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April Lindsey



Sweet home Alabama wouldn't be the same without April Lindsey, a senior at Jefferson State Nursing School in Birmingham. Happily married and the mother of two, Lindsey has dedicated herself to loyally serving as president of the Alabama Association of Nursing Students (AANS) and president of Jefferson State Association of Nursing Students (JSANS). "Nursing organizations give students the opportunity to stand as nursing leaders," states Lindsey.

The efficient and determined Lindsey began her career as a nursing assistant, and currently works as a cardiac monitor technician at Medical Center East, where she specializes in cardiac dysrhythmias. Her interests include cardiovascular and endocrine research, gerontology, palliative and family care, and community education. She plans to earn an MSN.

Lindsey is passionate about NSNA and about nursing. "NSNA has shown me that nursing is bigger than our local area and there are more opportunities for involvement," she states. "My goal is to increase student involvement, participation,

and membership in JSANS, AANS, and NSNA."

Lindsay has increased JSANS membership by an incredible 350% in only four months and plans to do the same for AANS. She also values community service. "We like to reach out to the community all year round. We built four Habitat for Humanity homes this summer, and participated in blood pressure checks at football games." Other projects include providing meals for the needy and a reading partnership with a local elementary school. "Reading with the children on a regular basis adds to their stability and reassures them that we care," she states.

Lindsey's compassion, faith and creativity don't end with nursing. She is active in her local church, and sings and acts in devotionals and dramas. In her spare time, Lindsey enjoys spending time with her family, attending church, and gardening. She is truly a role model and mentor to her peers.

Lindsey's efforts have not gone unnoticed. In 2002, she was awarded a trip to the National Endocrine Society's annual convention, and in this year alone she has received

nominations for *Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare* and for the Elsevier Isabel Hampton Robb Leadership Award.

Nursing school has had a tremendous impact on Lindsey. "I have learned so much about people — how to be diplomatic, responsible, ambitious, and compassionate. This is a people-centered business, which is fascinating."

With the door to the future wide open, Lindsey has high hopes for tomorrow, and plans a future that calls on her leadership skills as well as her interest in the law. She faces a bright future indeed. ☺

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