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Student Spotlight: Dianna Fe



Image: MCC Nursing Student Dianna Fe

Fe Discovers a Calling in Nursing at MCC

Dianna Fe, a sophomore from Colstrip, Montana, never originally considered nursing, but now, as a student in the Miles Community College Nursing Program, she's found a deep sense of purpose and knows it's the career she was meant to pursue.

From Family Inspiration to a Future in Healthcare

At just 22 years old, Fe's motivation to become a nurse stems from a deeply personal place. Watching her grandmother's health decline sparked something in her: a desire to be

the one providing care and comfort during difficult times. What began as a personal mission soon became a professional goal.

Her experience as a CNA further solidified that decision. She witnessed nurses go above and beyond every day, not just in clinical skill but in the emotional and human connections they made. "They were the foundation for patients who didn't have anyone else," Fe shared. "That inspired me more than anything."

Finding a Passion in Surgery

One of the most surprising turns in Fe's nursing education came during a surgical rotation. Although she didn't expect to be drawn to the operating room, she quickly found herself captivated by the teamwork and intensity of the OR setting.

"Being able to assist in surgery and be part of that process was amazing," she said. "Now, I want to apply to every opportunity I can find in that area."

Why MCC? A Practical and Personal Choice

Fe chose Miles Community College for both financial and personal reasons. Wanting to stay close to home and avoid overwhelming debt, MCC offered the ideal environment—affordable, supportive, and familiar. "It felt like home," she said. "And the nursing staff here are excellent—they really care."

She especially appreciates the program's calming atmosphere and the strong support she's received throughout her education.

Overcoming Doubt, Embracing Growth

Like many students, Fe faced moments of doubt. After a difficult test, she questioned whether she was cut out for nursing. But through open conversations with peers and a willingness to learn from failure, she regained her confidence.

"Nursing school is hard," she admitted. "But if you focus less on grades and more on truly understanding the material, it becomes about more than just passing—it becomes about being ready to care for real people."

Advice for Future Nurses

Fe encourages prospective nursing students to get an early start by becoming a CNA and taking dual-credit college courses in subjects like anatomy, chemistry, and statistics. “The earlier you start preparing, the better you’ll be able to handle the demands of nursing school,” she noted.

She also speaks highly of MCC’s commitment to affordability, praising the college for its financial aid resources and value: “It’s a great option if you don’t want to drown in student debt—but still want a top-tier education.”

Looking Ahead

Fe now looks forward to a career where she can support patients, collaborate with healthcare teams, and bring comfort to those in need. Whether it’s through clinical care or simply being a steady presence, she hopes to make a meaningful impact.

“Nurses do so much more than people realize,” she said. “They care, support, listen, and advocate. That’s the kind of nurse I want to be.”