Alumni Spotlight

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How did the Honors Program help prepare you for success?
The Honors Program helped me prepare for my success by challenging my intellect and providing me with the support I needed in order to continue my academic growth on both a personal and professional level.

What have you been doing since Graduation?
Since graduation, I passed my NCLEX and have been working full time as a RN at Metro Health Hospital.

Do you have any advice for current Honors or Scholars students?
My advice for current honors or scholars students is to take advantage of whatever opportunities that come your way, even if they may be outside of your comfort zone.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
In five years, I can see myself completing my masters in the Science of Nursing either as an education or as a Nurse Practitioner.

Do you think that attending CSU helped prepare you for the real world as a nurse?
I do think that attending CSU did prepare me for the real world as a nurse. The nursing program, though very challenging, is excellent and really was able to prepare me for my career as an RN.

What is your dream job?
I am currently living my dream job! I always wanted to be a nurse, and now I get to do it everyday.

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