

COA Pins Practical Nursing Class of 2020

BY SUBMITTED REPORT

ELIZABETH CITY — College of The Albemarle (COA) hosted its class of 2020 Practical Nursing Pinning at the end of July. COA faculty and staff wanted to ensure graduates experienced a traditional ceremony with their families to share in on their achievement. Social distancing measures were put into place in order to host this event. The pinning was very special as each graduate had the opportunity to personally thank their family, friends, instructors and classmates. Special recognition was given to Kendahl Dunn for receiving the Academic Excellence Award along with the Program Distinction Award. Dunn stated, "Graduating from this program gave her a rebirth of new life for both she and her son."

Crystal Schultz received the Mildred W. Moore Nursing Excellence Award. This award is selected by vote from both COA faculty and classmates to honor the student who excels in all facets of the program.

Robin Harris, Dean of Health Sciences and Wellness

Programs and the PN Program Coordinator, acknowledged the class officers President Hallie James, Vice President Bailie Midgett, Treasurer Alyson Stephenson and Secretary Amber McWee for their service. She also thanked the many health care partners, facilities, and preceptors involved with clinical experiences; as well as the faculty for making the necessary changes to adapt their instruction to the challenges COVID-19 presented and their dedication and hard work during this transition. She added, "It takes a village to grow a nurse" and welcomed students "to the world of heroes — the profession of nursing".

The 18 graduates make up COA's 43rd Annual class however, that predates the program coming over from the hospital in 1963, which would actually make this the Fifty-Seventh practical nursing class in this region's history. The 2020 graduating class was made up of students from the college's seven county service area and truly represents the region in which these graduates will go on to serve in their profession.



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Top row (from left) are: Gamellah Abdallah, Chowan County; Ashleigh Bazemore, Gates County; Niloufar Bethea, Dare County; Jessica Bock, Camden County; Michelle Compton, Currituck County; Kendahl Dunn, Perquimans County; middle row (from left): Hallie James, Dare County; Alexandra Kerlin, Dare County; Amber McWee, Pasquotank County; Shelby Tillery, Camden County; Bailie Midgett, Dare County; Tiffany Rennie, Perquimans County; and bottom row, from left: Crystal Schultz, Perquimans County; Traci Simmons, Currituck County; Rosetta Stamp-Small, Gates County; Alyson Stephenson, Pasquotank County; Erica Meads, Pasquotank County; Ljupka Vuchevska, Dare County.

HISTORY

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Little Eva had some modest success with other songs but none equaled the popularity of "The Loco-Motion." The song has the distinction of being one of the few to reach #1 in three different decades with three different artists. Grand Funk Railroad in 1974 and Kylie Minogue in 1987 were the other two. Boyd died in Kinston in 2003.

Spaniards Invade Beaufort

On August 26, 1747, Spanish privateers attacked and plundered Beaufort. The attack was the latest in a multi-year period of assaults by the Spanish on the largely undefended coast of North Carolina. It dramatically demonstrated the constant threat posed by the Spanish on the small British colony.

Small or not, after three days under siege, the colony's inhabitants fought back and drove the privateers away. From records it is clear that some

Spanish captives were taken in the skirmish. What was called "the alarm" was in effect until September when it became clear that the marauders would not be returning.

The next year, however, the Spanish attacked and temporarily drove away the inhabitants of Brunswick. As part of an inter-colonial war with the Spanish and French that had roots in Britain's battles with the two countries, the skirmishes ended in 1748 with a treaty that was but a brief

respite before the French and Indian War began in 1754.

Death of Governor, UNC President David Lowry Swain

On August 27, 1868, David Lowry Swain, president of the University of North Carolina and former governor, died at age 67. His death was the result of a buggy accident on August 11. Initially buried at his Chapel Hill home, he was later reinterred in Raleigh's Oakwood Cemetery.

A native of Buncombe County, Swain became rec-

ognized as an advocate for western interests, internal improvements and progressive government. The General Assembly elected him to his first term as governor in 1832.

Swain called for the constitutional convention which met in Raleigh in July 1835, and to him, more than anyone else, belongs the credit for the accomplishments of that meeting, including crucial reforms in the methods of representation and the election of governors by popular vote.

In 1835, Swain was elected UNC president and won the respect of both students and faculty for his administrative ability, personality and integrity. Though the state experienced severe hardships during the Civil War, Swain managed to keep the university open.

As Sherman's army approached Raleigh in the spring of 1865, Swain played a role in surrendering the state capital and in securing assurances that the university would not be harmed.



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