

Autumn Keefe -- Honors Program Spotlight Oct 9, 2018

My name is Autumn Keefe and I am currently in my junior year here at UCCS. I am in the nursing program working towards obtaining my bachelor's degree in nursing. I was born and raised in Colorado until I was 9 years old, at which point I moved to Minnesota and stayed there until returning here for college. I am the oldest of three siblings, with a fraternal twin sister and a younger brother. I enjoy going outside and exploring new places with my friends. I also love scary movies and haunted houses... basically all the things scary.

What fascinates Autumn about the Honors Program

The thing that intrigued me about the Honors Program was the sense of community that I hoped I would gain. Because I didn't know anyone when I moved out here for college, I thought it was a good idea to have a group of people with a few shared interests or values to connect with. Also, I have always loved learning and enjoyed school, so I've always applied myself to my studies and worked very hard. It was nice to be recognized for that effort by being offered a place in the program, an incentive to continue putting forth effort, but also to have the support of peers and professors to do so.

Autumn's Future Plans

In the future, I plan to get as much experience in the nursing field as I can. That requires me, of course, to pass the NCLEX and boards exam first, but thinking about that too much ahead of time is anxiety inducing, so we'll assume I will pass. My goal is to work in the pediatric area of nursing, but I do not have a specific specialty decided. If that does not work out, or I change my mind, I would love to be an ER nurse and get to see all kinds of injuries and cases that could broaden my experience farther.

Acknowledgements by Autumn

There are a few people in my life that have made a great impact or difference in my journey. My mother, stepfather, and father have always been incredibly supportive of me and encouraged me to strive to reach my goals, whatever they may be. My twin sister, though we hated always being compared to one another, has pushed me to go outside my comfort zone, to expand my limits and always try to go further, even if she wasn't trying to inspire me. My Nana has always told me to put my studies first, but not to the extent of too much stress or discomfort, and that has given me a great academic discipline.

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