



**BECKFIELD**  
COLLEGE

**Commencement  
Ceremony**

**Thursday,  
December 4, 2025**

Florence Baptist Church  
Florence, Kentucky



# Commencement Ceremony

<b>Processional</b>	<i>Graduates, Faculty, &amp; Staff</i>
<b>Welcome Address</b>	<i>Dr. Diana Lawrence</i>
<b>Commencement Speaker, Associate</b>	<i>Amber Bruser</i>
<b>Commencement Speaker, Bachelor</b>	<i>Alexis Saunders</i>
<b>Awarding of Degrees/Diplomas</b>	<i>President / Chief Academic Officer &amp; Program Directors</i>
<b>Announcer</b>	<i>Charles Wilson</i>
<b>Conferring of Degrees/Diplomas</b>	<i>Dr. Diana Lawrence</i>
<b>Recessional</b>	<i>Stage Participants, Graduates, Faculty, &amp; Staff</i>
<b>Photography by:</b>	<i>Kevin Schneider &amp; Bilal Abassi</i>

## On Stage

<b>Dr. Diana Lawrence</b>	<i>President</i>
<b>Dr. Terri Pullen</b>	<i>Vice President of Accreditation, Compliance, &amp; Student Services</i>
<b>Charles Wilson</b>	<i>Vice President, Information Technology</i>
<b>Johannah Rae Nix</b>	<i>Director of Community Relations</i>
<b>Demi Banks</b>	<i>Director of Enrollment Management</i>
<b>Samantha Dieman</b>	<i>Director of Human Resources</i>
<b>Angela Davis-Haynes</b>	<i>Director of Student Financial Services</i>
<b>Cortney Tudor</b>	<i>Director of Student &amp; International Services</i>
<b>Mindy Hodge</b>	<i>Dean of General Education &amp; Distance Learning</i>
<b>Tanya Townsend</b>	<i>Director of Library Services</i>
<b>Dr. Anisha Daniels</b>	<i>Program Director, Business Administration (AASBA &amp; BBA)</i>
<b>Jena Hernandez</b>	<i>Program Director, Diagnostic Medical Sonography (AASDMS)</i>
<b>Jonna Winkler</b>	<i>Program Director, Medical Massage Therapy (DMMT)</i>
<b>Dr. Jeannie Riddle</b>	<i>Program Director, Nursing, Associate of Applied Science (AASN)</i>
<b>Dr. Carol Stefaniak</b>	<i>Program Director, Nursing, Bachelor of Science (BSN &amp; RN-BSN)</i>
<b>Dr. Mary Anne Schneider</b>	<i>Program Director, Nursing, Diploma in Practical Nursing (DPN)</i>
<b>Laura Laws</b>	<i>Student Success Center Coordinator</i>

## Special Recognition

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our students, families, faculty, staff, Florence Baptist Church, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Commencement Committee, our speakers, and all of the volunteers. Your dedication and support have made this day possible, a celebration of the perseverance and commitment, that have defined these years of academic achievement.

With sincere appreciation, Dr. Lawrence, President

# Honors & Organizations

Degree & Diploma graduates qualify for honors based on Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA). Alpha Beta Kappa honors are based on CGPA and nomination. Graduate Candidates must complete all necessary requirements to qualify for honors. The following is used for recognition of achievement:

Degree Honors		
<b>Cum Laude</b> (3.50 - 3.74 CGPA)	*	White Honor Cord
<b>Magna Cum Laude</b> (3.75 - 3.99 CGPA)	**	Silver Honor Cord
<b>Summa Cum Laude</b> (4.00 CGPA)	***	Gold Honor Cord
Diploma Honors		
<b>Dean's Award</b> (3.50 - 3.74 CGPA)	D	Royal Blue/Silver Honor Cord
<b>President's Award</b> (3.75 - 4.00 CGPA)	P	Royal Blue/Gold Honor Cord
Additional Distinctions		
<b>Alpha Beta Kappa Recipient</b>	ABK	Red/Black Honor Cord
<b>Graduate Speakers</b>	GS	White/Navy Stole
<b>School of Nursing BCANS Officers</b>	SO	Navy Honor Cord
<b>School of Nursing Honor Society Member</b>	SH	Sky Blue Honor Cord
<b>Student Ambassador</b>	SA	Royal Blue Honor Cord
<b>U.S. Military (Active &amp; Veteran)</b>	M	Red/White/Blue Honor Cord

