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## **National American University Wichita West Nursing Student Receives Kaitlyn English Memorial Scholarship**

WICHITA, KANSAS – The National American University Foundation (NAUF) has awarded a third Kaitlyn English Memorial Scholarship.

Deborah Arens of Maize, Kansas, a nursing student at National American University's Wichita West location, was selected from among several applicants.



*Deborah Arens*

“When I was growing up, I lived right next to a nursing home. I was a regular fixture, visiting often and becoming friends with the residents and staff,” said Deb. “Through this experience, I knew I wanted to be a nurse, but up until now, life has gotten in the way.”

Right out of high school, Deb pursued the courses she needed to enter a nursing program, but marriage and children resulted in her dream being put on hold.

“I secured my LPN instead and spent the next 22 years trying to get back to my dream of being a registered nurse,” said Deb. “When I informed my mom that I was enrolled in the NAU Bachelors of Science Nursing program, she cried. Up until that time, I never realize that she shared my vision of me becoming an RN so firmly.”

Deb has been working with hospice patients over the past ten years and is contemplating a career as a hospice nurse. She was recently elected by her peers to be a class representative and also serves on the student nurse organization board.

The Kaitlyn English Memorial Scholarship was made possible by Kaitlyn's mother, Tami English, and other families and friends who donated in support of the scholarship for NAU-Wichita West students in Kaitlyn's class. Kaitlyn was a NAU-Wichita West nursing student who died tragically in a car accident on January 22, 2016.

Deb is the third Wichita West nursing student to receive this scholarship. Her peers, Alejandra Delgado and Gabriela Torres, have also been recipients.

“I am so grateful to NAU for helping me motivate these students,” remarked Tami English recently. “I want them to know that someone cares while also helping to reduce some of the burden of their educational costs.”



*Kaitlyn English*

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