

A Nightingale Tribute  
for

*Diane Marcyjanik*  
*PhD, RN*

in honor and recognition of Diane's  
commitment and dedication to  
education, research and the  
practice of nursing.



Tuesday,  
May 12, 2020  
12:30 pm

## **PRELUDE**

The Girl with the Flaxen Hair (La fille aux cheveux de lin), Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

## **WELCOME**

**Linda Young, PhD, RN, CNE, CFLE**, Dean and Professor

## **TRIBUTE FROM STUDENTS, COLLEGE COLLEAGUES & COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

**Linda Young, PhD, RN, CNE, CFLE**, Dean and Professor

**Lorraine Smith, DNP, RN**, Clinical Assistant Professor

**Standing Strong** by *Sandy Swallow, Lakota/Northern Cheyenne*

When you face the elements heat, rain, wind and snow

Stand Strong

When your loved ones leave you or deceive you

Stand Strong

You will be dealt many hardships and trails

Remember you are not alone

Stand Strong

When life wrongs you, the strength comes from within,

You can win if you just

Stand Strong

**Heidi Pardon & Lindsey Boehm**, Traditional BSN students

**Stacey Stephens, RN**, BSN Completion Student

**Native American Prayer** (*author unknown*)

I give you this, one thought to keep.

I am with you still, I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow,

I am diamond glints on snow,

I am sunlight on the ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush,

I am the swift uplifting rush...

Of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not think of me as gone -

I am with you still, in each new dawn.

**Jeanette Olsen, PhD, RN, CNE**, Assistant Professor

**Melissa Gullickson, BA**, University Services Program Associate

**Theresa Dachel, DNP, RN, APNP, AGPCNP-BC, CEN**, Assistant Professor

**Barbara Davis, MSN, RN**, Retired faculty

**CeCelia Zorn, PhD, RN**, Professor Emerita

**Linda Garriott**, Executive Director of Tree of Life Ministries, Mission, South Dakota

**Lakota Prayer** (*author unknown*)

You have to look deeper,  
way below the anger,  
the hurt, the hate,  
the jealousy, the self-pity,  
way down deeper where the dreams lie.  
Find your dream.  
It's the pursuit of the dream that heals you.

**Whittney Ryan, RN, BSN**, Chief Nursing Officer, Rosebud Comprehensive Medical Center  
Rosebud, South Dakota

## **CLOSING**

**Lorraine Smith, DNP, RN**, Clinical Assistant Professor

**My last Gift, Dear Friend** *by Lorraine Smith*

Diane, my beloved colleague and friend,  
Your gift to life will have no end.  
We made it through our Rosebud years,  
With many laughs and yes, some tears.

You were always there in times of sorrow,  
Teaching us all...there's a better tomorrow.  
Diane, you will always be close at heart  
With every last beat from each day's start.

You struggled up some mountains without any regrets,  
And I promise to remember your grace and great will as each sun sets  
Let's all pray to our Creator that someday he will send us all to see Diane,  
my Colleague and Best friend.  
Rest in Peace, Diane...I got this Girlfriend!

**Remembering Diane** - On Eagles Wings, Michael Joncas (1951 - )

*In remembrance of her time in the Air Force, her Christian faith and the importance of the eagle in Native American culture.*

**Linda Young, PhD, RN, CNE, CFLE, Dean and Professor**

**She Was There** by Duane Jaeger, RN, MSN

When a calming, quiet presence was all that was needed, She was there.

In the excitement and miracle of birth or in the mystery and loss of life, She was there.

When a silent glance could uplift a patient, family member, student, or friend, She was there.

At those times when the unexplainable needed to be explained, She was there.

When the situation demanded a swift foot and sharp mind, She was there.

When a gentle touch, a firm push, or an encouraging word was needed, She was there.

To witness humanity — its beauty, in good times and bad, without judgment, She was there.

To embrace the woes of the world, willingly, and offer hope, She was there.

And now, it is time to be at the Greater One's side, and She is there.

**We honor Dr. Diane Marcyjanik this day with a white rose to symbolize our appreciation for the privilege of being her nurse colleague.**

**With this lit candle, we honor and recognize Diane's commitment and dedication to science and the practice of nursing.**

**THANK YOU**

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