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CTC nursing students earn pins

The Central Texas College (CTC) Nursing Department will hold a pinning ceremony to commemorate the graduation of 40 students in the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) Program. The ceremony is set for Saturday, May 8 in the CTC Fine Arts Auditorium at 11 a.m. Featured speaker will be Karen Shahry, R.N., M.S.N. and CTC nursing professor.

In addition to the pinning service, the Duce Nursing Award from Scott & White Hospital will be awarded to a CTC student and the U.S. Army Nurse Corps Spirit of Nursing Award will be presented to an undergraduate nursing student for exemplary academic, community and professional achievements.

The tradition of the nursing pin and the ceremonial pinning originated in the 1860's as the founder of modern nursing, Florence Nightingale, honored her most outstanding graduate nurses by presenting each of them with a medal for excellence. Today, nursing graduates select a faculty member, family member or loved one to place the pin on their uniform marking the passage of the student nurse role to the role of a practicing nurse.

Another tribute to Nightingale which has become a tradition with the nursing graduation is the candle lighting ceremony. Each nursing graduate and faculty member is presented a candle which is lit before citing the Nurse's Pledge which serves as a professional mission statement reflecting the deep-seated vision and values of nursing.

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