



“Kingsborough Chose Me:” A Nursing Student’s Remarkable Journey



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I was six years old when I discovered my passion for healthcare, and I discovered it in the worst way imaginable: when my older brother died in motor vehicle accident. But it was not the car that killed him. Rather, it was the lack of adequate healthcare available in the aftermath. That moment changed me forever, so when I left Jamaica for the United States, I had but one goal: to save lives and help others through a career in healthcare.

Coming from a third world country, determination has never been a problem for me. I have worked for the clothes on my back since I was twelve, and I never took for granted the opportunities offered here in America. This is why I have spent the past six years juggling two jobs, one as an EMT and one as an Orthopedic

Technician, to support my family and to get a foothold in the medical field. Still, it was hard to know where to start my education, especially since my math and reading skills were sorely lacking at the time.

In the end, I chose Kingsborough. Or, as my wife likes to say, *Kingsborough chose me*. From the very first person I spoke to at admissions, to the professors and staff who help me to this day, Kingsborough has embraced me with open arms.

And thanks to people like Mary O'Shea, I have been able to find help when I have needed it the most. When I owed money for tuition last semester, I was almost certain that I would have to drop out. But then Ms. O'Shea told me about the May and Samuel Rudin Book Fund, and this helped me to pay for essential textbooks for my courses. Words can scarcely express my full gratitude.

I am product of Kingsborough, from bottom to top, and as I continue my studies here, I never lose sight of my purpose. I know that every day, I must honor my brother's memory by being the best student and healthcare professional I can be. I must also honor my promise to my six-month old daughter, who every day smiles at me from the photo in my wallet: the promise that her father will be a college graduate!

One day, in the near future, I will be in a hospital, saving the life of a patient in dire need—all because Kingsborough and supporters like you took a chance on me and invested in my dreams. Thank you for all that you have done, and continue to do, to support me and students like me at Kingsborough!

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