

## **Instructor Victoria Brioso-Ang**

🌻 DAISY Award Nomination for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty  
Nominee: Professor Victoria “BA” Brioso, MSN, RN

Sentara College of Health Sciences  
Center for Student Success

The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nursing Faculty recognizes educators who inspire, mentor, and shape the next generation of nurses. Professor Victoria Brioso — affectionately known to students as “Prof. BA” — embodies every aspect of what the DAISY Foundation seeks to honor. Her impact at Sentara College of Health Sciences extends far beyond instruction; she has transformed the academic and personal journeys of countless students with her compassion, expertise, and unwavering belief in their potential.

### **A) Role Model and Mentor for Professional Nursing**

Prof. BA exemplifies professionalism, accountability, and integrity at the highest level. She teaches not only nursing concepts, but what it means to be a nurse — someone who advocates, problem-solves, listens deeply, and acts with purpose. Her leadership within the Center for Student Success makes her a mentor to hundreds of students who see her as a model of courage, clarity, resilience, and genuine compassion.

### **B) Demonstrates Enthusiasm for Teaching & Inspires Students**

Her enthusiasm is unmistakable and contagious. She breaks down complex material step-by-step, transforming fear and confusion into understanding and confidence. Students leave her office believing they can succeed — because she shows them how. Many of us walked in feeling defeated and walked out believing we were capable of becoming nurses. That is her gift.

### **C) Shows Interest in & Respect for All Learners**

When you knock on her door, she turns in her chair with, “Of course, come in — sit down.” Before she even faces you, she knows your name, your story, and your struggles. She listens without judgment and treats every student with patience, dignity, and genuine respect. Her office has been a safe haven for countless learners who needed someone to truly see them.

### **D) Uses Personal Attributes (Caring, Patience, Integrity, Flexibility) to Foster Growth**

Prof. BA has a rare combination of emotional and academic intelligence:

**Caring:** She supports students through their hardest moments, academically and emotionally.

**Patience:** She stays with you until the concept clicks — no rushing, no frustration.

**Integrity:** She tells the truth, even when it’s hard, because she knows honesty is the foundation of growth.

**Flexibility:** She adapts strategies to meet your learning needs without ever lowering expectations.

She helped me overcome lifelong struggles with math — not by giving answers, but by teaching me to believe in my ability. Because of her, I no longer crumble under pressure; I rise.

#### E) Fair & Unbiased Treatment of Students

Every student gets the same respect, advocacy, and high expectations. She never gives up on anyone, never labels, never judges. She works from the belief that every student is capable, and she tailors her support so that every student has the opportunity to succeed.

#### F) Excellent Interpersonal Skills

Prof. BA communicates with honesty, warmth, and clarity. She can deliver difficult truths in a way that motivates rather than discourages. Her balance of kindness and directness builds trust quickly. Students feel safe, heard, encouraged, and guided.

#### G) Develops Collaborative Working Relationships with Students & Colleagues

As a long-standing member of the Sentara community (since 1990) and faculty (since 1991), her collaborative presence is deeply rooted. She supports students, faculty, simulation staff, and administrators with the same generosity of spirit. Her open-door policy is a cornerstone of our campus culture — a place where solutions are built, struggles are normalized, and futures are shaped.

#### Why Professor Briosso Deserves the DAISY Award

She is more than an educator — she is a guiding light.

Her step-by-step teaching method illuminates paths that once felt impossible.

Her empathy “held our hand when we cried.”

Her mentorship instilled resilience.

Her belief ignited confidence.

Her presence made countless students say, “I can do this — because she believes I can.”

I nominate her not only for myself, but on behalf of every student who found strength, clarity, and hope in her office. She has paved the way for many of us to reach the finish line of this program. Sentara College of Health Sciences is profoundly fortunate to have her.

Professor Victoria “BA” Briosso is the very definition of what the DAISY Award was created to honor. She is an extraordinary educator, mentor, and human being — and we are better nurses, and better people, because of her.