**15647, Rene Key**

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased to be invited to speak to everyone here about the education I received here at APU and the values I was taught in their Masters of Nursing program. First, I want to thank Dr. Brennan, who was always patient and willing to do whatever paperwork the Army needed, Dr. Radovich, who stayed after our class to help me with another class's assignment, and Dr. Hanna with his pathophysiology lecture on sodium and water balance, using the biblical passage of the woman at the well when Jesus offered her everlasting water. And, last, Liza and Barb who always expected me to make rounds in their office. If they didn’t see me for a while, they were looking for me.

In Matthew 5:16, the Bible says, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” The faculty and staff during the time I was here truly demonstrated what Christ looks like. They didn’t put on a show, they are the real deal. They are caring, compassionate, and patient. There are many people who will never enter the door of a church or read a bible or hear a sermon. As followers of Christ, we bear the responsibility of demonstrating to the world what Jesus might look like, and the faculty and staff did just that. The prayers before classes and the exams, and the incorporation of scripture within the classes created an amazing experience at APU for all of us.

It has always been my desire to let those around me to see Christ in me regardless of my location. But, the faculty and staff have set a solid example for students to follow. They truly walk the walk. Not only have we received an excellent education in nursing, we have been taught how to live out our faith day by day by their example.

Thank you for the education and the experience.