



**SCHOOL OF NURSING & HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

# **PINNING & RECOGNITION CEREMONY**

**DECEMBER 12, 2024 • 10:00 A.M.**

**IMMERSIVE MEDIA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER (iMPAC)  
HARRISON COUNTY CAMPUS**

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SCIENCES/ADVANCED EMT (AEMT)  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SCIENCES/EMT BASIC  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SCIENCES/PARAMEDIC  
HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT  
SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY**



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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER DR. STEVEN WRIGHT

**MGCCC FACULTY  
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Dr. Steven Wright began his nursing career in 1995 after earning an Associate in Applied Science in Nursing from Bishop State Community College. He initially worked as an intensive care unit nurse at South Baldwin Regional Medical Center (SBRMC) in Foley, Alabama, for nearly three years. In 1997, he launched SBRMC's cardiac rehabilitation program, now Baldwin Health, managing it for 23 years. During this time, he helped over 4,000 patients recover

from cardiac events, forming meaningful connections, including with veterans from World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

Dr. Wright pursued higher education to expand his skills, earning a BSN in 2009 and an MSN in Community Health Nursing in 2012 from Jacksonville State University. While at SBRMC, he also served as Clinical Educator and Director of Clinical Education for 12 years. Encouraged by his wife, Dr. Wright pursued and completed a doctorate in Nursing Education at the University of Alabama in 2021. Inspired by his wife's mentorship, he joined Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College as Nursing Faculty during his doctoral studies.

Before nursing, Dr. Wright served in the U.S. Army as an infantry soldier and squad leader for four years. After leaving the military, he worked as a truck driver for four years, exploring the country, and later as a sales and operations manager for Ashland Chemical Company for nine years.

Dr. Wright has been married for 33 years to Dr. Rebecca Boyer, a fellow nursing educator. They have two children: Shawn, a talented musician who passed away in 2019, and Shana, who has blessed them with two grandsons, Alexander and Zachary. The family lives together, cherishing the joy brought by the boys' lively personalities.

Since 2021, Dr. Wright has mentored Paramedic/RT/LPN transition students at MGCCC, helping them achieve their goals of becoming registered nurses. Passionate about teaching, he finds fulfillment in guiding students toward graduation and professional success, embracing the challenges and rewards of hybrid education. Dr. Wright believes his work is a true calling and strives to make a lasting impact on his students' lives.

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**PROGRAM**

<b>Musical Prelude</b> .....	Alison Post Perkinston Campus
<b>Processional</b> .....	“Pomp and Circumstance” Ms. Post
<b>National Anthem</b> .....	Abigail Jenkins Student, Harrison County Campus
<b>Invocation</b> .....	Kristin Holman Roberts Emergency Medical Sciences/EMT Basic Completer
<b>Opening Remarks &amp; Introduction of Administration &amp; Faculty</b> .....	Dr. Jonathan Woodward Vice President, Teaching & Learning/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 Keynote Speaker</b> .....	Dr. Joan Hendrix Associate Vice President, School of Nursing & Health Professions
<b>Pinning Keynote Speaker Address</b> .....	Dr. Steven Wright MGCCC Nursing Faculty, School of Nursing & Health Professions
<b>The Pinning</b> .....	Dr. Hendrix
<b>Presentation of Pins &amp; Recognitions</b> .....	Program Directors/Coordinators School of Nursing & Health Professions
<b>The Lighting</b> .....	April Pouliot Pinning Committee Co-Chair
<b>Music</b> .....	“Go Light Your World”
<b>Benediction</b> .....	Jerron “Conner” Eckhoff Surgical Technology Completer
<b>Recessional</b> .....	“Pomp and Circumstance” Ms. Post

**FALL 2024 COMPLETERS**

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE  
NURSING**

Abigail M. Adkison  
NeTanya T. Almashni  
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Francisca Evelyn Bauguess  
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Lisa Anne Cubbage  
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Katie Eker  
Claudia Marie Fowler  
Yolanda Galloway  
Dalton Austin Garcia  
Erika Shayneen Gearing  
Alasha Ivana Green  
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Karigen Ann Hoda  
Lawerenceling C Hollins

