



**SCHOOL OF NURSING & HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

# **PINNING & RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

**MAY 11, 2023 • 9:00 A.M.  
MISSISSIPPI COAST COLISEUM**

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING    PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SCIENCES/EMT    PRACTICAL NURSING  
HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT    RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY  
MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY    RESPIRATORY CARE TECHNOLOGY**



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**ERICA MILLS, PH.D, RN, NPD-BC**  
*OBESITY EDUCATOR FOR NOVO NORDISK*

Dr. Erica Mills, an award-winning nurse leader for over 18 years, is a native of Moss Point, Mississippi. Dr. Mills started her nursing career in 2004 as a graduate of the Associate Degree Nursing program at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Jackson County Campus. Her scholarly ambition led her to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the University of South Alabama in Mobile. Next, she specialized in Nursing education at William Carey University by completing the Master of Science in Nursing degree. From there, she found her footing in the leadership space, discovering the power of kindness as an influence in real-world change. She went on to become a part of the inaugural cohort to complete a Doctor of Philosophy Degree Focused on Nursing Education and Administration from William Carey University in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Dr. Mills’ experience in nursing is all encompassing. She has worked and led new nurse leaders in both inpatient and outpatient settings. She is currently serving as an Obesity Educator for the second most valuable pharmaceutical company, Novo Nordisk. While she is new to the role of intrapreneurship, she is not a novice to hard work and dedication, proven by being awarded “Rookie of the Year” in 2022.

Dr. Mills is passionate about health equity and raising awareness on disparities across the health spectrum. She is a humanitarian, sewing seeds of hope and faith across the state and abroad. In September of 2022, Dr. Mills completed a 10-day nursing mission trip to Johannesburg, South Africa with Nurses with Purpose.

Dr. Mills is President-Elect for the Georgia Nurses Association and in October will serve as President of the statewide advocacy organization. Dr. Mills has resided in Atlanta, Georgia for the past 10 years. She is a mother to one adult son, Tywan and a beautiful standard poodle, Crimson. In her free time, she travels to new places, enjoys writing, and visiting spas.

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# SCHOOL OF NURSING & HEALTH PROFESSIONS PINNING & COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

## PROGRAM

<b>Musical Prelude</b> .....	Patience Pierini Harrison County Campus
<b>Processional</b> .....	“Pomp and Circumstance” Patience Pierini
<b>National Anthem</b> .....	Sydney Jackson Associate Degree Nursing Graduate
<b>Invocation</b> .....	Amanda Wormeley Respiratory Care Technology Graduate
<b>Opening Remarks &amp; Introduction of Administration &amp; Faculty</b> .....	Dr. Jonathan Woodward Executive Vice President, Teaching & Learning and Community Campus West Harrison County Center & The Bryant Center at Tradition
<b>Welcome</b> .....	Dr. Mary S. Graham President, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College
<b>Introduction of Guest Speaker</b> .....	Dr. Joan Hendrix Associate Vice President, School of Nursing & Health Professions
<b>Pinning Address</b> .....	Erica Mills, Ph.D, RN, NPD-BC Obesity Educator Novo Nordisk Pharmaceutical Company
<b>The Pinning</b> .....	Dr. Hendrix
<b>Presentation of Pins &amp; Recognitions</b> .....	Faculty Nursing Coordinators & Health Professional Program Directors
<b>The Lighting</b> .....	Laura Keith Nursing Faculty Pinning Committee Chair
<b>Music</b> .....	“Go Light Your World”
<b>Benediction</b> .....	Stephanie McCaffery Associate Degree Nursing Graduate
<b>Recessional</b> .....	“Pomp and Circumstance” Patience Pierini

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## **SCHOOL OF NURSING & HEALTH PROFESSIONS AWARD DESCRIPTIONS**

### ***Academic Excellence***

This award recognizes the student with the highest theory average (core courses) from program entry through completion. The recipient is selected by the faculty.

### ***Excellence in Clinical/Lab Award***

Demonstrates excellence in clinical/lab performance. This award is based on clinical site feedback and responses.

### ***Peer Choice Awards***

Best overall performance toward peers. This award recognizes the student who is most helpful and friendly. The recipient is selected by peers.

## **ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSE'S PLEDGE**

In the full knowledge of the obligation I am undertaking, I promise to care for the sick, with all the skills and understanding I possess, without regard to race, creed, color, politics, or social status, sparing no effort to conserve life, to alleviate suffering, and to promote health. I will respect at all times the dignity and religious beliefs of the patients under my care, holding in confidence all personal information entrusted to me and refraining from any action which might endanger life or health. I will endeavor to keep my professional knowledge and skill at the highest level and to give loyal support and cooperation to all members of the health care team. I will do my utmost to honor the International Code of Ethics applied to nursing and to uphold the integrity of the nurse.

