

Dear Anna Brazell,

I wanted to express my appreciation for providing me with The George and Anna Brazell Scholarship, which I was awarded in the 2006-2007 school year. Your generous donation helped me to graduate in the spring of 2007 from Southwestern with a degree in elementary education. With your financial assistance, I only had to work part time. This generous contribution allowed me more time to study and eventually graduate with honors. I was also able to participate in Southwestern's first women's soccer program. Without your help, I would not have been able to travel and participate in the women's soccer team or maintain a 4.0 GPA.



After leaving Southwestern, I started teaching second grade at Red Oak Elementary in the fall of 2007. I have had the chance to touch so many children's lives just within this short period of time. With this opportunity, I am not only teaching kids to be successful academically, but I am teaching kids to be successful in life. One of the best parts of my job is getting to show kids how great they are. One of my goals is that my students leave my classroom at the end of the year knowing that someone loves them and thinks they are amazing. I could tell you story after story of students who have thrived by having a teacher who not only cares for them but is indirectly able to show God's love. At the end of my second year of teaching, in June 2009, I was awarded Teacher of the Year at my campus. Even though I am grateful for such an honor, I am truly blessed for the opportunity to serve in this manner.

Thank you for your time and contribution to Southwestern Assemblies of God University. Your financial blessing has not only helped me to have a successful college career but ultimately a successful beginning to my career as an educator. Your assistance has indirectly touched dozens of children's lives, and I hope hundreds more in the future. I am grateful that I am able to speak for them and Southwestern when I say that your generosity is making a difference in the kingdom of God.

With much appreciation,

April Francis