Donisha Jenkins  
Breonni Johnson  
Jasmine Johnson  
Justin Colby Johnson  
Jayln Bryana Jordan  
Catrice Alis’ee Joseph  
Abigail Lynn King  
Kayla King  
Lola Tommia Lenee Larman  
Mikayla Janae Lawrence  
Karen J. Leeder  
Alexis Cheyenne Lewis  
MaKayla Lindgren  
Kaitlin Lomax  
Ashley Marie Lopez  
Manuela G. Lopez  
Lauren T. Lutgring  
Dynisha Rachael McClain  
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Beverly Slider  
Bailey Auburn Smith  
Resa Nurfatimah Sobandi

Cole Bryant Stewart  
Shelby Lynae Sumako  
Jamie Switzer  
Kirsten A. Taliaferro  
Jeffrey Scott Tarantino  
Shantrel Thomas  
Stephaney Marie Tinney  
Chiquita Tucker  
Christina Turner  
Stacey Marie Wade  
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Baleigh Marie Wedgeworth  
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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SCIENCES/ADVANCED EMT  
(AEMT)**

Daniel Arias  
Onelise Bagwell  
Ashton Bond  
William Dunn  
Melissa Evans  
Kevin Florian  
Isabella Henderson  
Barbara Johnson  
Janet Rosas Garcia  
Jennifer Sutton  
Joseph Teichert  
Makayla White

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SCIENCES/EMT BASIC**

Lauren Blue  
Christopher Bolin  
Justin Brown  
Madison Collins  
Diana Downing  
Joseph Estopinal  
Noah Estopinal  
Mason Herrington  
William McGill  
Kaela Nokes  
Andrew Poulos  
Kristin Holman Roberts  
Grace Roche'  
Logan Staughan  
Brendon Tillman  
Sydney Womack

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SCIENCES/PARAMEDIC**

Yecenia Arellano  
Payton M. Braden  
Thomas Chase Elsworth  
Dayvon Jamar Johnson  
David S. McGonegal  
Jerrid Michael Nault  
Grayson Pontius  
Brandy M. Rivenbark  
Autumn Lynn Ruddy  
Allen K. Sekinger  
John Wesley Small

### **HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT**

Samaria Renay Daniels  
Kayla Ruth Devers  
Latasha Nicole Havard  
Hannah Elizabeth Williams  
Hannah Ranae Williams  
Katrina A. Williams

### **SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY**

Hannah Dyanne Bond  
Jerron Conner Eckhoff  
Bailey R. Goble  
Michael T. Green  
Charnele Jackson  
Racey Renee Lee  
Molly Suzanne Palmer

## **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: AEMT, 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.

### **SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PLEDGE**

I solemnly pledge to myself and those present to have a: Strong surgical conscience, to Understand the patient's rights, to Respect myself and team members, to be Goal oriented, an Inspiration to peers and those around me, to be Compassionate, and ever watchful of Aseptic technique, to be Loyal to myself and my profession, exhibit Trust in co-workers, maintain Efficiency through continuing education, to have the Courage to face any situation placed before me, to be Honest, Nonjudgmental, Optimistic, and Logical in my decisions, to be Objective in self-discipline, to provide Guidance to those who follow in my footsteps, to have Integrity, Stamina of body and mind, and to Treasure Life.

# MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

Accountability  
Collaboration  
Excellence

Integrity  
Leadership  
Respect

Service  
Social Responsibility

## INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENTS

Teaching and Learning  
Student Experience  
Engagement and Partnerships  
Institutional Excellence

CONNECT WITH US



In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 of the Higher Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and other applicable Federal and State Acts, the Board of Trustees of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College (MGCCC) hereby adopts a policy assuring that no one shall, on the grounds of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age or qualified disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in any program or activity of the College, including in admission and employment. Acts of lawful discrimination, harassment, and retaliation will not be tolerated at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. MGCCC is an Equal Opportunity Employer and welcomes students and employees without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, or qualified disability.

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