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ROCK SPRINGS – Twenty-three nursing students participated in the traditional Pinning Ceremony at Western Wyoming Community College on May 20. These students have completed the WWCC nursing program and are eligible to take the national licensing exam to become registered nurses.

Participants included Linda Chavez, Heidi Fandsen, Cindy Jo Gordon, Megan Harris, Emily James, Amanda Johnson, Kaylie Peckler, Timi Pivic, Jamarah Stuart and Megan Tozzi from Rock Springs; Codi Alderson, Kaitlyn Apostolope, Carol Coberley, Katie Emmett and Jocelyn Palinek from Green River; Kimber Burger and Trina Cervantes from Afton; Sara Huut from Kemmerer; April Busbee from Ft. Bridger; and from Lander, Jeorgia J.M. Urbanski. Along with Tiffany Bennett from Ogden, UT; Sarah Roth from Oil City, PA, and Mike Turner, Salt Lake City, UT.

Western offers an Associate Degree in Nursing on the Rock Springs campus and at the Carbon County Higher Education Center in Rawlins. Seven students received their nursing pin in Rawlins at a ceremony on Thursday, May 19. This degree allows students to take the licensing exam to enter the workforce and to continue their education to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

“Pinning is an emotional and gratifying conclusion to the nursing program. The Pinning Ceremony is the official introduction into the profession of nursing” said WWCC Nursing Program Director Marlene Either. “The students work extremely hard to complete the program. The ceremony gives the students the opportunity to thank and acknowledge the contribution of family, friends, faculty, practicing nurses, and patients who have helped them succeed.”

Along with the revolutionary problem-based learning format that is utilized within the WWCC Nursing Program, students are given the opportunity to participate in conceptualized clinical experiences.
Conceptualized clinical allows students to seek specific patient populations that are relevant to health problems being studied. The program has started using non-traditional settings such as the Sweetwater County Detention Center to interact with clients experiencing addiction. Clinical agreements are established with a variety of local health care facilities giving students hands on experience within the different sectors of health care.

Twenty-three students participated in the traditional Pinning Ceremony at WWCC last week. They are: (front row, l-r) Kimber Burger, Kaylie Peckler, Heidi Fandsen, Sarah Roth, Carol Coberley, Linda Chavez, Emily James, Sara Huut; (middle row) Jamarah Stuart, Amanda Johnson, Jeorgia J.M. Urbanski, Megan Tozzi, Timi Pivic, Codi Alderson, April Busbee; (back row) Megan Harris, Cindy Jo Gordon, Trina Cervantes, Katie Emmett, Jocelyn Palinek, Kaitlyn Apostolope and Tiffany Bennett. Not pictured is Mike Turner.