

# CONGRATULATIONS!



## CLASS OF 2023-I

May 25, 2023 marked the 154th Commencement Ceremony for the Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health. The event was hosted at the historic Patriotic Hall in Los Angeles. Vivian Branchick, Provost, welcomed the graduates while providing a brief history of the College's 125 year legacy. Jorge Orozco, Chief Executive Officer of the newly named and rebranded Los Angeles General Medical Center (LAGMC) welcomed the graduates and their families and friends to the ceremony. He invited the graduates to join the LAGMC family as they transition from student to professional in the same way he did many years ago. Anthony Cespedes, MPA, Health Deputy from the First District stood in for Los Angeles County Supervisor, Hilda Solis to congratulate the graduates on a job well done. The well wishes would not have been complete without encouragement from the President of the Board of Directors, Rosa Maria Hernandez, EdD, who commended the graduates on their resilience and determination to complete the program. **Continued on pg. 7**

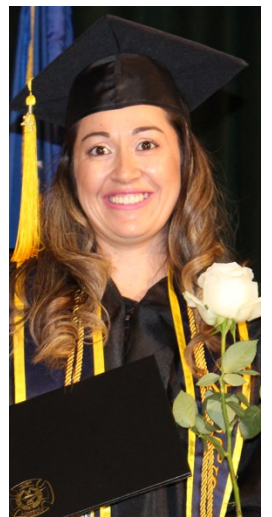
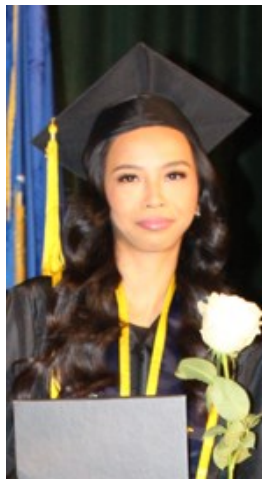
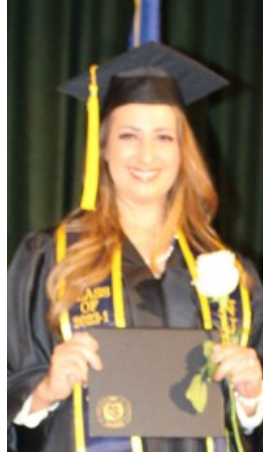
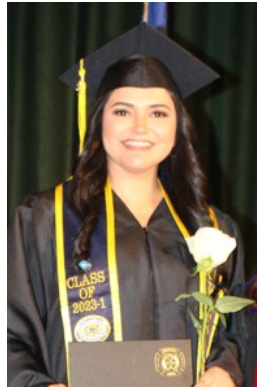
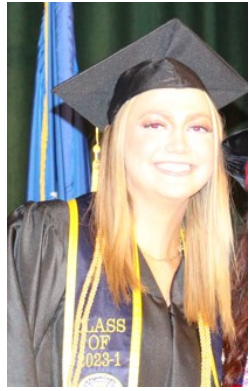
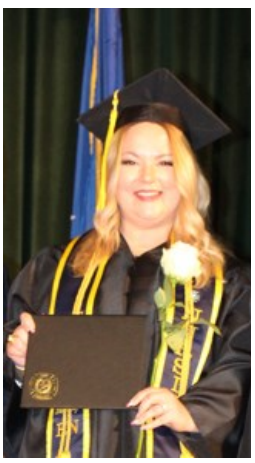


