Kimberly Feaster, a mother of two girls, ages six and 12 is passionate about helping and caring for others. She has always had a desire to work in the medical field.

This year, Kimberly graduated virtually and received her degree. “I graduated with honors from Wayne County Community College District in August 2021 and I currently work at Henry Ford Hospital as an Anesthesia Technician.

But the real story is when Kimberly nearly aced the Anesthesia Technology Program’s national examination. She received 124 on the 125 questionnaire of the exam given by the National Certification Examination provided by the American Society of Anesthesia Technologists and Technicians (ASATT). She missed acing the exam just one-point, and her score was the highest in the nation.

“When I was informed that I scored the highest in the nation, I was so shocked, but grateful! I praised and thanked my Lord and Savior-Jesus Christ because He made all this possible for me.

“To be honest, I have passed many examinations in my process, but this exam was by far the most important one for me personally. When I shared the amazing news with my friends and family, they were all so happy and proud of me, and that made me feel so good!

“When I found out that I missed just one question and that I was only one point away from a perfect score, I honestly knew immediately which question I missed. All in all, I am just thankful and extremely proud of myself! The long sleepless nights, hard work, dedication, and discipline paid off.

“I’m proud of my accomplishment because I am able to show my girls that they can achieve whatever they put their mind to.”

“My girls mean the world to me and they are the inspiration to pursue a career in the medical field to enhance our quality of life. So this is only the beginning of what I plan to achieve for myself and for them too!

How did she do it with two children, beats all odds? “I am a single mother that works full-time, so it’s difficult to find time to study. However, with discipline and determination, I manage to study at least five hours a day. I always strive to give my best effort in everything I do, and to be a high achiever.

“So after I graduated, I began to prepare for an examination to be a certified anesthesia technician. At every free moment I had, which was not very much, I studied every resource that I could to prepare for my big examination day.

“With God’s grace I passed my examination! Now, I am considering going back to school to pursue a career as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists or an Operating Room Nurse.

Marc McGaffic, MS, BS, Cer ATT, Campus Dean of Anesthesia Technology has nothing but praise for Kimberly’s hard work and dedication. “Kimberly is a graduate of great integrity, remarkable moral compass, and is a natural born leader. She started the Anesthesia Technology Program, fall 2019, with an eagerness for learning and she quickly became an astonishing student. Kimberly was a keystone stakeholder within her graduating class – creating and implementing study groups, on a virtual platform – at the beginning stages of the COVID Pandemic.

“Kimberly would also drive to student’s homes, entering in full PPE, so they may arrange an in-person study session. She was the rock that many leaned on when they needed support or help from a peer. Kimberly was selected for student of the quarter summer 2020 by the Anesthesia Technology department. She has been selected as the Anesthesia Technology Graduate of the Year 2021.”