

Scholarships Put Student on Path to Helping His Hometown

Kevin Gullede easily could have given up when he discovered he couldn't afford to attend the School of Nursing after being accepted. Instead, he spent a year working two jobs in his hometown of Durant, Mississippi, determined to do whatever he could to make his Duke dreams come true.

In fall 2012, Gullede was able to attend his first classes in the accelerated BSN degree program, thanks not only to his own hard work but to the four scholarships he received. He now has his sights set on becoming a nurse and helping the people of Durant, who have seen a number of health clinics close over the years and have been left with few treatment options.

"I have one less thing to worry about now that I know my debt won't be as much of a burden when I graduate," he says. "I can fully focus on my dream of one day returning to Durant to open a health clinic."



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