



UNIVERSITY OF THE BAHAMAS

SPRING 2024

NURSING AND ALLIED
HEALTH PROFESSIONS
Pinning Ceremony

WEDNESDAY 29 MAY 2024 | 10:00 A.M.

Kendal G. L. Isaacs Gymnasium
Mychal Thompson Boulevard
Nassau, The Bahamas

50 Years of Knowledge, Truth, Integrity

Guest Speaker

Dr. Mahala Saunders

Dr. Mahalia Saunders, a distinguished Bahamian-born professional, is the middle child of predominantly male siblings. She graduated as a Registered Nurse from University of The Bahamas in 1992 and pursued further studies at Barry University (1999), Pennsylvania State University (Master's degree, 2003), University of Florida (Postmasters, 2011), and Barry University again in 2023.

Dr. Saunders is a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, Professor Adjunct, and Assistant Professor. She is also a Nurse Scientist, having completed her Doctor of Philosophy degree (PhD) using a quantitative analysis, with a focus on discharge readiness in the neonatal population.

With over 15 years of experience as a Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (NNP) in a prominent private neonatal group in South Florida, Dr. Saunders has served as Co-chair of the Neonatal Ground Transport Team and as a flight NNP. She is an expert in her field and has authored research to generate new knowledge on the profession.

Dr. Saunders calls herself loquacious and is a Professor at several South Florida universities. Teaching is also her passion, and this has led to numerous speaking engagements with organizations in South Florida. Dr. Saunders is actively involved in professional associations including Sigma Theta Tau, the American Nurses Association (ANA), the Florida Nursing Association (FNA), the National Association of Neonatal Nurses (NANN), the Southeast Florida Neonatal Nurse Association (SEFANN), and the Council of International Neonatal Nurses (COINN).

Committed to giving back, Dr. Saunders volunteers with the Women's Foundation of Fort Lauderdale, Forelife Golf, and FIU undergraduate National Achievers Society. She also tutors nurses to help them achieve their academic goals.

Her most cherished personal achievement is being a mom to her daughter, a former 3-pound 14-ounce preemie, now a graduate of the University of South Florida, aspiring pediatric cardiologist and an Airman in the United States Air Force.

Outside of her professional life, Dr. Saunders enjoys golfing with her daughter and friends, teaching skincare etiquette, reimagining antique furniture, and reading research articles at the beach. She is currently working on a book about life lessons and aims to establish a day center which will be a safe, fun-packed learning environment for children with medical needs.

Her favourite quote is, "**HOPE** is a waking dream" by Aristotle.

Order of Ceremony

Moderator

Ms. Shapreka Clarke

UB Alumna '23| BSc. Nursing

National Anthem

UB Concert Band

Mr. Christain Justilien | Director

Invocation

Ms. Ashley Watson

Candidate for Graduation, BSN

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Dr. T. Jerome Campbell

Chair, Assistant Professor

School of Nursing and Allied Health Professions (SNAHP)

Remarks

Dr. Maria Woodside-Oriakhi

Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs

Introduction of Speaker

Ms. Tyroneka Albury

Candidate for Graduation, BSN

Address to Graduands

Dr. Mahala Saunders

Nurse Scientist and Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

Musical Selection

UB Concert Band

Mr. Christian Justilien | Director

Significance of Pin

Ms. Rae'Ann Forbes

Candidate for Graduation, BSN

Presentation of the Graduands

Dr. Veronica Toppin

Dean (Interim), Pure and Applied Sciences

Pinning of Graduands

[Dr. Maria Woodside-Oriakhi](#)

Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs

[Dr. T. Jerome Campbell](#)

Chair and Assistant Professor, School of Nursing and Allied Health Professions

[Dr. Ingrid Mobley](#)

Head of Department and Associate Professor, Nursing

Nurses' Pledge

[Mr. Shalloom Rahming](#)

Candidate for Graduation, BSN

Graduand's Response

[Ms. Stephana Rolle](#)

Candidate for Graduation, BSN

Presentation to Honourees

[Ms. Phillippa Gibson](#)

Candidate for Graduation, BSN

Special Presentations

[Dr. T. Jerome Campbell](#)

