



Eighty-one students received their nursing diplomas from the Trinitas School of Nursing for the 167th Convocation Ceremony on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Seventy-six women and five men became eligible to sit for the registered nurse licensing exam. The convocation ceremony was a return to some semblance of normal at St. Michaels church in Cranford, New Jersey. Due to COVID, graduates were limited to 2 guests per graduate.

"I applaud these graduates for their courage, adaptability, and resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic, one of the most challenging times of our lives" said Dr. Roseminda Santee, Dean of the Trinitas School of Nursing, which is affiliated with Union County College. "I am very proud of these graduates." Dr. Santee.

Graduates of the School of Nursing include:

- Oluwamuyiwa Adeolu
- Vallee Tchinda Agnesse
- Isabelle Justine Alvarez
- Luisa F. Alvarez Hincapie
- Stephanie Alves
- Dorine Eden Brenda Angui
- Vanessa Montes Avalos

Maria Banguero  
Diego Benvenuto  
Cassandra L. Berglund  
Rose-jasmine Berlus  
Lauren Mikel Blye-Branch  
Briana Boles  
Tuong Vy Bui  
Stephanie Buono  
Marilyn Campbell  
Maria D. Castano Cardona  
Maria E. Cristales  
Isis Cruz  
Mariela Davie  
Cody Downing  
Anas Elgazar  
Merna Mahmoud Elmalah  
Isabella Evangelista  
Simone P. Fabbo  
Victoria Faulkner  
Katiana Fleurantin  
Ciara M. Francis  
Gabriela A. Frias  
Marie Gilbert  
Sherin Gamal Hafez  
Suzette F. Holte  
Esther Olashile Ifeshile  
Evena Grey Jean-Baptiste  
Nathalia Jimenez  
Mia Johnson  
Sephelah Joseph  
Kim Mack Klein  
Phyllis Lamptey  
Brandon Landin  
Rood Leger  
Crystal Diamond Leitch  
Cindy Lozano  
Yeniffer G. Luna  
Malita Angenie Maharaj  
Michelle Marsh  
Allison Matamoros  
Dayana Alexa Monge-Zamora  
Nancy Muthee  
Liliana B. Naranjo  
Muibat Olabisi Ojuroye  
Mary Theresa I Okoli

Juliet O. Ota-Omere  
Jacqueline Ogechi Ozuoh  
Jessica A. Pak  
Rebeka Paul  
Miladys Pena  
Ana Pina-Castillo  
Heather S. Quick  
Shradhanjli Ram  
Roselande Relus  
Ashley Rhaburn  
Ricardo Rodriguez Jr.  
Mery J. Rubio  
Lirje Rugova  
Claire Marie I Sanders  
Jennifer Shikany  
Andrea T. Shoulars  
Megan Jean Sweeney  
Mibrak Girmai Tesfamariam  
Andremene Thelusma  
Bernice Theodore  
Cameal O. Thomas  
Yaa A. Thomas  
Kareen M. Towns  
Ikenna CJ Unachukwu  
Victoria Vieira  
Rose M. Volcy  
Kayla Renee White  
Michaela L Williamson  
Aleksandra H. Zdan

**Awards were given to graduates as follows:**

First Scholarship Award – Juliet O. Ota-Omere  
Second Scholarship Award – Ciara M. Francis  
Auxiliary Award – Mery J. Rubio  
2021 Nursing Service Professional Transformation Award – Megan Jean Sweeney  
Lily Bierstein Memorial Award – Ciara m. Francis  
Gerontological Nursing Award – Katiana Fleurantin  
Alumni Association Award – Muibat Olabisi Ojuroye  
Curtis Crumbley Memorial Award – Tyong Vy Bui  
Naeisha Massenburg Memorial Award – Ikenna CJ Unachukwu  
George F. Billington-Leadership Award – Jessica A. Pak  
Emily H. Wall Memorial Award – Crystal Diamond Leitch  
Daisy Award – Diego Benvenuto  
The Giving Back Award – Yaa Thomas

Trinitas School of Nursing, operated jointly by Trinitas Regional Medical Center and Union County College, currently holds full accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), and the New Jersey State Board of Nursing. The National League for Nursing has awarded the School of Nursing a fourth designation as a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education status for the years 2015 – 2024 for Creating Environments that Enhance Student Learning and Professional Development. The school also holds a 20-year, 40-class national licensing examination (NCLEX) passage rate of 86.30% on first writing. For more information about Trinitas School of Nursing, visit [www.trinitasschoolofnursing.org](http://www.trinitasschoolofnursing.org)

About Trinitas Regional Medical Center:

Trinitas Regional Medical Center (TRMC), a major center for comprehensive health services for those who live and work in Central New Jersey, is a Catholic teaching medical center sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth in partnership with Elizabethtown Healthcare Foundation. On January 1, 2022, Trinitas Regional Medical Center and the Trinitas School of Nursing were integrated into Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Health, the largest academic healthcare system in New Jersey. For more information on Trinitas Regional Medical Center, visit: [www.TrinitasRMC.org](http://www.TrinitasRMC.org) or call (908) 994-5138.