



# COMMENCEMENT

*Class of 2022*

**SCHOOL OF NURSING**

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Friday, May 13, 2022

Founded in 1909 and recognized as the first nursing program established within a university, the University of Minnesota School of Nursing continues to lead the profession into the future.

With a mission to generate knowledge and prepare nurse leaders who create, lead and participate in holistic efforts to improve the health of all people, the school and its research are addressing health issues across the life span with a focus on health promotion among vulnerable populations, prevention and management of chronic health conditions, symptom management, and health/nursing informatics and systems innovation.

The school is ranked among the top programs in nursing informatics and is internationally renowned for its efforts to improve health and health care through the use of big data.

The school has a combined undergraduate and graduate enrollment of approximately 1,119 students. Discover more at [www.nursing.umn.edu](http://www.nursing.umn.edu).

## HAIL! MINNESOTA

Minnesota, hail to thee!  
Hail to thee, our state so dear,  
Thy light shall ever be  
A beacon bright and clear.  
Thy sons and daughters true  
Will proclaim thee near and far,  
They shall guard thy fame and adore thy name;  
Thou shalt be their Northern Star.

Music: Truman E. Rickard, 1904  
Words: Truman E. Rickard and Arthur E. Upson, 1905

## Order of Ceremonies

<b>The Star-Spangled Banner</b>	<b>Matthew Opitz</b> <i>Soloist</i>
<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Connie White Delaney, PhD, RN, FAAN, FACMI, FNAP</b> <i>Professor and Dean</i>
<b>Greetings</b>	<b>Joan Gabel, JD</b> <i>President, University of Minnesota</i> <b>Brian Sick, MD</b> <i>Associate Professor of Medicine and Division Director, Division of General Internal Medicine; Director of Interprofessional Education, Office of the Associate Vice President for Academic Health Sciences</i>
<b>Commencement Address</b>	<b>Jeannine M. Rivet, MPH, BSN, RN, FAAN</b> <i>Executive Vice President of UnitedHealth Group (Retired) School of Nursing Dean's National Board of Visitors</i>
<b>On Behalf of the Students</b>	<b>William Crain</b> <i>Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program</i> <b>Hannah Balder</b> <i>Doctor of Nursing Practice Program</i>
<b>Welcome and Presentation of the School of Nursing Pin</b>	<b>Cheryl Lanigan, BSN</b> <i>President, School of Nursing Alumni Society</i>
<b>Remarks and Conferral of Degree</b>	<b>The Honorable Mary A. Davenport</b> <i>University of Minnesota Board of Regents</i>
<b>Presentation of Pre-licensure Diplomas and Pins</b>	<b>Dean Connie White Delaney</b> <b>Carol Flaten, DNP, RN, PHN</b> <i>Clinical Associate Professor and Assistant Dean for Pre-Licensure Programs</i> <b>Cheryl Lanigan</b>
<b>Presentation of Doctoral Diplomas and Hoods</b>	<b>Dean Connie White Delaney</b> <b>Judith Pechacek, DNP, RN, CENP</b> <i>Clinical Professor and Assistant Dean for the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program</i> <b>Donna Bliss, PhD, RN, FAAN, FGSA</b> <i>Professor, Director of Graduate Studies and Assistant Dean for the PhD Program</i>
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	<b>Dean Connie White Delaney</b>
<b>Hail! Minnesota</b>	<b>Matthew Opitz</b> Rise and join in. The words are listed at left.
<b>Reception</b>	School of Nursing graduates and guests are invited to a reception in the main lobby of Northrop Memorial Auditorium immediately after the ceremony.

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER



**Jeannine M. Rivet, MPH, BSN, RN, FAAN**, is an active board member, adviser, mentor and coach, including serving on the Dean's National Board of Visitors. Retired Executive Vice President of UnitedHealth Group, Rivet worked with and on behalf of all business segments in areas focused on strategic business relationships, clinician advancement, culture and social responsibility. Previous roles at UnitedHealth Group include CEO of UnitedHealthcare, CEO of Ingenix and CEO of Optum. Prior to joining UnitedHealthcare Corp., Rivet held various other managed care and nursing positions.

Rivet earned a master's degree in public health from Boston University and a bachelor's degree in nursing from Boston College. She practiced as a registered nurse for several years prior to entering the managed care industry. She is on numerous business boards and advisory councils, and is a mentor to men and women in business. She has been recognized by AAHP, Boston University School of Public Health, Fortune magazine, Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin River Valleys, Minneapolis St. Paul Business Journal, Minnesota's City Business, Minnesota Women's Health Leadership TRUST, Twin Cities Business magazine, Linkage, the American Association of Colleges of Nursing and the American Heart Association - Twin Cities. She also is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. She is a driving force in challenging the industry to enhance health and wellbeing through information, collaboration and advancement of optimal health care.

## 2022 SPRING GRADUATES

### Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Najmo Abdullahi  
Rochester, MN  
*Distinction*

