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ONA is a Family

In grade 9 I went to bring your kids to work day with my mother who is a nurse, soon after that, I realized that I wanted to become a nurse. Every person in the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit at Toronto General Hospital was up and moving and focused on the task at hand, to help and care for their patients. I knew from that moment on I wanted to have that kind of drive and passion for my future career. My mother has been a nurse for 30 years. Being a nurse is something she likes to refer to as “a calling”. Being a nurse is so much more than having a degree, it is showing empathy and courage through every situation you encounter. ONA’s job is to protect and support nurses by fighting for their rights and wages and to make sure they have good and safe working conditions. But they do so much more for you than that. ONA is a family of strong women and men. Being part of a family means you help and support one and other through thick and thin. When someone is in trouble you are right there by their side standing with them in unison. ONA is a strong organization that supports thousands of nurses and health care professionals. Being apart of ONA is like being part of a big family. I am so excited for my turn to become apart of the ONA family.