

Faces of FRONTIER: *FOCUSED ON THE MISSION*



Jessica Costa, BSN, RN
FNU Nurse-Midwifery Student, Class 82

Jessica knew she wanted to be a nurse-midwife at the age of 17. She attended the birth of her cousin and realized that being “with woman” was her true calling. She began attending births of family members and decided to go to nursing school to ultimately reach her dream of becoming a nurse-midwife. Jessica knows that she wants “to be with women before, during, and after the birth of their child, and to share in their experiences along the way.”

Jessica feels that the faculty and classmate support has been essential to her Frontier experience. She has been inspired by many, including Kitty Ernst and cannot wait to come back to campus for Clinical Bound. Upon completing her program in 2013, Jessica plans on opening a free-standing birth center in her own community. She is also hopeful to return to Frontier and obtain her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

Jessica is truly committed to promoting midwives as healthcare providers, and she is dedicated to Frontier’s mission of serving women and families. She shares, “The Frontier is in my blood and midwifery is in my heart. I am so blessed to be a part of this amazing program.”

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Jessica is pictured here (left) with Kitty Ernst, RN, CNM, MPH, DSc (Hon) who is Frontier Nursing University’s Mary Breckinridge Chair.

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