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*CSUSB Palm Desert Campus held a pinning ceremony in its Indian Wells Theater on Dec. 13.*

**CSUSB pinning ceremonies celebrate graduating nurses**

PALM DESERT, Calif. – The CSUSB College of Natural Sciences’ Department of Nursing held special nursing pinning ceremonies on Dec. 13 at both the Palm Desert and San Bernardino campuses to honor and recognize its graduating nursing students.

Students were presented with nursing pins by CSUSB nursing faculty and were joined by an audience of family, friends and various CSUSB faculty, staff and administrators.

A pinning ceremony is a symbolic welcoming of newly graduated nurses into the nursing workforce as they prepare to serve the public.

“The pinning ceremony is a very intimate ceremony for our nursing graduates and their families, as well as our faculty and staff,” said Sastry Pantula, dean of the CSUSB College of Natural Sciences.

“At this ceremony, they learn about the history of the pinning ceremony, take a pledge to be selfless in their service to everyone without prejudice, and light a candle to honor the ‘lady with the lamp,’ nurse [Florence Nightingale](#),” he said. “It is a very memorable event for future nurses, their families and the community.”

Academic awards were also presented at the ceremony, and students shared photos and videos from their nursing program journey.

Visit the [CSUSB Department of Nursing](#) website for more information about the university’s nursing program.

**About the CSUSB Palm Desert Campus:** The CSUSB Palm Desert Campus is dedicated to providing a transformative educational experience in the Coachella Valley. With a focus on academic excellence and community engagement, the campus offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs designed to meet the diverse needs of its students and the region.

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