

# INSPIRED BY COMPASSION, MADE POSSIBLE BY YOU

“Thank you so much for your generous donations that make college education possible for students like me. I grew up in a family of five, and I am the first child to go to college. I have grown up in the same small town of Bellevue, Iowa, the past 17 years, and I am ready to branch out and go somewhere bigger, yet close to home.

When I stepped on Kirkwood’s campus for the first time, I immediately knew it was different from other campuses I had stepped on. It felt fitting to my needs, and I felt at home, making my decision to attend Kirkwood easy.

I have chosen to pursue a degree in nursing as I lost a grandpa to cancer and have watched my other grandpa battle Alzheimers the past 6 years. My grandpa, who passed from cancer, was on hospice, and my grandpa battling Alzheimers is currently, and has been on hospice the past 14 months. I have seen firsthand the difference hospice has made not only in both of my grandfather’s lives, but also in our family’s lives with their compassion and knowledge. I want to do the same for others, comforting them in difficult times.

**I have received the Leaders for Tomorrow/Presidential Scholarship, and because of your generous donations, I have the opportunity to go to college and put all of my focus towards nursing, as your donation has taken significant financial stress off me.** I will be paying for college by myself and through student loans. The nursing program is intense and requires hard work and determination. With this, I need to stay focused and don’t want the stresses of finances weighing on top of me and my studying.

While at Kirkwood, I hope to get involved in different clubs and activities as I did in high school. I still want to volunteer wherever I can and find friends who share the same values as me. After graduating from Kirkwood with my Associate Degree in Nursing, I will take the National Council Licensure Examination to become a Registered Nurse. I will later go back to school to obtain my Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Thank you once again for caring about students like me and allowing us to pursue our passions.

- *Skylar Sieverding, Nursing*



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