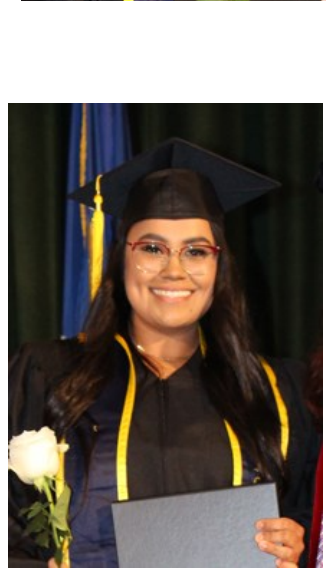
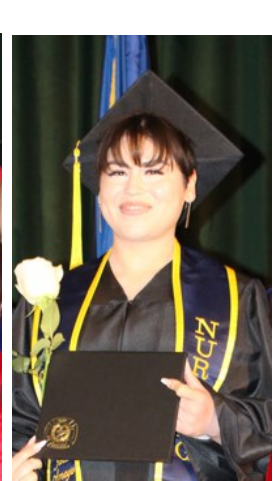
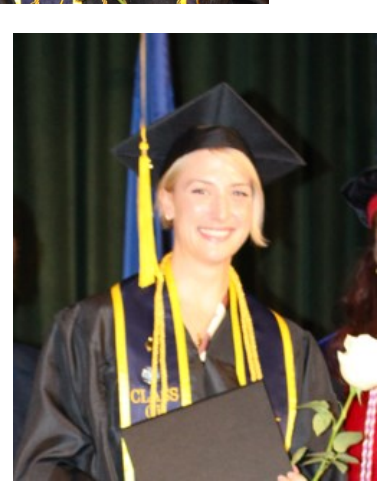
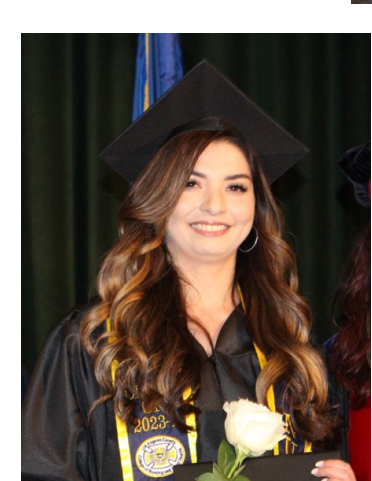
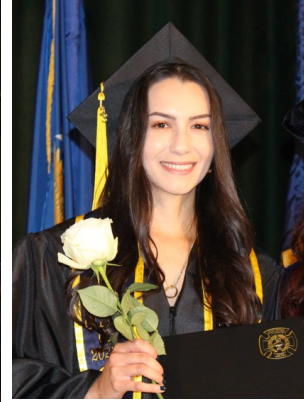
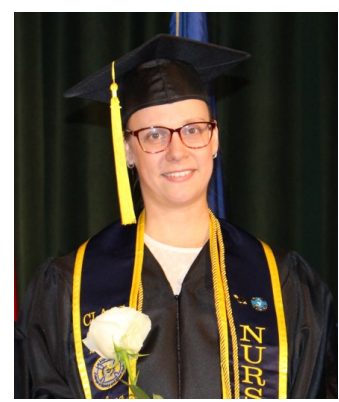
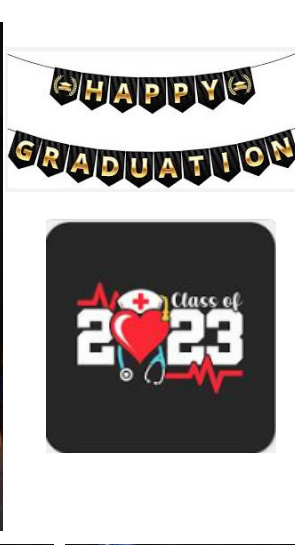
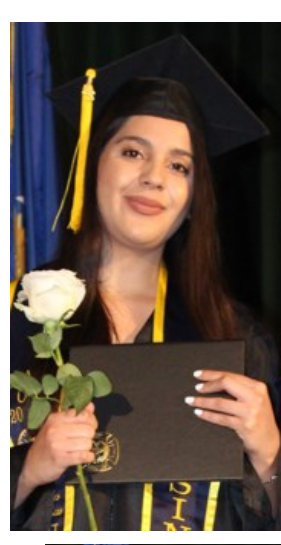
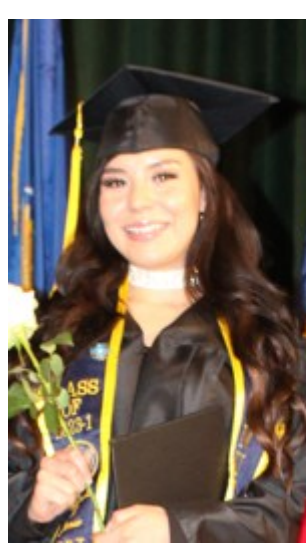
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### UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

- August 7-11, New Student Orientation– Class 2025-I
- August 14, Monday, Fall Semester Begins
- September 4, Labor Day (Holiday)
- October 9, Indigenous Peoples' Day (Holiday)
- October 13, Deadline to Withdraw from an 18 Week Course with grade of "W"







## FAMILY DAY

Attention incoming students, class of 2025-I



Please mark your calendars for a special event :  
Saturday August 19,  
2023 from 0800-1100.

