

## **Rolanda Jacobs** **2022 Doris & Victor Day Foundation Scholarship Recipient**



Rolanda Jacobs is a 31-year-old native of the Quad Cities. She got her first healthcare experience at Luther College as part of the athletic training program. Sadly, she had to withdraw after three semesters to help raise her little sister following a death in the family and subsequent medical issues.

While helping her family, Rolanda successfully completed a Bachelor of Science degree in exercise science at St. Ambrose University while working full time as a floral designer at Hy-Vee. In addition to working at Hy-Vee, Rolanda spent a year working as a medical scribe in the Genesis Illini emergency department. This role helped to solidify her desire for a future in healthcare.

Rolanda shares her passion for serving others as an active volunteer in many community events. She has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, served as course marshal for local fundraising races, assisted with mobile pantry events at the Riverbend Food Bank, and organized fundraisers, such as backpack parties for school-age children facing food insecurity and support for businesses in downtown Davenport following the flooding in May 2019.

Rolanda is currently in the Master of Nursing program at Trinity College of Nursing & Health Sciences and plans to spend a few years as a bedside nurse to gain experience in patient care prior to enrolling in a Doctorate program for family practice.

*"I will pride myself on providing strong patient care and advocating for my patients. I will continue to work hard and dedicate myself to the profession, learning from every experience, in order to be an asset in healthcare for my community."*

**THANK YOU for your support in making Rolanda's dream of becoming a nurse possible.**