



Spring 2026

Greetings from the Dean

Dear Berkley School of Nursing Community,

The arrival of Spring at Georgetown brings a sense of renewal — and this season, I find myself especially energized by the momentum our community continues to build together.

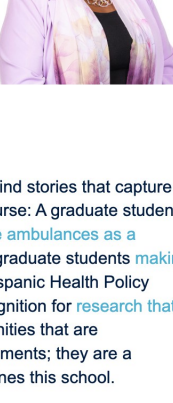
In this Spring 2026 issue of CURA, you'll find stories that capture what it truly means to be a Georgetown nurse: A graduate student traveling to rural Kenya to [study motorbike ambulances as a solution](#) to maternal health access; undergraduate students [making their voices heard on Capitol Hill](#) at the Hispanic Health Policy Summit; and faculty earning national recognition for [research that is changing how care is delivered](#) in communities that are underserved. These are not small achievements; they are a reflection of the depth of purpose that defines this school.

For the Berkley School of Nursing, [our mission to form](#) ethical, empathetic, and transformational nursing leaders is not an aspiration — it is something we witness every day in the work of our students, faculty, and staff. I am proud to share their stories with you.

Thank you for being a vital part of this community. Your partnership and belief in our mission are what make these achievements possible. They affirm that academic excellence and a commitment to social justice are not competing values; they are inseparable. That is what makes Georgetown nursing remarkable.

Wishing you a vibrant, restorative, and inspired Spring season.

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Dean, [Berkley School of Nursing](#)

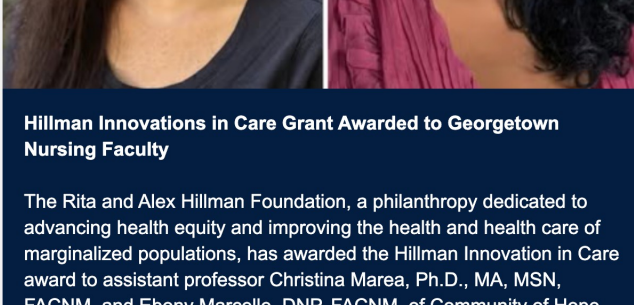


HOYA NURSES



Graduate student Evaluates Novel Motorbike Ambulance Service to Improve Maternal Health in Rural Kenya

Partnering with Canadian Nurses for Africa and the Kenyan Ministry of Health, Alexandra Jones (G'26), BSN, R.N., a BSN-DNP and Family Nurse Practitioner graduate student, traveled to rural Kenya this January to study whether on-call motorbike ambulances can help women physically reach the care they need. Associate professor Debra Kosko, DNP, M.N., FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, mentored Jones throughout her research project. The project also received support from Georgetown's guide group, which provided a member in the field with Jones to assist with data collection. [Read more >](#)



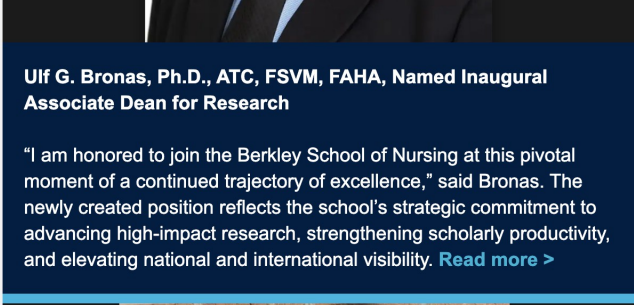
BSN Students Gain Firsthand Experience in Health Policy on Capitol Hill

Undergraduate students traveled to Capitol Hill to participate in the National Association of Hispanic Nurses Hispanic Health Policy Summit, engaging in conversations about federal health policy and making their voices heard in shaping legislation around nursing education and patient care. [Read more >](#)



