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My name is Megan, and I am a senior nursing student at the University of Dubuque. Growing up in a small town shaped my passion for caring for others and building meaningful relationships. At UD, I'm involved in volleyball, a Wendt Scholar, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Women's Discipleship, and the National Society of Leadership and Success. I'm also a student ambassador and hold two campus work-student positions. What I appreciate most about UD is its sense of community and the relationships I've built with teammates, coaches, professors, and campus ministry leaders, who have helped me grow in my faith, leadership, and education.

Scholarships and donor support have helped make my education possible while allowing me to take advantage of opportunities beyond the classroom. After graduation, I hope to begin my nursing career as an operating room nurse at a larger hospital, where I can gain experience and continue developing my skills. Eventually, I would love to return to my hometown and work at a small-town hospital, serving the community that helped shape me. I'm grateful to those who invest in UD and create opportunities for students like me to pursue our goals, discover our purpose, and prepare for our futures. I hope to one day give back to my community and invest in others just as people have invested in me.