## Graduate Speakers

*Amber Bruser, Associate of Applied Science-Nursing, Cum Laude*

Amber Bruser's motto is "You're never too old to follow your dreams," and it is this motto which led her journey from bartending to a position as a Medical-Surgical Nurse. Amber is known as a mother to three boys, an animal lover, and wife. She has also devoted time to Beckfield College Association of Nursing School (BCANS) President, a student ambassador, a student tutor, and has been honored as a RN-ASN Honor Society member.

*Alexis Saunders, Bachelor of Science-Nursing*

Alexis Saunders' philosophy as a nurse is rooted in empathy and compassion. Growing up and completing college with financial hardship taught her the values of perseverance and resilience. With over five years of medical experience, Alexis has built a strong foundation of clinical skill and patient-centered care. She has been recognized with a Nursing Leader Through Persistence award and holds multiple certificates that continue to advance her knowledge and expertise.

## 2024 Graduates

### Allied Health

#### Diploma

*Medical Massage Therapy*  
Atwood, Victoria (D)  
Hasty, Izabella (D)

#### Associate of Applied Science

*Diagnostic Medical Sonography*  
Hameidan, Samantha (\*\*)  
Knight, Sarah (\*\*)  
McQueen, Ashlea (\*\*)  
Starks, Gabrielle (\*)  
Tiffany, Brandy (\*, M)  
VandeRyt, Samantha (\*\*)  
Vargas, Glorimi (M)

### Business Administration

#### Associate of Applied Science

Thomas, Hailei

### Nursing

#### Diploma

*Practical Nursing*  
Bauer, Kelsey  
Coln, Amber  
Hanus, Brenda  
Little, Lura  
Midell, Dymond  
Pinto, Juana  
Thomas, Nija  
Williamson, Stephanie

### Nursing

#### Associate of Applied Science

*Nursing*  
Gordon, Thanika  
Jones, Tiara

#### Bachelor of Science

*Nursing (BSN)*  
Cartuyvelles, Kelli (\*, M)  
Clements, Noah  
Dunn, Brooklyn  
Fite, Makayla  
Kirtman, Rebecca  
Kresser, Lauren  
Struckman, Leah

#### Bachelor of Science

#### Nursing (RN-BSN)

Redmond, Cassandra

## 2025 Graduates

### Allied Health

#### Diploma

*Medical Massage Therapy*  
Anderson, Tori  
Bufford, Kenshaya  
Humphries, Howard (M)  
McCarty, Mary (D, M)

#### Associate of Applied Science

*Diagnostic Medical Sonography*  
Arnett, Stedson (\*)  
Fausz, Michaela  
Hacker, Haley  
Riggs, Mackenzie  
Smith, Jennifer  
Wolnitzek, Savannah (\*)

### Business Administration

#### Associate of Applied Science

*Business Administration*  
Davis, Kenneth  
Hunter, Melissa  
Owens, Heather  
Stanzak, Logan  
Williams, Iesha (\*\*, ABK)

#### Bachelor

*Business Administration*  
Heindl, Jill  
Litschgi, Nicole  
Bartholomew, Vernetta

### Nursing

#### Diploma

*Practical Nursing*  
Albers, Bryana  
Alcorn, Alexis  
Ashe, Mikki  
Barnes, Brandee  
Bouldin, Ebony  
Bronaugh, Destini  
Brooks, Leslie  
Buchanan, Mary (D)  
Elkaddouri, Hannah  
Fleming, Krista  
Funch, Jennifer  
Hafft, Adriana  
Hamilton, Brittany  
Hartman, Natalie  
Jacobs, Breanna  
Karn, Kellsie  
Mandujano, Isaias  
Marichal, Lia  
Miller, Kelsey  
Mobley, Candice  
Peters, Mahala  
Pierson, Amari  
Pounds, Diamond  
Robinson, Alexis  
Rouse, Juliet (M)  
Santullo, Ruth  
Sisk, Jennifer  
Steffen, Jozi

