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Present

*Sister Madeleine Clemence Vaillot Scholarship Day*

**A CELEBRATION OF STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

4:30pm - 5:30pm

Claire T. Carney Library Living Room

5:30pm – 6:30pm

The Stoico/FIRSTFED Charitable Institution

Grand Reading Room

# Program

4:30 pm Poster Presentations

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5:30 pm Welcome

Martha Whitfield, PhD, APRN, FNP-BC, Scholarship Day Committee Member  
Shannon L. Jenkins Associate Provost for Academic Affairs  
Kimberly Christopher, PhD, RN, Dean College of Nursing & Health Sciences  
Joyce Cadorette, PhD, RN, CAPA, CPAN, President of Sigma Theta Tau

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5:45 pm Student Presentations

Baccalaureate student presenter: Ashley Sevigny

Impact of Disability Stigma and Nursing Students' Perceptions of Disabled Peers

Introduction by Dr. Michelle Glowny, Adult Nursing Department

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DNP student presenter: Michelle Martinis

“The Exploration of Patient Readiness to Discharge in Adults Undergoing Colonic Ostomy Creation”

Introduction by Dr. Mark Adelung, Nursing Department

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PhD student presenter: Michelle Whyte, PhD, RN

Combined Effects of Emotional and Instrumental Support, Food Security, and Health Literacy on Heart Failure Self-Care

Introduction by Dr. Kristen Sethares, Adult Nursing Department

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6:15pm Awards

PhD Student Candidacy: Dr. Mary McCurry

Student Awards: Dr. Mirinda Tyo, PhD

Top GPA Awards: Dean Kimberly Christopher

Announcement of Poster Award Winners: Dr. Mirinda Tyo

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6:30 pm Closing

1. P<sup>3</sup>ED: A Conceptual Model for Sustained Pancreatic Cancer Surveillance in High-Risk Individuals

*Cynthia Callahan, MSN, RN*

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2. Stress and Caregivers for Children with Medical Complexity

*Elizabeth Nightingale, MS, RN, CNE*

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3. SALT (Simulation Advocacy Learning Theory)

*Danielle Ambrose*

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4. Concept Map: Spiritual Well-Being in Chronic Illness

*Gayle M. Pamplona*

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5. Concept Analysis: Treatment Adherence in Pediatric Patients with Cystic Fibrosis

*Brianna Babineau*

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6. Understanding Treatment Adherence in Adults with Hypertension in the United States

*Sabrina Raymond*

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7. Health Literacy Mediated Health Promotion: A Theory Integration of Health Literacy into the Health Promotion Model

*Victoria English*

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8. Spirituality and Self-Care in People with Heart Failure: An Integrative Review

*Yeo Jeong Nam*

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9. Deconstructing Gender in Nursing: A Foucauldian Approach to Increasing Male Participation

*Ryan McMahon*

10. The Exploration of Patient Readiness to Discharge in Adults Undergoing Colonic Ostomy Creation

*Michelle Martinis*

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11. Improving Emergency Department Nursing Knowledge and Confidence in the Care and Management of Patients with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury in the Community Setting

*Jaimee Cathers, MSN, NP*

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12. Enhancing Nursing Staff Knowledge Through Fall Prevention Education Focused on Patients with Dementia

*Kimberly Lester*

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13. Educating Healthcare Providers on the Use of Screening Tools for Mood Disorders

*Portia Adjei-Donkor*

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14. Enhancing Staff Knowledge and Confidence in the Management of Behavioral and Psychological Symptom of Dementia (BPSD): A Quality Improvement (QI) Initiative

*Jonadab Erhahon*

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15. Improving New to Practice Nurses' Critical thinking and Clinical Decision-Making Skills

*Elvira Minasyan*

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16. Improving diabetes knowledge in adults prescribed psychotropic medications.

*Adekitan Aderoju*

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17. Addressing Stigma Towards Individuals With Substance Use Disorders: A Quality Improvement Project

*Armand Belony*

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18. The Impact of a Diabetes Education Intervention on Knowledge in Latino and Hispanic Patients with Type 2 Diabetes at a Community Health Center

*Erika Falandys*

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19. Enhancing Staff Education On Cultural Competency in a Community Based Setting

*Lelia Tavares Barbosa*

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20. Improving Medication Reconciliation Process in an Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic: A Quality Improvement Project

*Oyenike Ogunmekan*

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21. Improving Psychiatric Provider Confidence in Metabolic Syndrome Identification and Management Through a Structured Educational Intervention

*Paul H Gould*

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22. The Impact of an Educational Intervention on Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners' and Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialists' Knowledge and Confidence to Prescribe Esketamine

*Stephanie Bettencourt*

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23. An Educational Intervention to Reduce Mental Health Stigma and Promote Mental Health Access Behaviors Among Ghanaian Immigrants

*Yaa Brago*

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24. Reducing Clinician Burnout through real-time Parent/Guardian Feedback

*Veronica Fernandes*

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## Undergraduate Honor Students

25. The Effect of Sleep and Feeding Method on Symptoms of Postpartum Depression

*Aubrey Fazzone*

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26. The Ripple Effect: External stigma and its impact on self-stigma in substance use disorder

*Alyssa Medeiros*

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27. What do College Nursing Students Know about Alzheimer's Disease?