Chair and Assistant Professor, School of Nursing and Allied Health Professions

Vote of Thanks

[Ms Alexandria Cadet](#)

Candidate for Graduation, BSN

SPRING 2024 NURSES PINNING COMMITTEE

Dr. Shamel Rolle-Sands - Co-Chair

Dr. Ericka Evans-Thompson - Co-Chair

Ms. Leah A. Rolle - Co-Chair

Mrs. Kimbly Knowles-Samuels

Mrs. Olive Malcolm-Beckford

Candidates for Graduation

Bachelor of Science, Nursing

ADDERLEY, ANTONISE
ADDERLEY, CHRISTAL
ALBURY, TYRONEKA
ANTENOR, JASMINE
ARMBRISTER, NADJA
BAPTISTE, GUESNIE
BASTIAN, OCTAVIA
BETHELL, CHRISHANN
BOOTLE, ERICKA
BRANCHE, KERECEE
BRIDGEWATER, KADESHA
BROWN, ANNEICE
BROWN, LATISHKA
BULLARD, GIDGET
BUTLER, NIKAILA
CADET, ALEXANDRIA
CAMBRIDGE, ANGEL
CAREY, DONETTE
CLARKE, CHENAE
CLARKE, IMANI A., K.
CLARKE, IMANI K.
CLARKE, PEDRONEKE
CLEARE, MICHAEL
COOPER, MALIKA
CUNNINGHAM, DEJA
DAMALLIA, KARICE
DANIEL, CATRINA
DARVILLE, LAUREN
DAVIS, D'ADRA S.
DAVIS, DELRAY
DEAL, BREANN
DEAL, CHANTE'
DELANCY, MALIA
DELEVEAUX, PEARLSINA
DEMERITTE, KE'NAH
DILL, VIOLET
DIXON, ANGEL
DOUGLAS, DAVIA
EDGECOMBE, ANDRANIQUE
EMEPUE, MYRACLE
ETIENNE, SELENA

FERGUSON, ALEXANDRA
FERGUSON, CHRYSTAL
FERGUSON, JONELLE
FLOWERS, BARRNESHA
FORBES, RAE'ANN
FORD, GURCHA
FRANCOIS, WALDIA
GAITOR, ALEXUS
GIBSON, KENNEDY
GIBSON, PHILLIPPA
GREENE, SAJA
HENRI, EDIANA
HEPBURN, SHANDIRA
HIGGS, JUSTICE
JOHNSON, TANISHA
JOHNSON, TYWANNA
KEMP, SIMONE
KNOWLES, VASHTI
LEVARITY, RICHA
LIGHTBOURNE, NIA
LOCKHART, MASHONNA
LOUIS, SONIA
MCFARLANE, ASHLEY
MCINTOSH, FRANCHESKA
MCINTOSH, SANDRA
MIMS, JULIAN
MOTT, CHANTIVIA
MUNROE, EMMA
MUNROE, TASHIA
MURPHY, DESTINY
MURRAY, SARAH
NEWTON, CAROLINE
NEWTON, NIKITA
OZURUIGBO, PEARL
PETTY, JULIA
PINDER, KENIESHA
RAHMING, SHALLOOM
RIGBY, DANIELLE
ROBERTS, YOLANDA
ROKER, CHANTEILIA
ROKER, KENJENICE
ROLLE, ASHLEY
ROLLE, ALEXUS, B.
ROLLE, CHARITY
ROLLE, CHRISTOPHER

ROLLE, FREDRICA
ROLLE, STEPHANA
ROLLE, TACHELLE
ROLLE, TYRONELLE
ROWE, ALIYAH
SANDS, NYQUELL
SCAVELLA, DESTANEE
SMITH, AKIRA
SMITH, HOLLY
SMITH, KEITHEL
SMITH, KENDAL
SMITH, SHAVON
STUART, MONTEL
STUBBS, SHANEQUA
SOLOMON, RACHAEL
STRACHAN, BIANKA
TAYLOR, TRINDA
UME, CHIKA
VALCOM, RANELL
WALLACE, VICTORIA
WATSON, ASHLEY
WILLIAMS, CHELSEA
WILLIAMS, NIEISHA
WILSON, ATHENA
YOUNG, ALEXIS

