College of Health Professions’ Outstanding Academic Student Award Winners from Nursing!

The St. David’s School of Nursing at Texas State is very proud of our student winners of the College of Health Professions’ Outstanding Academic Students awards. Andrea Griswold is a senior in our Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, and Mandy Cameron, RN, BSN, is in her second year of our Master of Science in Nursing-Family Nurse Practitioner program. These students were honored at a luncheon on April 20, 2018.

Andrea Griswold, a native of Northern California, has lived in Austin for 25 years. She and her husband, Larry Graham, have three daughters, Kendall (21), Lauren (19), and Mallory (16). She earned a degree in Political Science from UC Davis. Prior to attending nursing school at Texas State, Andrea worked in civic education in Washington, DC, environmental conservation for the State of Texas, and physical fitness as a Jazzercise instructor to both children and adults. Additionally, she has served as PTA president for two of her daughters’ schools, volunteered completing tax returns with Foundation Communities, and currently volunteers with Austin Pets Alive. Andrea would like to practice pediatric nursing after graduation.

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Mandy Cameron is Family Nurse Practitioner student at the St. David's School of Nursing at Texas State. She has been a registered nurse in the critical care area for going on 7 years. She pursued an education as a Family Nurse Practitioner to enable her to better serve disadvantaged and vulnerable populations. She plans on obtaining a job with a non-profit organization that allows her to reach such populations. She strongly believes in serving and loving others. She says, "By doing this we show others the love of our Creator." She serves as the student representative for the MSN-FNP Class of 2018. She also has maintained a 4.0 GPA in her graduate and undergraduate coursework.

Mandy would like to thank her supportive and loving family: Michael, Savannah, Beaux, Jim, Yolanda, Bill, Amanda, Diane, and Cheyenne. She would also like to thank the wonderful faculty at St. David's School of Nursing at Texas State. A special mention goes to Dr. Shirley Levenson, "Thank you for your genuine spirit and supportive enthusiasm."