**Speaker:** Kecha Drysdale-Bernard

**Speech Type:** Acceptance Speech

**Speech Preface:**

They will call your name, you will assumedly be sitting either on stage or near the stage. When your name is called, smile and walk to where you will be giving the speech. Be sure to smile, take deep breaths and remember that you’re just having a “conversation” and not a public speech.

**Speech:**

Before I start I would like to thank **(enter presenter’s name)** for this amazing award. The **(enter award’s name)** is such an honor to receive. To be able to receive this award tonight while my family is in the audience means so much to me. They, along with so many of you have been so supportive throughout my work with **(name award or company you work with).** I truly feel honored to be standing here in front of each and every one of you here tonight.

During my past **(how many years you have been mentoring)** while working in the field of nursing and being able to share my time helping and mentoring nurses has truly touched me. To see all these new, bright young people who want to help others as much as I do truly will put a smile on anyone’s face. When I first started mentoring in the nursing field, I thought I was doing it because I was influencing them to be better people. But after all this time I can honestly say I have learned more from them then they have learned from me.

I have had people ask me over the years how I like my job, or would I change anything about it? The answer I always would give them is “this isn’t a job, I’m doing what I love” and I can continue to say that even tonight. Being able to spend time with everyone who I work with and being able to mentor others is not something I would consider a job, but rather an amazing hobby that allows me to spend time with so many amazing people. At the end of the day I get to go home to my family and have a sense of accomplishment. That is a feeling that I will take every single day from something that some people call work.

I would like to thank my spouse **( Name)** and Child **(name)** for always being there for me when I got home after long days. They are one of the biggest reasons I am able to continue to do what I love. I would also like to thank **(company you work for)** for giving me such an opportunity and helping me make it grow. Lastly I would like to thank all the nurses that I have the pleasure of working with on a daily basis, you all are the future and it really is an amazing opportunity to work with each and everyone of you and see what you each bring to the table.

Thank you again **(insert main person name)** for awarding me with the (**insert award name).** It is honestly a great feeling to be given this award.

Thanks