



## *Nurses' Pinning 2021*



### **WHAT IS SUCCESS?**



*by Ralph Waldo Emerson*

To laugh often and much;  
To win the respect of intelligent people  
and the affection of children;  
To earn the appreciation of honest critics  
and endure the betrayal of false friends;  
To appreciate beauty;  
To find the best in others;  
To leave the world a bit better,  
whether by a healthy child, a garden patch  
or a redeemed social condition;  
To know even one life has breathed easier  
because you have lived;

**THIS IS TO HAVE SUCCEEDED**



# ***Northern Oklahoma College***

## ***Nurses' Pinning 2021***

**Tonkawa | Enid | Stillwater**

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**MAY 1, 2021 7:00 PM**

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Processional ----- Class of 2021

*Whenever You Remember* by Carrie Underwood

*I Lived* by One Republic

*Celebration* by Kool and the Gang

Nurses' Prayer ----- Amanda Rilee

*NOC Tonkawa Student*

Welcome ----- Dr. Nikole Hicks, RNC, CNE

*Chair, Division of Nursing*

Introduction of Speaker ----- Jenifer Lancaster, BSN, RN

*Faculty, Division of Nursing*

Guest Speaker ----- Liz Michael RN, BSN, MS, NEA-BC

*Vice President Patient Care Services/CNO Stillwater Medical Center*

Presentation of Awards ----- Dr. Nikole Hicks, RNC, CNE

Spirit of Nursing Award

Exceptional Graduate Award

Preceptor Award

Pinning of Graduate Nurses ----- Dr. Vickie Crouch, DNP, RN

*Faculty, Division of Nursing*

April Heitfeld, MSN-Ed, RN

*Faculty, Division of Nursing*

Class Recital of Florence Nightingale Pledge ----- Yunuen Molina

*NOC Enid Student*

Original Poem "It Was Worth It" by Avonlea Baird ----- Rachael Clark

*NOC Stillwater Student*

Recessional ----- Class of 2021

*Whenever You Remember* by Carrie Underwood

*I Lived* by One Republic

*Celebration* by Kool and the Gang

## *CLASS OF 2021*

Makena Cierra Adams	Vanessa Hester	Haley Wilson
Jesus Salvador Arizmendi	Ellen Hobbs	Stephanie Ramsey
Bonnie Jean Armstrong	Emily Hoemann	Yohali Rangel-Monter
Brianna Birsner	Sage Holder	Angel Lynn Reese
Brooke Bracken-Leach	Lexi Huff	Amanda Rilee
Jaidyn Brittain	Cassandra Hutchison	Yunuen Nazareth Molina Romera
Marlee Elizabeth Brown	Shauna Kay Inselman	Rachelle Maria Schultz
Tiffany Bunch	Vanessa Jackson	Tallie Shultz
Jeremy Michael Cantrell	Katie Lynn James	Kira Teague
Rachael Clark	Avary Justus	Hannah Thompson
Emilee Conner	Kristen Kang	Kari Turner
Jennifer Renee Davis	Ashley Dawn Kenmore	Cassidy Turrentine
Jessica L. Duncan	Cutara Lawson	Victoria Vandiver
Madison Hailey Frohn	Noel Lawver	Rebecca Wellendorf
Winter Frost-Duncan	Kamber LeForce	Brittany White
Maira Lucinda Garcia	Fayth Maat	Ryan White
Alexia Jo Geer	Gabrielle Meyer	Jaelyn Willuweit
Anna-Kate Goforth	Lindsay A. Newton	Hunter Renee Wood
Jennifer Joanna Gonzalez	Jennifer Oliver	Mikayla Woods
Victoria Harkins	Lindsay Patton	Vianca Zubia
Shari Jo Hatfield	Ryan Gene Pendergraff	
Wendy Henninger	Kalie Phillips	
Aubrey Hess	Hannah Poage	

## ***DIVISION OF NURSING FACULTY AND STAFF***

Dr. Nikole Hicks PhD, RNC, CNE, *Division of Nursing Chair*  
Dianna Ditmore, *Staff Assistant*

Dr. Vickie Crouch DNP, RN, *First Year Team Coordinator*  
Dr. Marie Head DNP, RN, *Lab & Simulation Team Leader*  
April Heitfeld, MSN, RN, *Second Year Team Coordinator*  
Brian Baird MS, RN, *Simulation Coordinator*  
Elaine Briggs MSN, RN, *Faculty*  
Dr. Diane Cannon DNP, MHA, RN, *Stillwater Lab Coordinator*  
Amber Chester MSN, RN, *Faculty*  
Sheila Gould MSN, RN, *Enid Lab Coordinator*  
Kim Hague MSN, RN, *Faculty*  
Jenifer Lancaster, BSN, RN, *Faculty*  
Kathy Phillips MS, RN, *Faculty*