Deko Ali  
Rochester, MN

Anna Arendt  
Rochester, MN

Elena Atilas  
Dallas, TX

Maren Beaver  
Eden Prairie, MN  
*Distinction*

Caroline Bejarano  
St. Paul, MN  
*High Distinction*  
*STTI Honor Society*

Carli Bentz  
Rochester, MN  
*Distinction*

Nicholas Berg  
St. Paul, MN  
*High Distinction*

Lauren Berlin  
Alborn, MN  
*Distinction*

Caroline Blankfield  
Northbrook, IL

Morgan Blixrud  
Eden Prairie, MN  
*Distinction*

Logan Bloedel  
Prior Lake, MN  
*Distinction*

Charles Bollig  
Minneapolis, MN

Molly Brenny  
St. Michael, MN  
*High Distinction*  
*Summa Cume Laude*

Emily Brundige  
Kasson, MN

Alexandra Burhop  
Arlington Heights, IL  
*High Distinction*

Hannah Bursey  
West St. Paul, MN  
*Distinction*

Eric Carlson  
Two Harbors, MN  
*High Distinction*  
*STTI Honor Society*

Rebecca Cartwright  
Franklin, WI  
*Distinction*

Nicola Carus  
Ottawa, IL  
*Distinction*

Ashley Casey  
Colorado Springs, CO  
*Distinction*  
*Summa Cume Laude*

Chelsey Chepkwony  
Eden Prairie, MN

Hannah Cohen  
Trumbull, CT  
*Cume Laude*

Taylor Cook  
Orange County, CA

William Crain  
Oconomowoc, WI  
*Distinction*

Sam Cramer  
Madison, WI  
*Distinction*

Aria Daly  
Coon Rapids, MN  
*Distinction*

Connor DeBoer  
White Bear Lake, MN

Robert Devine  
Elko New Market, MN

Austin Dziadosz  
Boxford, MA

Holly Eastman  
West St Paul, MN  
Philippines  
*Distinction*

Precious Echenwunne  
Woodbury, MN

Julia Elling  
Mound, MN  
*Distinction*

Ella Ferguson  
Saint Paul, MN

## 2022 SPRING GRADUATES

Hannah Finstad Rogers, MN <i>High Distinction</i>	Claire Houle Prior Lake, MN <i>High Distinction</i>	Elizabeth Konoya Bingham Farms, MI <i>Distinction</i>
Megan Gallagher Downers Grove, IL <i>Distinction</i>	Emily Irwin Sparta, NJ <i>Distinction</i>	Sydney Kuran Rosemount, MN
Jacob Gamber Brooklyn Park, MN	Ellie Isaacson Sauk Prairie, WI	Emma Kuznia Lakeville, MN <i>Distinction</i>
Catherine Gehrke Farmington, MN <i>Distinction</i>	Lauren Janza Cedarburg, WI <i>High Distinction</i>	Jack Lange Stillwater, MN
Madison Haen Appleton, WI <i>Distinction</i>	Ashley Jensen Cottage Grove, MN	Claire Laufer Oshkosh, WI <i>Distinction</i>
Ellie Hammes Fargo, ND	Sonja Johnson Cold Spring, MN	Joyce Lee Apple Valley, MN
Sydney Hansen Omaha, NE <i>High Distinction</i>	Emily Josephson Eagan, MN <i>Distinction</i>	Maria Leifeld Hastings, MN <i>Distinction</i>
Madeleine Hartman Plover, WI	Claire Kelley Leawood, KS <i>Distinction</i>	Kira Loomer New Berlin, WI <i>High Distinction</i>
Asiya Hassan Minneapolis, MN <i>Distinction</i>	Sydney Kent Coon Rapids, MN	Taylor Loth Byron, MN
Shannon Hayes Eagan, MN <i>High Distinction</i> <i>Summa Cume Laude</i> <i>STTI Honor Society</i>	Aaron Kilyun Minneapolis, MN <i>Distinction</i>	Dylan Lynch Duluth, MN <i>Distinction</i> <i>STTI Honor Society</i>
Brooke Horstman Rochester, MN	Madigan Knecht Overland Park, KS <i>Distinction</i>	Ananya Madabushi San Diego, CA
	Annie Kollitz Woodbury, MN <i>High Distinction</i>	Ryan Marczynski * San Diego, CA <i>Distinction</i>

(\*) indicates graduate has provided service to the military

## 2022 SPRING GRADUATES

Mylan Martin Naperville, IL	Andrea Overmoyer- Soto Milwaukee, WI <i>Distinction</i>	Hailey Scheffknecht Inver Grove Heights, MN
Elle McShane Victoria, MN	Sydney Paulson Anoka, MN <i>Distinction</i>	Emily Scherber Stillwater, MN <i>Distinction</i>
Hiba Minhas Columbia Heights, MN	Ann Pham Brooklyn Park, MN	Noah Schetnan Lakeville, MN
Nimo Mohamed Rochester, MN	Jessica Plung Eagan, MN	Spencer Schmid San Diego, CA
Margaret Moreland Iowa City, IA <i>Distinction</i> <i>Summa Cume Laude</i>	Hannah Roberts Woodbury, MN <i>Distinction</i>	Mikaelyn Schroeder Two Rivers, WI
Fatma Mumin St. Paul, MN	Anna Robinson Sioux Falls, SD <i>High Distinction</i> <i>Summa Cume Laude</i>	Mattea Schubert Byron, MN <i>High Distinction</i>
Katelyn Nelson St. Cloud, MN	Zahra Roble Rochester, MN	Paiton Schwab Austin, MN
Brandi Nelson Duluth, MN <i>Summa Cume Laude</i>	Isabelle Rockstad Moorhead, MN <i>Distinction</i> <i>Magna Cume Laude</i>	Rebecca Schwarz New Ulm, MN <i>High Distinction</i> <i>STTI Honor Society</i>
Carly Norton-Williams La Grange, IL	Nicole Rosenberg Port Washington, NY	Katherine Serafin Chicago, IL <i>High Distinction</i> <i>Summa Cume Laude</i>
Sarah O'Connell Lakeville, MN	Wren Roushar Cologne, MN	Anna Siska Rochester, MN <i>Distinction</i>
Olivia O'Connor Woodbury, MN <i>Distinction</i>	Emily Rud Waconia, MN <i>High Distinction</i>	Ryan Smith Woodbury, MN
Maggie O'Keefe Maplewood, MN <i>Distinction</i>		Abigail Sorenson Plymouth, MN
Emily Olson Champlin, MN		

