

# Your investment in the future of nursing

## Lauren Argo

Lauren is a BSN Accelerated student from Chillicothe, Missouri. She is a graduate of William Jewell College. Lauren is married with a 4 year old daughter. She is working as a phlebotomist and specimen processor while in school. Lauren has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity building homes and hopes to someday do medical missions as well. Her scholarship has helped her be a mom and a student.

*"The life changing event that made me decide to become a nurse was when my father was diagnosed with stage four lung cancer. Each time I visited him at the hospital I came in contact with different nurses and they were all amazing. They cared for my dad and helped our family deal with the grief when we choose to take him off life support. I hope I can be a blessing like those nurses were to our family as we coped with an incredibly hard and painful decision."*

## Jasmine Taylor

Jasmine is an ASN student from Mansfield, Missouri. She is married with two children named Elayna and Zane. Her husband works out of town for months at a time to support their family. She has an Associate's degree from Missouri State in general education. Her interest is in pediatric nursing.

*"For as long as I can remember I have wanted to be a nurse. I want to help others but I also want to help my family. I want to better my life and through it my children's lives by furthering my education and doing the most honorable thing I can do by working as a nurse. My only obstacle was tuition so a scholarship has made it possible for me to attend school and look to my future. I was in the A+ program in high school and am working to be the best student I can be. I also work part time in Mountain Grove. I would work more but I am raising my family while going to school. This scholarship has made such a difference!"*

## Brittany Bain

Brittany is in her second year of her ASN from Strafford, Missouri. Her interests are in ER and trauma medicine. Brittany married her high school sweetheart and together they have two small children.

*"My stepmom was going back to college for nursing and I helped her study. I loved learning about the human body and to hear about her clinical situations. I even went with her to school so she could do her physical exams on me! I became a volunteer at Ozarks Medical Center while I was in high school and it was the best summer ever. That is when I decided nursing was for me. My husband now works so hard to support us while I am in school and we are all sacrificing a lot but we know the long term returns will make our family stronger. I am so grateful for the scholarship and the impact it had on my ability to focus on school while still raising a family."*



## Annastasia Juede

Annastasia is an ASN student living in Springfield, Missouri. In high school she achieved her certification as a nurse's aide and worked in a nursing home where her desire to become a nurse grew stronger. She and her husband have two children. Her interest is in geriatric nursing.

*"After my first semester at Cox College I transferred to the medical transcription program and graduated in 2002. It allowed me to have both time to raise my family and be in healthcare. Now that my children are older I decided to go for my first dream of being a nurse. It is wonderful at Cox College to have the comradery as I have experienced with other nursing students who have a common goal of caring for others, who believe in critical thinking and have great determination. My scholarship has really helped my family by allowing me to pursue my education so I can be the best nurse and a great example to my children of what you can accomplish when you set your mind to it."*

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