

The first time I saw her name, it was written on the board at the end of my grandma's hospital bed. I am not going to mention her name as she still may work at the hospital, but if I see her again I will tell her my story. I had only met her once, but the impact she has made on both me and my grandmother is truly life changing. My grandmother, who I call Baka, has had her fair share of hospital stays over the years as a result of her breast cancer, kidney failure, dementia, and the list goes on. While all nurses provided my Baka with great care during her stay, this one nurse in particular stood out. Towards the end, I could barely recognize my Baka as she no longer smiled or even really talked. It was utterly heartbreaking. Her memory began to go and she barely remembered our names; but she never forgot this nurse's name. One day while we were visiting, her nurse happened to be the one she always spoke of. When my Baka noticed, her face lit up; a smile I had not seen in years. This moment more or less changed my life. Seeing first-handedly the impact a healthcare provider could have on a loved one inspired me to become a registered nurse. While treating illness is the expectancy of a nurse, it entails much more than that. Nurses have the ability to not only comfort a patient in their most vulnerable state, but also create a bond with them that could last a lifetime. They have the strength to grant a patient motivation and encouragement. Sometimes, a nurse is the advocate and support that someone needs. Nursing is definitely something that comes from the heart; without passion, there is no art. I aspire to be someone that leaves an impression on the lives of others in which they will not forget. After seeing the impact my Baka's nurse has had on both her and my family, I hope to be that nurse. This is what separates a good nurse from an extraordinary nurse and is the reason why I have chosen to pursue a career in nursing. - Megan Biscan, Year 2 Nursing (class of 2023)