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WAU Pins New Nurses at Ceremony

With commencement scheduled for Sunday, May 4, Washington Adventist University (WAU) recently hosted a pinning ceremony for 53 students who will soon graduate from its nursing program.

Pinning ceremonies traditionally recognize that nursing students are prepared to embark on their professional careers. Each student is presented with a customized lapel pin that signifies that the wearer is educated, trained and experienced in the field of nursing. These are pins that nursing professionals wear proudly. The WAU pinning ceremony was held April 23 at the Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church, located on Flower Avenue adjacent to the university's campus.

"Nursing is one of the most challenging careers a person can embark upon," said Nursing Department Chair Dr. Jo Ann Mackey. "The process of earning a nursing degree can be difficult, but there are few more deserving professions to celebrate, reward, and recognize than nursing."

The soon-to-be graduates of the WAU nursing program include 28 pre-licensure students who will receive their BSN degree; 12 already-licensed registered nurses with associate degrees who will receive their BSN degree; and 13 students who will receive their MSN degree in either nursing education or business leadership.

Although jobs in nursing are often in acute care settings such as hospitals, a variety of other opportunities exist in community health agencies, health maintenance organizations, private industries, nursing homes, educational institutions, missions and foreign services. Nurses with graduate degrees often find additional employment opportunities in research, practice, and education.

"Nursing is a good field for individuals who have an aptitude for caring and an interest in helping others," said Mackey, who encourages prospective students to consider the WAU nursing program and become part of the school's "gateway to service."

In addition to a convenient campus location on 19 acres in suburban Takoma Park, WAU offers small classes with a student to faculty ratio of 10 to 1, along with a supportive environment for students. The next deadline for admission is October 1 for the 2015 spring semester. For more information, go to www.wau.edu.