Congratulations to all of our CONHS graduates!
We are so proud of you all!
To view the full photo gallery of this Recognition Day Ceremony

Class of 2023

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TAMUCC SUMMER 2023 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

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Special thanks to CONHS Faculty and Staff Volunteers for helping make this such a special day for our students!
coming soon

Dean's Welcome Back

Thursday August 24th
@ 9am
Bay Hall Room 103
Since 2016, the TAMUCC CONHS has been the proud recipient of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students (SDS) grant. This competitive grant allows the CONHS to award scholarships to ~50 qualified BSN students each semester. The SDS program empowers students from disadvantaged backgrounds to overcome their financial needs and excel in their academic careers.

This year, in addition to our annual award, HRSA selected the CONHS to receive an additional $25,000.

To date, the TAMUCC CONHS HRSA SDS program has awarded $3.9 million in scholarship funds to over 350 students. Talk about an Islander Impact!
Congratulations to Assistant Clinical Professor Karen LaNasa for being recognized on her completion of a Graduate Degree for Doctor of Nursing Practice.
Congratulations to Dr. Cynthia DeLanie on her recent research article for Columbus Publishing's International Journal of Nursing and Health Care Science.

Hi, my name is Kennedy Martinez. I’m an incoming freshman majoring in Nursing and hope to become a Nurse Practitioner when I graduate. I enjoy spending time with my friends and family, reading, and watching movies. I’m really excited to start the school year!

Starting August 22nd
STOP BY AND SAY HELLO
Eta Omicron Chapter - Sigma Theta Tau

Congratulations to all of our honor society inductees! Thank you Board Members for your continued dedication to service. We are so proud of you all!

Thank you Board Members

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Dr. Aziz welcomed Workforce Solutions Managing Director Geri Escobar and her team to the CONHS for an informational meeting and tour. Workforce Solutions supports an employer-driven, integrated system that consolidates employment, job training, and work-related services. Conversations centered on enhancing educational opportunities and support systems for ensure student success as they pursue careers in the healthcare. We look forward to leveraging this dynamic partnership for the benefit of students, employers, and the community.
Congratulations to CONHS 2023 Nursing Graduate
Recently recognized "Outstanding Islander Graduate" is Sydney Sandoval
from the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

To read full Texas AM University Corpus Christi story on Sydney, scan now.
"Sydney Sandoval ’23 has known she wanted to be a nurse since she was 13 years old. The Rosenberg, Texas, native took part in a job shadowing program at her local hospital when the flight nurses came in and explained what they do. Since then, she was hooked."
This week TAMUCC and CONHS welcomed several new faculty for Fall 2023 during their respective orientations.

We look forward to a productive and rewarding new year.
Catherine Zeller is excited to join the TAMUCC CONHS Faculty. She received her BSN from TAMUCC in 2008 and her MSN in Nursing Education this August. She spent the Spring 2023 semester of her nurse educator practicum assisting with teaching undergraduate nursing research. Her background includes mental health, cardiac telemetry nursing, and adult ICU nursing. She enjoys spending her free time with her husband and two young boys.
Araceli Hernandez is a Family Nurse Practitioner, Cardiovascular Nurse Practitioner, and Certified Cardiovascular Registered Nurse with a focus on community heart and vascular health and prevention. She received her Master of Science in Nurse Education and her Post-Master certificate in Family Nurse Practitioner from TAMUCC CONHS. Her research focuses on early heart attack recognition and prevention, Acute Myocardial Infarction Cardiogenic Shock acknowledgment and early treatment options to include percutaneous coronary intervention and mechanical circulatory support.
Dr. Luis E. Espinoza is a native of the Rio Grande Valley (hometown: San Juan, TX) and a graduate of Texas Woman’s University, where he earned a PhD in Sociology with a minor in Health Studies. In addition, Luis earned a Master of Public Health in Epidemiology from The University of North Texas Health Science Center. Luis further holds credentials as a master certified health education specialist (MCHES®) and is certified in public health (CPH). His primary research interests are minority women’s health, health equity and social justice.
Dr. Sarah Guy is an obstetric and mental health nurse with a focus on midwifery and women’s health postpartum. She earned her PhD and Master’s degree in nursing and practiced for 15 years as a Certified Nurse-Midwife. Her research focuses on mental health literacy regarding postpartum depression and recognition of risk factors for postpartum depression in underserved populations.
Lacy Stanley received both her BSN and MSN Nurse Educator at Texas A&M Corpus Christi. Her specialty is pediatrics.
Meet Dr. Golaszewski, an advanced practicing registered nurse specializing in nurse midwifery. Her academic journey took her to Frontier Nursing University, where she earned both her masters and doctorate degree. With an unwavering focus on maternal health, Dr. Golaszewski's passion and expertise shine through her work.
Dr. Renae Schumann has been a nurse for 40 years as of August 2023. She graduated from LVN school in August of 1983 then completed her BSN and MSN at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, and her PhD in Nursing Science at Texas Woman’s University Houston Center. The majority of her clinical experience is in emergency nursing and community health through congregational nursing. Most of her career has been in academia. She has been a nursing school faculty member for 27 years, split between UT Houston and Houston Baptist University. Twenty of those 27 years were spent in nursing school administration, including the roles at UT Houston of BSN Coordinator, BSN Curriculum Chair, Honors Program Chair, and then as Dean of Nursing and Allied Health at Houston Baptist. Her research interests include anything focused on the Future of Nursing, and includes nursing students, nursing faculty, patients, and nurses in any of the many exciting areas nurses can work.
My name is Amiee Griffis. I received my ADN at DelMar College, finished my undergraduate in nursing as well as my master's in nursing education from the University of Texas at Arlington. I worked in Labor and Delivery for almost 10 years, and then as a school nurse for 3 years. I am so excited to be a part of the wonderful team at A&M in the nursing education department and look forward to meeting all of the upcoming students.
Assistant Clinical Professor Shaver has served as the CONHS representative to the Honors Committee for more than 10 years. “It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with our Honors students. I’m very proud of them and thankful to have been part of their journeys.”