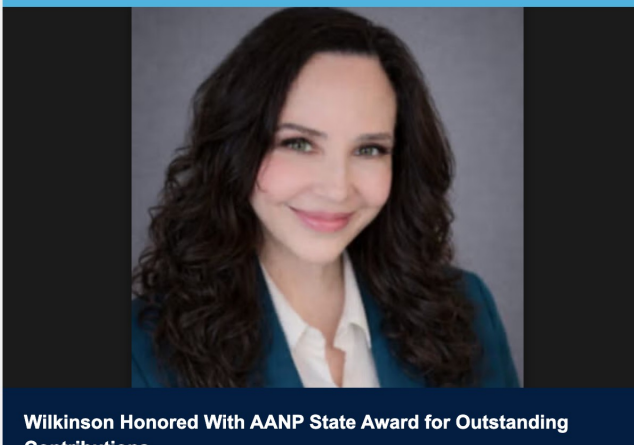
To Take the Pulse of Violent Trauma, Nurse Transfers from the Trauma Bay to the Classroom

Kenyatta Hazlewood (G'28) began her Ph.D. in nursing to deepen her commitment to trauma prevention and intervention efforts and advance health equity through research. Hazlewood's foray into nursing began as a technician in MedStar Georgetown University Hospital's emergency department in 2005, and is now zeroing in on the social determinants of health that cause the health inequities she's witnessed throughout her career. [Read more >](#)



Hillman Innovations in Care Grant Awarded to Georgetown Nursing Faculty

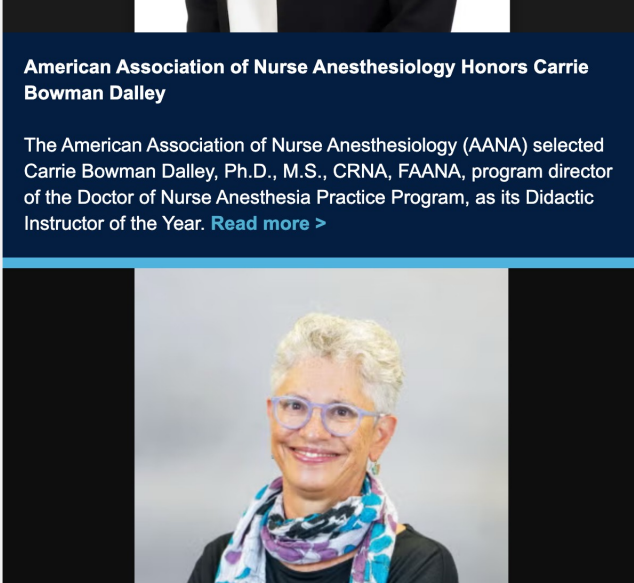
The Rita and Alex Hillman Foundation, a philanthropy dedicated to advancing health equity and improving the health and health care of marginalized populations, has awarded the Hillman Innovation in Care award to assistant professor Christina Marea, Ph.D., MA, MSN, FACNM, and Ebony Marcelle, DNP, FACNM, of Community of Hope. [Read more >](#)



Six Master of Science to Entry Nursing Students Receive Washington Home Scholarships

Six Master of Science to Entry Nursing students received scholarships from The Washington Home, a charitable foundation. This is the fourth cohort of students funded by The Washington Home in as many years. [Read more >](#)

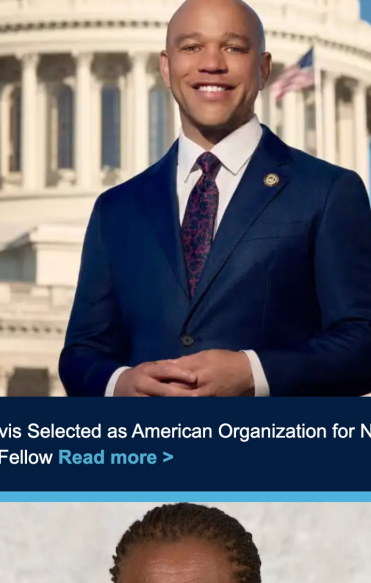
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Honoring the Gifts Shared by Anatomical Donors

