

IOWA

COLLEGE OF NURSING COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 16, 2026
9 a.m. | Hancher Auditorium

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Platform Officials
Faculty Representatives
Candidates

Welcome

Julie Zerwic, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN
Kelting Dean and Professor, College of Nursing

Student Speakers

Sachin Fong
BSN program

Grace Thalacker
RN-BSN program

Keynote Speaker

Julie Cowan Novak, DNSc, RN, MA, CPNP, FAANP, FAAN
Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient

Charge to the Graduates and Conferring of Degrees

Barbara Wilson, PhD
President, University of Iowa

Presentation of Diplomas to Graduates

Sandra Daack-Hirsch, PhD, RN, FAAN
*Dr. Rita and David Frantz Associate Dean in Nursing and
Professor, College of Nursing*

Recognition of Graduates

Mary Tobin, PhD, RN
*Associate Dean for Undergraduate & MSN EIP Programs,
Associate Professor (Clinical), College of Nursing*

Acknowledgment of Graduates and Valediction

Dean Zerwic

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Graduates

Student Marshal: Lily Brindley
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