

The College of The Bahamas
Second Annual Nurses' Pinning Ceremony

part of the 29th Commencement Exercises

Tuesday, 23rd May, 2006

7:00 p.m.

Band Shell Grounds

Oakes Field Campus

Poinciana Drive

Nassau, The Bahamas

*"Commitment to Professional Excellence:
Securing Nursing's Future"*



*Commencement
2006*



National Anthem

*Lift up your head to the rising sun, Bahamaland;
March on to glory your bright banners waving high.
See how the world marks the manner of your bearing!
Pledge to excel through love and unity.*

*Pressing onward, march together to a common loftier goal;
Steady sunward, tho' the weather hide the wide and treach'rous shoal.
Lift up your head to the rising sun, Bahamaland,
'Til the road you've trod lead unto your God, March On, Bahamaland.*

Timothy Gibson

Alma Mater

*Where the blue skies greet the palm trees all around,
C.O.B. our alma mater proud you stand,
We will come from every isle far and wide,
Knowledge, Truth, Integrity will be our guide.*

*Though apart we'll be together always friends,
Working hard for love of country, 'til the end,
We will live to praise your name filled with pride,
Knowledge, Truth, Integrity will be our guide.*

Christian Justilien

Nurses Pledge

In full knowledge of the obligations I am undertaking, I promise to care for the client with all the skill and understanding I possess, without regard to race, creed, colour 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 action which might endanger life or health.

I will endeavour to keep my professional knowledge and skill at the highest level and to give loyal support and co-operation to all members of the health team.

I will do my utmost to honour the international code of nursing ethics and to uphold the integrity of the nurse.



Message from the Acting President

RHONDA CHIPMAN-JOHNSON, PHD

Acting President

The ripple effect of the acute shortage of nurses is felt throughout the world, our Bahamaland included. The demand for nurses is expected to heighten phenomenally in the coming years. In that regard, I state with pride that our nation, via The College of The Bahamas, is addressing the nursing shortage problem, and The College continues its efforts in enhancing its programme offerings in nursing and allied health in order to keep pace with the needs of the nation and the world.

This is an exhilarating time in the life of The College of The Bahamas as it readies itself for transformation into The University of The Bahamas. Significant steps in that transition are expected to be made by 2007,



toward building an institution of even higher learning that will constitute a more respected brand, offering greater opportunities in academic and professional development programmes at tertiary level. The institution will thus position itself to contribute even more to the growth of the Bahamian economy and society.

2006 Nursing Graduates, you are beneficiaries of The College's mission of providing high quality education to Bahamians and international clients. The College's challenging nursing and allied health programmes are well-reputed for their superior quality, and you all have succeeded in completing them. You represent The College's fine product and are equipped to provide valued and necessary service to The Bahamas and the wider world.

The world awaits you, Graduate Nurses. We are told that among all occupations, registered nurses have the largest projected job growth. Many countries, particularly our neighbours to the north, will attempt to lure you to their professional worlds, but I encourage you to first heed the

call of duty to your own country and let service and charity begin at home. I also encourage you to continue with further academic pursuits and keep pace with developments within the field of nursing.

I am confident that you, The College of The Bahamas' 2006 Graduate Nurses, will be professionals of whom the institution can boast. With this in mind, I wish you all the best in your future careers. I also

