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Commencement  
Ceremony

Thursday,  
June 18, 2026

Florence Baptist Church  
642 Mt. Zion Road  
Florence, KY 41042

# Commencement Ceremony

<b>Processional</b>	<i>Stage Participants, Faculty, &amp; Graduate Candidates</i>
<b>Welcome Address</b>	<i>Dr. Diana Lawrence</i>
<b>Graduate Speaker</b>	<i>Jennifer Brown</i>
<b>Graduate Speaker</b>	<i>Denise Harris</i>
<b>Awarding of Degrees/Diplomas</b>	<i>Dr. Terri Pullen</i>
<b>Announcer</b>	<i>Charles Wilson</i>
<b>Conferring of Degrees/Diplomas</b>	<i>Dr. Diana Lawrence</i>
<b>Recessional</b>	<i>Graduate Candidates, Faculty, &amp; Staff</i>
<b>Photography by:</b>	<i>Kevin Schneider &amp; Ellie Bishop</i>

## On Stage

<b>Dr. Diana Lawrence</b>	<i>President</i>
<b>Dr. Terri Pullen</b>	<i>Vice President of Accreditation &amp; Compliance</i>
<b>Charles Wilson</b>	<i>Vice President of Information Technology</i>
<b>Mindy Hodge</b>	<i>Dean of General Education &amp; Distance Learning</i>
<b>Dr. Sara Krzywkowski-Mohn</b>	<i>Dean of Nursing, Program Director. Bachelor, (BSN &amp; RN-BSN)</i>
<b>Cortney Tudor</b>	<i>Director of Students &amp; International Services</i>
<b>Dr. Mary Anne Schneider</b>	<i>Program Director, Diploma &amp; Associate (DPN &amp; AASN)</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>



## Special Recognition

I would like to thank our students, families, faculty, staff, volunteers, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Graduate Commencement Committee, Speakers, & Florence Baptist Church. Without you, this day would not be possible to celebrate the achievement of all the hard-work throughout the years.

~ Dr. Lawrence, President

# Administration

Dr. Diana Lawrence (CM)	<i>President</i>
Dr. Terri Pullen	<i>Vice President of Accreditation &amp; Compliance</i>
Charles Wilson (CM)	<i>Vice President of Information Technology</i>
David Rose (CM)	<i>Executive Director of Enrollment Management</i>
Samantha Dieman (CM)	<i>Director of Human Resources</i>
Angela Davis-Haynes (CM)	<i>Director of Student Financial Services</i>
Bilal Abbasi (CM)	<i>Director of Marketing</i>
Beth Maley	<i>Sr. Manager / Controller, Finance &amp; Accounting</i>
Lindsay Ferguson	<i>Associate Director of Financial Aid</i>
Samantha Kasser	<i>Admissions Administrative Assistant</i>
Krista Rhodes	<i>Admissions Coordinator</i>
Miosha Schofield	<i>Admissions &amp; Community Outreach Specialist</i>
Dakashia Massey (V)	<i>Business Office Associate</i>
Rachel Taylor	<i>Enrollment Specialist</i>
Jessica Vernak	<i>Financial Aid Coordinator</i>
Christina Henderson	<i>Financial Aid Coordinator</i>
Joseph Lane	<i>IT Support Associate</i>
Eliana Bishop	<i>Marketing Assistant</i>
Hannah Kalb	<i>Senior Admissions Representative</i>
Lea Lowry	<i>Special Projects Coordinator</i>
Kelly Maley	<i>Lead Custodian</i>
Michael Maley	<i>Custodian</i>

(CH)	<i>Denotes Commencement Chair</i>
(CM)	<i>Denotes Commencement Committee Member</i>
(V)	<i>Denotes Commencement Volunteers</i>