### Nursing

#### Diploma

*Practical Nursing*  
Vanderbur, Ashley  
Vann, Destiny  
Waggoner, Emily

#### Associate of Applied Science

*Nursing*  
Anderson, Emma (\*)  
Addington, Samantha (M)  
Akers, Lauren  
Ashcraft, Christina  
Ashcraft, Katelyn (\*)  
Baker, Crystal  
Barton, Kayla  
Baxter, Tia  
Begley, Cheyanne  
Biddle, Lauren  
Bingamon, Becca  
Blevins, Diana  
Brewer, Lauren (\*)  
Brown, Autumn  
Bruser, Amber (\*, GS, SO, SH, SA)  
Carson, Heather  
Chafins, Erin  
Clark, Amanda (\*)  
Colligan, Abigail  
Cooke, Kaitlyn (\*)  
Craddock, Cheyenne  
Dabbelt, Mackenzie

## 2025 Graduates

### Nursing

Associate of Applied Science

#### Nursing

De La Rosa Soriano, Nataly (\*\*, ABK)  
 Deutscher, Breanna  
 Eversole, Leana  
 Gentry, Montoya  
 Giesler, Danielle  
 Guth, Olivia  
 Herzog, Abigail  
 Hicks, Debra  
 Hilbert, Jennah  
 Hilbert, Shaun  
 Hill, Breanna (\*)  
 Hillhouse, Sarah  
 Hooks, Rhonda  
 Huff, Morgan  
 Hundal, Regina  
 Jones, Charity  
 Jones, Randi  
 Kebbeh, Fatoumata  
 Kilgore, Bailey  
 King, Riley  
 Kiskaden, Lauran  
 Lack, Alicia  
 Lee, Alissa  
 Marshall, Mary  
 May, Fredrick  
 McGriff, Reagan  
 Middendorf, Holly (\*)  
 Murphy, Olivia

### Nursing

Associate of Applied Science

#### Nursing

Otto, Maya  
 Roberts, Emily  
 Roden, Kelsey  
 Rosemeyer, Alicia  
 Roth, Jamie  
 Rousseau, Dominique  
 Santana, Daisy (\*)  
 Sapiens, Rayanna  
 Schomaker, Kara  
 Scott, Chasity  
 Scott, Shelby (M)  
 Sebastian, Sabrina  
 Sebesta, Dane  
 Smith, Ciara  
 Smith, Felicia  
 Smith, Stephanie  
 Smith, Victoria  
 Stecz, Lauren  
 Stone, Jenna  
 Tesmer, Kelsey  
 Thomas, Nikki  
 Vennemann, Christian (\*)  
 Weckerly, Jacklyn (\*)  
 Whitt, Robyn (\*\*, ABK)  
 Wiegand, Madison (\*\*)  
 Wilhelm, Hannah  
 Wright, Alanna  
 Wright, Johanna

### Nursing

Associate of Applied Science

#### Nursing

Ziegler, Sydney

### Nursing

Bachelor of Science

#### Nursing (BSN)

Bell, Hilaena  
 Arn, Cyria  
 Bryant, Charity  
 Dixon, Hannah  
 Franzen, Ciara (\*)  
 Greer, Makayla  
 Hickman, Hailie  
 Iles, Destinee  
 Mallicoat, Kayla  
 McGuire, Kathryn  
 McMain, Erin  
 Pence, Hunter  
 Poe, Carlotta  
 Saunders, Alexis (GS)  
 Stacy, Hayley  
 Theus, Erika (\*)  
 Williams, Gregory  
 Wolfe, Hannah

*Bachelor of Science*

#### Nursing (RNBSN)

Crooms, Christina  
 Hunter, Delrica  
 Luebbers, Sandra (\*\*)

## 2025 Graduate Candidates

### Allied Health

#### Diploma

##### *Medical Massage Therapy*

Bush, Jessica  
 Hight, Alexis  
 Le, Steven  
 Magee, Alexis  
 McQueen-Shabazz, Nyerere  
 Robinson, Khadijah