## 2022 SPRING GRADUATES

Lydia Sprenger  
Edina, MN

Aaron Stanek  
Rochester, MN  
*High Distinction*  
*STTI Honor Society*

Grace Stellick  
Geneva, IL  
*Distinction*

Shay Stewart  
Eden Prairie, MN  
*Distinction*

Ellie Strelow  
Milwaukee, WI

Tanay Suryavanshi  
Santa Clarita, CA  
*Distinction*  
*STTI Honor Society*

Abigail Swanson  
Sauk Rapids, MN

Lily Tabatabai  
Rochester, MN  
*Distinction*

Nicole Tanski  
Woodbury, MN  
*High Distinction*

Emma Thor  
Lakeville, MN  
*Distinction*

Anna Trebilcock  
Eden Prairie, MN  
*Distinction*  
*STTI Honor Society*

Kristina Tretter  
Pine City, MN

Brian Tschida\*  
Roseville, MN

Stacy Vang  
St. Paul, MN

Jake VanPelt  
South St. Paul, MN

Gina Virga  
Lindstrom, MN  
*High Distinction*  
*STTI Honor Society*

Jasmine Washington  
Menomonee Falls, WI

Kate Wass  
Rochester, MN  
*Distinction*  
*STTI Honor Society*

Xavier Wassather  
Hutchinson, MN  
*Distinction*

Natalie Webster  
Plymouth, MN

Julia Welp  
Rochester, MN

Tory Welsh  
East Bethel, MN  
*Distinction*

Leonie Wieben  
Madison, MN  
*High Distinction*

Sidney Wundrock  
Slinger, WI  
*High Distinction*

Grace Zerfas  
Brookings, SD

Carly Zierden  
Hermantown, MN

Sophie Zwach  
Maple Grove, MN

## 2022 SPRING GRADUATES

**Health Care Design  
and Innovation,  
Post-Baccalaureate  
Certificate**

Veronica Callaghan  
Camano Island, WA  
*STTI Honor Society*

Amanda Christensen  
Boise, ID  
*STTI Honor Society*

Victoria Crowder-  
Bansen  
Mississauga, Ontario  
Canada  
*STTI Honor Society*

Stephanie Groth  
Bloomington, MN

April Lynn Lenzmeier  
Andover, MN  
*STTI Honor Society*

Kimy Ounkong  
Austin, MN

Claire Phillips  
Los Altos, CA  
*STTI Honor Society*

Gertrude Brown  
Thomas  
Gardnersville, Liberia  
*STTI Honor Society*

Ryne Wilson  
Owensboro, KY  
*STTI Honor Society*

**Integrative Therapies  
& Healing Practices,  
Post-Baccalaureate  
Certificate**

Jordan Madden  
Hudson, WI

Sara Ocker  
Champlin, MN  
*STTI Honor Society*

**Leadership in Health  
Information  
Technology for Health  
Professionals,  
Post-Baccalaureate  
Certificate**

Anthony Weis  
Rochester, MN

**Psychiatric/Mental  
Health Nurse  
Practitioner  
Post-Graduate  
Certificate**

Megan E. Voss  
Colby, TX  
*STTI Honor Society*

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## 2022 SPRING GRADUATES

### Doctorate of Nursing Practice, Post-Baccalaureate

### Adult/Gerontological Clinical Nurse Specialist

Kate Amoako  
Saint Paul, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Susan O'Conner-Von  
*Project: Improving Discharge Preparation for Stroke Caregivers*

Ellen Dyer  
Cohasset, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Karen Monsen  
*Project: Improving the COVID-19 Emergency Response: Integration of the Incident Command System Roles into an Omaha System Guideline*

Emily Feye  
Eagle, WI  
Project Adviser:  
Niloufar Hadidi  
*Project: Early Ambulation and Documentation for Total Hip and Knee Replacement Patients to Decrease Length of Stay*

Milgo Hassan  
Apple Valley, MN  
Somalia  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Mary Fran Tracy  
*Project: Reducing Alarm Fatigue: A Quality Improvement Project*

Andrea Johnson  
Columbus, NE  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Niloufar Hadidi  
*Project: Improved Perioperative Education for the Spinal Patient to Increase Staff Satisfaction*

Courtney Klair  
Minneapolis, MN  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Erica Timko Olson  
*Project: Changing the Way DNP Students are Prepared to Care for Patients with a History of Sexual Exploitation*

Johanna Webb  
Eagan, MN  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Donna Bliss  
*Project: See Beneath the Skin: Predict & Prevent Pressure Injuries Prior to Visible Damage*

### Adult/Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

Leah DeSantis  
Rosemount, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Erica Schorr  
*Project: Implementation of Nurse-Lead Patient Education on Advance Care Planning*

Abigail Frith  
Minneapolis, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Eileen Weber  
*Project: Advancing Serious Illness Communication in the Ambulatory Care Setting: A Quality Improvement Project*

Chelsae Gervais  
Hastings, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Sheila Smith  
*Project: A Perioperative Optimization Program for the Cognitive and Mental Health of Older Adults*

## 2022 SPRING GRADUATES

Rebecca Gibson  
St. Francis, MN  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Siobhan McMahon  
*Project: Improving Assessment and Documentation of Acute Changes in Conditions Among Skilled Nursing Facility Residents Using Adapted INTERACT Resources*

Denijal Gluhic  
Blaine, MN  
Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Project Adviser:  
Eileen Weber  
*Project: Enhancing Palliative Care Services for Patients with Chronic Respiratory Disease by Using an Automated Referral Process*

Kaitlyn Grausam  
Bloomington, MN  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Siobhan McMahon  
*Project: Increasing Teamwork and Collaboration Among Registered Nurses and Nursing Assistants While Decreasing Hospital-Acquired Pressure Injuries*

Nicole Johnson  
Farmington, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Laura Kirk  
*Project: Discharge by Noon Through the Use of a Multidisciplinary Electronic Discharge Checklist*

Ashley Kumar  
Crystal, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Mary Fran Tracy  
*Project: Reducing Readmissions by Implementing Patient MyChart Use Upon Hospital Admission and Discharge: A Quality Improvement Project*

Laural Mokonchu  
Apple Valley, MN  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Sheila Smith  
*Project: Perioperative Optimization for Adults 65 years and Older: Functional Status and Mobility*

Danielle Mrkvicka  
Antigo, WI  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Donna Bliss  
*Project: Assessing the Feasibility of Implementing the Subepidermal Moisture (SEM) Scanner in the Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit*

Susana Elizabeth  
Richter  
Pasadena, CA  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Sheila Smith  
*Project: Enhancement in Intraoperative Communication and Optimization of Surgical Staff Workflow: A Quality Improvement Project*

Laura Tess  
South St. Paul, MN  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Erika Timko Olson  
*Project: Nurse Initiated Constipation Education (NICE) Protocol Implementation for Improved Health Outcomes in the Outpatient Oncology Setting*

## 2022 SPRING GRADUATES

Anastasia Young  
Butte, MT  
*STTI Honor Society*  
Project Adviser:  
Erica Timko Olson  
*Project: Improving Confidence of Providers in Advance Care Planning with Patients through the Use of the Serious Illness Conversation Guide*

### **Family Nurse Practitioner**

Paola Alvarez  
Neillsville, WI  
Project Adviser:  
Karen Monsen  
*Project: Improving Quality of Care for Transgender Patients in Primary Care: Guideline Interventions Encoded in the Omaha System*

