

# FAITH IN THE WORKPLACE

ALUMNI SPEAKER SERIES

Nursing



## Schedule

### Date

Nov. 3, 2023

### 2023 Outstanding Alumnus

2 p.m.

### Location

Swaid Center for  
Health Sciences  
Room 233

### Faith in the Workplace Panel 2:45 p.m.

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### Reunion and Reception for Nursing alumni, HIZ and Health Care Missions 3:15 p.m.

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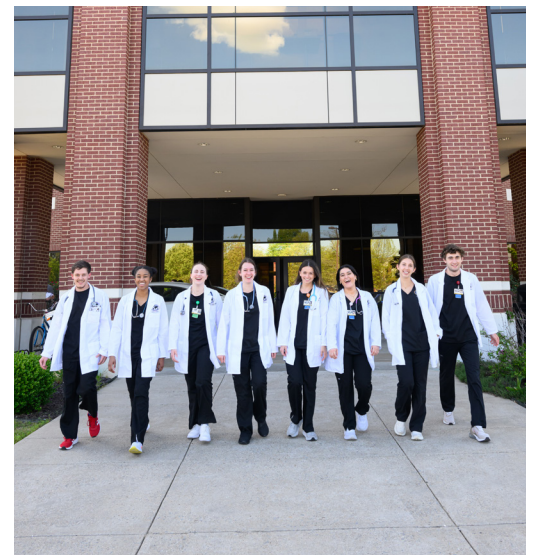
Swaid Center for  
Health Sciences  
Room 201

## Welcome!

The Carr College of Nursing faculty is committed to philosophical beliefs which support the overall goal of providing a quality education to undergraduate and graduate nursing students, which leads to an understanding and philosophy of life consistent with Christian principles. The faculty believe that health care is a basic right. Nurses facilitate patients and families to optimal health and abilities.

The faculty are committed to the standards and codes of professional conduct. The undergraduate programs prepare nurses to be quality providers of care, coordinators of care and active participants in the nursing profession. The graduate programs prepare nurses to strengthen their area of expertise with an emphasis on the art and science of professional and advanced nursing practice while working in multiple spheres of influence and with diverse populations.

Christian professional and advanced practice nurses are needed to promote the excellence, competence and compassion for patients and their families from diverse and vulnerable backgrounds. Harding



graduates are taught to use servant-leader principles in their work as full partners in the interprofessional team. The alumni speaker and panel members of this Homecoming event are significant role models for integrating ministry into their professional and advanced practice nursing careers. Their life experiences will provide wisdom and insight for visitors and current students in all programs at the Carr College of Nursing.

## FAITH AND NURSING

*"... inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." — 1 Thessalonians 1:3*



**Jordan Yarbrough, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC**  
*2023 Outstanding Alumnus*

Jordan Yarbrough earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing in 2006 and a master's degree as a family nurse practitioner in 2021, both from Harding. She has served as a member of the Angola Mission Team based in Huambo since 2011 providing health care, community health education and medical nursing education for Angolan nurses. She and her team are involved in church planting, teaching Bible classes and mentoring students. She enjoys stepping into vulnerable situations with her patients to offer both physical and spiritual care and to bring love and healing.

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**Marcus Binns, MSN, RN**  
*Faith in the Workplace Panel Discussion*

Marcus has devoted his nursing career to caring for the pediatric population. He is now teaching pediatric nursing at HCCN to spread his influence/experience through the next generation of nurses. He has been a nurse since 2010 and has worked in both pediatric intensive care and primary care settings. He chose pediatrics because he felt drawn to helping children through the difficulties of disease and illness and supporting the parents through seasons of uncertainty. In 2022, he transitioned to nursing education with a goal of bringing a positive learning environment to the next generations of nurses. He is married with one daughter (4 years old), so his current hobbies involve snatching brief naps and tea parties. In another decade or so, he hopes to get back to his original hobbies of reading and music.

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**Mary Darden, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC**  
*Faith in the Workplace Panel Discussion*

Mary is an experienced clinician and educator with a passion for serving the health care needs of individuals in the community through Christ-centered service. She is a certified family nurse practitioner with 10 years of experience as an advanced practice registered nurse and nine years in undergraduate and graduate nursing education.

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**Charissa Fuller, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC**  
*Faith in the Workplace Panel Discussion*

Charissa is a family nurse practitioner with a diverse nursing background in medical oncology, labor and delivery, home health, and hospice. She teaches Gerontological Nursing, Pharmacology, and Leadership in the Carr College of Nursing. She is a big fan of the Harding faculty and students. Charissa works part time providing nurse practitioner visits for hospice and health risk assessments. She loves being a wife to Brian and mother to three wonderful sons – two of whom attend Harding University and the third will soon enough. Charissa loves people and loves the avenue nursing provides to live her faith.





## **Cathy McLain, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC**

### *Faith in the Workplace Panel Discussion*

As a child, Cathy dreamed of becoming Florence Nightingale, a missionary nurse who would help care for people's bodies and souls. At Harding, she said, nursing was taught as a ministry, and she is thankful for training that equipped her to share the love of God in her career. She worked as a nurse practitioner at Baptist Palliative Care in Little Rock, Arkansas, walking alongside families of patients with serious illness. She cared for patients in their last days and considers it a privilege to be able to minister to them at that crucial time. She also has worked as a community health nurse, certified school nurse and nurse practitioner for primary care physicians in addition to spending 12 years as a missionary in Brazil.



## **Leslie Ross, BSN, RN**

### *Faith in the Workplace Panel Discussion*

Leslie grew up in Anoka, Minnesota, and came to Harding in 1996. She graduated in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science in nursing and began her career with Unity Health in Searcy, where she has worked for 22 years. She spent the first 20 years in the cardiac step-down unit and the last two years in oncology. Leslie is married with two children: a sophomore at Harding University and an eighth grader who attends Harding Academy. Her faith in God has helped her to cope with the challenges and emotions of nursing and provides inner peace to give care with continued empathy and compassion.