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SCIENCES: EMT & PARAMEDIC PLEDGE**

Be it pledged an Emergency Medical Professional, I will honor the physical and judicial laws of God and man. I will follow that regimen which, according to my ability and judgment, I consider for the benefit of patients and abstain from whatever is deleterious and mischievous, nor shall I suggest any such counsel. Into whatever homes I enter, I will go into them for the benefit of only the sick and injured, never revealing what I see or hear in the lives of men unless required by law. I shall also share my medical knowledge with those who may benefit from what I have learned. I will serve unselfishly and continuously in order to help make a better world for all mankind. While I continue to keep this oath unviolated, may it be granted to me to enjoy life, and the practice of the art, respected by all men, in all times. Should I trespass or violate this oath, may the reverse be my lot. So help me God.

## **HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT PLEDGE**

As a Health Care Assistant I pledge to: Use my hands to provide help to those in need of it. Provide comfort to and not argue with those in my care. Maintain my reputation and justify the trust placed in me. Understand that I am depended upon. Remember that the resident has a name and is a person with feelings just like me. Understand that the patient is not an interruption of my work, but is the reason for my work. Use my hands to help in a respectful, courteous and attentive manner. Treat the patient as a whole person, and not just a room number or disease. Protect dignity, encourage independence, and perform procedures safely. Communicate with the person respectfully. Protect the patient's privacy at all times.

## **MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY PLEDGE**

As a clinical laboratory professional: I will maintain and promote standards of excellence in performing and advancing the art and science of my profession. I will preserve the dignity and privacy of others. I will uphold and maintain the dignity and respect of our profession. I will seek to establish cooperative and respectful working relationships with other health professionals. I will contribute to the general well-being of the community. I will demonstrate my commitment to these responsibilities throughout my professional life.

## **PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT PLEDGE**

As a physical therapist assistant dedicated to providing the highest quality care and services, I solemnly pledge I will: Respect the rights and dignity of all individuals who seek my services or with whom I work. Act in a compassionate and trustworthy manner in all aspects of my services. Exercise sound professional judgement while abiding by legal and ethical requirements. Demonstrate integrity during interactions with colleagues, other health care providers, students, faculty, researchers, the public, and prayers for the enhancement of patient care and the advancement of the profession. Enhance my practice through lifelong acquisition and application of knowledge, skills, and professional behavior. Participate in efforts to meet physical therapy and health care needs of local, national, and global communities. Thus, with this oath, I accept the duties and responsibilities that embody the physical therapist assistant profession.

## **THE PRACTICAL NURSE'S PLEDGE**

Before God and those assembled here, I solemnly pledge: To adhere to the code of ethics of the nursing profession. To cooperate faithfully with the other members of the nursing team and to carry out faithfully and to the best of my abilities the instructions of the physicians or the nurse who may be assigned to supervise my work. I will not do anything evil or malicious, and I will not knowingly give any harmful drug or assist in malpractice. And I pledge myself to do all in my power to raise the standards and the prestige of practical nursing. May my life be devoted to service, and to the high ideals of the nursing profession.

## **RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY PLEDGE**

As a Radiologic Technologist, I will maintain and promote standards of excellence in performing and advancing the art and science of my profession. I will preserve the dignity and privacy of others. I will respect and demonstrate the rights, values, beliefs, and cultures of those individuals and communities with whom I work throughout my professional life.

## **RESPIRATORY CARE TECHNOLOGY PLEDGE**

As a Respiratory Therapist, I solemnly pledge to dedicate my life to the care of the sick, the promotion of health, and the service of humanity. I will demonstrate behavior that reflects integrity, supports objectivity, and fosters trust in the profession and its professionals. I will respect and protect the legal and personal rights of patients, including the right to privacy, informed consent, and refusal of treatment. I will provide care without discrimination on any basis, with respect for the rights and dignity of all individuals. I will promote disease prevention and wellness. I will follow sound scientific procedures and ethical principles. I will seek constantly to grow in knowledge, understanding, and skill. I will demonstrate my commitment to these responsibilities throughout my professional life.



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Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College began in 1911 as an Agricultural High School for Harrison County, Mississippi. On May 10, 1962, Mississippi Governor Ross Barnett signed into law House Bill 597, which created the Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior College District serving the people of the counties of Harrison, Stone, Jackson and George. Each year the college serves more than 25,000 students, who are enrolled in academic, career and technical, and workforce development programs.

**MISSION**

Inspiring Excellence and Accelerating Achievement

The mission of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College is to meet the educational and community needs in George, Harrison, Jackson, and Stone counties by providing superior instruction through traditional and technological formats to offer workforce pathways, certificates, diplomas, and associate transfer and applied degrees. The College embraces lifelong learning, productive citizenship, service learning, and leadership development in a dynamic and innovative learning environment.

**VISION**

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College will be a globally competitive learning community with an entrepreneurial spirit that inspires excellence and accelerates achievement.

**VALUES**

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| Accountability | Integrity  | Service               |
| Collaboration  | Leadership | Social Responsibility |
| Excellence     | Respect    |                       |

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