

Kendra Wilson 2015-16 Recipient John William Jackson Fund Nursing Scholarship (In Memory of Dee Rutnik)

Hometown Nampa, Idaho

Class Senior Major Nursing

PLANS AFTER GRADUATION

After graduation I plan to study like crazy to pass the NCLEX. After passing the NCLEX and receiving my license as an RN, I pray I get to pursue my dream of being a labor and delivery nurse. I want to continue my education after I get married and have my first child. My dream and end goal is to become a nurse practitioner.

INVOLVEMENTS

Because nursing school is so time consuming, I don't have much time to devote to anything else. However, whenever the nursing program has something going on that involves the school I love to join. We recently did a health clinic for the students and checked blood pressure and cholesterol, administered flu vaccines, and checked the students and faculty members' weights. We also advertised and collected pamphlets and other educational tools to hand out to help them remember normal values and what to watch out for. It was a very successful event.

HOW NNU HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE IN MY LIFE

Before attending NNU, my walk with Christ was very weak. I was just starting my relationship with Him, and I wasn't very knowledgeable. NNU brought people into my life that I was able to trust and confide in. These people helped me on my walk and brought me closer to God. I have had the best experience with professors who really care and take the extra time to help and make sure I understand what I am learning. Having professors that are believers in Christ makes all the difference. I have met life-long friends that have made a huge impact on me with my walk with Christ. If I had gone to BSU, like my original plan was, I would not be where I am today.

HOW THIS SCHOLARSHIP HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE TO ME

Finances are a tough subject when it comes to my family. My parents had five kids and getting us all through school has brought us a lot of financial stress. Thankfully, God has always helped everything to work out with me being at a Christian university. This scholarship was an answer to prayer.

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