

# White Coat Ceremony

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 | 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. | WebEx

## GREETINGS

Jane Kirschling, PhD, RN, FAAN  
The Bill and Joanne Conway Dean of the University of Maryland School of Nursing

## FACULTY REMARKS

Maeve Howett, PhD, APRN, CPNP-PC, CNE  
Professor and Associate Dean for the Baccalaureate Program

Sherrie Lessans, PhD, RN  
Assistant Professor and Director, Master of Science in Nursing Clinical Nurse Leader Option

Rebecca Wiseman, PhD, RN  
Associate Professor and Chair, UMSON at the Universities at Shady Grove

## DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER

Ronnie Ursin, DNP, MS '07, MBA, BSN '05, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE  
Chief Nurse Executive, Natchitoches Regional Medical Center

## DONNING OF WHITE COATS

School of Nursing Students

## RECITATION OF OATH

Bimbola Akintade, PhD '11, MS '05, MBA, MHA, BSN '03, CCRN, ACNP-BC, NEA-BC  
Associate Professor and Associate Dean for the Master of Science in Nursing Program

## CLOSING REMARKS

Jane Kirschling

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## Distinguished Speaker

**RONNIE USRIN, DNP, MS '07, MBA, BSN '05, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE**

New Orleans native Ronnie Ursin, DNP, MS '07, MBA, BSN '05, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE, is the chief nurse executive at Natchitoches Regional Medical Center, a 96-bed, acute-care, full-service hospital in Natchitoches, Louisiana. He has been a nurse for 17 years, 15 of which include nursing leadership. Ursin's clinical experience includes medical-surgical and cardiac, medical, and surgical intensive care. He has functioned in multiple leadership capacities, from department manager to president and CEO of a hospital. Ursin is certified as a nurse executive and a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

He entered the nursing profession after serving as a high school mathematics teacher in Louisiana. He holds an Associate Degree in Nursing from the Los Angeles Trade Technical College; a Bachelor of Science in Public Health from Dillard University in New Orleans; a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, a Master of Science – Health Services Leadership and Management, and a post-master's Certificate in Teaching in Nursing and Health Professions from the University of Maryland School of Nursing; a Master of Business Administration from Hood College in Frederick, Maryland; and a Doctor of Nursing Practice from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Ursin has served as adjunct faculty at the University of Maryland, Baltimore and several other institutions and is currently an adjunct assistant professor at the University of Maryland Global Campus in the Health Services Management program.

He has made a significant impact on the health care community as a board member, editor-in-chief, manuscript reviewer, and program evaluator, among other roles, for several national organizations and publications, including the National Black Nurses Association. He is the treasurer for the Association of Black Nursing Faculty and the organization's foundation.

## White Coat Ceremony Oath

As a nurse dedicated to providing the highest quality care and services, I solemnly pledge that I will:

- Consider the welfare of humanity and relief of suffering my primary concerns;
- Act in a compassionate and trustworthy manner in all aspects of my care;
- Apply my knowledge, experience, and skills to the best of my ability to assure optimal outcomes for my patients;
- Exercise sound professional judgment while abiding by legal and ethical requirements;
- Accept the lifelong obligation to improve my professional knowledge and competence;
- Promote, advocate for, and strive to protect the health, safety, and rights of the patient.

With this pledge, I accept the duties and responsibilities that embody the nursing profession. I take this oath voluntarily with the full realization of the responsibility with which I am entrusted by the public.