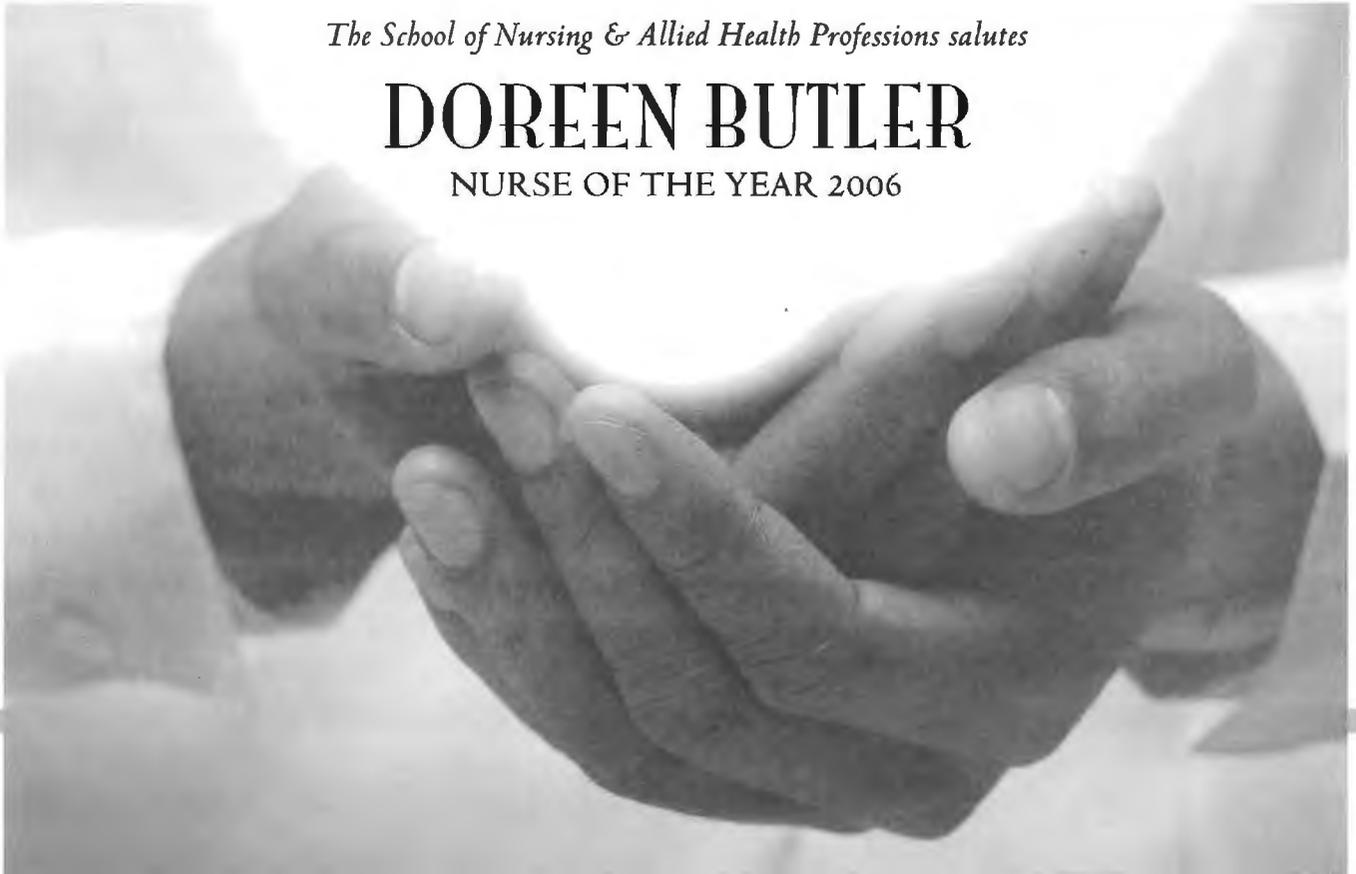
offer best wishes in your personal ventures and trust that God will keep and bless you all.

SALUTE

The School of Nursing & Allied Health Professions salutes

DOREEN BUTLER

NURSE OF THE YEAR 2006



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

JENNIFER C. KING,
RN, RM, NO II, BSN

The younger of two children born to Lorenzo and Luella Pearl Saunders (both deceased), Jennifer Camille King was born in Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas. She attended St. John's College Preparatory and Secondary Schools from which she graduated as Deputy Head Girl and Valedictorian in 1980.

She received her registered nurse (RN) diploma from the former Department of Nursing Education, Ministry of Health, in 1994. At her graduation, she gave the response speech on behalf of her class.

In 1994, Mrs King qualified as a registered midwife (RM), with credit; a member of the first class of graduates from

that programme, after it was transferred to the College of the Bahamas School of Nursing and Allied Health Professions. She received a certificate in First Line Management from the Ministry of Health in 1999. She was the recipient of the Director of Nursing's Award for that class and again, gave the graduates' response speech.

Mrs King's professional experience began as a graduate staff nurse working in the Paediatric Department on the Children's Ward and Special Care Baby Units at the Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH). She was later deployed to the Medical Wards. Thereafter, she gained experience in the Department of Public Health at the Government Clinic in Marsh Harbour Abaco and surrounding Cays. Nurse King has also previously served and



is presently serving as a clinical preceptor for pupil midwives in the Maternity Ward at PMH. From 1994 to the present, she has been deployed on that ward where she works in the Post Natal Unit.

Professional activities in which Mrs King has been involved include:

- *Speaker as a Nursing Student at the Caribbean Nurses Organization (CNO) conference (1982)*
- *Presentation on breast feeding management to preschool operators*

- *Lecture to Pupil Clinical Nurses*
- *Presentations on several occasions to new nurses at orientation seminars*
- *Speaker at "Midwifery Today" international conference (2005)*
- *Examination marker for the Nursing Council*

In her continuing quest for knowledge, Mrs King matriculated into the College of The Bahamas (COB) Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN) programme, from which she graduated with Distinction in May 2005. She received both the College of The Bahamas School of Nursing and Allied Health Professions Awards for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing and the Award of Academic Excellence. Additionally, she was the recipient of the College of The Bahamas' distinguished President's Award. This was the first time that such a high honour at COB was given to a nurse. Nurse King continues to take advantage of opportunities for continuing

participating in and presenting at Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) lectures and seminars.

