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NURSING STUDENTS GIVEN MESSAGE OF HOPE AT PINNING CEREMONY

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(Worcester, Mass.) -- Dr. Eileen Terrill, Director, Graduate Entry Pathway (GEP) UMASS Worcester Graduate School of Nursing, gave a message of hope at the Nurses 2010 Pinning Ceremony. Despite the down economy, she reminded the audience that the nursing shortage will peak in 2020 and job vacancies are just around the corner. "Please be mindful that there is a lot of hope and you are poised to fill these positions." Terrill was selected to deliver the keynote address.

The pinning ceremony was planned and organized by the 2010 senior nursing officers including Presidents Linda Wambach, Vice President Christopher Cheonga, Secretary Jo Elle Ward, Treasurer Linda Caruso, Curriculum Representatives Heidi Noland and Veronica Farrell and Class Advisors Dr. Barbara Giguere and Caitlin Stover.

Instructor Caitlin Stover graduated cum laude from Boston College School of Nursing in December of 1997 and since has worked as a nurse in several different agencies including the Department of Corrections and Norwood Hospital. She joined Worcester State in 2006 as a graduate assistant and adjunct faculty member, and was appointed last year to a full time faculty position and graduated last May with a master's degree in Community Health Nursing Worcester State College. She was awarded a gold medallion for having the highest GPA in the program.

Dr. Barbara Giguere has been a professor here at Worcester State since 1980. She received her R.N. from Worcester City Hospital School of Nursing, her Bachelor of Science from Worcester State College,

her Master's from the University of Connecticut and her doctorate from UMass Amherst. Dr. Giguere has RN experience in areas such as medical surgical nursing, intensive care, cardiac care, and in the emergency room. Dr. Giguere designed the WSC Nursing curriculum with the beliefs of the legendary nursing theorist, Florence Nightingale in mind.

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