**Jenn Barber, Personal Statement:**

I began my nursing career on an ICU. I was assigned many patients from the WOC population with complex care needs and found I was drawn to this group of patients. I worked to incorporate extensive teaching to families and loved ones in addition to the patients into my practice. When the Wound/Ostomy team at my facility approached me to ask if I would like to join the team I could not turn them down.

I am fortunate to be a WOC nurse with a dedicated and talented team of nurses at Crouse Hospital in Syracuse, NY. I recently completed my WOC coursework and am preparing to take the national certification exams.

My patient population is primarily in-patient acute care; however, I do have out-patient consultations on a regular basis. I am also partnering with our Obstetrics advanced practice nurses to study outcomes of negative pressure wound therapy on cesarean section outcomes while working on policy updates and a hospital-wide nursing education program related to WOC interventions. I am hoping to pursue and advanced degree but would like to remain at the bedside as my heart is with my patients.