Megan Anderegg  
Dubuque, IA  
Project Adviser:  
Mary Benbenek  
*Project: Development of a Telehealth Protocol for Use by a Community Outreach Nurse to Improve Utilization Rates Among Underserved Populations*

Kristin Bil  
Minneapolis, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Stephanie Gingerich  
*Project: COVID-19 Vaccination in Elementary School Children: A Quality Improvement Project on Community Engagement and Vaccine Uptake*

Alex Fjeldheim  
Herreid, SD  
Project Adviser:  
Karen Monsen  
*Project: Clinical Guideline for Family Nurse Practitioners Practice: Basal Insulin Prescribing and Titration for Diabetes Mellitus Type II and the Omaha System*

Jace Gilbertson  
Grand Rapids, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Sarah Brumberg  
*Project: Implementing a Standardized Clinical Protocol for Same-Day Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis at an Urban Federally Qualified Health Center*

Ashley Groh  
Thornton, IA  
Project Adviser:  
Stephanie Gingerich  
*Project: Increasing Asthma Program Recruitment through Community Engagement: A Quality Improvement Project*

Mimi Henderson  
Libertyville, IL  
*STTI Honor Society*  
Project Adviser:  
Karen Monsen  
*Project: Improving HIV PrEP Implementation in the Primary Care Setting: Encoding Clinical Guidelines Using the Omaha System*

Anjali Johnson  
Kaneohe, HI  
Project Adviser:  
Jane Anderson  
*Project: Improving Team-Based Care Between Pharmacists and Nurse Practitioners: An Interdisciplinary Approach*

## 2022 SPRING GRADUATES

Chris Kissell  
Maple Grove, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Mary Benbenek  
*Project: Improving Asthma Control for Limited English Proficiency Somali Patients: A Community Outreach Registered Nurse Program*

Megan Lehnen  
Burnsville, MN  
*STTI Honor Society*  
Project Adviser:  
Karen Monsen  
*Project: Improving Asthma Management in the Primary Care Setting: Encoding Clinical Guidelines Using the Omaha System*

Rachel Loften  
Sartell, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Christine Mueller  
*Project: How to be a Good Preceptee in a Preceptor-Led Practicum: A Quality Improvement Project*

Thao Nguyen Nguyen  
Faribault, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Ann Hayden  
*Project: Preparing Nursing Preceptors: A Resource Toolkit for Preceptors to Guide Pre-Licensure Students with Disabilities in Clinical Rotations*

Lot Nketia  
Woodbury, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Jane Anderson  
*Project: Creating a Workplace Lactation Room: A Quality Improvement Project*

Nicole O'Dell  
Minnetonka, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Ann Hayden  
*Project: Implementation of a Competency-Based RN Orientation in an Ambulatory Neurosurgery Clinic*

Sarah Osman  
St. Paul, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Mary Fran Tracy  
*Project: Promoting Health Maintenance Screening During the Geriatric Annual Wellness Visit: A Quality Improvement Project*

Jonathan Popko  
Chippewa Falls, WI  
Project Adviser:  
Mary Benbenek  
*Project: MN Bike and Go Outreach Campaign: Rollout of a Crowdsourcing Resource for Reporting Restrooms in Minnesota Along Bicycle Trails*

Meghan Romanowski  
Rosemount, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Ann Hayden  
*Project: Mindfulness Intervention in a Healthy Lifestyle Community Program for Muslim Women: A Quality Improvement Project*

Alison Schmitz  
Rosemount, MN  
*STTI Honor Society*  
Project Adviser:  
Eileen Weber  
*Project: Increasing Healthcare Agent Documentation in a Family Medicine Clinic*

## 2022 SPRING GRADUATES

Cherise Sindberg  
Madison, WI  
Project Adviser:  
Wendy Looman  
*Project: Improving an  
Advanced Practice  
Provider (APP)  
Specialty Curriculum  
through Integration of  
Evidence-Based Adult  
Learning Strategies*

Mackenzie Snaza-Khan  
St. Michael, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Sarah Brumberg  
*Project: Utilizing  
Standardized  
Communication Tools  
Amongst  
Multidisciplinary Team  
Members to Improve  
Discharge Planning  
for Dialysis Patients: A  
Quality Improvement  
Project*

### **Health Innovation & Leadership**

Veronica Callaghan  
Camano Island, WA  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Judith Pechacek  
*Project: A Quality  
Improvement Project:  
Surveying Employees'  
Perceptions of Diversity,  
Equity, and Inclusion  
Climate at a Large  
Pacific Northwest  
Healthcare System: A  
Path Forward*

Amanda Christensen  
Boise, ID  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Judith Pechacek  
*Project: New Nurse  
Orientation: A Quality  
Improvement Project to  
Promote Standard  
Processes and  
Evidence-Based  
Practice*

Victoria Crowder-  
Bansen  
Mississauga, Ontario  
Canada  
Project Adviser:  
Judith Pechacek  
*Project: Narcotic  
Diversion: A Quality  
Improvement Project to  
Standardize  
Investigation  
STTI Honor Society*

Stephanie Groth  
Bloomington, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Teddie Potter  
*Project: Safe Baby  
Products Guide: A  
Quality Improvement  
Project*

Katie Huffling\*\*  
Alstead, NH  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Teddie Potter  
*Project: Nurses  
Drawdown: Building a  
Nurse-Led,  
Solutions Based  
Movement to Address  
Climate Change*

April Lynn Lenzmeier  
Andover, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Teddie Potter  
*Project: Substance Use  
Disorder-Awareness and  
Support for Nurses: A  
Quality Improvement  
Project*

Tara Michelle Nichols\*\*  
Mason City, IA  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Teddie Potter  
*Project: Quality  
Improvement of  
Non-Pharmacologic  
Pain Plan (NPPP) in  
primary care*

## 2022 SPRING GRADUATES

Kimy Ounkong  
Austin, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Linnea Benike  
*Project: Screening  
Inpatient Hematology  
Patients for Distress: A  
Quality Improvement  
Project*

Claire Phillips  
Los Altos, CA  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Teddie Potter  
*Project: Team Triage:  
Designing and  
Implementing a  
Hybrid Triage Process  
to Enhance Emergency  
Department Efficiency,  
Safety, and Satisfaction*