## Academic & Student Services

Mindy Hodge (CM, V)	<i>Dean of General Education &amp; Distance Learning</i>
Dr. Sara Krzywokowski-Mohn (CM)	<i>Dean of Nursing, &amp; Program Director BSN &amp; RN-BSN</i>
Dr. Mary Anne Schneider (CM)	<i>Program Director, DPN &amp; AASN</i>
Dr. Anisha Daniels (CM)	<i>Program Director, AASBA &amp; BBA</i>
Jena Hernandez (CM)	<i>Program Director, DMS</i>
Jonna Winkler (CM)	<i>Program Director, DMMT</i>
Jocelyn Roy	<i>Registrar</i>
Johannah Rae Nix (CM, V)	<i>Director of Community Relations &amp; Career Coach</i>
Tanya Townsend (CM, V)	<i>Director of Library Services</i>
Danny Thomas (CM, V)	<i>Director of Facilities</i>
Cortney Tudor (CH)	<i>Director of Student &amp; International Services</i>
Laura Rider (V)	<i>Manager of Nursing Clinical &amp; Lab Operations</i>
Laura Laws (CM, V)	<i>Student Success Center Coordinator</i>
Brittany Shinkle (V)	<i>Clinical Coordinator, AASN</i>
Jamie Cowan	<i>Clinical Coordinator, DMS</i>
Pam Sayers	<i>Executive Assistant, Nursing</i>
Karen Guenther	<i>Lead Biology Instructor</i>
Stephanie Smith (V)	<i>Nursing Faculty, Assistant Professor</i>
Abby Grimme	<i>Nursing Faculty</i>
Ashely Cannon	<i>Nursing Faculty</i>
Brittany Hudgins	<i>Nursing Faculty</i>
Jodi Newsome	<i>Nursing Faculty</i>
Elizabeth Tomlinson	<i>Nursing Faculty</i>
Nancy Ritzenhaler	<i>Nursing Faculty</i>

# Congratulations Class of 2026!

### Graduate Speakers

*Jennifer Brown, Associate of Applied-Science: Nursing, Cum Laude  
BCANS Vice-President, School of Nursing Honor Society*

**Jennifer Hope Brown** — known to her peers simply as Jenny — is a dedicated nurse, mother, and first-generation college graduate whose journey to the commencement stage reflects extraordinary resilience and purpose. As the only hearing person in her family for six generations, Jenny learned early how to bridge communication gaps with empathy, clarity, and advocacy — qualities that shaped her calling to nursing.

While completing her AASN at Beckfield College, she balanced full-time work, motherhood, and leadership as Vice President of BCANS, where she strengthened student connection and championed peer support. Her academic path is defined by perseverance, service, and a belief that representation matters, especially for students overcoming barriers that are often unseen.

Jenny's time at Beckfield expanded her confidence, sharpened her voice, and affirmed her passion for caring for families during life's most vulnerable moments. Today, she stands as a proud graduate speaker, standing for not only her cohort but every non-traditional student who fought their way to this milestone. She plans to continue her career in Labor & Delivery nursing, carrying forward the empathy and determination that defines her story.

*Denise Harris, Bachelor of Science-Nursing (RN-BSN)*

**Denise Harris** is a dedicated registered nurse, educator, and aviation professional whose career has always centered on serving others. After earning her Associate Degree in Nursing from Beckfield College and building a foundation in long-term care, she continued her education to obtain her Bachelor of Science in Nursing while balancing a full-time nursing career and her longtime role as a flight attendant.

Denise currently works as a registered nurse, where she is passionate about providing compassionate, patient-centered care and advocate for those who need a voice. Her commitment to excellence, leadership, and lifelong learning recently led to her new position as a new clinical instructor at Beckfield College, where she will have the opportunity to help educate and mentor the next generation of nurses.

As a mother, grandmother, and lifelong learner, Denise understands the importance of perseverance, faith, and resilience. She believes that success is built through hard work, integrity, and the willingness to uplift others along the way. Her long-term goal is to continue growing as a nurse leader and educator, making a lasting impact on both her patients and the nursing profession.

Denise is honored to stand for the Beckfield College Class of 2026 as a commencement speaker and hopes her journey inspire others to believe that with determination and purpose, it is never too late to achieve your dreams.

