

# ALUMNI

## Spotlight



**Elizabeth Star-Hatfield '92 (gerontology)** has worked in gerontology for 24 years and feels like an extended family member of the residents she serves. "I am rewarded in so many ways..." she said.

Originally a nursing major at Madonna, Star-Hatfield switched to gerontology her freshman year. She wanted to pursue a degree that was health-related and of service to people. After speaking with Kathy Needham, a professor in Madonna's gerontology program, she was sold on the change.

After holding positions at various companies, Star-Hatfield is a life enrichment director at American House Senior Living. She has been with the company for nine years and has served the Livonia, Westland, and Dearborn Heights locations.

Star-Hatfield gives Madonna University's Aging Studies program high praise. "The instructors have a passion and commitment to the field," she said. "They were always available to us and encouraged us to continue to pursue our passion in the field."



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