is simple but not simplistic. It is an easy image to recognize; large enough for patients to see, remember, and recall as comforting in times of trouble.



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