# 2026 CANDIDATES

## ALLIED HEALTH

### *Diploma--Medical Massage Therapy*

Ellis, Autumn (D)	Richardson, Courtney (P)	Smith, Kimberley
Johngross, Jubilee (P, ABK)	Roberts, Alexis	Vercheak, Trenton

### *Associate of Applied Science--Diagnostic Medical Sonography*

Estes, Emily (*)	Midlam, Haley (*)	Smiley-Roach, Cassidy (*)
Knight, Brooke (*)	Paloma-Yerbafría, Gisselle (*)	Taylor, Tiffany (*)
Melchor-Mora, Rosario (**)	Shelton, Deanna (*)	

## BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

### *Associate of Applied Science--Business Administration*

Anderson, Brooke	Ellis, Mariah (*)
Covington, Vershad	Smith, Bruce (**, ABK)

## NURSING

### *Diploma--Practical Nursing*

Barrett, Cammy (SH)	Johnson, Charles (M, SA)	Richey, Kyleigh
Bayes, Amy (P, ABK)	Lackey, Leeann	Rush, Jennifer
Cruze, Anna (SH)	Lewis, Robyn (SH)	Salas, Makenna
Cushard, Ruth (SH)	Lockett, Pamela	Stanton, Ally (D, SH)
Gloss, Jamie (SH)	McCormick, Jullena (SH)	Stitt, Emmalee
Gundrum, Hannah	Mosisa, Solomon	Washington, Tariah
Hellmann, Layla	Phillips, Riley	Wilson, Mahogany
Hussein, Najmo	Pollitt, Brianna (SH)	Wilson, Shyanne

### *Associate of Applied Science--Nursing*

Asbury, Tionna (*, SH)	Craig, Cristy (SH)	Hazenfield, Samantha (SH)
Bare, Anisa (SH)	Dade, Rebecca	Hernandez, Victoria (SH)
Boerner, Aisa (SH)	Dhillon, Divleen (*, SH)	Hines, Laryssa (**)
Brown, Da'vid (*, SH)	Dwyer, Rhea (SO)	Hull, Sarah
Brown, Jennifer (*, GS, SO, SH)	Freeman, Leigha (*, SH)	Jackson, Whitney
Butcher, Tammy (*, SO, SH)	Gabel, Kylie (SH)	Johnson, Shonda (**, ABK, SH)
Byrd, James (SH)	Gibson, Laura	Jordan, Kelsi (SH)
Campbell, Macy	Grimes, Kayla (SH, SO)	Keen, Amanda (SH)
Carter, Jessica (SH)	Haigis, Corinne (SA, SH)	Kendall, Kamryn (SH)
Cox, Avery	Harp, Heather (*, SH)	Kenney, Manisha

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## NURSING

### *Associate of Applied Science--Nursing*

Lang, Whitney (SH)	Oden-Johnson, Ciera	Searp, Lindsey
Lennon, Kelsey (SH)	Peyton, Gracee	Smith, Jordan
Marshall, Wenona	Philhower, Megan (**, SH)	Stumbo, Donna (SH)
Marthens, Blair	Pritchard, John (M)	Troy, Courtney (SH)
Martin, Olivia (SH)	Robertson, Hannah (SH)	Webb, Joseph (SO)
Moore, Halley (SH)	Rodgers, Christy	Williams, Autumn (SH)

### *Bachelor of Science--Nursing (BSN)*

Beane, Kayla (SH)	Hillenbrand, Toni (*, SH)	Swank, Joshua (SH)
Grizzell, Caitlyn (**, SH)	Kluding, Emma (*, SH)	Trentman, Melissa (*, SH)
Henderson Riggs, Alania (**, ABK, SH)	Noble, Holly (SH)	Turner, Kelsie (SH)

### *Bachelor of Science--Nursing (RN-BSN)*

Davis, Kristen	Parrott, Rebecca (**)	Utley-Howell, Carah (*)
Harris, Denise (GS)		Vaught, Brynne

# HONORS & DISTINCTIONS

Degree & Diploma graduates qualify for honors based on Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA). Alpha Beta Kappa honors are based on CGPA. 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>SON BCANS Officers</b>	SO	Navy/White Stole
<b>SON 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