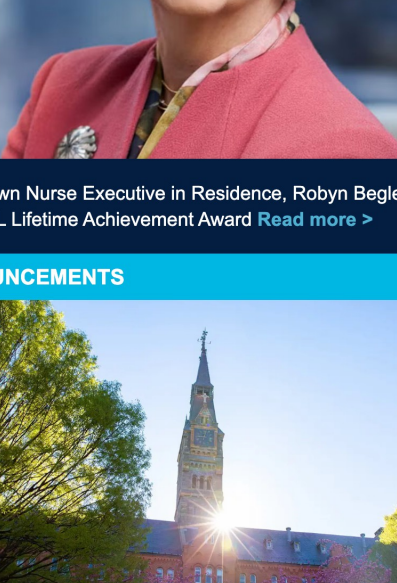
Students honored the profound gifts they received from their anatomical donors during a special Mass in Dahlgren Chapel. Family members and friends of those who donated their bodies to advance the education of future healers were surrounded by dozens of medical and nursing students who came together to offer their gratitude. [Read more >](#)

FACULTY AND STAFF SPOTLIGHTS



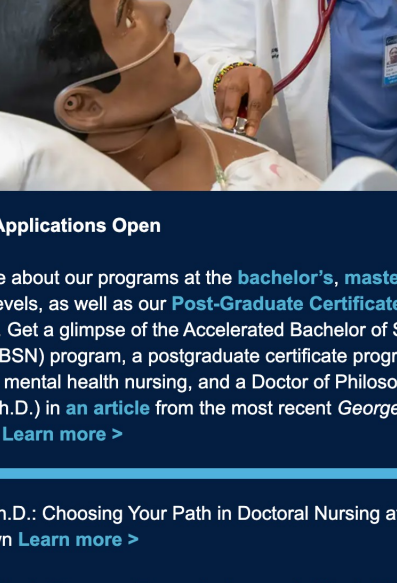
Ulf G. Bronas, Ph.D., ATC, FSVM, FAHA, Named Inaugural Associate Dean for Research

"I am honored to join the Berkley School of Nursing at this pivotal moment of a continued trajectory of excellence," said Bronas. The newly created position reflects the school's strategic commitment to advancing high-impact research, strengthening scholarly productivity, and elevating national and international visibility. [Read more >](#)



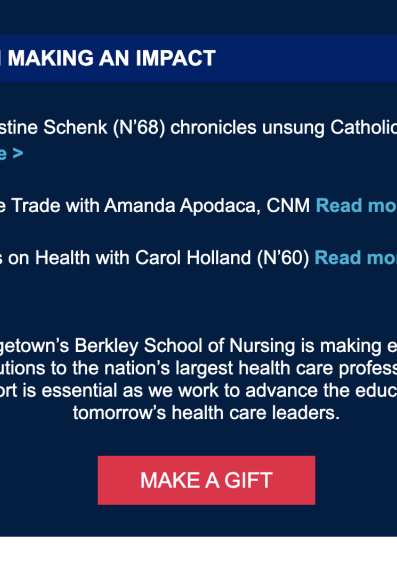
Alrimawi Selected for ENRS Excellence in Social Justice & Health Equity Award

Intima Alrimawi, Ph.D., MSN, MPH, BSN, R.N., FAAN, associate professor of nursing, has been selected as the recipient of the 2026 Eastern Nursing Research Society Excellence in Social Justice & Health Equity Award. The award recognizes sustained contributions to advancing health equity through nursing research, education and leadership. [Read more >](#)



Wilkinson Honored With AANP State Award for Outstanding Contributions

The American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) selected professor Melody Wilkinson, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, as a recipient of a 2026 AANP State Award for Outstanding Contributions. The award honors individuals who have made significant strides in advancing health care through practice, education, advocacy, research and leadership, and have demonstrated efforts to advance the image, profile and visibility of nurse practitioners. Wilkinson also partnered with community leaders in Clay County, West Virginia for a five-day immersive experiential learning trip for graduate students to gain experience in rural health care and help engage with the community. [Read more >](#)



American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology Honors Carrie Bowman Dalley

The American Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (AANA) selected Carrie Bowman Dalley, Ph.D., M.S., CRNA, FAANA, program director of the Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice Program, as its Didactic Instructor of the Year. [Read more >](#)