### Business Administration

#### Bachelor

Hornsby, Chasity

### Nursing

#### Diploma

##### *Practical Nursing*

Bevis, Jaydan  
 Conner, Melanie  
 Crawford, Nicole  
 Dusing, Kaitlyn  
 Freeman, Kayla  
 Funston, Nikki  
 Hambrick, Marissa  
 James, Elyse  
 Kanatzar, Olivia  
 Lee, ZyQwn  
 Kinkonda, Mesanges  
 McNamara, Desiree  
 Niare, Kelli

### Diploma

#### *Practical Nursing*

Oglesby, Ashlee  
 Payne, Shelby

### Nursing

Bachelor of Science

#### *Nursing (BSN)*

Hilterbrand, Dezeray  
 Keene, Kaitlyn  
 Miller, Brittney

*Bachelor of Science*

#### *Nursing (RNBSN)*

Morehouse, Stephanie

## Senior Administration & Leadership

<b>Dr. Diana Lawrence</b>	<i>President</i>
<b>Dr. Terri Pullen</b>	<i>Vice President of Accreditation, Compliance, &amp; Student Services</i>
<b>Charles Wilson</b>	<i>Vice President, Information Technology</i>
<b>Johannah Rae Nix</b>	<i>Director of Community Relations</i>
<b>Demi Banks</b>	<i>Director of Enrollment Management</i>
<b>Danny Thomas</b>	<i>Director of Facilities</i>
<b>Samantha Dieman</b>	<i>Director of Human Resources</i>
<b>Bilal Abbasi</b>	<i>Director of Marketing</i>
<b>Angela Davis-Haynes</b>	<i>Director of Student Financial Services</i>

## Academic & Student Services Leadership

<b>Jocelyn Kanatzar-Roy</b>	<i>Registrar</i>
<b>Mindy Hodge</b>	<i>Dean of General Education &amp; Distance Learning*</i>
<b>Tanya Townsend</b>	<i>Director of Library Services*</i>
<b>Cortney Tudor</b>	<i>Director of Student &amp; International Services</i>
<b>Dr. Anisha Daniels</b>	<i>Program Director, Business Administration (AASBA &amp; BBA)*</i>
<b>Jena Hernandez</b>	<i>Program Director, Diagnostic Medical Sonography (AASDMS)*</i>
<b>Jonna Winkler</b>	<i>Program Director, Medical Massage Therapy (DMMT)*</i>
<b>Dr. Jeannie Riddle</b>	<i>Program Director, Nursing, Associate of Applied Science (AASN)*</i>
<b>Dr. Carol Stefaniak</b>	<i>Program Director, Nursing, Bachelor of Science (BSN &amp; RN-BSN)*</i>
<b>Dr. Mary Anne Schneider</b>	<i>Program Director, Nursing, Diploma in Practical Nursing (DPN)*</i>
<b>Laura Laws</b>	<i>Student Success Center Coordinator*</i>
<b>Jamie Cowan</b>	<i>AASDMS, Clinical Coordinator*</i>
<b>Brittany Shinkle</b>	<i>Nursing, Clinical Coordinator</i>
<b>Jennifer Freeman</b>	<i>Nursing Clinical Coordinator*</i>
<b>Doug Warren</b>	<i>Nursing, Simulation Lab Coordinator*</i>
<b>Laura Rider</b>	<i>Nursing Skills Lab Coordinator*</i>
	<i>*Faculty Member</i>



# Faculty

## **Business Administration**

Anisha Daniels  
Michael Buschur

## **Diagnostic Medical Sonography**

Jaime Cowan  
Paige Morrison  
Samantha Bobek

## **General Education**

Alicia McEwen  
Andrea Levi  
Barbi Demoss  
Caitlin Savage  
Courtney Scheben  
Darrin Swisshelm  
Debbie Smalley  
Harry Sanders  
Jennifer Ashbaugh  
Karen Guenthner  
Kianna Torres  
Laura Laws  
Lee Owens  
Maria McMain  
Pamela Hughes  
Rachel Severs  
Rodney Umbstead  
Stephenie Lape  
Tanya Townsend  
Thomas Egan