In 1895 the College Training School of Nurses was founded under the direction of LAC Hospital and USC College of Medicine.

**The photo you see to the right is the very first graduating class.**

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved the school in 1901. The school was renamed the LAC Medical Center School of Nursing in 1968 to coincide with the hospital name change to the LAC + USC Medical Center.

## ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Please visit [lacsonalumni.org](http://lacsonalumni.org) for more about the history of the College, to meet the Board Members and other alumna, and to become a member.



This special event provides a glance of what is expected over the next 2 years, as you begin your nursing education.

Refreshments will be provided.

11 volunteers (students) are needed so please contact Zenobia Ivory if you wish to get involved.

[zivory@dhs.lacounty.gov](mailto:zivory@dhs.lacounty.gov)  
(323) 409-2736

## LOS ANGELES COUNTY COLLEGE OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH ACHIEVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

Accreditation is a voluntary process that ensures a college, university, or degree program meets a universal standard for quality. The Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health (CONAH) is regionally accredited through the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC). In April the College was awarded approval for national accreditation through the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

ACEN is recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE) as a specialized accrediting agency for nursing education programs located in the United States and its territories. It is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) for nursing education in the United States and its territories as well as for international nursing education programs.

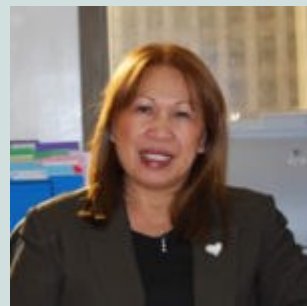
The ACEN survey team spent three days from April 18th-20th reviewing documents to validate CONAH's compliance with national accreditation standards. The evaluators reported that the nursing program is in compliance with all the standards and identified program strengths in two areas:

- The dedicated Nursing Tutoring support for student learning and understanding of course content
- The Student Success Workshops on Medical Spanish for students to better communicate with Spanish speaking clients.

The following list depicts the advantages of being granted National Certification:

- Aids in student recruitment and retention,
- Enables students' eligibility for funding support from Federal and State agencies
- Establishes the Colleges' ability to transition from an Associate Degree to a Baccalaureate Degree Program
- Offers professional development opportunity and validation for faculty expertise
- Facilitates the transfer of credit, Transfer credits from nationally accredited colleges are widely accepted by most graduate schools who are also accredited nationally
- Assists employers seeking graduates who are competent practitioners
- More employers require candidates who are graduates from nationally accredited schools

Congratulations Los Angeles County College of Nursing and Allied Health on a job well done.



Vivian Branchick, Provost



Most registered nurses today enter practice with a baccalaureate degree offered by a four-year college or university, or an associate degree offered by a community college. As of 2020, 65.2% of the RN workforce earned a baccalaureate or higher degree as their highest level of nursing education.

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. (2022). <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm#tab-1>



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Congratulations!



# Happy Retirement!



The CONAH family celebrated Ms. Barbara Baker on June 1, 2023. Ms. Baker served L.A. County for 27 years! Attendees included former faculty, staff and admirers of Ms. Baker's dedication, hard-work and charm. Ms. Baker was CONAH's financial aid dynamo, she ensured her students met eligibility and paperwork was processed correctly. Ms. Baker was a beloved member of the CONAH family. We wish her all well and hope that she continues to shine a bright light in whichever paths come her way. If you would like to view a slideshow created for Ms. Baker, please click [here](#).

## WELCOME

### LVN TO RN BRIDGE PROGRAM

The return of the LVN to RN program successfully concluded on July 12. This unique opportunity was halted in 2020 due to the Covid pandemic and again in 2022 due to staff shortages. Thirteen LVNs completed skills check offs, didactic learning and rotated through the clinical portion of the pro-

gram. They will join with the returning students in the Fall to complete semesters 3 and 4. Good luck to all the new students. We look forward to you joining the CONAH family and wish you an amazing learning experience in the months ahead.



## COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

Dr. Hernandez congratulated the graduates for their resilience and determination to finish the program. Polina Brailovskaya, Class President for all 4 semesters, was the next speaker.

Ms. Brailovskaya joked about all the exams her classmates endured. "Have you heard of select all that apply?" Ms. Brailovskaya gave a heartfelt speech full of encouragement to her fellow classmates.

The most significant part of the ceremony was next, the transition from nursing student to nursing professional. The Presentation of Graduates followed by the Presentation of Diplomas for 44 nursing graduates! We are proud of the 2023-I graduates and wish them well in the future.