In 1999, Nurse King was named as a nurses' recognition honouree for PMH. The following year, she was the recipient of the Director of Nursing Award for the First Line Management class. In 2002, she was the winner of the Registered Nurse of the Year title for Princess Margaret Hospital in the first annual (now biennial) National Nurse of the Year competition. She presently serves as the Chairperson of the National Nurses' Recognition Committee.

Now in her twenty fifth (25th) year of nursing service, Nurse King continues to have a passion for the pursuit of excellence in the profession into which she has been called by God.

Mrs King is actively involved in her children's schools. She is the Chaplain of the Parent Teachers Association (PTA) of

her daughter's high school and was this year sworn in as a member of the School Board of her son's primary school. Her children are members of a national choir and Mrs King accompanies them as the choir's nurse whenever they travel to perform.

A Christian, Mrs King is an active member of St. Agnes Anglican Church, which she has attended since birth. She is a participant in the music ministry where she is a soloist and member of the senior choir. She is also a member of the Anglican Church Women (ACW) and has served as president of that organization. In 2005, she received certification as a Parish Nurse after completing a 3 week course. Mrs King enjoys reading, public speaking, teaching, singing and the performing arts.

Married to Mr Clement D. King for the past 19 years, the couple has three (3) children; Yasmin, Simone and Jeremy.

PROGRAMME

THE COLLEGE OF THE BAHAMAS
SCHOOL OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS
SECOND ANNUAL NURSES PINNING CEREMONY

Mistress of Ceremonies	Mrs Patricia Miller - Brown Head of Department School of Nursing & Allied Health Professions (SNAHP)
Procession of Faculty & Graduates	COB Concert Band Mr Christian Justilien, Director
National Anthem	COB Concert Band
Invocation	Ms Karol Mackey Lecturer, SNAHP
Welcome Address	Mrs Laura Knowles Chairperson, SNAHP
Introduction of Acting President	Dr Kathleen Sullivan-Sealey, Dean, Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences
Remarks	Dr Rhonda Chipman - Johnson Acting President

Musical Selection

COB Concert Choir
Ms Margo Nothnagel, Director

Introduction of Speaker

Ms Doreen Butler
Lecturer, SNAHP

Address to Graduates

Mrs Jennifer King
Nursing Officer II
Graduate of the Bachelor of
Science Degree Nursing Programme, SNAHP

Tribute to Graduates

Song: Mr Kenneil McPhee
Student Nurse

Remarks : Ms Schmill Weech
Graduand
President of Student Nurses' Club

Significance of Pin

Dr Zorene Curry
Senior Lecturer, SNAHP



Pinning of Graduates

Mrs Laura Knowles
Chairperson, SNAHP
Mrs Patricia Miller-Brown
Head of Department, SNAHP

Mrs Theresa Moxey-Adderley,
Coordinator, BSN Programme, SNAHP

Musical Selection

COB Concert Band

Nurses' Pledge

Graduands

Presentations

Mrs Dianne Holden
Coordinator
Associate of Science Degree Programme, SNAHP

Ms Kenica Wood
Graduand

Vote of Thanks

Eltoya McPhee
Graduand

Recessional

COB Concert Band

Participating Students

NB. All students are from the Associate of Science Degree Programme

APRIL 2006 GRADUATES

1. *Benedette Apheh*
2. *Corneil Barr*
3. *Joanna Bethel*
4. *Rachael Bullard*
5. *Jennique Carey*
6. *Keron Clarke*
7. *Eltoya McPhee Dean*
8. *Erica Farquharson*
9. *Lasshanda Farquharson*
10. *Stephanie Forbes*

11. *Ellesia Gibson*
12. *Tula Johnson*
13. *Vernita Johnson*
14. *Sharlene McIntosh*
15. *Francis Morley*
16. *Danishka Moss*
17. *Lynette Moxey*
18. *Yonette Peters*
19. *Gwendolyn Rolle*
20. *Irene Rolle*

21. *Branishka Strachan*
22. *Anishka McKenzie*
23. *Tiffany Seymour*
24. *Natera Sturrupe*
25. *Mikandrea Stubbs*
26. *Krystal Thompson*
27. *Schmell Weech*
28. *Kenica Wood*

Recognition of Nursing Professionals

Lorraine Fowler, Surgical Area I, Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH)

Michelle Butler, Medical Area, PMH

Portia Ferguson, Paediatric Area, PMH

Anne Braithwaite, Gynae Ward, PMH

Cleo Nairn, Maternity Ward, PMH