## ***CLINICAL INSTRUCTORS***

Robin Baird, BSN, RN  
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Rachel Kroemer, BSN, RN  
Kimberly Langton, BSN, RN  
Stacey Meloy, BSN, RN  
Morgan Messenger, BSN, RN  
Hilary Stengle, BSN, RN

## ***From the Students***

### **Makena Cierra Adams - Stillwater**

*"I just want to start by saying thank you to all of my fellow nursing students. You were all always encouraging and always there for me. Lastly, thank you to my family. Without your encouragement and support, I would never be where I am today. I love you guys!"*

### **Jesus Salvador Arizmendi - Enid**

*"Thank you to my family for encouraging me all the way through this process, my work family for always believing in me and pushing me through this journey, my friends for providing a lending hand or ear when help or venting was needed, and every single one of my teachers!"*

### **Bonnie Jean Armstrong - Stillwater**

*"I want to thank my husband, James, for encouraging me. Jim and Linda for all their support. To family members, friends, and nursing school classmates for sticking it out with me and being there when I needed someone to vent to. It's been a long journey, but we did it!"*

### **Brianna Birsner - Stillwater**

*"I want to thank my incredible family, fiancé, and friends for all the support and encouragement over the last two years. Most of all, I want to thank God for giving me the strength to complete this program when I didn't think I was able to."*

### **Brooke Bracken-Leach - Stillwater**

*"I want to thank my husband, Jacob, and my parents, Dan and Melissa, for supporting me through this crazy nursing school journey. It sure hasn't been easy but I have finally made it and could not have done it without them. Thank you for all of your love and support."*

### **Jaidyn Brittain - Enid**

*"I want to say thank you to my fiancé, friends, and family for the endless support you've given me through this journey. I also want to thank my St. Mary's work family for working around my crazy schedule. I want to give a special thank you to my Mom for listening to my weekly breakdowns and all the late night studying. I love you guys and you know I couldn't have done it without you!"*

### **Marlee Elizabeth Brown - Tonkawa**

*"First, I would like to thank God for giving me the strength and ability to successfully complete Nursing School. To my family and husband, thank you for always having my back and supporting me throughout my journey. I'll leave with this, Count Your Blessings and Always Choose Joy."*

**Tiffany Bunch - Tonkawa**

*"I would like to thank my husband Cole, our 4 children and our family and friends for their love and support! Cole, thank you for being there for our children and for being my shoulder to cry on through this process! I am excited to start this new chapter of life!"*

**Jeremy Michael Cantrell - Tonkawa**

*"Ashlyn, thank you for all of the support you have given me over the past two years. August, my sweet son, thank you for being my guiding light, even on the darkest nights. I love you both so much and I could not have done this without you."*

**Rachael Clark - Stillwater**

*"I would like to thank my husband, Clint Clark, my in-laws, Diane and Wayne Clark, and Deborah Mendenhall."*

**Vanessa Collins - Enid**

*"I would like to first thank God who is the head of my life, without him I am nothing. I also want to thank my husband, kids, all of my family, friends and church family for praying for me through this crazy process. To God be the Glory! I did it! Yay!"*

**Emilee Conner - Tonkawa**

*"Thank you to all of my friends, family, and instructors. Without the constant love and support, I do not know where I would be. You have all impacted me in the sweetest way and I will cherish that for the rest of my life. Thank you all for encouraging me to be the best version of myself."*

**Jennifer Renee Davis - Enid**

*"Thank you to my husband, Tim, and daughter, Lylah. Tim, thank you for always being there for me and encouraging me to never give up. Lylah, thank you for being my motivation and always making me laugh and smile. Thank you both for standing by my side, I love you!"*

**Jessica L. Duncan - Tonkawa**

*"Words cannot describe how thankful I am for my mother who got me through a rough patch. Thank you for watching my children during many, many clinical rotations. I couldn't have gotten through the program without you! Love you mom!"*

**Madison Hailey Frohn - Stillwater**

*"I'd like to thank my parents, my boyfriend, Nathan, my classmates and best friends, Kira and Cassidy, my coworker, and everyone else who has shown me love and support throughout my time in this program. I would not have made it without you all. Thank you."*

