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GC Alumni Newsletter

Alumni Spotlight

Meet Crysta Sullivan! She graduated from Gillette College in 2015 with her Associate's of Applied Science in Nursing. Crysta was raised in Gillette, WY and enjoys spending her free time with her family, her dog Luna, singing for the Chamber Singers, doing Cross-Fit, and playing Hockey. When asked what her favorite classes or experiences were at Gillette College, she stated she enjoyed being a math tutor as well as learning about nursing in all of her coursework.

Crysta finished her Bachelor's degree in 2016, and her Doctorate degree in 2020. At



present, she plans to continue building her practice and giving back to the community as a Nurse Practitioner. In ten years, she would like to own her own practice and offer healthcare to populations in need. Crysta credits Gillette College for allowing her to begin her lifelong career, and is grateful to have learned the knowledge and key components of nursing here. Words of advice for upcoming students are: "Take advantage of all the opportunities Gillette College has to offer. Many people aren't aware of all the resources available to them". Crysta's favorite thing about being a Gillette College Alumni is that without Gillette College, she would not have had the career she has now!

Thank you so much, Crysta! The Gillette College Foundation is proud to recognize you as a Gillette College Alumni!

<u>Upcoming Dates</u>

November 17: GCCD Board of Trustees Meeting, 11:30am Tech Center Pronghorn Board Room

November 24-26: College Closed, Thanksgiving Break



Scholar Spotlight

Meet Kenzy Pierce! She is the recipient of the Gillette Optometric Clinic Health Sciences Endowment Award. Kenzy is originally from South Dakota and has three daughters. She loves to play sports and in particular loves basketball! Kenzy is working on her associates degree in nursing as well as working on her bachelor's degree in nursing simultaneously. After obtaining both degrees, she plans to apply into the doctor of nursing practice program through the University of Wyoming. When asked where she sees herself in ten years, Kenzy

stated she would love to be working in the ER as a nurse practitioner. She has always wanted to work in such a fast-paced environment!

Kenzy states this scholarship has positively affected her life because it has allowed her to pay for school and bills. She has had three shoulder surgeries just in the past year, so this has helped immensely! Kenzy's time at Gillette College has taught her that she can achieve more and feel a bigger impact in a small school versus a larger campus. The size of Gillette College has allowed her to not feel lost in the crowd, which was her first experience at another college years ago. Words of advice for future or current students are: "It's hard, but it's worth it. Don't slack on studies, it'll catch up to you". Kenzy's favorite thing about being a Gillette College student has been the small school atmosphere that she's grown up with. She appreciates the ability to walk into financial aid, advising, etc., and being known by the faculty and staff.

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

Scholar Spotlight

Meet Harrison Stuart! He is the recipient of the Gene Haas Scholarship. Harrison is a Wyoming resident and was born in Cody, WY. He has two brothers and works for Tony Giest as a shop helper. Harrison is majoring in Machine Tool Technology and plans to graduate from Gillette College in 2022! He plans to either continue his education or work in a related field. When asked where he sees himself in ten years, Harrison states he will be following the need and trend of machine tool technology wherever it may take him. This scholarship has positively affected his life by allowing



him to save money and assist with tuition fees. Harrison's time at Gillette College has taught him the basics of his program and enabled him to learn the ropes. Words of advice for current or upcoming students are: "Stay in the program. It may be hard to start, but it's great". His favorite thing about being a Gillette College student is being able to stay in the area and live with his family and dogs. He also loves all the hands-on work he's been able to do.

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



<u>Board Member</u> <u>Spotlight</u>

Hello! My name is Charlene Camblin. I joined the Gillette College Foundation in 2019. I live in rural Campbell County and I hope to bring to the Foundation Board the perspective of our country people, the ranchers and farmer who settled this county long before coal and oil came into play and whose kids greatly benefit by having affordable higher education in our own hometown. My husband Doug and I own and operate DC Land and Cattle Co and Camblin Trucking. We are 4th generation ranchers and we live on the ranch that my great granddad homesteaded in 1881. I worked for 6

years for the Women's Pro Rodeo Assocation as their Executive Secretary. I also worked in the methane field and we have trucked all over the US and Canada hauling high end mining equipment. I like to think that I have a very diversified background that compliments serving on the GC Foundation Board. I currently serve on the Campbell County Public Land Board and I am a director on the board of CBH Co-op. My yard and garden offer sanctuary and limited produce and Doug and I like to travel. I am so proud to be a part of the next chapter for Gillette College in becoming our own separate college district and excited to see what the future holds in store for us!



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