The Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) celebrated its annual Nursing and Allied Health pinning ceremony for the class of 2023 at the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center, at the Downriver Campus in Taylor, Michigan on Friday, December 8th. Kelli Sadler, MHA, RN, Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Executive at Corewell Health was keynote speaker for the occasion, which also saw students in the Anesthesia Technology; Dental Assisting; Dental Hygiene; Pharmacy Technology; and Surgical Technology cross the stage to receive their pins.

Always inspiring, the pinning ceremony is based on the ceremonial pinning began in the 1860s at the Nightingale School of Nursing at St. Thomas Hospital in London. The nurse’s pinning, followed by the recitation of the Florence Nightingale Pledge represents the graduation of a student nurse to a practitioner.

Practical Nursing student Stacy Thompson introduced Ms. Sadler while Surgical Technology student Shamiran May gave a salute to the students. Ms. Sadler later gave Ms. Thompson her contact information for an employment opportunity. The ceremony not only marked an academic achievement but also embodied the spirit of mentorship and professional growth within the healthcare community at WCCCD.