**Winter Frost-Duncan - Stillwater**

*"I would like to thank the NOC faculty for always reminding me to keep pushing. My mother for always being there to pick me up when I fell apart. My mother-in-law for always being there for my kids. And most importantly my husband for supporting me and our children through this journey."*

**Maira Lucinda Garcia - Tonkawa**

*"First, I want to thank God for all the blessings and the strength he has given me throughout my journey in school. And to my parents and brother whom I couldn't have done this without. Thank you for always being the most reliable and supportive people."*

**Alexia Jo Geer**

*"I want to thank my family and friends, NOC faculty, and my workplace, Stillwater Medical Center for providing me support, encouragement, and flexibility during nursing school. I have met some lifelong friends during this process. I could not have succeeded without my amazing classmates. Congratulations to all. We did it!"*

**Anna-Kate Goforth - Stillwater**

*"I would like to thank my husband for encouraging and loving me so well, for my parents and family supporting me, and my classmates who helped me and answered my many questions. I am so appreciative of the people the Lord has placed in my life to make this possible."*

**Jennifer Joanna Gonzalez - Enid**

*I want to thank the two most important people that have been there since day one, without them this wouldn't be possible. Because of them I am who I am today, my parents."*

*"Gracias a mis padres por su apoyo y sacrificio, por ustedes soy quien soy hoy!"*

**Victoria Harkins - Tonkawa**

*"I would like to thank my father, Todd, my mother, Shawn, and boyfriend, Cale, and many others for offering guidance and love during my time in the nursing program. I would also like to thank my family and friends for continuing to support me throughout the rest of my life."*

**Shari Jo Hatfield - Stillwater**

*"I am thankful to God for giving me the strength and perseverance I needed. And to my husband and kids for their love, support, prayers and encouragement. I also want to thank my mom and dad for their continued love, support, and daily help!"*

**Wendy Henninger - Stillwater**

*"Thank you to my family, friends, and co-workers for supporting me on this adventure. I would not have been able to do this without you. Thank you, SMC Cardiology clinic, for being flexible with my schedule. Thank you to the NOC nursing class of 2021, may your paths be blessed."*



**Ellen Hobbs - Enid**

*"I would like to thank my instructors, classmates, coworkers, friends, aunt and uncle for being there for me through this journey. Most importantly I'd like to thank my grandmother. I absolutely couldn't have gone through any of this without her. I wouldn't be the woman I am without her guidance and support. Thank you all!"*

**Emily Hoemann - Tonkawa**

*"I would like to thank all my family and friends for the love, support, and encouragement that they have shown me throughout my education. It will always be remembered as I explore new goals and work toward new achievements."*

**Sage Holder - Stillwater**

*"Thank you to my family for being there for me, believing in me, and most importantly never giving up on me. I love y'all! Here's to being a nurse!"*

**Lexi Huff - Stillwater**

*"Thank you to my parents for believing in me and supporting me. My sister for always being there. My boyfriend for putting up with me through this program, and my instructors and classmates for guiding me along the way. I couldn't have done it without you all."*

**Shauna Kay Inselman - Enid**

*"Thank you to my mom, dad, and sister, Starla, for being there and supporting me throughout nursing school. I'd also like to thank my friends and family for being there throughout this journey and supporting me in pursuing my dreams of becoming a nurse. I love you all."*

**Vanessa Jackson - Enid**

*"I would like to dedicate this to my parents and my children. They prayed for me through the bad times and celebrated with me through the good times. I especially want to thank my mother for urging me to go back to school for my RN certification. My children for learning to self-entertain while I studied or worked on school work. I want to thank my late husband, Davin. We started this journey years ago, and even though you are no longer by my side, I know you are looking down on me. Thank you."*

**Katie Lynn James - Enid**

*"I want to send a big thank you to my wonderful husband, John, my two beautiful daughters, Paige and Joeli, my amazing in-laws, David and Linda and to all my family and friends who have supported me through this journey. THANK YOU!"*

**Avary Justus - Tonkawa**

*"I would like to thank my parents for being my biggest support system while being in nursing school, my best friends in this program for making it so memorable, my aunt Holly for countless hours of tutoring and preparing for interviews, my teachers for being so encouraging and helpful, and I would like to thank God for giving me the strength to pursue my dream."*

**Kristen Kang - Enid**

*"Thanks to my family for supporting me to become a nurse. I also thank my friends from class and all of the wonderful and supportive professors. Words cannot describe how thankful I am for everybody who supported me throughout my nursing school journey. I love you!"*

