

College Woman of Excellence & Recipient of the LLWC Foundation Scholarship:

Taylor Nicole Bush

Our Lady of the Lake College – Baton Rouge



Taylor Bush is a nursing student entering her senior year of nursing school at Our Lady of the Lake College. She plans to pursue a career in an intensive care unit in Baton Rouge upon graduation. After serving two years in the field she wants to return to school and get her doctorate as a certified register nurse anesthesiologist.

Taylor launched the Bonner Leadership Program at Our Lady of the Lake, which serves the intellectually disabled. The Bonner Foundation believes that colleges and congregations have vital roles to play in society to meet the needs of the vulnerable and create a diverse leadership dedicated to community serve learning. She has served more than 600 hours of service learning at her community partner The Arc of Baton Rouge. The Arc of Baton Rouge is a non-profit organization that works to support the intellectually disabled across the lifespan to support their full inclusion and participation throughout their lifetime. At The Arc she works on fine and gross motor skills by crafts and is aiding in implementing a program downtown Baton Rouge in one of their buildings to create an art therapy program.

Taylor has also interned with Louisiana Biomedical Research Network at Louisiana State University for summer 2015. Taylor studied the effect of RNAi on the antiviral mechanism on *C. elegans*. She conducted her own research under the supervision of Dr. Rui Lu and partner Taylor Tebbe and then created a poster presentation. She also works as a student nurse tech at Baton Rouge General's Burn Unit. She is also a Delta Zeta alumni from Louisiana State University and student ambassador alumni at Our Lady of the Lake College.