



Fall 2025

Greetings from the Dean

Dear Berkley School of Nursing Community,

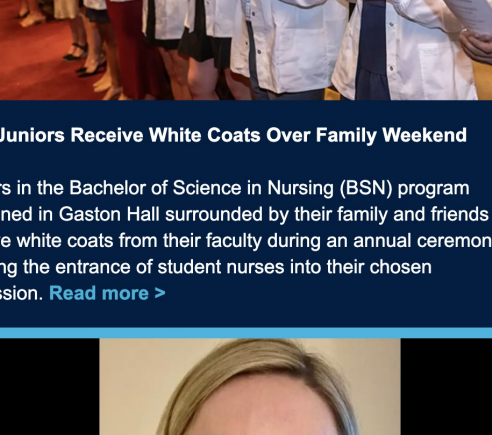
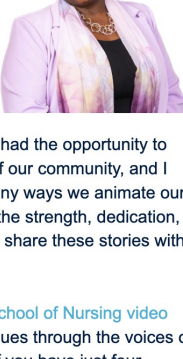
As the fall semester moves forward, we often hear the familiar refrain about how busy this time of year can be.

In assembling the latest issue of *CURA*, I had the opportunity to reflect on the remarkable achievements of our community, and I gained a renewed appreciation for the many ways we animate our purpose. These accomplishments reflect the strength, dedication, and impact of our school and I'm proud to share these stories with you.

I'm also excited to share a new [Berkley School of Nursing video](#) that highlights our mission, vision, and values through the voices of our incredible students and new alumni. If you have just four minutes to watch it, I promise you'll come away inspired! The video was posted on our [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#). Please consider liking, resharing, and adding a comment to show your pride in being part of the Georgetown nursing community. Let's spread the word about the remarkable work and spirit that define our school.

Thank you for all that you do. We hope you enjoy our Fall 2025 issue of *CURA*!

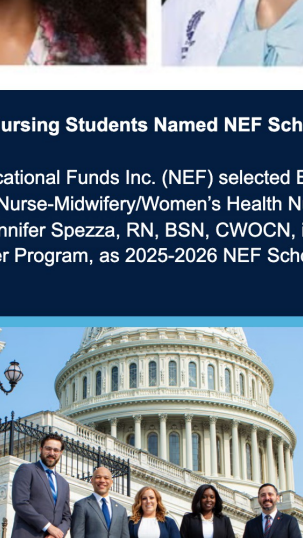
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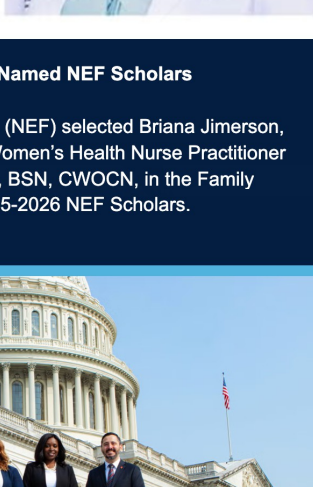
BSN Juniors Receive White Coats Over Family Weekend

Juniors in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program convened in Gaston Hall surrounded by their family and friends to receive white coats from their faculty during an annual ceremony marking the entrance of student nurses into their chosen profession. [Read more >](#)



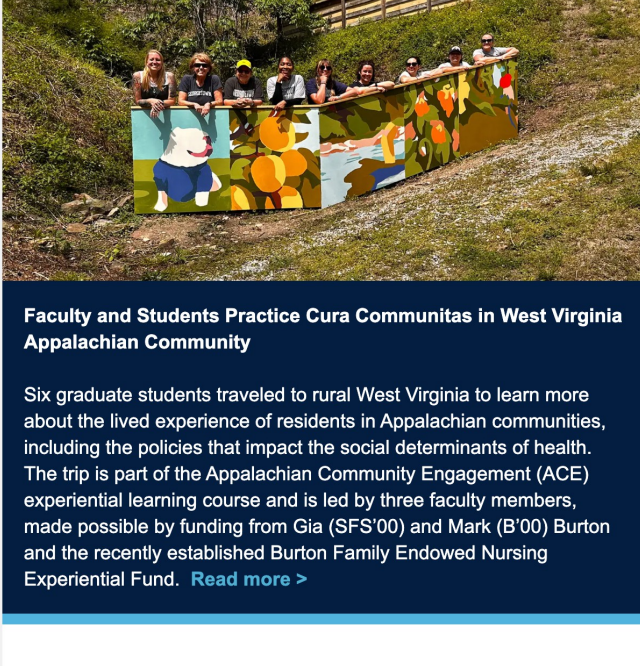
Graduate Student Awarded Scholarship for Providing Care to Underserved Patients

