



I, Amy Collazo was born in Edgewater New Jersey and raised in Wildwood, Jersey City and Carteret, New Jersey.

In 1987 my father was diagnosed with HIV and lived with the illness until 1995 when he passed away during a blood transfusion. Throughout those years I actively participated in my father's care and was greatly impacted as well as influenced by the selfless care rendered by so many registered nurses. This inspiration led me to seek a career in nursing and in 2005 was accepted into Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing.

Currently I am employed at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Rahway as an Emergency Room Technician.

In September of 2009 I look forward to working toward attaining a Bachelors of Science in Nursing, as well as starting a career as a registered nurse.

In addition I serve as Legislative Director for New Jersey Nursing Students, Inc. and hope to serve my fellow students and board members to the best of my ability. Since I have been on the board as Legislative Education Director there is much that I have learned about legislation and nursing. It is my hope to continue to learn and keep other nursing students informed of what is happening with legislation as it pertains to healthcare and nursing, as it will affect the nurses of today and the future.

It is with humble pride that I announce as of June 10, 2009 I am officially a graduate nurse who is waiting to take state boards at the end of August 2009.