



After May 2015 Graduation:

"Pass the nursing board exam on the first attempt and begin working as a cardiac nurse where I can utilize the many skills learned as a nursing student at Iowa and provide leadership in delivering culturally appropriate care."

Congratulations! Brenda Rocha, B.S.N., R.N.

2015 College of Nursing Dean's Achievement Recipient

A native of Aurora, Illinois, Brenda Rocha is a senior who will graduate in May 2015, earning her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing with a minor in Spanish. A firstgeneration college student, Brenda is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Society of Nursing and a member of the Order of Omega Fraternal Honor Society. She works as a nursing assistant at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics (UIHC) in the Adult Surgical Specialty Services Unit. She is also a volunteer for the University of Iowa Mobile Clinic advocating for underserved populations in five surrounding communities by providing free health assessments, screenings, and education. She has also volunteered at the UIHC Burn Unit. Brenda is an undergraduate research assistant at the UI College of Nursing focusing on a research project to drive a change in perception regarding at-risk populations for Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus. She is also an Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates (ICRU) Fellow. She was on the UI's Dean's List in Fall 2011 and in Fall 2014. She has also served as President and Vice President of Recruitment for Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc. Brenda says that Sigma Lambda Gamma has been like a second family to her while a student at Iowa. Her service to the UI also includes her work as a UI Hawkeye Guide for Orientation Services working with 5000+ diverse students and guests during the summers. In 2013, Brenda was selected to participate in the LeaderShape lowa Institute, a six-day immersion experience of self-development and visionary leadership.





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