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CAPITO DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

A large, faint, circular seal of the University of Charleston is visible in the background. It contains the text 'UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON' around the top edge, 'VERITAS' in the center, and '1888' at the bottom. The seal also depicts a building and a sunburst.

Master of Science
Family Nurse Practitioner's
**PINNING &
WHITE COAT
Ceremony**

Friday, May 1, 2026 | 7:00 p.m.

Appalachian Room | Geary Student Union

Pinning and White Coat Ceremony

Procession

Graduates

Invocation

Welcome

Dr. Betty Beimel

White Coat Donning of Graduates

Dr. Heather Weaver

Pinning of Graduates

Dr. Breanna Fuhrman

Thank You Messages from Graduates

Dr. Heather Weaver

Presentation of Class and Benediction

Dr. Betty Beimel

Class of 2026

MSN-FNP 2026 Graduates:

Tracey Adams
Shannon Bell
Madison Boyles
Cailey Brown
Morgan Castle
Christy Harvey

Gabrielle Holstein
Brooke Honaker
Jamie Lester
Hannah McDermitt
Emily McPhail

Felicia Meador
Melissa Meadows
Hailey Richmond
Kyra Stewart
Allison Weiss
Jessica Workman



Master of Science (MSN) Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) Pin

The inaugural class provided input into the pin that they will be presented with today.

The pin is maroon and gold which are the colors for the University of Charleston.

Non Ducor Duco is a Latin term that means, "I am not led. I lead." Family Nurse Practitioners are advanced practice Registered Nurses (APRN) who lead health care teams. FNP's assess, diagnose, and treat patients across the life span, from prenatal to elderly primary care. They play an increasingly important role in their health care communities. Our graduates will take an FNP certification examination which is an entry-level competency-based examination that tests clinical knowledge in families and individuals.

Riggleman Hall is the building that is seen in the background on the nursing pin. It is the location of the nursing program.

The nursing lamp is an iconic symbol most notably associated with Florence Nightingale, known as the Lady with the Lamp, who cared for ailing soldiers during the Crimean War. She is credited with creating modern nursing education and using her scientific evidence to care for patients.

MASTER OF SCIENCE
FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER'S
FACULTY & STAFF:

Dr. Dan Silber, PhD, MA

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Dean, Bert Bradford School of Health Sciences

Dr. Betty M. L. Beimel, PhD, FNP-C, CNE

Graduate Nursing Program Director, Professor

Dr. Breanna Fuhrman, DNP, FNP-C, SANE, CNEcl

Assistant Professor

Dr. Kristen Romani, DNP, DNP, FNP-C, CNEcl

FNP Clinical Coordinator, Assistant Professor

Dr. Heather Weaver, DNP, FNP-C

Assistant Professor

ADJUNCT FACULTY

Dr. Jade Lewis, DNP, FNP-BC

Skylar Marsh, MSN, APRN, NRCME, FNP-BC

Tonya Struble, DNP, FNP-BC

Mary Gibbs, DNP, FNP-C

Tamara Graham, DNP, FNP-C

Hannah Lemasters, MSN, FNP-C, DNP Student

— COMMENCEMENT —

Saturday, May 2, 2026 | 1 p.m.

Russell & Martha Wehrle Innovation Center, University of Charleston