

Manchester Community College holds 24th Nurse Pinning

31 nursing graduates are honored

Manchester—Manchester Community College held its 24th Nurse Pinning celebration at the Radisson May 19, and honored several students with special awards.

“The tradition of nursing pins began in 1855, when Queen Victoria presented a pin to Florence Nightingale in appreciation for her work with the British soldiers during the Crimean War,” says Charlene Wolfe-Stepro, chair of MCC’s nursing department. In the 19th century, many hospitals in the U.S. adopted Nightingale’s principles and founded special schools for nursing. Gradually many of the schools were moved to colleges and universities, which then began giving Nursing Pins to their graduates. “The nursing pin of each school of nursing is unique,” says Wolfe-Stepro, “and only graduates of that school may wear the pin as a statement that they have successfully completed the program.”

Several students received awards:

Clinical Excellence Award recognizes a student for high achievement in the three areas of competence: intellectual, interpersonal, and technical skills. Recipient: **Alyssa Archambault**, Londonderry.

Nursing Spirit Award recognizes a student who demonstrates passion for nursing, a “can do” approach, an attitude of gratitude and love for their school and profession. Recipient: **Christine LeBrun**, Dover

Clinical Achievement Awards are presented to students who have demonstrated exceptional clinical competence in patient care and who exhibit qualities of compassion and understanding in their interactions with patients. Recipients are: **Tracey James, Michelle Hosey and Carmen Daniels**, all of Manchester; **Shalea Angelo and Kathryn Rolston**, Portsmouth; **Lise Blevins**, Weare; **Alyssa Archambault**, Londonderry; **Christine LeBrun**, Dover; **Tracey Toole**, Hooksett, and **Lindsey Watson**, Hillsboro.



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Receiving their nursing pins were:

From Amherst: Margo Lalley

From Auburn: Jane Gilon

From Danville: Callie Smith

From Derry: Michelle Kyle

From Dover: Christine LeBrun

From Durham: Katherine DeCastro

From Goffstown: Gretchen Grzyb

From Hillsboro: Lindsey Watson

From Hooksett: Danielle Pagones, Tracey Toole

From Londonderry: Alyssa Archambault, Deanna Elwood, Meaghan Simpson

From Manchester: Onger Ayako, Carmen Daniels, Michelle Hosey, Tracey James, Karla-Lynne Kania, Ann McColgan, Nichole Smith

From Merrimack: Melinda Burt, Dawn Nicholls

From Nashua: Jennifer Dedrick, Maureen Kelle, Sarah Leonard

From Portsmouth: Shalea Angelo, Carolyn Conway, Kathryn Rolston

From Raymond: Janet Haines

From Weare: Lise Blevins

From Lawrence, Mass.: Lucia McAloon



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