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Pre-Commencement
Ceremony

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF NURSING

December 14, 2023
THE CEREMONY

STAGE PARTY

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Joan Hrubetz Dean and Professor

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Director of Advanced Practice Program

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Coordinator Level Two

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Neurological/Neurosurgical Intensive Care Unit
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Candidates for the Degrees:
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Master’s of Science in Nursing
Post-Master’s Certificate in Nursing
Doctor of Nursing Practice
Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing

ORDER OF CEREMONY

MISTRESS OF CEREMONY
Christina Rariden, DNP, FNP-BC, FPMHNP-BC

INVOCATION
Erin Fitzpatrick, MTS

WELCOME AND REMARKS
Danny G. Willis, DNS, RN, PMHCNS-BC, CNE, FAAN
Joan Hrubetz Dean and Professor

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Lindsay Underwood, DNP, ACNP-BC, MSN

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES
Karen Cuvar, RN, PhD, CNE, CNL

PRESENTATION OF NURSING
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PINS
Trudy Busch Valentine, RN, BSN, MAPS Alumna

PRESENTATION OF STUDENT AWARDS
Shellie Hill, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC

Awards
Nursing Excellence, MSN-NP
Nursing Leadership, MSN-NP
Nursing Leadership, DNP

BENEDICTION
Erin Fitzpatrick, MTS

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Grand Marshal:
Bobbie Shatto, PhD, RN, CNL

Marshals of Faculty:
Deborah Loman, PhD, APRN, CPNP-PC
Alison Kuhn, DNP, RN, APN, FNP-BC, CEN

School of Nursing Faculty
Marshals of Candidates:
Karen Scaglione, DNP, APRN, AGACNP-BC, ACNP, BC, CNC
Joanne Kraenzle Schneider, PhD, RN, FAAN
CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN NURSING

Traditional Option
Emily Harwood*

RN to BSN Option
Angela Reed
Jamie Whaley

CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE
MASTER’S OF SCIENCE
IN NURSING

Adult/Gerontological Acute Care
Nurse Practitioner
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Margaret Goettis
Jonathan Mayberry
Tracy Neises
Judy Pfeiffer*
Elizabeth Radcliff
Andrew Winters

Pediatric Primary Care
Nurse Practitioner
HOODED BY:
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Andrea Cassimatis
Julia Herbig
Kelli Rainey

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POST-MASTER’S CERTIFICATE

Adult/Gerontological Acute Care
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Emily Neumann

Family Nurse Practitioner, Post-
Master’s
Certificate
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Nicole Breitbach
Abbey Brown
Deanna Diep
Kimberly Gardner
Gabriella Madsen*
Maureen Stauder

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Nurse Practitioner, Post-Master’s
Certificate
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FPMHNP-BC

Michelle Ferricher
Gilbert Gutierrez
Christina Mitchell*
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