

I would just like to begin by saying thank you to all of those involved with the Community Foundation. As a recipient of the Snider Scholarship, I would like you all to know that the money that you have invested in me is being put to good use, even now as this letter is being read. To me, that's what the scholarship is: an investment. By selecting me as a Snider Scholar, you have invested in me, not only money, but also a sense of expectation; expectations to work hard, succeed, and represent Jennings County in the best way possible. I am honored that the Community Foundation, with the generous donation from the Snider family, selected me as one of the recipients for the scholarship.

As I mentioned, I am working hard to ensure that the scholarship money is not going to waste. College, as we all know, can be very expensive, and Wabash College is no exception. The scholarship, however, has greatly helped by relieving some of the financial strain of college. Thus, I have not been under pressure to put in long hours at a part-time job in order to pay for school, which has translated to more time focusing on schoolwork and the rigorous course load of a premed student and it has also allowed me to continue playing football.

While learning in a classroom setting has provided me with the book smarts necessary for a future career, the work ethic, time management skills, leadership skills, and drive to succeed have all been refined through playing football at Wabash College. The Wabash football program has 5 program goals. My favorite of these goals is to become an "impact man." Playing football at Wabash changes men's lives. In turn, they expect us and train us to make an impact on the world. Believe me when I say that I am working extremely hard to become someone that will make a positive impact on the world, hopefully starting in Jennings County.

Although we can never be completely certain where life will take us, I *do* plan on returning to Jennings County to practice medicine following school. Wherever I happen to end up, though, whether practicing medicine or not, I will always remember the support that the Community Foundation provided. Hopefully one day I will have the opportunity to pay it back to the community, through a medical practice, mentoring youth, teaching a Sunday school class, coaching little league baseball, or aiding another young college student financially.

I would truly love to make Jennings County a better place to live, which, if I'm not mistaken, is one of the primary goals of the Community Foundation. I hope that I am a worthwhile investment and I can't thank everybody involved with the Community Foundation enough. Thank you for your time and for all of your support!

-Geoffrey Wright