

Greetings Beaumont Rotary Club,

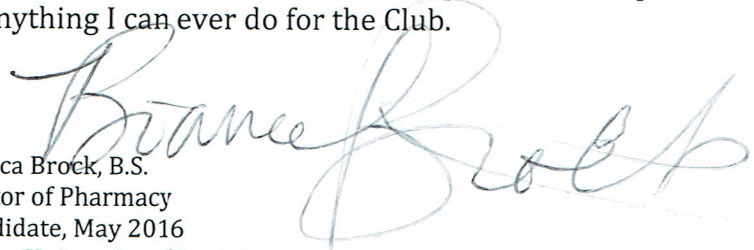
It is a great honor to be back in contact with this esteemed organization. It has been 9 years since the last time we spoke. What a pleasure it is to reopen the lines of communication.

As a graduating senior at West Brook High School, Class of 2007, I applied to a college scholarship generously funded by this very Club. The scholarship required a written paper stating why applicants needed the financial aid and how they planned to put the money to good use. I have enclosed a copy of the essay I submitted at the time. Long story short, by the grace of God I was one of two students awarded the life changing scholarship. To this very day, as unbelievable as it may sound, I still remember the exact moment I opened the letter and read the words "Congratulations Bianca." The scholarship did so much more than providing financially assistance, because for the first time in my life I felt confident, proud, and powerful.

I am writing this letter to remind the Rotary Club how appreciative I am for every penny that was gifted to me. I have worked very hard to make sure the investment was not wasted. You all will be happy to hear that I have held up my end of the bargain. May 7, 2016 I will graduate with my Doctorate in Pharmacy from Xavier University of Louisiana College of Pharmacy located in New Orleans. I have enclosed my graduation invitation as a small token of my appreciation and as a reminder of how impactful the Beaumont Rotary Club is to the community.

Post graduation I will be moving to Dallas, Texas to work for Kroger Pharmacy as a retail pharmacist. After receiving my Bachelors of Science with a Major in Biology and Minor in Chemistry at Texas Southern University in December 2011, I was accepted to the pharmacy program at Xavier University in August 2012. Now that my education is complete, I plan on creating a non-profit organization that will sponsor bright, eager individuals like myself, so that I may echo the influence the Rotary Club has made in me.

Again, thank you for all your contributions. My dream of helping other families to get through what I went through is now becoming a reality. My only regret is that my father will not be able to see me walk across the stage, but I find comfort in knowing He is in a better place without pain. Please let me know if there is anything I can ever do for the Club.



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To the Rotary Club of Beaumont Scholarship:

This is my story....

"\$89.35 please ma'am," the pharmacist told my mother as she took out her check book.

"You just give out medicine all day," I asked.

"Why yes ma'am," he replied.

"That's boring," I giggled.

"Oh is it? And what would you like to be when you grow up?"

"Well, I don't know. Do you like your job?"

"I love it! I distribute medicine all day helping heal sick people."

"Do you think this medicine will help my daddy," I wondered.

"Well I don't know... what's his condition," the pharmacist asked.

"He has Meso... Mesbo..."

"Mesothiliomia," interrupted my mother, as she tore off the check and handed it to the pharmacist.

"Oh," the man looked with astonishment at the sound of the fatal disease.

The man kneeled by my side, "sweetheart... your father has a severe virus *that will take much time to restore...*"

As I slowly lowered my head with a disappointed expression, the man lifted my face and smiled, "But I promise we'll do the best we can."

This was the day I was determined to become a pharmacist. The man influenced me so enthusiastically. He sprouted a seed that inspired the desire to want to assist those who are sickly. Installing hope into those who have fallen into despair, was the role in society I wished to partake in.

My father passed away from a rare lung cancer, Mesothiliomia, when I was 11 years old. Constantly visiting the hospital, witnessing my father diminish everyday, only refined my career decision.

I frequently volunteer at Target, reading books to children, Our Mother of Mercy, serving as a youth counselor for the Summer Vacation Bible School, Salvation Army, delivering toys to the less fortunate kids around the holidays, Shorkey Center visiting the patients (Nursing Home), Some Other Place, giving food so it can be fed to the homeless, ushering and dancing at my church Borden Chapel, and helping teach Teenage Bible Study at Antioch Baptist Church.

Volunteering helped mold me into a better communicator, being able to talk to others in a more personal, insightful way. It also shaped me to enhance my understanding of charity, how it not only benefit's the person, but myself as well. To know that you have helped touch a life, improving it no matter how big or small the contribution, provides a feeling of accomplishment and pride. Service activities taught me how not to look down on others, but to realize that humanity is not perfect. Humans need other humans to support one another when help is needed. This is what God expects from us and it is what I will continue to do.

I am the second year president of Texas Future Teachers of America, president of Future Career and Community Leaders of America, one year secretary and one year

president of Xinos Epsilon Theta Sorority, freshman class secretary and member of student council, four year member of the school choir, three year member of Key Club, two year member of National Honor Society, a usher, choir member, and liturgical dancer at Borden Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

With a GPA of 3.81 and a ranking of 62 out of 495, my rigorous yet rewarding lifestyle now moves on to a new chapter. In attending Texas Southern University in the fall of 2007 for my doctrine in pharmacy, this financial contribution will undeniably help me to pay for tuition, on-campus housing, and living expenses.

My mother is a single parent and will find it extremely difficult to pay for all my college expenditure alone, along with other financial obligations she upholds such as paying college wages for my older sister, etc.

I hope my life's experiences as well as accomplishments, leave an impression on my application. Thank you for taking time out to listen to my story, in efforts to help children like myself in need. God bless you all.

I assure the contribution of this scholarship will positively be invested, making it a little easier for me to reach my dream. Hopefully, one day I too will be able to prevent a sad little girl's trip to the pharmacist.