## **Nursing**

Abby Grimme  
Amber Redwine  
Amber Wilson  
Angela Crable

## **Nursing (cont.)**

Ashley Cannon  
Ashley Powell  
Brittany Hudgins  
Brittany Shinkle  
Denise Pattison  
Donna Sparks  
Doug Warren  
Elizabeth Mockbee  
Elizabeth Tomlinson  
Emeka Uzoma  
Felicia Rohman  
Heidi Kramer  
Irene Linsmayer  
Jan Skavdahl  
Jennifer Freeman  
Jennifer Hale  
Jonathon West-Hillrich  
Jordan Yelton  
Kathern Bunch  
Laura Rider  
Leah Dressman  
Linda Higgs  
Marion Johnson  
Michael Winter  
Monica Freudenber  
Nancy Ritzenthaler  
Natasha Radic  
Natasha Shipe  
Shyla Chapman  
Stephanie Smith  
Vanessa Haywood

## **Medical Massage Therapy**

Britt Pollock  
Jonna Winkler

# Support Staff

## **Admissions / Enrollment Management**

<b>Miosha Schofield</b>	<i>Admissions &amp; Community Outreach Specialist</i>
<b>Hannah Kalb</b>	<i>Senior Admission Advisor</i>
<b>Rachel Taylor</b>	<i>Enrollment Specialist / Admission Representative</i>
<b>Krista Rhodes</b>	<i>Admissions Coordinator</i>
<b>Samantha Kasser</b>	<i>Admissions Administrative Assistant</i>

## **Student Financial Services**

<b>Lindsay Ferguson</b>	<i>Associate Director of Financial Aid</i>
<b>Christina Henderson</b>	<i>Financial Aid Coordinator</i>
<b>Jessica Vernak</b>	<i>Financial Aid Coordinator</i>

## **Other**

<b>Nicole Wayman</b>	<i>Executive Administrative Assistant, Nursing</i>
<b>Beth Maley</b>	<i>Senior Manager, Controller, Accounting, &amp; Finance</i>
<b>Joe Lane</b>	<i>IT Support Associate</i>
<b>Lea Lowry</b>	<i>Special Projects Coordinator, PT</i>
<b>Kelly Maley</b>	<i>Facilities, Custodian</i>
<b>Michael Maley</b>	<i>Facilities, Custodian</i>

# Commencement Committee Members

<b>Mindy Hodge</b>	<i>Event Co-Chair, Dean of General Education &amp; Distance Learning</i>
<b>Cortney Tudor</b>	<i>Event Co-Chair, Director of Student &amp; International Services</i>
<b>Dr. Diana Lawrence</b>	<i>President</i>
<b>Johannah Rae Nix</b>	<i>Director of Community Relations</i>
<b>Samantha Dieman</b>	<i>Director of Human Resources</i>
<b>Tanya Townsend</b>	<i>Director of Library Services</i>
<b>Bilal Abbasi</b>	<i>Director of Marketing</i>
<b>Angela Davis-Haynes</b>	<i>Director of Student Financial Services</i>
<b>Dr. Anisha Daniels</b>	<i>Program Director, Business Administration (AASBA &amp; BBA)</i>
<b>Jena Hernandez</b>	<i>Program Director, Diagnostic Medical Sonography (AASDMS)</i>
<b>Jonna Winkler</b>	<i>Program Director, Medical Massage Therapy (DMMT)</i>
<b>Dr. Jeannie Riddle</b>	<i>Program Director, Nursing, Associate of Applied Science (AASN)</i>
<b>Dr. Carol Stefaniak</b>	<i>Program Director, Nursing, Bachelor of Science (BSN &amp; RN-BSN)</i>
<b>Dr. Mary Anne Schneider</b>	<i>Program Director, Nursing, Diploma in Practical Nursing (DPN)</i>
<b>Laura Laws</b>	<i>Student Success Center Coordinator</i>
<b>Heidi Kramer</b>	<i>Adjunct Instructor</i>



