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**SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS AND HIGHEST GPA**

**Highest GPA’s**

**PhD**

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**PhD Students who have Achieved Candidacy**

**Fatima Alzyoud, RN**

**Gerri-Lyn Boyden, RN**

**Joyce Cadorette, RN**

**Jillian Hatch, RN**

**Karen Hunt, RN**

**Rhonda Tierney, RN**

**Michelle Whyte, RN**

**Student Presentations**

**PhD**

**Fatima Alzyoud, PhD, RN:** Factors that Influence Nurse Disrespect and Abuse Toward Laboring and Child-Bearing Women in Healthcare.

**DNP**

**Janice Thorpe:** Improving Skilled Nursing Facility Nurses’ Knowledge of Caring for Patients with Heart Failure

**RN-BS**

**Karen Evans:** Does Participation in Cardiac Rehabilitation vs. Usual Medical Care without Cardiac Rehabilitation Improve Patient

Outcomes in Patients Diagnosed with Heart Failure (HFrEF or HFpEF)

**Traditional Undergraduate**

**Alexis Belval:** Assessing Feelings of Loneliness and Social Isolation in Long-Term Care Residents due to COVID-19 Regulations

**Scholarship Day 2021 Poster Presentations**



**Assessing Feelings of Loneliness and Social Isolation in Long-Term Care Residents due to COVID-19 Regulations**

Alexis Belval

**Perceptions of Intimate Partner Violence in the Azores: A Quantitative Study (Bridging the Atlantic)**

Vanessa Branco, Mia Slater, Victoria Resendes, Emma Bovey, Alyssen Dacosta, Andrew Peterson, Kristen Hanna, Greenly Kelley, Amanda McGinn

**Cardiovascular Disease in Brockton, MA**

Allison LaBelle, Nicole Arruda, Courtney Carreiro, William Allen, Dylan Brennan, Megan Loiselle, Rebecca Shivers, Jenna Pellegrino, Marisa Beauvais, Ryan Carrigg

**Accessibility at UMASS Dartmouth**

Laurana Souza, Salena Rivera, Katelyn Barlow, Victoria Rossetti, Erin Foley, Morgan Joly, Mya Amaral, Abagael Biello, Hannah Carvalho, Alexis Ciambriello

**Compassion Fatigue in Nurses During the Covid-19 Pandemic**

Maya O. Desmond, Catherine Stetson, Sydney Leger, Jocelyn Gagnon



**Does Participation in Cardiac Rehabilitation vs. Usual Medical Care without Cardiac Rehabilitation Improve Patient**

**Outcomes in Patients Diagnosed with Heart Failure (HFrEF or HFpEF)**

Karen Evans

**Alarm Fatigue with "True" vs. "False" Alarms**

Michelle Chin

**Alternative and Non-Pharmaceutical Methods to Opioid Medications**

Leticia Dias



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| **Evaluating the Effectiveness of Mindful Meditation in Coping with Work-Related Stressors that Lead to Burnout**  **Exacerbated by COVID-19 Amongst Critical Care Nurses**  Ashley Alves  **End-of-Life Educational Intervention on Critical Care Nurses’ Assessment of Respiratory Distress**  Hannah Barth    **The Implementation of a Palliative Care Screening Tool in the Intensive Care Unit**  Elizabeth Monteiro  **A Text Messaging Intervention to Reduce Burnout in Medical-Surgical Nurses**  Stephanie DeMello  **Alternative and Non-Pharmaceutical Methods to Opioid Medications**  Leticia Dias  **Examining Nurses Knowledge and Competence on The Emergency Severity Index (ESI) Triage Algorithm**  Taryn Lee Andrews  **Impacting Nurses’ Knowledge of Purposeful Hourly Rounding**  Stacy Caron  **Evaluating Nursing Satisfaction Completing Bedside Report with the Use of Electronic SBAR Handoff Tool**  Erin Noonan  **Improving Skilled Nursing Facility Nurses’ Knowledge of Caring for Patients with Heart Failure**  Janice Thorpe  **Mothers with Substance Use Disorder and Barriers to their Engagement in Treatment After Delivery**  Thais G. Sousa  **Utilization of a Patient Acuity Tool to Create Objective, Equitable Nurse-Patient Assignments**  Rachel Ray |
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| |  | | --- | | **Adverse Childhood Experiences in Chronic Illness and Resilience**  Melinda Ferguson  **Guilt in Mothers with Opioid Use Disorder: A Concept Analysis**  Kayla Alvares    **Psychosocial Adjustment in Children and Adolescents with Type 1 Diabetes: A Concept Analysis**  Kerry Richardson  **Understanding the Experience of the Nurse as an Informal Caregiver: Development of the Nurse as Informal**  **Caregiver Experience Model**  Jean Marie Gouveia  **Exploring the Use of Humanistic Learning Theory in PhD Nursing Education**  Danielle DeGonge  **A Concept Analysis of Uncertainty in Chronic Illness: Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome**  **(ME/CFS)**  Danielle DeGonge  **CALD Nursing Student’s Lived Experience Research Proposal**  Nancy Brown  **Social Support, Employment Status, and Portuguese Descent among Individuals with Heart Failure:**  **A Secondary Analysis**  Michelle Whyte    **Fertility Preservation in Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Patients with Cancer**  Michelle Schuster  **Quality of Life in Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Patients**  Emily Crossen  **Factors That Influence Nurse Disrespect and Abuse Toward Laboring and Child-Birthing Women**  Fatima Alzyoud  **The Theory of Thinking and Learning with Self-Determination (TLS): A Theory Synthesis**  Jillian Hatch | |  | |
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