**Ashley Dawn Kenmore - Stillwater**

*"I would like to thank my husband, Korbin, and my children for their support and love, my parents, my grandparents and my husband's grandparents for all their love and support. Lastly, I'd like to thank my classmates for their support. Thank you all!"*

**Cutara Lawson - Tonkawa**

*"First and foremost, I would like to thank God, without him none of this would be possible. I'd also like to thank my parents, fiancé, brothers, family, friends, and coworkers who have helped, encourage, and prayed for me during my journey to become an RN. I'm also thankful for NOC faculty."*

**Noel Lawver - Tonkawa**

*"I'd first and foremost like to recognize my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through whom all things are possible. I'd also like to thank my loving fiancé, Josh, who has been there with me every step of the way and has literally been my shoulder to cry on. I'd like to thank my parents for always supporting me and encouraging me and inspiring me, and all my other family and friends who have done the very same thing."*

**Kamber LeForce - Enid**

*"To my family and fiancé, thank you for giving me the much needed love and support throughout my journey of becoming an RN. The constant encouragement I received from all of you got me to where I am today! I love you guys!"*

**Fayth Maat - Enid**

*"I want to say a big thank you to my friends and family who supported me and prayed for me throughout nursing school! A special thanks to my husband, Jon, who has done so much for me and helped me every step of the way. I couldn't have done it without you!"*

**Gabrielle Meyer - Stillwater**

*"Thank you to my family, friends, classmates, and instructors for getting me through the past two years. I would not be here today without you all. Thank you for listening to me cry and complain 24/7 and always encouraging me to pick my feet up and keep going. I cannot thank you enough."*

**Lindsay A. Newton - Stillwater**

*"I am thankful to have a strong support system who always encouraged me to keep going when times got tough! Thank you Chase, my family, and study buddies for putting up with me!"*

**Jennifer Oliver - Stillwater**

*"I want to thank my husband, kids, family, classmates, and Stillwater NOC Faculty for all of the support and encouragement the last two years. WE DID IT!"*

**Lindsay Patton - Stillwater**

*"I would like to say thank you to my family and friends for getting me through these last two years. You all have been so supportive as I worked toward my dream career. I would not be here without you, and I cannot thank you enough for that!"*

**Ryan Gene Pendergraft - Stillwater**

*"Thank you to my parents for supporting me through everything. Thank you to my girlfriend, Marissa, for putting up with me throughout this journey. Also, I would like to thank my classmates, friends, and family for the continued support. I couldn't have done any of this without you."*

**Kalie Phillips - Stillwater**

*"I would like to thank my children who have been my reason to keep going. My husband who encourages me daily and always pushes me. My mom and sister for doing everything possible so I can succeed. Lastly, my in-laws, grandparents and friends for all their continuous love and support."*

**Hannah Poage - Enid**

*"Thank you to the love and support my family has given me during the last 2 years. A special thank you to those of you who helped with my daughter, Emry. Lastly, thank you to the NOC nursing faculty for all the time you took out of your lives to help us through the journey of nursing school."*

**Yohali Rangel-Monter- Stillwater**

*"I want to thank my mom, Tomasa, and my boyfriend, Tristan. They have been my rock throughout these two years, and I wouldn't be here without them. I would also like to thank my classmates and friends who have spent countless hours studying with me. They, better than anyone, know how challenging this program is and I am so proud to graduate with these amazing people."*

**Angel Lynn Reese - Stillwater**

*"Thank you God for blessing me with the strength to accomplish my goal of becoming an RN, what a journey! Thank you, Joey, we made it and I Love You! Thank you to my entire family for your patience these past two years, and SMC for being so awesome!"*

**Amanda Rilee - Tonkawa**

*"Thank you does not begin to express the gratitude I have for my family and their sacrifice for the last 2 years. Especially my husband for his dedication. Emmanuel, Sammuell, and Stormy for their lost time. My mother for being my biggest fan. Without you all, I would not be here today. I love you all."*

**Yunuen Nazareth Molina Romera - Enid**

*"Yo dedico este reconocimiento a mi abuelo Jose Salvador Molina Ortiz, y a mi bisabuela Elvira Altamirano Contreras. Que descansen en paz. Gracias a mis padres, Israel y Maricela Molina por apoyarme en mis estudios y en mi carrera. Gracias a Dios por todas sus bendiciones."*

**Translation:** *"I dedicate this graduation to my grandfather, Jose Salvador Molina Ortiz, and to my great-grandmother Elvira Altamirano Contreras. May they rest in peace. Thank you to my parents, Israel and Maricela Molina, for supporting me in my studies and my career. Thanks be to God for all of his blessings."*