Gertrude Brown  
Thomas  
Gardnersville, Liberia  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Judith Pechacek  
*Project: Improving  
Patients Safety through  
Structured  
Multidisciplinary  
Rounds*

Ryne Wilson  
Owensboro, KY  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Eileen Weber  
*Project: Moral Distress  
of Oncology Nurses: A  
Quality Improvement  
Project to Enhance  
Ethical Practice Climate*

### **Integrative Health & Healing**

Margeaux Candlin  
Edwards, CO  
Project Adviser:  
Deborah Ringdahl &  
Siobhan K McMahan  
*Project: Implementation  
of a Comfort Menu to  
Decrease Opioid Use  
and Pain Scores in a  
Community Hospital*

Loryann Singson  
Fradejas  
Diamond Bar, CA  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Stephanie Gingerich  
*Project: Addressing  
Latinx Access to Cancer  
Social Support: The  
Implementation of a  
Spanish-speaking  
Virtual Support Group*

Maggie Hofmann  
Pine Island, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Eunice Areba  
*Project: Topical  
Aromatherapy:  
Increasing Staff  
Knowledge and  
Alleviating Anxiety in  
Cancer Patients*

Anne Minnich  
Milwaukee, WI  
Project Adviser:  
Mary Chesney  
*Project: Commit to Sit:  
A Therapeutic  
Communication Pilot  
Project*

Morgan Mott  
Ashland, MA  
Project Adviser:  
Nasra Giama  
*Project: Aromatherapy  
as an Adjunct  
Treatment of  
Headaches in High  
School Students: A  
Quality Improvement  
Project*

Molly Eileen Nunez  
Fullerton, CA  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Mary Jo Krietzner  
*Project: Initiative to  
Adopt Acupressure into  
Acute Care Integrative  
Nursing Practice*

(\*\*) indicates a previously recognized graduate, unable to attend their ceremony due to COVID-19

## 2022 SPRING GRADUATES

Joni Shaw  
Columbia, SC  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser: Erica  
Timko Olson  
*Project: Forest Bathing  
to Support the  
Mental Health of  
College Students*

Angelica Walton  
New Orleans, LA  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Mary Jo Kreitzer  
*Project: The Impact of  
Mindfulness Resources  
on Staff Wellbeing*

Jennifer Westendorf  
Nashville, TN  
Project Adviser:  
Kathleen Krichbaum  
*Project: Integrative  
Nutrition Protocol: A  
Nutrition Pilot Study in  
an Outpatient  
Oncology Clinic*

Andree Wilson-Nixa  
Saint Paul, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Erica Schorr  
*Project:  
Implementation of an  
Acupressure Protocol to  
Relieve Symptom  
Burden in Pediatric  
Inflammatory Bowel  
Disease Patients: A  
Quality Improvement  
Project*

Urszula Winkiewicz  
Dabrowa Bialostocka,  
Poland  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Sripriya Rajamani  
*Project: Inhaled  
Clinical Aromatherapy  
for Nausea  
Management in the  
Gastrointestinal  
Inpatient Pediatric  
Setting*

### **Nurse Anesthesia**

Vivian Anderson  
Naperville, IL  
Project Adviser:  
Mary Fran Tracy  
*Project: Capturing  
Original Preanesthetic  
Comprehensive History  
and Physical  
Assessments with the  
use of Video Telehealth:  
A Quality Improvement  
Project for Student  
Nurse Anesthetists*

Derrick Berndt  
Bloomington, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Megan Kakela  
*Project: BIS Monitor  
Utilization for General  
Anesthesia*

Angela Burt  
Coon Rapids, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Cynthia Bradley  
*Project:  
Implementation of a  
Perioperative  
Cardiac Arrest  
Simulation Program: A  
Quality Improvement  
Project*

Kelsey Gerhart  
Seneca, IA  
Project Adviser:  
Joanne Donnelly  
*Project: Implementing  
Mindfulness Meditation  
to Reduce Perceived  
Stress in Student  
Registered Nurse  
Anesthetists*

Andy Keogh  
Columbia Heights, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Dereck Salisbury  
*Project: Encoding an  
Enhanced Recovery  
After Surgery (ERAS)  
Guideline to the Omaha  
System*

Chase Lembeck  
Saint Cloud, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Martin Michalowski  
*Project:  
Implementation of a  
Controlled Substance  
Collection Container in  
an Anesthesia  
Department*

## 2022 SPRING GRADUATES

Jesus Lopez  
Napa, CA  
Project Adviser:  
Cynthia Bradley  
*Project: Improving  
Communication Among  
Health Care Staff in the  
Post-anesthesia  
Care Unit (PACU)  
Through the Use of a  
Standardized Handoff  
Tool*

Melissa McNeely  
Lakeville, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Joanne Donnelly  
*Project: A Quality  
Improvement Project to  
Reduce Plastic Waste in  
an Anesthesia  
Department*

Alex Ringhand  
Cottage Grove, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Joanne Donnelly  
*Project: Patient  
Handover from  
Operating Room to  
Intensive Care Unit: A  
Standardized Process to  
Improve  
Communication*

Jorge Saenz  
McAllen, TX  
Project Adviser:  
Mary Fran Tracy  
*Project: Improving  
Perioperative  
Communication to  
Ensure Non-Toxic Local  
Anesthetic Doses: A  
Quality Improvement  
Project*

Melissa Scherber  
Sartell, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Joanne Donnelly  
*Project: Implementation  
of a Peer Mentorship  
Program for Student  
Registered Nurse  
Anesthetists: A Quality  
Improvement Initiative*

Callista Sigalov  
Duluth, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Megan Kakela  
*Project: Administering  
Sugammadex  
Appropriately:  
Implementation of a  
Standardized Dosing  
Protocol*

April Taylor  
Eagan, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Joanne Donnelly  
*Project: Increasing  
Nurse Anesthesia  
Engagement and  
Interest Among Diverse  
Nursing Students: A  
Quality Improvement  
Project*

Kalie Wieber  
Clear Lake, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Joanne Donnelly  
*Project: Reducing Stress  
Through Self-Care in  
Student Registered  
Nurse Anesthetists*

Jenessa Zarbano  
Rochester, MN  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser: Martin  
Michalowski  
*Project: Improving  
Student Registered  
Nurse Anesthetist  
Self-Efficacy in  
Clinical via Site-Specific  
Electronic Orientation  
Resources*