*Ashley DeJesus*

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28. Impact of Disability Stigma and Nursing Student's Perceptions of Disabled Peers

*Ashley Sevigny*

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29. Barriers to Traditional Weight Loss Interventions and Motivations for GLP-1 Receptor Agonist Therapy: An Integrated Review

*Victoria Reid*

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30. Benefits, barriers and characteristics of travel nursing: A qualitative descriptive study

31. Stigma in pregnant women using medications for opioid use disorder

*Katelyn Tokarz*

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32. Developing a Kinesthetic Learning Plan for Diabetes Management in Patients with Low Health Literacy

*Katia da Silva*

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33. Nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug Use in College Athletes

*Antonella Goncalves*

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34. What Factors Affect the Portuguese Community and their Willingness to Seek Preventive/Curative Medical Care?

*Jaqueline De Pina*

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35. Misuse of Prescription Stimulants in College Students

*Chloe Monty*

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36. Beyond Physical Care: Exploring the Effects of Emotionally Sensitive Healthcare on Patient Outcomes

*Elan Ben Yosef*

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37. Oral Hormonal Contraceptives Relationship to Mood in College Students

*Aubrey Rosenblum*

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38. Menstrual Literacy in the University Population

*Kathryn M. Bush*

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39. A Comparison Study: Pre-licensure Nursing Student Stress Across Borders

*Ariana Ribeiro*

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## **Undergraduate Students**

40. Improved Patient Safety through Team STEPPS

*Deneen Curtis, Olivia Benedetti, Alexa Wright*

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41. Reduction of Suicide Risk for Adults Presenting to the Emergency Department Using Structured Suicide Risk Assessment Tools

*Rhiannon Murphy, Kiley Fernandes, Victoria Bourassa*

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42. In emergency room patients, how does the consistent understaffing of current ER staff across the United States, prevent the ability of meeting the needs of the patients admitted in the ER and how does it affect staff competence in providing safe quality care?

*Ximena Perez Santiago, Patricia Nsubuga, Tyesha Saint Julius*

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43. Social determinant of health screening in the emergency room

*Jenna DeLuca, Caroline Foley, Kaicey Melito-Santos*

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44. Improving PPE compliance in healthcare workers using structured interventions: An Evidence-Based Practice Proposal

*Allan Falaise, Ethan Paixo, Leslie Cunha, Jacqueline Meija*

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45. The impact of medication safety technology on the reduction of medication errors

*Sarah Elise Nuernberg, Madison Tavares, Anne Haley*

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46. Increased Prevalence of Violence Against Nurses in Emergency Departments

*Sarah Bakas, Lenisa Wilson, Taleya Delpeche*

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47. The Impact of Nurse-to-Patient Ratios on Patient Satisfaction, Mortality, and Medication Errors in Adult Acute Care Units

*Caroline Hickie, Shaunna Gallagher, Nithia Botelho*

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48. The Impacts of Nurse Staffing Ratios on Patient Falls & Pressure Injuries in Medical-Surgical Units

*Mackenzie Ryan, Favour Uhunmwuagho, Adam Romero*

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49. Improving Workplace Violence Prevention in Hospital Settings through Standardized Risk Assessment Tools

*Elikem Ablordeppey, Amanee AnesLandim, Milca Auguste, and Alicia Goncalves*

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50. Using chlorhexidine to reduce catheter-associated urinary tract infections.

*RaeLynn Perregaux, Sydney Menz, Lena Tsonis*

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51. Effectiveness of Non-Pharmacological Nursing Interventions in Reducing Hospital-Acquired Delirium in Older Adults

*Angelia Liang, Savannah Kelley, Alexandria Therrien*

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52. Substance Use Disorder: The Role of Nursing in Caring for Persons with SUD in the US and Portugal: Bridging Stigma

*Bridging the Atlantic 2026*

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53. Seizure Timing and Intervention

*Jaida Cabral, Jadya Correia, Alannah Paiva, Melissa Rivas*

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54. PICS and the Implementations of Liberation Bundle

*Isabel D Borges, Jake Ferreira, Aidan DeGowin, Daija Nunes*

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55. Post-Partum Depression in NICU mothers

*Edyn Bzdulla, Jumika Aurelus, Eugenie Ouedraogo*

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56. Comparison of PHQ-A and the Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale for Early Detection of Depression in Post COVID Adolescents in the Emergency Department

*Savannah Puccio, Logan Tavares, Marie-Alexandra Fils*

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57. Post-Intensive Care Syndrome and the Implementation of the Liberation Bundle (ABCDEF Bundle)

*Jake Ferreira, Isabel Borges, Daija Nunes, Aidan DeGowin*

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58. Improving Early Identification of Postpartum Depression to Reduce Maternal Suicide Risk

*Emma Madruga, Zoe Johnson-Kiff, Ruby Lopez Caban*

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59. Recognize, Respond, Prevent: Workplace Violence Awareness

*Isabel Figueiredo, Kaitlyn Bizarro, Amelia McNally*

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60. Improving the Adherence of Chlorhexidine Gluconate Baths to Prevent Central line-Associated Bloodstream infections in Critical Care Patients

*Rebecca Johnson, Erica Enright, Daniel Escoto*

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**Master of Nursing Student**

61. Effect of Housing Instability on Diabetes Self-Management

*Sara White*

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### Poster Judges

Kathleen Elliott, Martha Whitfield, Ouida Dowd, Michelle Glowny, Joyce Cadorette, Kristin Magan, Melissa Desroches, Susan Hunter, Jennifer Mammen, Mirinda Tyo, Gulcan Bagcivan

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