Alexandra ("Alex") Jones (G'25), BSN, RN, a BSN-DNP and Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) graduate student, has been awarded a \$10,000 scholarship from the CVS Foundation. The BSNOL Scholarships and Awards Committee selected Jones for her work in providing care to underserved populations as a float nurse in the single regional hospital in Alamance County, North Carolina. [Read more >](#)



Two Graduate Nursing Students Named NEF Scholars

The Nurses Educational Funds Inc. (NEF) selected Briana Jimerson, RN, BSN, in the Nurse-Midwifery/Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Program, and Jennifer Spezza, RN, BSN, CWOCN, in the Family Nurse Practitioner Program, as 2025-2026 NEF Scholars. [Read more >](#)



Future Nurse Leaders Acquire Critical Advocacy Skills to Shape Health Care Policy

Two executive DNP students, Austin Brook (G'26), MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, NE-BC, and Sarah Slater (G'26), MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, and four DNP program faculty members participated in the American Organization for Nursing Leadership (AONL) Advocacy Academy, a program that educates nurse leaders on the legislative process and teaches them skills to build relationships with policymakers. [Read more >](#)

SHARING OUR VALUES



Faculty and Students Practice Cura Communitas in West Virginia Appalachian Community

Six graduate students traveled to rural West Virginia to learn more about the lived experience of residents in Appalachian communities, including the policies that impact the social determinants of health. The trip is part of the Appalachian Community Engagement (ACE) experiential learning course and is led by three faculty members, made possible by funding from Gia (SFS'00) and Mark (B'00) Burton and the recently established Burton Family Endowed Nursing Experiential Fund. [Read more >](#)



Students Selected as Ambassadors for NPWH

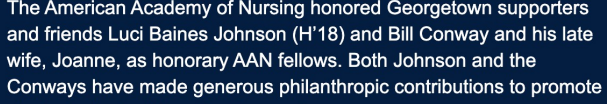
The National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health (NPWH) has selected Ronisha Johnson (G'26), MSN, RN, C-EFM, CNL, and Nathalie Mojica (G'26), RN, BSN, CDCES, CLE, to serve on a panel of 10 student nurse ambassadors, selected for their "outstanding dedication to women's health and the NPWH mission." [Read more >](#)



Cultivating a 'Get To' Mindset, Honoring the Call to Serve

Health care leader, author and philanthropist Quint Studer delivered a lecture in September in Gaston Hall, challenging attendees to cultivate what he described as a "get to" mindset. [Read more >](#)

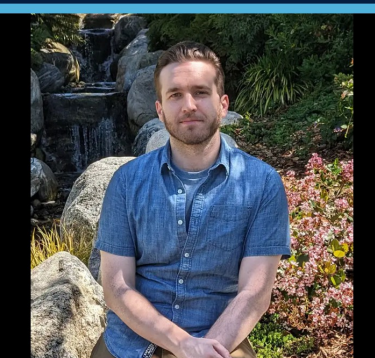
FACULTY AND STAFF SPOTLIGHTS



School of Nursing Faculty Selected for Prestigious Professional Society

The American Academy of Nursing (AAN) inducted four [Georgetown University Berkley School of Nursing](#) educators and researchers for its class of 2025 Academy Fellows in recognition of their "substantial contributions to health and health care." They included: Intima Alirimawi, PhD, MSN, MPH, BSN; Debra A. Kosko, DNP, MN, FNP-BC, FAANP; Kwana Paruchabutr, DNP, FNP, WHNP, FACNM, FNAP; and Melody R. Wilkinson, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, FAANP.

Additional Professional Inductions:



The Academy of Diversity Leaders in Nursing (ADLN) selected [Rebecca O. Shasanmi Ellis, PhD, MPH, RN](#), as a 2025 fellow.

The American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) selected [Mara Evans, DNP, CNIM](#), assistant professor of nursing and a dedicated global health clinician, as a 2025 fellow.

The American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (AANA) selected [Carrie Bowman Dalley, PhD, CRNA](#), associate professor of nursing and program director for the Berkley School of Nursing's Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Program, as a 2025 fellow.