## 2022 SPRING GRADUATES

### **Nurse Midwifery**

Rebekah Dunlap  
Fond Du Lac Tribe, MN  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Melissa Saftner  
*Project: Quality Improvement Project to Standardize Prenatal Depression Screening Using the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale*

Lara Hilliard  
St. Louis, MO  
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Project Adviser:  
Melissa Saftner  
*Project: Improving Influenza Vaccine Uptake Among Pregnant Patients in an Urban Clinic Setting*

Brittany Jerez  
Excelsior, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Melissa Saftner  
*Project: Multimodal Telehealth: Improving Early Postpartum Care*

Andrea Martin  
Alma, MI  
Project Adviser:  
Carrie Neerland  
*Project: Prophylactic Intramuscular Vitamin K for the Prevention of Vitamin K Deficiency Bleeding in Newborns: A Quality Improvement Project*

Anna Revolinski  
Minneapolis, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Carrie Neerland  
*Project: Preventing Postpartum Hypertension Readmissions: Third Trimester to Hospital Discharge*

Katherine Sadowsky  
St. Paul, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Melissa Horning  
*Project: Implementation of a Modified SBAR Tool to Facilitate Provider Communication During Community-Based to Hospital Birth Transfers*

Codruta Vizoli-Hoover  
Ploiesti, Romania  
Project Adviser:  
Melissa Saftner & Karen Monsen  
*Project: Improving Access to Midwifery Care: Encoding Postpartum Clinical Guidelines Within the Omaha System*

### **Nursing Informatics**

Natalie Bentzlin  
Woodbury, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Lisiane Pruinelli  
*Project: Increasing Patient Safety Event Reporting*

Kyra Bryz-Gornia  
Blaine, MN  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Robin Austin  
*Project: Implementing a Standardized Process for the Development of Evidence-Based Omaha System Guidelines*

## 2022 SPRING GRADUATES

Nathan Leidal  
Solon, IA  
Project Adviser:  
Martin Michalowski  
*Project: Improving Satisfaction and Employee Retention Through RN Mentor Program*

Dipesh Paudel \*  
Eagan, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Lisiane Pruinelli  
*Project: Reduction in Inappropriate Use of Antibiotics at a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF): A Quality Improvement Project*

Anthony Weis  
Rochester, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Chih-Lin Chi  
*Project: Improving Pain Reassessment Rates Through Encouragement of Mobile Companion Use*

### **Pediatric Clinical Nurse Specialist**

Courtney Kenefick  
Eagan, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Casey Hooke  
*Project: Improving Hair and Scalp Maintenance in Racially Diverse Pediatric Patients*

Sara Wiplinger\*  
Inver Grove Heights, MN  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Casey Hooke  
*Project: Implementation of Pediatric Aggression Risk Assessment to Decrease Employee Injuries Due to Patient Behaviors: A Quality Improvement Project*

### **Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Primary Care**

Cadie Adhikary  
Minneapolis, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Susan O'Conner-Von  
*Project: Implementation of a Shared Dot Phrase Containing Educational Resources for Families with a Child with Constipation*

Hannah Balder  
Lakeville, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Cheri Friedrich  
*Project: A Mental Health Crisis and a Workforce Solution: Improving Pediatric Mental Health Education for Trainees in Family and Pediatric Advanced Practice Nursing, Family Medicine and Pediatrics*

Virginia Dillon  
Temperance, MI  
Project Adviser:  
Casey Hooke  
*Project: Pronoun Querying in Primary Care: A Quality Improvement Project*

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## 2022 SPRING GRADUATES

Katie Emanuelson  
Owatonna, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Mary Steffes  
*Project: Designing a  
Dedicated Education  
Unit Toolkit to Enhance  
Academic Clinical  
Educator Collaboration  
With Nursing Students*

Rebecca Gasman  
Redding, CA  
Project Adviser: Anne  
Chevalier McKechnie  
*Project: Proactive  
Interdisciplinary  
Management of  
Intravenous Fluid in  
Mechanically Ventilated  
Patients in the Pediatric  
Intensive Care Unit*

Kristina Ihleng  
Eden Prairie, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Mary Chesney  
*Project: Improving the  
Patient Experience  
through Communication  
Bundle Development:  
A Quality Improvement  
Project*

Taylor Iwaszko  
Shoreview, MN  
Project Adviser: Anne  
Chevalier McKechnie  
*Project: Pediatric Heart  
Transplant Education  
Interprofessional  
Teaching Record (ITR)  
Creation & Integration:  
A Quality Improvement  
Project*

JoAnne Kuhnau  
Prior Lake, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Cheri Friedrich  
*Project: Implementing  
Nurse Triage Guidelines  
for Lactation Support  
and Human Milk  
Supplementation: A  
Quality Improvement  
Project*

Katie Mueller  
Green Bay, WI  
Project Adviser:  
Wendy Looman  
*Project: Improving  
Inpatient to Outpatient  
Communication Upon  
Discharge from Hospital  
to Enhance Continuity  
of Care for Children  
with Medical  
Complexity*

Sarah Slater  
St. Paul, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Wendy Looman  
*Project:  
Implementation of a  
Standardized Evidence  
Based Practice  
Education Plan to  
Improve Clinician  
Readiness and Uptake  
for Evidence Based  
Practice*

Fredric "Fritz" Spiegel  
St. Paul, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Wendy Looman  
*Project: Improving the  
Assessment of Care  
Coordination Needs in  
a Pediatric Complex  
Care Program*

Ally Taubenheim  
Apple Valley, MN  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Cheri Friedrich  
*Project: Increasing  
Collaborative Practice  
for a Community Health  
Center: The Strength of  
Stories Among  
Interprofessional Health  
Care Teams*

## 2022 SPRING GRADUATES

### **Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner**

Stephanie Akers  
Andover, MN  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Barbara Peterson  
*Project: Development  
and Implementation of  
a Protocol for  
Correctional Mental  
Health Program  
Evaluation*

Nicole Carlson  
Sartell, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Elena Geiger-Simpson  
*Project: A Checklist for  
Success: The Creation  
and Implementation of  
New Orientation  
Training Materials*

