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**Leighton School of Nursing
Doctor of Nursing Practice**

White Coat Ceremony

Saturday, May 3, 2025
5 p.m.

MARIAN UNIVERSITY THEATRE
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

PROGRAM

Opening Prayer

Sr. Mary Beth Gianoli, OSF '78

Vice President Mission Integration and Sponsorship, Office of Mission and Ministry

CRNA Director's Welcome

Dr. Derrianne Monteiro DNP, CRNA

Director, DNP Program Nurse Anesthesia Track

FNP Director's Welcome

Dr. Felicia Stewart DNP, FNP-C

Director, DNP Program Family Nurse Practitioner Track
DNP Student Government Faculty Advisor

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Lee Ranalli DNP, CRNA

Awards

Rachelle Padilla

DNP Student Government

Coating

Farewell Address

Angelica Bagwell

DNP Cohort Representative

Sendoff Advice from CRNA Faculty

Reception and Photo Opportunities

The Meaning of the White Coat

The white coat has been a symbol of the healthcare professions for generations. This coat has been worn by many nurses from the nursing profession, and it is a privilege bestowed upon all those who earn a place in the healing arts. With great privilege comes great responsibility to one's patients, one's profession, and to one's community.

The ultimate goal of a nurse is to learn the art and science of competently caring for the sick and injured, preventing illness, and promoting wellness. This professional endeavor is a higher calling than simply earning a living. Patients are not just customers, clients, or consumers. They are people frequently in distress and in a state of vulnerability. As such, they demand not only high-quality medical care, but also the selfless compassion of a nurse who views their welfare as a top priority. Society entrusts the nurse with the welfare of its citizens, and this is a great responsibility. The white coat is a symbol of the power to be a healer as well as a symbol of the assumption of this duty.

The Gold Foundation established the White Coat Ceremony in 1993 at Columbia University as a way to highlight the importance of humanism in all care of patients. The iconic ritual provides an important emphasis on compassionate, collaborative, scientifically excellent care from the very first day of training. For nearly 20 years, the nonprofit organization has seeded the White Coat Ceremonies at medical schools and, starting in 2014, in nursing schools around the globe.

International Council of Nurses Pledge

In full knowledge of the obligations I am undertaking,

I promise to care for the sick with all the skills

and understanding I possess,

without regard to race, creed, colour, politics or

social status, sparing no effort to conserve life,

to alleviate suffering, and to promote health.

I will respect at all times, the dignity and religious beliefs

of the patients under my care, holding in confidence all

personal information entrusted to me,

and refraining from any action that might

endanger life or health.

I will endeavor to keep my professional knowledge and skill

at the highest level, and to give loyal support and cooperation,

to all members of the health team.

I will do my utmost to honor the international code of nursing ethics,

and to uphold the integrity of the professional nurse.

DNP Student Government Officers:

Rachelle Padilla (Past President)
Monifa Thomas (Past Vice President)
Andrew Bauer (Past Treasurer)

Cohort Representative:

Angelica Bagwell

Faculty Speakers:

Dr. Derrianne Monteiro DNP, CRNA
Dr. Felicia D. Stewart DNP, FNP-C
Dr. Lee Ranalli DNP, CRNA

Nurse Anesthesia Class of 2025

Angelica Bagwell	JingZhe Gao	Christian Morell	Atrin Sardarian
Julius Barhams	Brenda Harris	Jimmy Munante	Lillian Schnautz
Andrew Bauer	Ivana Howenstine	Stravens Omwenga	Evan Smillie
Evan Bickerstaff	Shantal Huckaby	Rachelle Padilla	Makenzie Stremmel
Cody Brandes	Brittany Johnson	Roy Pathak	Monifa Thomas
John Cranor	Rachel Kostaneski	Emily Pettke	Mary Thompson
Robert Crider	Jessica Leming	Christopher Porter	Timothy Unterreiner
Brooke Delay	Megan McKay	Garry Posey	
Valentina Fillman	Bridgit Melidones	Casey Randolph	

Nurse anesthetists have been providing anesthesia care to patients in the United States for more than 150 years. The Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) credential came into existence in 1956 and, in 1986, CRNAs became the first nursing specialty accorded direct reimbursement rights from Medicare. In 2001, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) changed the federal physician supervision rule for nurse anesthetists to allow state governors to opt-out of this facility reimbursement requirement.

CRNAs are anesthesia professionals who safely administer more than 50 million anesthetics to patients each year in the United States. As advanced practice registered nurses, CRNAs are among the nation's most trusted professions according to Gallup. Nurses have topped Gallup's Honesty and Ethics list for 19 consecutive years and are ranked second in the 2021 U.S. News & World Report's "Best Health Care Jobs" report.

CRNAs represent more than 80 percent of the anesthesia providers in rural counties. Many rural hospitals are critical access hospitals, which often rely on independently practicing CRNAs for anesthesia care. Half of U.S. rural hospitals use a CRNA-only model for obstetric care, and CRNAs safely deliver pain management care, particularly where there are no physician providers available, saving patients long drives of 75 miles or more.

Numerous peer-reviewed studies have shown that CRNAs are safe, high quality and cost-effective anesthesia professionals who should practice to the full extent of their education and abilities. According to a 2010 study published in the journal *Nursing Economic\$*, CRNAs acting as the sole anesthesia provider are the most cost-effective model for anesthesia delivery, and there is no measurable difference in the quality of care between CRNAs and other anesthesia providers or by anesthesia delivery model.

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