Three University Honors BSN students presented their Projects of Excellence on Monday, August 7th and graduated with this distinction on Saturday, August 12th.

Marielle DelaTorre
Sydney Sandoval
Therese Gumban

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Thank you!
SAVE THE DATE

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!

COME CELEBRATE BACK-TO-SCHOOL WITH US!

AUGUST 28 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL PICTURES WITH IZZY & DEAN AZIZ

AUGUST 29 - MEET AND GREET WITH "CONHS INFLUENCERS" CHECK OUT CONHS STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

AUGUST 30 - "LIFESAVERS FOR LIFE SAVERS" LEARN ABOUT CAMPUS RESOURCES

1ST FLOOR ISLAND HALL, LOBBY
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (EACH DAY)
The event ran from July 18th through July 27th and provided a variety of much needed healthcare services to over 2000 community members throughout Nueces county and surrounding areas. Services included no-cost healthcare services including, medical, behavioral health, dental, optical, and veterinarian services.

**TAMUCC CONHS Health Science and Healthcare Administration Practicum students** had the amazing opportunity to demonstrate their skills and collaborate with healthcare professionals from numerous community organizations across the area at the 2023 Innovative Readiness Training (IRT) Mission. Our own Dr. Sherdeana Owens served as the students’ Practicum preceptor.

**Thank you!**

To Dr. Owens, Our Clinic Leads, the US Army Reserves, and all who participated.

**Thank you!**

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We have some exciting events coming up next week as part of the First Wave schedule!

**CONHS Convocation (08/24/2023 | 2:30 Start Time):**
Convocation will be only for students to attend; however, all faculty and staff are being asked to line the walkways leading up to the west doors of the PAC (map included in calendar invite) to cheer on the students before they attend their formal collegiate academic ceremony. The CONHS faculty and staff are known to be the loudest and proudest, so grab whatever Islander spirit gear (i.e., pom poms, cowbells, foam fingers, etc.) you can find and let the tradition continue! 😊

**CONHS First Wave Mixer (08/24/2023 | 4:00 Start Time):**
All CONHS faculty are strongly encouraged to attend and participate the mixer – we need as many as possible to attend. SSO is going to host an icebreaker activity (similar to last year) to encourage the students to engage with all of you. Towards the end of the hour, students who complete the activity will be entered into a raffle to win CONHS swag bundles!
The goal is to welcome the incoming class to the Island and, more specifically, into the CONHS Family. This year’s theme for First Wave is “IBelong.” So, bring your mingling a-game and make your Islander Impact on our new students!

**More ways to get involved...**
There are tons of events to be a part of, and campus will be buzzing with excitement during the first few weeks of the semester. Seeing students so excited to be on the Island is a great way to start your semester.

For Questions Contact: CONHS@tamucc.edu
TAMUCC DNP Students, Alumni and Faculty were very active disseminating their scholarly work at the 3rd Annual Texas DNP Conference.

Poster Presentations were made by Amandra Estrada (Cohort 5, '22), Merlindi Brown (Cohort 5 '22), and Shannon Boyd (Cohort 6 '23).

Podium Presentations by Kelli Dalgren (Cohort 6 '23) and Dr. Tammy McGarity (DNP Program Coordinator) and Sara Melendez (Cohort 7 '24)

Attending were also Kitay Diejomaoh (Cohort 6 '23) and Sandra Owolabi (Cohort 3 '20)

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TAMUCC CONHS Health Science and Healthcare Administration Practicum students gave their final presentations of their practicum experiences on Friday, August 11, 2023. The presentations give students the opportunity to showcase the knowledge and skills they have gained throughout their time in the HLSC/HCAD program through the development of a final project in collaboration with local leaders in healthcare. The event was well attended by numerous CONHS faculty and leadership as well as practicum preceptors. After presentations, the newest members of the TAMUCC chapter of Upsilon Phi Delta honor society were inducted. Congratulations on a job well done!
Spring 23 Eline and Traditional BSN Cohorts were provided a 3-day immersive Clinical Judgment Bootcamp supported by CONHS Admin. The bootcamp reinforced strategies for success as well as offered a high-level review of content that spanned the BSN Program tracks. It was made possible by the support and expertise of CONHS faculty including Cathy Harrell, Amy McClure, Isela Garcia, Stephanie Smith, Karen Lanasa, Beth Johnson and Rosario Garcia as well as Content Expert and retired CONHS faculty member Mrs. Susan Greathouse.

We wish the Spring 23 Graduating BSN students' success on their upcoming NCLEX Examinations.
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