# Commencement Volunteers

<b>Charles Wilson</b>	<i>Vice-President, Information Technology</i>
<b>Johanna Nix</b>	<i>Director of Community Relations</i>
<b>Danny Thomas</b>	<i>Director of Facilities</i>
<b>Angela Davis-Haynes</b>	<i>Director of Student Financial Services</i>
<b>Samantha Dieman</b>	<i>Director of Human Resources</i>
<b>Beth Maley</b>	<i>Senior Manager, Controller, Accounting, &amp; Finance</i>
<b>Jocelyn Roy</b>	<i>Registrar</i>
<b>Lindsay Ferguson</b>	<i>Associate Director of Financial Aid</i>
<b>Dakashia Massey</b>	<i>Business Office Associate</i>
<b>Christina Henderson</b>	<i>Financial Aid Coordinator</i>
<b>Jaime Cowan</b>	<i>AASDMS, Clinical Coordinator*</i>
<b>Joseph Lane</b>	<i>IT Support Associate</i>
<b>Krista Rhodes</b>	<i>Admissions Coordinator</i>
<b>Samantha Kasser</b>	<i>Admissions Administrative Assistant</i>
<b>Britt Pollock</b>	<i>Faculty</i>
<b>Rachel Taylor</b>	<i>Enrollment Specialist / Admission Representative</i>
<b>Hannah Kalb</b>	<i>Senior Admission Advisor</i>
<b>Michael Maley</b>	<i>Facilities, Custodian</i>
<b>Kelly Maley</b>	<i>Facilities, Custodian</i>





## From Student to Faculty A Journey of Growth

As a proud Beckfield College graduate and now a member of its nursing faculty, I can tell you firsthand, this place changes lives.

When I first walked through the doors of Beckfield as an RN student, I was nervous but determined. The faculty met me where I was. They were encouraging, challenging, and supporting me every step of the way.

They didn't just teach me how to be a nurse; they helped me grow into the kind of nurse I always wanted to be: confident, compassionate, and ready for leadership.

Now, as an instructor, I have the privilege of watching that same transformation happen in our RN to BSN students. Beckfield's BSN program is designed for working nurses. It is flexible, supportive, and rooted in real-world practice. Every class builds on your existing knowledge while deepening your understanding of patient care, evidence-based practice, and leadership.

**TO OUR NEW RNS CELEBRATE THIS MOMENT, BUT  
KNOW THAT YOUR GROWTH DOESN'T END HERE.**

When you are ready to take that next step, I invite you to come back home. Continuing your education is about more than a degree. It is an opportunity to expand your impact and open new doors, supported by the faculty who already know your potential.

At Beckfield, we believe in our students. Because we are our students. I know, because I was one. So go out there, make us proud, and change the world. And when you are ready to grow again, know that our doors are always open.

Come home to Beckfield, and let's take that next step together.

*Ashley Cannon*

Nursing Faculty | MSN, RN, CMSRN

# The Legacy Continues

The Beckfield Alumni Association — *(Coming soon)*

Today, you leave as graduates, but you remain part of our family forever. As you step out into your careers, we are working behind the scenes to build a community that supports you long after you cross the stage.

We are currently establishing the official **Beckfield College Alumni Association**. Your private network designed to connect past, present, and future leaders in healthcare, nursing and business. **Be the First to Know**. We are building this for *you*. By staying connected, you will be the first to access:

Professional Networking	Career Support
Connect with fellow graduates working in top hospitals and facilities across the region.	Continued access to career services, resume updates, and exclusive job postings.
Mentorship Opportunities	Alumni Events
A chance to guide the next generation of students (or find a mentor for yourself).	Social gatherings, workshops, and reunions.

You have done the hard work of earning your degree. Now, let us help you build your network. Don't miss the launch.

Scan the code below to join the **Priority Notification List**. You will be the first to receive your invitation when we officially open our doors.

SCAN TO JOIN THE PRIORITY LIST





Thank you  
for attending  
to celebrate our graduates.

The support of  
**Family & Friends**  
**Faculty & Staff**  
in integral to the continued  
success of every student.

**BECKFIELD**  
COLLEGE

16 Spiral Drive, Florence, KY  
41042

OH Reg: #08-05-1857 T

[www.beckfield.edu](http://www.beckfield.edu)

Follow us on:



We would love to see & share your  
Celebrations!

Use hashtag: #BeckfieldPride