



**Natalie Korpinen** is a freshman in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. After graduation, she plans to go to graduate school to obtain her Master of Science in Nursing or Doctor of Nursing Practice degree to become a pediatric oncology nurse practitioner. She has always looked up to nurses for their bravery, strength and empathy, which “requires a certain

kind of individual, which I always strive to be,” she said. Natalie’s favorite aspect of nursing is the ability to connect with patients and form a relationship with them. “Feeling as though you are able to make a difference in someone life, or even their day, is truly the most rewarding experience.” She credits being raised by a single mom who taught her the value of hard work, and is very grateful for the Helen L. Morley Scholarship and all other scholarship funding she has received. “The scholarships are large contributors in me being able to pursue a nursing degree, and I am indescribably appreciative.” She is also pleased she chose to attend FAU’s College of Nursing. “The faculty does everything they can to assure that each student enrolled in this program succeeds, while also having a fulfilling experience.” ■



**Ashley Noel** graduated in May 2020 from the accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program. She discovered her love for women’s health in nursing school, and is excited to start her career in a postpartum unit as an obstetric nurse. Ashley was inspired to pursue a career in nursing because the profession combined all her interests. “I wanted to be an

advocate, educator, and healer to people. What better way than nursing?” Her favorite aspect of nursing is the relationships and rapport built with patients. “My patients often enjoyed our conversations. I believe our talks made them feel cared for and not a burden.” Ashley received the Kay Carpenter Scholarship, and said it allowed her to focus on school without the added stress of covering tuition. She is thankful she found her academic home at the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing. “Prior to attending, I didn’t even know caring science existed. It was something I believed in but never knew it could be quantifiable.” She liked the accelerated format of her program and enjoyed working with her cohort. She also loved her faculty. “Their passion was inspirational. Hearing their journeys makes me excited to be a nurse.” ■



**Tanzila Auni** graduated from the accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program and is now working as an RN in surgical oncology with Indiana University Health. “I felt that a career as a nurse was perfect for me to make my own positive difference in society,” she said. Her favorite aspect of nursing is creating profound interactions with

patients through the combination of nursing knowledge and interpersonal skills. “Regardless of a patient’s condition, race, religion, or background, I believe it is a nurse’s duty to ensure comfort, care, and compassion,” she said. Tanzila enjoys making a difference by helping individuals achieve wellbeing of body, mind and spirit. She said the Essie Crain Scholarship helped her complete the intensive accelerated degree program by enabling her to quit a part-time job to better focus on her nursing studies, extracurricular activities and service-learning opportunities. Tanzila enjoyed her experience in the College as she was surrounded by professionals who were dedicated to supporting her studies. “I felt prepared as a new nurse after I graduated from the program and was confident in my skills.” ■



**Lesly Gil** is a May 2020 graduate of the Freshman Direct Admit track of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. She plans to continue her education by pursuing a Master of Science in Nursing degree after gaining experience in obstetrics. She chose nursing as a way to answer the call to care and serve others. “Sharing my time and being a helping hand

for others in need is what I have always dreamt of doing,” she said. Her favorite aspects of nursing are the ability to connect and bond with patients, as well as the seemingly infinite career and growth possibilities afforded by the profession. “Nurses also witness the beginning of life and the end of life, which I think is a beautiful thing. Nursing is a gift and grace.” The Essie Crain Scholarship assisted Lesly in buying materials and tools needed to continue her education, and helped her attend a medical mission trip to Peru during spring break. “Scholarships not only helped me financially, but they helped make my dreams come true,” she said. She loved the warm and welcoming atmosphere of the College of Nursing, especially the support from fellow students and faculty. “Faculty members are competent, knowledgeable, and passionate about their jobs.” ■