Wessel receives Fulbright Specialist Award to conduct research in Colombia [Read more >](#)

American Association of NURSE PRACTITIONERS®

Four BSN faculty named Fellows of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners [Read more >](#)

Stephan Davis Selected as American Organization for Nursing Leadership Fellow [Read more >](#)

Edlima Yearwood Elected President of the Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice [Read more >](#)

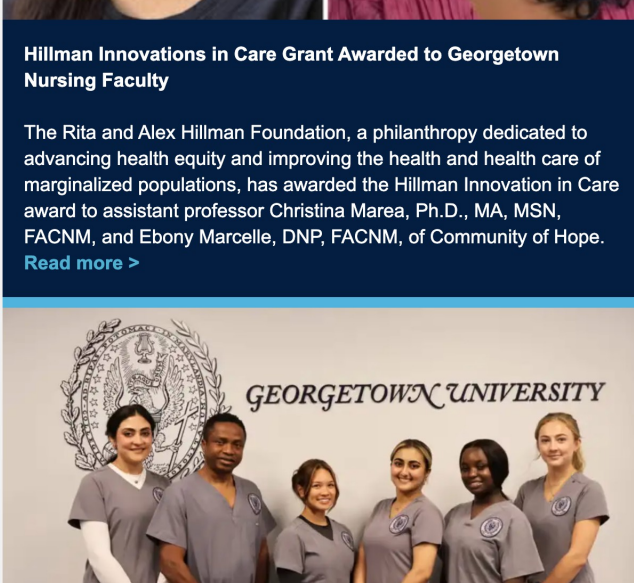
Georgetown Nurse Executive in Residence, Robyn Begley, Honored with AONL Lifetime Achievement Award [Read more >](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Opportunities and Resources for Displaced Federal Workers and Georgetown Alumni

We deeply value the service and dedication of federal workers and are committed to supporting our alumni and current students during this period of change. We recognize that recent changes across the federal workforce have created uncertainty for many, and we are committed to supporting you during this time of transition. Whether you are exploring a new path, seeking stability, or considering a shift into a health-related field, Georgetown is here to help you take your next step with confidence. [Read more >](#)



Program Applications Open

Learn more about our programs at the [bachelor's](#), [master's](#), and [doctoral](#) levels, as well as our [Post-Graduate Certificate in Nursing programs](#). Get a glimpse of the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) program, a postgraduate certificate program in psychiatric mental health nursing, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing (Ph.D.) in [an article](#) from the most recent [Georgetown Health Magazine](#). [Learn more >](#)

DNP vs. Ph.D.: Choosing Your Path in Doctoral Nursing at Georgetown [Learn more >](#)

[New Certificate Program Expands Access to Mental Health Care in Communities](#)

The Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP) certificate program helps to address the nation's escalating mental health needs. The inaugural cohort of established post-master's nurses are learning the necessary competencies to provide mental health services directly to their patients in primary and urgent care settings to fill the critical gap for care in communities.

[Join Our Faculty Team!](#)

Building on a 120-year tradition of excellence in nursing education at the professional, advanced practice, and doctoral levels, we seek faculty who share our vision of preparing nurse leaders to advance social justice, promote health equity for all and shape the future of nursing.

[Explore the Winter 2026 Georgetown Health Magazine](#)

In the new edition, read about the work of Georgetown nursing alumni and health care workers enacting service to others across industries.

[Join in Blue and Gray Day](#)

Alumni can showcase Hoya pride, celebrate the community, and make a difference for Georgetown by participating in Blue and Gray Day. Starting at 6:11 p.m. on March 24, classmates and neighbors around the world will directly support thousands of Hoyas following in our footsteps.

ALUMNI MAKING AN IMPACT

Sister Christine Schenk (N'68) chronicles unsung Catholic leaders [Read more >](#)

Tools of the Trade with Amanda Apodaca, CNM [Read more >](#)

Reflections on Health with Carol Holland (N'60) [Read more >](#)

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