Kingsborough I was reaching for a dream no one in my family had ever achieved. But I do not come from a wealthy family, so they were unable to help me financially

exceptional toll on both time *and* finances. While students majoring in other disciplines may have the time to pursue employment, nursing students like Kumar seldom do, as the program extends far beyond the parameters of the school-day to include lab and clinical work.

Thankfully, a lifeline was within reach.

Through the KOC Foundation, Kumar received scholarships that allowed him to better pay tuition; afford