

News Release

New Respiratory Care Therapists Pinned During Dedication Ceremony on Commencement Weekend

Takoma Park, MD (May 5, 2014) - Washington Adventist University (WAU) pinned nine new graduates of its respiratory care program over the weekend, in one of many commencement weekend events. The traditional pinning and dedication ceremony, held on May 3, recognizes that the students are prepared to embark on their professional careers.

Each graduate was presented with a customized lapel pin that signifies that the wearer is educated, trained and experienced in the field of respiratory care therapy. The circular gold pins have Washington Adventist University Respiratory Care printed on the front, and the graduation date engraved on the back. The students were also inducted into the Lambda Beta Society, the national honor society for respiratory care, and presented with framed certificates.

Graduates of the two-year program gained their clinical experience at several area hospitals, including Children's National Medical Center, Washington Hospital Center and Anne Arundel Medical Center.

As a profession, respiratory care offers good job stability and opportunities for advancement. Candidates who excel in the field are those who enjoy helping others; like working with technology, math and science; and are seeking a profession that offers a variety of work environments and patients.

The WAU program recently celebrated its 40th Anniversary. Starting in the fall, the current program will begin to transition to an online format. Interested individuals are encouraged to continue to visit the WAU home page at <http://www.wau.edu> for updates.

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Washington Adventist University is Montgomery County's only four-year private college. Part of the Seventh-day Adventist system of higher education, Washington Adventist University has been educating college students since 1904 on a 19-acre campus in suburban Takoma Park, close to the nation's capital. A total of 1,050 students of all faiths participate in the university's eight graduate and 32 undergraduate programs. The 2013 edition of U.S. News & World Report ranked Washington Adventist University among the best regional colleges in the north.