

School of Pharmacy

Scholarship Profile



Vanessa Sorrels
Class of 2019
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Student Bio

Vanessa grew up in Glenrock, WY and moved to Casper, WY when she was 16. She did not graduate high school and gave birth to her daughter at 17. Vanessa says "I realized then that I needed to get my life together. At first I did not know what profession I wanted to pursue, so I began working as a certified nursing assistant at a nursing home. That was when I decided to pursue a career in pharmacy. I thought it was amazing to see what medications can do to many different disease states." To pursue this goal, Vanessa enrolled in Casper College. She obtained two associate degrees, one in Applied Sciences for Pre-Pharmacy and one in Pharmacy Technology. She says "I was born and raised in Wyoming and I could not imagine going to pharmacy school anywhere else. It also helped that the School of Pharmacy had smaller classes and was highly recommended by other pharmacists."

When asked about rotation opportunities, Vanessa says for non-patient focused rotations she would like to work with the Wyoming State Board of Pharmacy and Wyoming Medicaid. For patient focused care she would like to focus on the anticoagulant and psychiatric medicine rotations available.

After graduation Vanessa hopes to work at the Indian Health Services in Fort Washakie, Wyoming. She says "I would like to specialize in diabetes to better serve my community."

Walgreens Diversity Fund for Pharmacy

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