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**My name is Kalen Knight, I am the Forensic Nursing Program Supervisor and Coordinator at Nebraska Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska, and a Medical Examiner Investigator for Pottawattamie County in Iowa. I started my career in healthcare as an emergency services technician and patient care technician in the Emergency Department and Biocontainment Unit while pursuing my nursing degree, and during my time at Clarkson College I served as the Student Government Association President. After obtaining my degree, I continued my nursing career in the Emergency Department and Biocontainment Unit while also serving in a variety of leadership roles, such as the Chair of my organizations Professional Development Council and a Representative on the Nurse Executive Council. I also served as a Subject Matter Expert on the National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center where I provided guidance to facilities nationwide on infection control and prevention. I then shifted my focus into expanding nursing education and was hired as the Nursing Professional Development Specialist for the Emergency Department at Nebraska Medicine where I handled onboarding and ongoing education and competency while also developing a departmental Mentorship Program and new graduate Fellowship Program. I then found my passion for forensic nursing when I was given the opportunity to care for victims of sexual violence and navigate complex social and personal situations with survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. Thanks to leadership support for a Forensic Nursing Program at my organization, I was hired into the role of Forensic Nursing Program Supervisor and Coordinator where I am currently expanding our programs services to include response to sexual assault, domestic violence, intimate partner violence, human trafficking, and elder abuse. My goal is to be a well-rounded, expert forensic nurse examiner, and I want to**

help nurses of all backgrounds and gender identities learn more about forensic nursing and all of the amazing services we can offer victims of violence. As an at-large member for the IAFN board, I would foster communication among members of IAFN internationally, and apply special focus on expanding the field of forensic nursing and outreach to not only healthcare facilities, but also universities and communities who have the greatest need for our services. I also feel there needs to be more facilitation of discussion on the care of LGBTQ+ victims of sexual violence. As a male FNE and a member of the LGBTQ+ community, I hope to offer representation and my perspective to the board of IAFN so we can recruit more amazing forensic nurse examiners and also facilitate more awareness internationally on the services we can offer all populations and communities.

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