Twilight Florido-Bergad  
Cebu City, Philippines  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Elena Geiger-Simpson  
*Project: Standardizing  
Multidisciplinary  
Rounding Process to  
Improve Efficiency,  
Effectiveness, Team  
Member Satisfaction  
and Documentation  
Compliance*

Danielle Goetzke  
St. Paul, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Jayne Fulkerson  
*Project: The Inclusion  
of Telehealth Services  
on Patient Satisfaction  
Surveys to Improve the  
Patient Experience in A  
Mental Health Clinic*

Alexis Grieves  
Mora, MN  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Elaine Darst  
*Project: Promoting a  
Trauma-Informed  
Workforce:  
Recognizing Secondary  
Trauma and  
Implementing a Stress  
Prevention and  
Response Toolkit*

Alison Hockenberry  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Barbara Peterson  
*Project: Utilizing  
Enhanced  
Communication  
Between Inpatient  
Psychiatric Units and  
NAVIGATE  
Programming to Reduce  
Psychiatric Related  
Hospitalizations*

Brianna Hopp  
Rochester, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Barb Peterson  
*Project: Creating  
Structure and  
Consistency in Nurse  
Care Coordinator  
Orientation: A Quality  
Improvement Project*

Jordan Madden  
Hudson, WI  
Project Adviser:  
Sarah Hoffman  
*Project: Promoting  
a Trauma-Informed  
Workforce: Improving  
Knowledge and  
Awareness*

Sara Ocker  
Champlin, MN  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Elena Geiger-Simpson  
*Project: A Quality  
Improvement Project  
Using "Core 4"  
Strategies for the  
Initiation of Neuroleptic  
Medications*

## 2022 SPRING GRADUATES

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Lakeville, MN  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Elaine Darst  
*Project: Improving  
Workflow  
Communication at an  
Outpatient Mental  
Health Care Clinic: A  
Quality Improvement  
Project*

Laura Pekuri  
New Brighton, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Elena Geiger-Simpson  
*Project: After-Visit  
Summaries at a  
Psychiatric Clinic: A  
Quality Improvement  
Project*

Eleanor Rizor  
Cedar Rapids, IA  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Elena Geiger-Simpson  
*Project: Screening for  
Adverse Childhood  
Events in Primary Care  
Setting: A Quality  
Improvement Project*

Selena Schmit  
Shoreview, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Elena Geiger-Simpson  
*Project: Implementation  
of a Modified PEWS in  
an Inpatient Pediatric  
Psychiatric Hospital: An  
Evidence-Based Project*

David Wroblewski  
Minneapolis, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Susan O'Conner-Von  
*Project: Sleep and  
Relaxation Promotion  
through Integrative  
Modalities on a Mental  
Health Child and  
Adolescent Treatment  
Unit*

Wa Yang  
Saint Paul, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Barbara Peterson  
*Project: Development  
and Implementation  
of a Medication Refill  
Process in a Community  
Mental Health Clinic*

### **Women's Health/ Gender Related Nurse Practitioner**

Erika Barnard  
Waterville, MN  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Stephanie Delkoski  
*Project: Cardiovascular  
Health Promotion &  
Disease Prevention  
After Hypertensive  
Disorders of Pregnancy:  
A Quality Improvement  
Project*

Anya Butzer  
Detroit Lakes, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Maria Ruud  
*Project: Standardized  
Assessment for Violence  
and Trafficking in Teens  
and Young Adults: A  
Quality Improvement  
Project*

Molly Casey  
Side Lake, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Maria Ruud  
*Project: Enhancing  
Gender Inclusivity in a  
Rural Health Clinic*

## 2022 SPRING GRADUATES

Tara Doerr  
Stanchfield, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Diana Drake  
*Project: Women of  
Worth: A Weight  
Reduction and  
Wellness Program for  
Young Women at Risk*

Nasra Giama  
Balanbale,  
Somalia  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Carolyn Porta  
*Project: Hepatitis in  
Somali Immigrants: A  
Public Health Nursing  
Intervention*

Ubah Hassan  
Lakeville, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Diana Drake  
*Project: Electronic  
Health Record  
Optimization:  
Standardizing Mental  
Health Screenings for  
Somali Women in the  
Primary Care Setting*

Fadumo Hersi  
Rochester, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Diana Drake  
*Project: Implementing  
a Culturally Sensitive  
and Severity-Specific  
Mental Health Toolkit  
for Somali Women: A  
Community Quality  
Improvement Project*

Elizabeth Tlachac  
De Pere, WI  
Project Adviser:  
Stephanie Delkoski  
*Project: Prenatal VTE  
Risk Assessment and  
Management Algorithm*

Jennifer VanHorn  
Brainerd, MN  
STTI Honor Society  
Project Adviser:  
Maria Ruud  
*Project: Implementation  
of a Clinic Protocol to  
Increase PrEP Access  
and Utilization in a  
Rural Setting: A Quality  
Improvement Project*

### **Doctorate of Nursing Practice, Post-Master's**

Christal Barton  
Rochester, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Judith Pechacek  
*Project: Quality  
Improvement Project to  
Enhance Patient  
Understanding  
Following Skin Biopsy in  
Dermatology*

## 2022 SPRING GRADUATES

### Doctor of Philosophy, Major in Nursing

Tambra Dahlheimer  
Dayton, MN  
Adviser:  
Susan O'Conner-Von  
*Dissertation:*  
*Exploration of  
Depressive Symptoms in  
Children with  
Neurofibromatosis (NF)*

Jill Greendeer  
Tomah, WI  
Adviser: Carolyn Porta  
*Dissertation:*  
*Multifaceted Stressors  
of Natives Living with  
Type 2 Diabetes: A  
Gender-binary  
Comparison*

Knoo Lee  
Columbia, MO  
Adviser:  
Connie W. Delaney  
*Dissertation:*  
*Data-Driven Analytics  
to Identify School  
Absenteeism  
Associated Risk and  
Protective Factors  
for Secondary School  
Students*

Kathleen Miley  
Siren, WI  
*STTI Honor Society*  
Advisers:  
Barbara McMorris &  
Connie W. Delaney  
*Dissertation:*  
*Understanding Social  
Functioning Deficits in  
Health and First  
Episode  
Schizophrenia: A  
Data-driven Approach  
Towards Improved  
Identification and  
Treatment*

