



**December 2021**

GC Alumni Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

November 30th, 2021 - Christmas at the College - Tech Center, 5:30 p.m.

December 15th, 2021 - GCCD Board of Trustees Meeting - Tech Center, 11:30 a.m.

December 23rd-January 2nd - *Gillette College Closed, Christmas Break*



### Alumni Spotlight

Meet Cassia Catterall! She graduated from Gillette College in 2017 and currently works as our Enrollment Specialist. Cassia has eight siblings and is originally from Oregon. She loves to run cross-country, read, and hike. She chose to attend Gillette College because her cross-country program brought her here, in addition to her older brother attending GC! When asked what her favorite classes were, she stated that she loved her English and Education courses. Cassia also mentioned the fond memory of her team winning nationals for the half-marathon! In ten years, Cassia hopes to be

teaching English at a Community College or University, or possibly editing books for a publishing company.

Gillette College has positively affected Cassia's life by being her stepping stone towards furthering her education. She states that Gillette College has helped her learn what she would like to do, and she loves being able to work here as a current employee. Words of advice for upcoming students are to "Get out and attend events! I wish I had done that more – there is a huge social aspect offered to students. Also, keep your mind open to your goals and direction". Cassia's favorite thing about being a Gillette College Alum is sharing what it's like to attend here to outsiders. She states there is so much opportunity, great infrastructure, and very helpful faculty and staff.

***Thank you so much, Cassia! The Gillette College Foundation is proud to recognize you as a Gillette College Alum!***

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### Scholar Spotlight

Meet Amanda Holdeman! She is the recipient of the Clinical Excellence in Nursing Award. Amanda was born and raised in Gillette, Wyoming, and has three children. She loves to paddleboard and go four wheeling with her family, and her favorite food is anything from Pizza Carrello. Amanda was a Certified Nursing Assistant for three years, and a Phlebotomist for the last seven years. She plans to finish her Associate's degree in Nursing at Gillette College and then work towards her Bachelor of Science in Nursing next. She would like to get a job at the hospital here in Gillette, WY and hopes to continue working there for years to come.



Amanda states that this scholarship has lifted a burden and allowed her to stop working for a time period to focus on family and school. Amanda expressed that her time at Gillette College has taught her so much about nursing, professionalism, and time management. Words of advice for future students are: "It is really hard to go through the nursing program, but it is so worth the time and effort". Amanda's favorite thing about being a Gillette College student is being able to stay local and have time for her family.

***Congratulations, Amanda! The Gillette College Foundation is proud to recognize you as one of our scholarship recipients!***

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