



**After May 2016 Graduation:**

Attend graduate school to earn a PhD in Nursing either at the University of Iowa, University of Texas Austin, or Columbia University in New York. Ultimately, Alejandra wants to become one of the top researchers on LGBTQ health issues.

*Congratulations!*  
**Alejandra Gonzalez, B.S.N., R.N.**  
**2016 College of Nursing**  
**Dean's Achievement Recipient**

A native of Denison, Iowa, Alejandra Gonzalez is a double major who earned her Bachelors of Science degree in nursing and in psychology from the University of Iowa in December 2015. Alejandra is currently an ambassador of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, a non-profit organization advancing knowledge of sexuality and communicating scientifically-based sexuality research and scholarship to professionals, policy makers, and the general public. Working with UI College of Nursing Professor Melissa Lehan Mackin and nursing PhD student Christine Haedtke, Alejandra is the first co-author of a manuscript in progress entitled *Perception of the college hook-up culture in sexual minority women*. Alejandra has been on the Dean's List twice and has been recognized as a two-time recipient of funding from the Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates (ICRU) and she has also received funding from the UI Vice President For Student Life Fund for Leadership Development which helps promising student leaders fund meaningful summer leadership experiences. In April 2014, Alejandra was recognized as the UI Fraternity & Sorority Life Greek Woman of the Year. Alejandra was also a member of the UI Iowa Biosciences Academy (IBA) Research Program and the IBA Leadership Retreat where she engaged in social justice training. Alejandra has active leadership roles that included: student program coordinator at the LGBT Resource Center; executive member of the GLBTAU Student Organization(now called UI Spectrum); president and vice-president of programming with the UI Multicultural Greek Council; alumni liaison for Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority, Inc.; and as a member of the College of Nursing Multicultural Nursing Association.