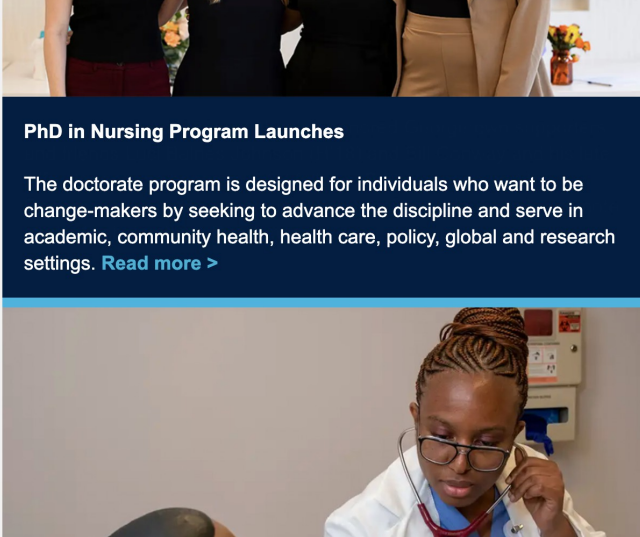
The AAN elected [Stephan Davis, DNP, MHSA, FACHE, ANEF, FAAN](#), executive director of Leadership, Policy and DNP Education, to its Fellow Selection Committee.

The National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women's Health (NPWH) selected [Ella Heitzler, PhD, WHNP-BC, FNP-BC, RNC-OB](#), as a 2025 NPWH Fellow, and honored [Heitzler and Gina Fullbright, DNP, WHNP-BC](#), with NPWH Inspiration Awards in Women's Health.



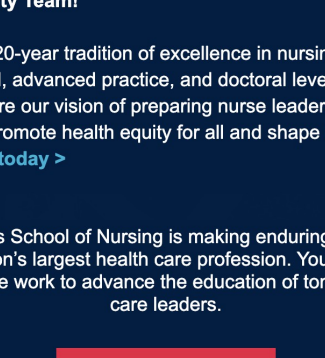
Prestigious Society Recognizes Georgetown School of Nursing Supporters for Their Dedication to Health Care, Nursing

The American Academy of Nursing honored Georgetown supporters and friends [Luci Baines Johnson \(H'18\)](#) and [Bill Conway](#) and his late wife, [Joanne](#), as honorary AAN fellows. Both Johnson and the Conways have made generous philanthropic contributions to promote student scholarships. [Read more >](#)



From the Hospital to a Simulation Lab, a Nurse Finds Her Purpose and Passion

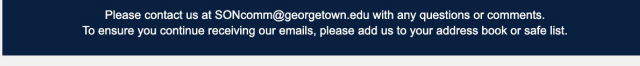
As part of Georgetown Faces storytelling series, meet [Kelli Giffin](#), our director of the [O'Neill Family Foundation Clinical Simulation Center](#), a high-tech learning environment that gives nursing students simulated clinical training of real-life scenarios. [Read more >](#)



Staff Spotlight: Joe Scott, Associate Director for Student and Academic Affairs

In his role, Joe Scott manages space, projects, course scheduling, budgets, procurement and program development, and bridges the gap between faculty and academic affairs. [Read more >](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

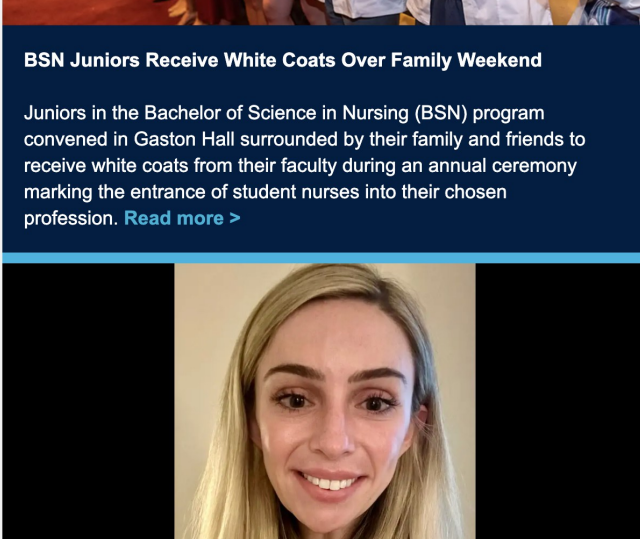


Georgetown Unveils Interdisciplinary Building Downtown; Houses Two BSNOL Programs

In October, Georgetown celebrated the opening of its new educational hub at 111 Massachusetts Ave. in downtown Washington on the university's Capitol Campus. The new building is home to our school's graduate degree programs. [Read more >](#)

Alumna Returns as Faculty in New Leadership Role

[Evelyn Addo-Wallace \(G'23\)](#), DNP, MPH, WHNP-BC, has been appointed assistant professor and assistant director for Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) scholarly projects. [Read more >](#)



PhD in Nursing Program Launches

The doctorate program is designed for individuals who want to be change-makers by seeking to advance the discipline and serve in academic, community health, health care, policy, global and research settings. [Read more >](#)



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