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Thomas Edison State University Celebrates Accelerated Nursing Program Graduates

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The W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing at Thomas Edison State University honored graduates of its April 2018-19 Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program with a pinning ceremony on March 26, 2019 at George A. Pruitt Hall.

The pinning signifies a ceremonial entrance into the profession for graduates who are now eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

The April cohort, one of two Accelerated BSN cohorts administered yearly by the school, represented 14 students who entered the program with non-nursing undergraduate degrees and successfully completed 60 credits within the program's concentrated 12-month timeframe.



Graduates of Thomas Edison State University's Spring 2019 Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN program are (front row, from left to right): Qudsiya Hussain, Aqsa Rana, Colleen Geib, Gionna Pica, Isaurys De Jesus, Julia Criscuolo, Erica Hrudowsky, Alejandra Ramirez and Shivali Patel; and (back row, from left to right): Anna Mohlenhoff, Anthonyette Karyczak, Elizabeth Van Curen, Hannah McGrath and Megan Haskins.

During the ceremony, program graduate Colleen Geib of Jersey City, NJ, received the Dr. Christine M. Rosner Clinical Excellence Award presented by the school's Interim Dean Dr. Ana Maria Catanzaro. Members of the graduating class who demonstrated superior academic achievement, integrity and professional leadership potential were inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society.

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“Remember to advocate relentlessly, care wholeheartedly and remember to always smile at the people we care for,” counselled Student Speaker Anthonyette A. Karyczak of Highland Park, NJ, during her address to fellow graduates.

Launched in 2011, the [Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN Program](#) features online and campus-based courses as well as simulation lab experiences provided by Thomas Edison State University. Clinical experiences are held at Capital Health facilities in Hopewell Township and Trenton, NJ, as well as various community-based agencies in the Mercer County area.

To learn more about this and other academic programs available through the W. Cary Edwards School of Nursing, visit <http://www.tesu.edu/nursing>.