Derek Moore  
Sartell, MN  
Adviser: Karen Monsen  
*Dissertation: Use of  
Exploratory Data  
Analysis to Explore  
End-of-Life Care  
Interventions in Home  
Health Populations*

Tai Sims\*  
Woodbury, MN  
*STTI Honor Society*  
Advisers: Kristine Talley  
& Joseph Gaugler  
*Dissertation:*  
*Engaging Older Adults  
with Alzheimer's  
Disease in Exercise:  
Impact on Caregivers*

## 2021 FALL GRADUATES

### SCHOOL OF NURSING

#### Master of Nursing

Naima Ahmed  
Blaine, MN  
BA, Biology, Society and  
the Environment

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MHA

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BS, Architecture  
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BA, Psychology

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BS, Biokinetics

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BFA, Fine Arts Studio

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BA, Health & Human  
Physiology & Psychology

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MPH, Environmental  
Health

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BS, Psychology  
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Chatfield, MN  
BAN, Biology  
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BS, Human  
Development and  
Family Science

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BS, Microbiology

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MA, Counseling &  
Student Personnel  
Psychology

Mary Eberhard  
Roseville, MN  
BS, Biology of Global  
Health and Catholic  
Studies

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BFA, Graphic Design

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BS, Biology, Psychology

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BS, Child Psychology  
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Prescott, WI  
BS, Neuroscience

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Osseo, MN  
BA, Biology

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BFA, Theatre-Acting

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Development

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Studies and Geography  
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BS, Cellular Biology  
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BA, Music

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BA, English Literature  
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Anthropology  
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Corpus Christi, TX  
BS, Biology  
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Prior Lake, MN  
BS, Health and Wellness

Abigail Lundborg  
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Makena Miller  
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BA, Biology

Macy Morrow  
Muscatine, IA  
BS, Kinesiology and  
Health

Denika Mueller  
La Crescent, MN  
BS, Health Sciences

Sirri Ngwa  
Brooklyn Park, MN  
MS, Microbiology

Rosemary Nyuma  
Bloomington, MN  
BSN, Child Psychology

Charles O'Hare  
New Brighton, MN  
BS, Chemistry

Hannah Onsgard  
Plymouth, MN  
BA, Anthropology

Aubrey O'Quinn  
Shoreview, MN  
BS, Developmental  
Psychology

Laura Pratt  
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MFA, Ballet  
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Alyssa Sajady  
Minneapolis, MN  
MPH, Public Health  
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Megan Saltz  
Eagan, MN  
BA, Individualized  
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Sarah Scott  
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BA, Medical Arts and  
Sciences

Rebecca Silker  
Onawa, IA  
BS, Microbiology/  
Biology  
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Jenna Singh  
Andover, MN  
BA, Athletic Training  
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Aryn Skibba  
Middleton, WI  
BA, Biology, Society,  
Environment

Dan Smerz  
Orono, MN  
BS, Biology

Tyrah Spencer  
Saint Paul, MN  
BA, Psychology

Savannah Stevens  
Centerville, MN  
BA, Biology

John Stribling  
Tualatin, OR  
BS, Psychology

Sadie Sweeney  
Port Edwards, WI  
BS, Family Social  
Science

Grace Tait  
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BS, Child Psychology

Jessica Teska  
Columbia, MO  
BFA, Dance  
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Alia Vang  
Blaine, MN  
BA, Biology  
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Katherine Vivier  
Forest Lake, MN  
BA, Biology

Leeta Walter  
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BS, Nutrition  
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Laura Windgassen  
Woodbury, MN  
BS, Chemistry  
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Alexander Winninger  
Edina, MN  
BA, Communication  
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Christa Wondor  
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BS, Biology

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### Doctorate of Nursing Practice, Post-Baccalaureate

#### Health Innovation and Leadership

Tracy Carr Chelley  
Pittsville, WI  
Project Adviser:  
Teddie Potter  
Project: *Creating Effective Anti-Systemic Racism Curriculum Content for a DNP Program*

#### Nursing Informatics

Juan Carlos Rodriguez Munoz  
El Vigia, Merida Venezuela  
Project Adviser:  
Karen Monsen  
Project: *Improving the Reach of Population Health Research Technology: English to Spanish Translation and Validation of My Strengths + My Health App*

### Doctorate of Nursing Practice, Post-Master's

Joanne Hill  
Minneapolis, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Stephanie Gingerich  
Project: *A Quality Improvement Project to Increase Dilated Eye Exams and Vision Health Literacy*

Anna Leinfelder  
Duluth, MN  
Project Adviser: Rozina Bhimani  
Project: *Reducing Readmissions Following Inpatient Rehabilitation: Implementation of a Nurse Practitioner-Led Discharge Teaching and Medication Reconciliation Intervention*

Kristin Lentz  
Milbank, SD  
Project Adviser:  
Rozina Bhimani  
Project: *Development of a Tool to Assess Caregiver Burden in Parkinson's Disease: A Systems-Level Quality Improvement Project*

Tawana Neely Overton\*  
Bolivar, Tennessee  
Project Adviser:  
Linnea Benike  
Project Title:  
*Decreasing Delays to Medical Clearance For Respiratory Fit Testing: A Quality Improvement Project In Occupational Health*  
STTI Honor Society

Thomas Rubenzer\*  
Chippewa Falls, WI  
Project Adviser:  
Dereck Salisbury  
Project: *Quantitative Neuromuscular Monitoring*

Shauna Schad  
Rochester, MN  
Project Adviser:  
Donna Bliss  
Project: *Standardization of Wound Care Products and a Pressure Injury Treatment Algorithm as Part of a Wound Ostomy Continence (WOC) Nurse Implementation*

## 2021 FALL GRADUATES

### EARL E. BAKKEN CENTER FOR SPIRITUALITY & HEALING

#### Master of Arts in Integrative Health and Wellbeing Coaching

Julia Albrecht  
Minneapolis, MN  
Faculty Adviser:  
Theresa Nutt  
Capstone: *The Role of Belief Systems in Behavior Change: A Case Report of Group Health Coaching*

Ryan Grist  
Madison, WI  
Faculty Adviser:  
Karen Lawson  
Capstone: *Health Coaching Increases Help-Seeking Behavior Amongst Self-Reliant Men: A Case Series*

Sangeeta Gupta  
North Oaks, MN  
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