



Meet Scholarship Students



Cassandre Horne is pursuing her PhD in nursing, then she hopes to become a nursing professor. “I love nursing education and nursing students, and I want to impact, encourage, educate and help these students,” she said. Cassandre’s favorite aspect of nursing is making connections with patients and getting to know their stories. She chose nursing as a way to advocate

for others, including members of her family and community. Cassandre recently had a friend who suffered a heart attack and did not realize the blood thinners prescribed would be an ongoing treatment. The friend thought having to take blood thinners was a temporary treatment. Cassandre’s knowledge of nursing and her ability to relate to others aided her in helping her friend understand the importance of the drug. A recipient of the Nettie Birnbach Research Scholarship, Cassandre’s scholarship helped her to afford classes while attending to the needs of her two young children. She credits faculty members for their help as she pursues her doctorate. “Navigating this new world of nursing research and scholarly contribution can be quite intimidating; The faculty mentors I have at the College have made this journey much more manageable.” ■



Monique Prosper earned her Master of Science in Nursing with a Family Nurse Practitioner concentration (MSN-FNP) in May 2020. She passed her national board exam in July and is now an FNP. She hopes to practice in a clinical community health setting and would like to work part-time as a clinical instructor for nursing students. With a background in public

health, Monique was inspired to pursue a clinical education. “Becoming a nurse has allowed me to care for a diverse group of patients and positively affect their wellbeing,” she said. She finds nursing personally and professionally rewarding. “My favorite part of nursing is the people! It may sound cliché, but I really enjoy helping others. As a nurse, and now nurse practitioner, I am afforded the opportunity to develop personal connections with people and improve their quality of life.” A recipient of a Blue Cross Blue Shield scholarship, the funds allowed her to cover her tuition costs. “Their generosity reduced my financial burdens,” she said. She said she loved the diversity of the College, including that of the students, professors and the coursework. She also appreciated the flexibility of course offerings including in-person, hybrid, and fully-online options. ■



Pascale Vixama is pursuing her BSN to DNP degree. She hopes to serve underserved populations within Palm Beach County and has a 10-year goal of building a hospital in an underserved area of Haiti. Pascale feels strongly that nursing is her calling. “Having nursing knowledge coupled with my passion for people, I believe I am poised to be a voice for

the voiceless and am now able to address the structures around the issues,” she said. A recipient of the Helen Shoaf Memorial Scholarship, Pascale and her family experienced numerous emotional and financial hardships while she pursued her degree, including losing family members due to COVID-19, moving, and resigning from her hospice nursing position to balance academics and care for her young children. “I will always hold the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing in my heart. Every time I applied and the scholarship was awarded to me, it served as a token of hope. I knew that I would have my textbooks and gas in my car. I had no choice but to continue because I was a chosen recipient of the scholarship. The scholarship provided the necessary boost over life’s hurdles.” She appreciated faculty guidance, and though the program was challenging, she enjoyed the structure of the BSN to DNP degree. “I love the notion of nursing humanity toward wholeness.” ■



Michaela Wooten is a student in the Freshman Direct Admit track of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. After graduation, she hopes to go on to pursue her Master of Science in Nursing and Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees. Ultimately, Michaela is interested in working as a neonatal or pediatric nurse practitioner. She feels that nursing

is her calling. “People don’t just choose it; it really chooses you. I believe you fall in love with the study of nursing then fully understand your potential and the impact you will have on countless people every day.” A recipient of the Esther Saylor Rothenberger Scholarship, Michaela credits the funding with enabling her to further her education and defraying the cost of books and ATI testing. She enjoys her connection to peers in her program cohort. “We are growing together day by day and just having that support system is amazing. Every year, I see us getting stronger, and I feel like I have grown as a person because of them, too.” ■