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Welcome to Penn Nursing!

We are excited to welcome you to the School of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania. While we look forward to connecting with you as a member of our Penn Nursing community, we acknowledge that current events and the horrific death of George Floyd have unleashed a myriad of emotions. At the School of Nursing, we stand in solidarity with the family and community of George Floyd and the countless other people who suffer similar injustices.

Throughout time nursing has been at the forefront of advocacy. As a School founded on social justice as one of its core values, our pledge to you is to create a living, learning, and healing environment that is safe for all. What underpins all we do is a culture of wellness, which is integrated in our curriculum and co-curricular initiatives.

During your program we will offer you an array of clinical, classroom, campus and community experiences that will provide the platform for you to explore and become the nurse you aspire to be. Clinical training at one of the nation's leading health systems and in a community that struggles with high rates of illness exacerbated by social causes opens the door to the many roles and settings in which nurses can and do work to champion the nation's health. We believe Penn Nursing is the place for you to start that journey, and the possibilities are exciting.

At Penn Nursing, the world is your workbench. Our students helped to design a path-breaking virtual reality simulation of the opioid crisis and COVID-19 pandemic and its management, bringing the nation's leading public health crises up close. They have watched health policy at work in the classroom and as interns on Capitol Hill. They have forged leadership skills in their clinical settings and at public health summits at the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. They have witnessed the barriers to better health in our local community and in Central America and Africa. They have joined teams of leading nurse researchers whose work is innovating care delivery world-wide. Their ideas have found partners in business, engineering, and the arts, yielding solutions that soar higher and farther with such cross-fertilized thinking.

To get you started on your journey, you will have access to the "2020 Canvas Orientation for BSN Students" site. This tool will serve as your guide for academic and transition information. The advisors in the Office of Academic Affairs will help you navigate the Canvas site and explore your academic options throughout your time at Penn.

We look forward to welcoming you over the course of the next few months and are delighted that you've joined our community. Nursing's future is in your hands, where the future is now!

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