

Bainbridge College Nursing Division's 14 Graduates Receive Pins in Special Ceremony



Marking their transition from Bainbridge College students to nurses with a traditional pinning ceremony May 10, the 2010 cohort posed with some of their instructors at the Charles H. Kirbo Regional Center on the Bainbridge campus. They are the first to receive the Associate of Science in Nursing degrees since the program transitioned into the BC Nursing Division. Here left-right are, front row, Nursing Division Chair Sheree Dickenson, Melissa Hawkins, Megan Jarvis, Dallarrie Jamison, Janice Hall; middle row, Rhonda Payne, Michael Probert, William Tyus, David Curry, Kenny Simpson, Jeffrey Ross; back row, Krista Hitson, Brittney London, Jon Ralph, Devin Ross, Jason Wells, Rainey Sellers and Cindy Truitt.

The 2010 cohort of graduates who received Associate of Science in Nursing degrees at Bainbridge College (BC) graduation ceremonies May 11 marked their transition from students to nurses May 10 with the traditional pinning ceremony at the Charles H. Kirbo Regional Center on the Bainbridge campus. The class of 14, seven women and seven men, are the first to graduate since the associate degree program became the BC Nursing Division.

Receiving the distinctive pin designed specifically for the BC program were Brittney London of **Attapulgus**; David A. Curry, Melissa L. Hawkins, Michael Probert, Jonathan L. Ralph, Cindy C. Truitt, all of **Bainbridge**; Kenneth R. Simpson II of **Blakely**; William Davis Tyus of **Brinson**; Rainey Sellers of **Cairo**; Krista Hitson of **Climax**;

Megan E. Jarvis and Jason E. Wells of **Colquitt**, and Dallarrie Charme' Jamison and Devin Lee Ross, both of **Donalsonville**.

Jason Wells received the Leadership Award; Devin Ross, the Clinical Excellence Award, and Krista Hitson, the Academic Excellence Award. Cynthia Vickers presented the Memorial Hospital Scholarship to David Curry. Linda Smith presented the John D. Archbold Memorial Hospital Outstanding Leadership and Achievement Award to Rainey Sellers.

Nursing faculty assisting with the ceremony were Nursing Division Chair Sheree Dickenson, who pinned each student and later spoke about each one's strengths and attributes as reflected in the Nursing Code of Ethics, members Janice Hall, Rhonda Payne and Jeffrey Ross, and Program Assistant Ruby Barlow.

Melissa Hawkins introduced program speaker Ken Varnadoe, who is a clinical instructor for the program at Memorial Hospital in Bainbridge. He praised the quality of work and the professional growth of the 2010 cohort.

Also speaking at the ceremony were Krista Hitson, who described the ADN pin; Dallarrie Jamison, who introduced her mother, Mae Jamison, who gave the benediction; Megan Jarvis, who gave the student address; Rainey Sellers, who introduced her father, Mike Sellers, who gave the invocation; and BC President Tom Wilkerson, who welcomed those attending. In a special presentation, Gideon International members, Martha Mitchell, assisted by Mary Glenn Grimes, gave a Bible to each new nurse.