**Rachelle Maria Schultz - Stillwater**

*"First, a big thank you to my husband for all the support and encouragement. You always had faith in me even when I lost faith in myself. Another big thanks to my parents for always pushing me to follow my dreams. A special thank you to my mom, you're my biggest motivation and inspiration. And always thank you to all my family and friends for the love and support and understanding."*

**Tallie Shultz - Stillwater**

*"I want to say thank you to my family and friends for all of the love and support throughout this long journey to become a nurse. I would not be here today if it wasn't for the huge support system that I have. Thank you for being at my side through thick and thin. I love you."*

**Kira Teague - Stillwater**

*"I am so thankful that I have made it this far and for all of those who helped me along the way. I am especially grateful for my mom, my externship preceptors...Kristy and Dee, and my peers, Madison and Cassidy. I couldn't have done it on my own!"*

**Hannah Thompson - Enid**

*"Thank you to all my family and friends for all the support I received going through nursing school. A special dedication to my daughter for being my motivation to better myself. Thank you to all the facility members for being there when life got over whelming!"*

**Kari Turner - Tonkawa**

*"I want to thank my parents and family for the love and support during nursing school. My son, Hudson, for giving me motivation and the drive to further my career. Shout out to the wonderful friends I've gained along the way for the long study days and crying sessions. Thank you to the Tonkawa teachers for the encouragement to always do my best! "*

**Cassidy Turrentine - Stillwater**

*"I would like to thank my mom, dad, sister, and my husband, Bryce, each of you have always loved and supported me through everything. I also want to thank my friends, Kira and Madison, I wouldn't have made it without your support."*

**Victoria Vandiver - Enid**

*"The day is finally here! I would like to thank my family, friends, coworkers, and instructors for all of the love, guidance, and support throughout this journey. Without all of you I would not be here today. I am forever grateful for each of you. Thank you!"*

*- Love, Victoria*

**Rebecca Wellendorf - Tonkawa**

*"It's a great honor to be here tonight as a graduate of the NOC Registered Nursing Program. The road certainly has not been easy, but nothing of worth is obtained without hardships. I have relied on the prayers of loved ones and the support of my fellow classmates. It's been by the grace of God I have achieved this great accomplishment. No matter what I do in life, I always remember and live by this verse: 'And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men. Thank you and God bless you.' Colossians 3:23 (KJV)"*

**Brittany White - Stillwater**

*"I want to thank each and every one of my family and friends who have helped me through this journey. Without each of you I would not be here today graduating to become a RN. This celebration is not only for me but for each of you as well."*

**Ryan White - Enid**

*"Thank you to my husband for supporting, listening and comforting me through this journey of nursing school. Thank you to my mom for inspiring me to become a nurse. Lastly, thank you to all of my family for being supportive when I needed it the most. I love you guys!"*

**Jaclyn Willuweit - Enid**

*"Thank you to everyone who has supported me throughout this crazy journey. I want to especially thank my husband, Eric, you gave me the strength to continue even when I doubted myself. Your love and support is the reason I am graduating. I could not have done it without you."*

**Haley Wilson - Enid**

*"Thank you mom and dad for your support throughout this journey, thank you to my husband for always pushing me to study and to not be lazy! And to my sisters for being inspirational nurses and give me the drive to follow in their footsteps."*

**Hunter Wood - Enid**

*"Family, friends, fellow classmates, and instructors, you have each played a vital role in the journey that has brought me here today. All of the love and support that I have received has helped make this possible. I will forever be grateful." - With love, Hunter*

**Mikayla Woods - Stillwater**

*"I would like to thank my family for their continuous love and support, thank you to the friends I made in nursing school for always pushing me through, and thank you to my husband and kids for never giving up on me and always being my biggest fans."*

**Vianca Zubia - Enid**

*"I want to thank my sister, Wendy. You have served as my biggest inspiration and are the reason why I became a nurse. To my family you have been a constant support to me these last 2 difficult years and for that I am very grateful. Thank you!"*

***CONGRATULATIONS!***



**NORTHERN**  
Oklahoma College

## ***FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE PLEDGE***

*(Modern Version)*

I solemnly pledge myself before God and in the presence of this assembly to pass my life in purity and to practice my profession faithfully.

I will abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous and will not take or knowingly administer any harmful drug.

I will do all in my power to maintain and elevate the standard of my profession, and will hold in confidence all personal matters committed to my keeping and all family affairs coming to my knowledge in the practice of my calling.

With loyalty will I endeavor to aid the health care team in this work and devote myself to the welfare of those committed to my care.